



STEVESTON-LONDON SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

It is already a few weeks since Spring Break and the end of Second Semester Term One. We do hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and already we are wishing you a happy Easter long weekend. Spring break was an eventful one with our senior boys basketball team competing in the Provincials and a large group of grade 12s and their teachers on the Geo Trip in the United States.

Already in April, Steveston-London made a presentation at the April 3rd Board of Education meeting and successfully renewed Collaboration Time at SLSS for another three years. Thank you for your responses on the CT online Survey. On Monday, April 10, five grade 10 classes, attended the launch of Financial Literacy Month. Coquitlam/Port Moody MLA, Linda Reimer, brought greetings from the Provincial government and proclaimed April 19th, 2017 as TOWKAM Day (Talk With Our Kids About Money) for the Province of BC. The grade 10 students listened to Gary Rabbior, President of the Canadian Foundation of Economic Education, on the topic of "5-10 Important Things for Youth to Know about Money", and each student was offered a workbook on financial literacy. On April 12, SLSS hosted over 300 students, parents and community members at the "Visioning Learning Café". Elementary and secondary students expressed their ideas, hopes and dreams for "creating great schools" in Richmond.

The pace of the school year will be increasing as students prepare for numerous year end academic requirements and grade 12 students for the English 12 Provincial exam and graduation. At the same time activities, events and extra-curricular and athletic opportunities continue to be many for SLSS students. You will read about some of these in this newsletter. Please check our website, instagram and twitter feed frequently to keep up with all that is happening at SLSS.

On behalf of the staff of Steveston-London Secondary School have a wonderful long Easter weekend. We'll see our Sharks back at school on Tuesday, April 18 – block order change to blocks A, B, C, D on Tuesdays and Thursdays and D, C, B, A on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

UPCOMING DATES

Good Friday, April 14
 Easter Monday, April 17
School Closed

April 4	Collaboration Day
April 7	30 Hour Famine
April 12	PAC 6:30, DAG 7:30
April 14	Good Friday <i>(School Closed)</i>
April 17	Easter Monday <i>(School Closed)</i>
April 18	Block Order Change
April 19	Report Cards Go Home Spring Fling Dance (6-9)
April 20	Grade 12 Scholarship Applications DUE
April 26	PT Conferences (2-4)
April 27	PT Conferences (2-4,6-8)
April 28	GR 8 Social Responsibility National Day of Mourning
May 1	Pro-D Day AP Chemistry Exam
May 2	Collaboration Day
May 2-5	Spring Production: <i>For My Name is Will</i>
May 8-12	Spectrum 8-9 at Strathcona
May 9	AP Calculus Exam
May 10	AP English Exam PAC 6:30, DAG 7:30
May 12	Grad Boat Cruise
May 13	DAG Car Wash Fundraiser



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SHARKS IN THE NEWS



Geo Trip 2017

A large group of Geography 12 students and a handful of dedicated teachers traveled throughout the American Southwest from March 7 to March 14. Continuing this long-standing Geotrip tradition at our school, they had a fabulous time seeing and exploring countless features in Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California. Some of the trip highlights can be viewed on @MrAllanteacher on Twitter and www.instagram.com/slssgeotrip/. Thank you to trip organizer **Mr. Allan** and sponsors **Mr. J Mah, Ms. Murdoch, Ms. Chevreau, Mr. Vervegaert, and Mr. E Ma.**



30 Hour Famine

The International Issues Club, Hope Fellowship Club, and Jaws with a Cause students partnered together to organize the annual "planned famine" fundraising event on April 7 & 8. The purpose of the 30 Hour Famine is to raise awareness for the plight of millions in developing nations who struggle with famine and hunger everyday. Close to 100 SLSS students went without food for 30 hours and raised over \$2000 in pledges. Thank you to **Mr. Parker, Ms. Queiroga, Mr. Hamm,** and the UBC Teacher Candidates for sponsoring this event.

Reading Riot

Since the middle of January, our library and nine other secondary school libraries have been promoting a new reader's choice reading program. Librarians across the district chose eight titles from various genres and are now about to tally up the winner. At our school, the top two titles are *Shooter* - about a lockdown at a high school and *Project 1065* a historical novel that takes place in Nazi Germany. To top off our program we will be having an author visit on April 18 by two of the authors on our list. They are Eileen Cook who has written *Remember* and Darren Groth originally from Australia who has written *Are you Seeing Me?* These two local writers will be discussing their books and the process of writing. They are engaging speakers and hope they will inspire our students.



Student Council News

Coming back from Spring Break, Student Council has many exciting events lined up in this coming month. On Wednesday, April 19th Student Council will be hosting our second and last school dance "Spring Fling". Ticket sales have begun and will continue in the C-Lounge at lunch: earlybirds will sell for only \$5 and regular sales will be \$7 with a special deal of \$6 for a group of 6+. Also, anyone who buys a ticket will have a chance to win prizes including Pizza Hut coupons and a Lululemon gift card! Be sure to drop by and purchase a ticket and don't miss out on our last school dance of the year!!

Congratulations SLSS Alum, Alyssa Hirose (Class of 2014)



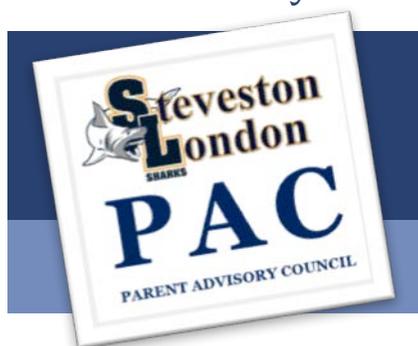
In alumni news, former SLSS drama star, **Alyssa Hirose** is presently enrolled in UBC's Creative Writing Program. Her play, "Bait", was chosen for the Brave New Play Rites Festival and was given a professional production in March at Studio 1398 on Granville Island. "Bait" is a beautifully constructed play about a father who hopes to strengthen his relationship with his grown son through a fishing trip. The play is funny and poignant at the same time and was presented to enthusiastic audiences in three sold out performances over the course of the festival. Congratulations, Alyssa!



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SLSS Parents' Corner

Welcome! Stay Connected + Get Involved!



SLSS PAC Meeting

All parents are members of the SLSS PAC and are invited to attend PAC meetings. Parents can learn more about education for their child at SLSS by coming out to a meeting. At the PAC meeting on April 12, Ms. Kwon, vice principal, spoke to parents about the new curriculum core competencies and how students will self-assess their development of core competencies in their classes and at the end of this school year. This was followed by the regular PAC business that included discussion of the professional development days for next year, school year end Sharkfest, school organization, and the school district budget deficit. The next meeting of the SLSS PAC will be on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM in the Library. The PAC meeting is followed by the DAG (Dry After Grad) meeting at 7:30 PM.

Message from DAG

Next up for DAG is the famous fundraising Car Wash/Bake Sale/Bottle Drive on Saturday, May 13th, 2017. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th - so it is a great opportunity to pick up some baking, clean the garage of bottles and get the car washed!

Our next DAG meeting is Wednesday, May 10th @ 7:30pm in the library. Join us if you can,

Laura Takasaki & Loreen Long

Co-chairs DAG 2017

slssdag1@gmail.com

Mid-Term Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mid-term report cards will be given to students to take home on **Wednesday, April 19**. Please take the time to go over the report card and to discuss learning achievement, work habits, and attendance with your child. Encourage your child to stay focused on their studies as they complete course work and prepare for year-end assessments. **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held on **April 26 and 27**. Parents and legal guardians are invited to make 15-minute appointments by booking online beginning **April 19 at 3:30 PM**. (Instructions for booking online will be posted on the school website). Should you need assistance with online booking, please contact the school office.

Student Learning Survey

The Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey is for students in grade 4, 7, 10, and 12, their parents, and staff. The information collected in this survey provides planning data for districts and schools, and other agencies to improve learning and student services, and to support youth initiatives.

Parents and guardians of SLSS Grade 10 and Grade 12 students are invited to go online and complete the survey by **May 5**. The online survey will take less than 10 minutes to complete and translations are available in 18 difference languages. Simply go to the website:

www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Go to the Parent Logon > Direct Access. Under "District", select **38 Richmond** and under "School", select **Steveston-London Secondary**. We thank you for your co-operation.

Revised June Calendar

Please make note of the changes to the final 2 weeks in June. School is in session until **Thursday, June 29**. Notable changes include: Last day of regular classes is Friday, June 23, Sharkfest & Yearbook Distribution is Monday, June 26, Grade 8-12 Activity Days on June 27 & 28. Download the revised June calendar page from the school website.

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Spring Music Concert 7 PM ABCD	2 Eucora Music Concert 11:30 AM DCBA	3
4	5 DCBA	6 Collaboration Day ABCD	7 Awards Night 7 PM DCBA	8 Athletic Banquet 5:30 PM ABCD	9 DCBA	10
11	12 DCBA	13 ABCD	14 PAC 6:30 PM DAG 7:30 PM DCBA	15 Grad Rehearsal 1:15 PM - Block D ABCD	16 DCBA	17 Commencement Ceremony at UBC
18	19 DCBA	20 ABCD	21 Core Competencies Self-Assessment in Block C DCBA	22 Core Competencies Self-Assessment in Block C ABCD	23 EN 12 Prov, 9 AM Last Day of Regular Classes DCBA	24
25	26 COM 12 Prov, 9 AM Sharkfest & Yearbook DCBA	27 Activity Days for Grade 8-12 Students	28 Activity Days for Grade 8-12 Students	29 Report Cards & Last Day of School	30 Administrative Day Grad Dinner & Dance	

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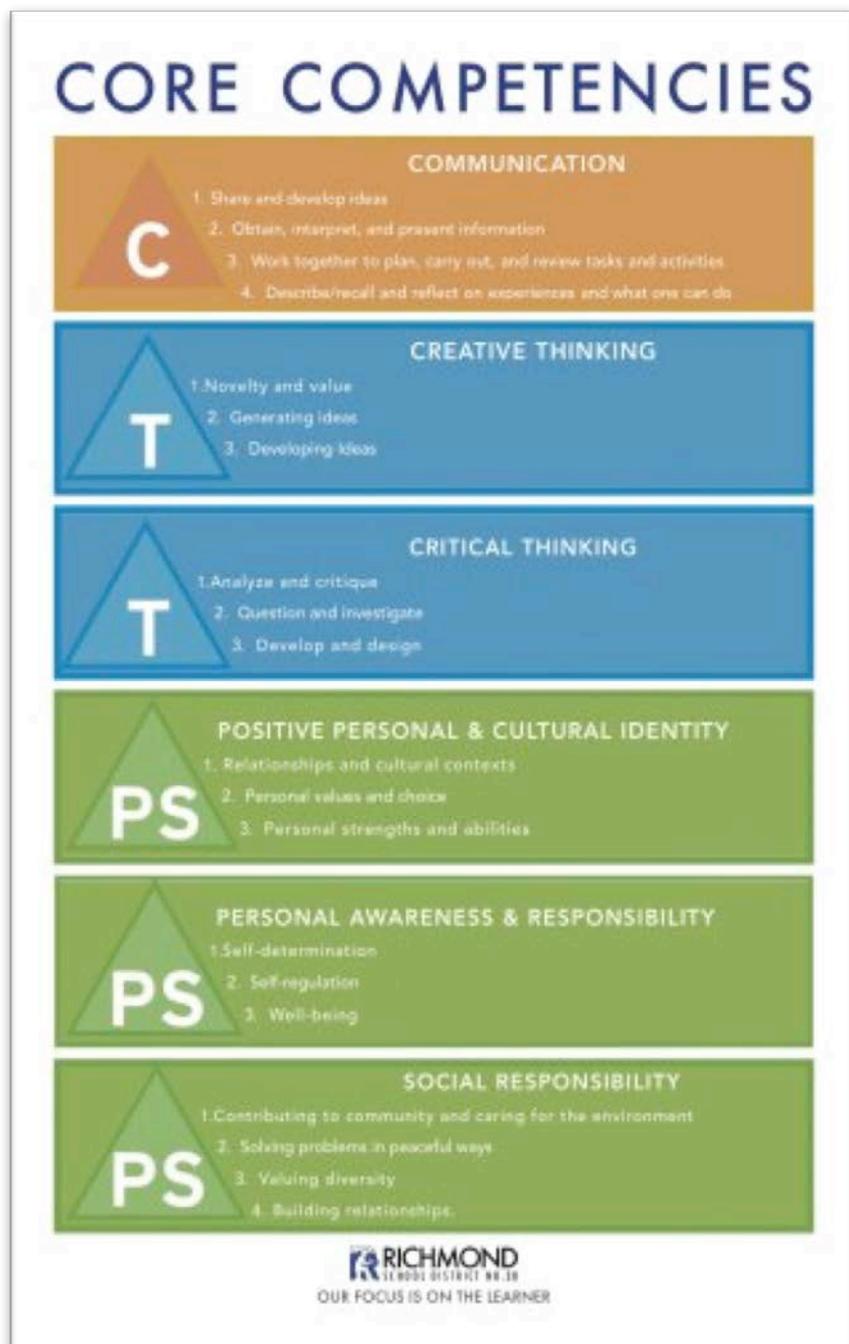
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Redesigned Curriculum in the Classroom

Core competencies just as important as literacy and numeracy education, and central to deep and life-long learning.



Core competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and, social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Students have been introduced to the **communication, thinking, and personal and social** competencies in their classes and have had multiple opportunities in their classes to become more familiar with how they relate to their learning. SLSS has chosen to focus on 2 competencies: *Communication* and *Personal Awareness & Responsibility*. At the end of the school year, students will complete a self-assessment of these 2 core competencies. It will be sent home with final report cards so that parents will be able to review it with their teenager. Parents are strongly encouraged to dialogue with their teenager about the development of these competencies in their classes.

Through provincial consultation, three core competencies were identified.

- **Communication** -The communication competency encompasses the set of abilities that students use to impart and exchange information, experiences and ideas, to explore the world around them, and to understand and effectively engage in the use of digital media
- **Thinking** - The thinking competency encompasses the knowledge, skills and processes we associate with intellectual development. It is through their competency as thinkers that students take subject-specific concepts and content and transform them into a new understanding. Thinking competence includes specific thinking skills as well as habits of mind, and metacognitive awareness.
- **Personal and Social** - Personal and social competency is the set of abilities that relate to students' identity in the world, both as individuals and as members of their community and society. Personal and social competency encompasses the abilities students need to thrive as individuals, to understand and care about themselves and others, and to find and achieve their purposes in the world.

Core competencies are evident in every area of learning; however, they manifest themselves uniquely in each discipline. Competencies come into play when students are engaged in “doing” in any area of learning. This includes activities where students use thinking, collaboration, and communication to solve problems, address issues, or make decisions. The ultimate goal is for learners to employ the core competencies every day in school and in life, and for the core competencies to be an integral part of the learning in all curriculum areas.



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Athletics, Theatre, and Music



Ms. R. Lewin
Athletic Director



Ms. J. Kosar
Theatre Director



Mr. M. Mikulin
Music Director

Sharks Athletics

Hey Sharks! March was a busy and exciting month in Athletics! Congratulations to both the Grade 8 Girls Basketball team for achieving 2nd and the Senior Boys Basketball team for finishing 7th in the Provincials. Big achievements cannot happen without the hardworking and talented athletes like you. Also, thank you to all the coaches and staff for providing excellent guidance and resources for all the teams, SLSS athletics would not be at its pinnacle without such management. GET READY FOR SPRING SPORTS! The spring season has officially begun and teams are in full swing.

For game schedules please visit http://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/pick_league.cfm?clientID=7&leagueID=0

For more information on Sharks Athletics, visit <http://slss.sd38.bc.ca/extracurricular/sharks-athletics>

Keep an eye out for all your favourite spring teams and do not forget to CHEER THEM ON.

SHARK PRIDE. GO SHARKS!

All the World's a Stage

The Drama Club is hard at work rehearsing our production of "For My Name is Will", which will be performed on May 2nd at 7 PM, 3rd (at 1:30 and 7:00), 4th (at 1:30) and 5th (at 7 PM) in the SLSS Theatre. Tickets are only \$5.00 for students and seniors, and \$7.00 for adults. The play tells the story of the young William Shakespeare who dreams of leaving his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon and making his name on the bigger stage of Elizabethan London. The students involved in the play range from Grade 8 through to Grade 12 and the show is sure to be entertaining and edifying!

SLSS Music News

After a busy February and March that saw our groups perform at the SLSS Fine Arts Showcase at the Aberdeen Mall and the district's *Jazz Nite* at the Gateway Theatre, our choir and bands also held a concert at McKinney on April 5 and performed again for students and staff at Westwind Elementary School on April 12. Our choir is looking forward to singing at the Richmond Sings Concert on May 3 at 7:00 PM at the Fraserview Church along with the Richmond District Chorus. Bravo to **Mr. Mikulin** and our talented student-musicians!

Important Grade 12 Reminders

Grad Composite Photo

Grads need to check their composite photo (outside the music room) and report any corrections to Ms. Kwon by **April 19**.

Commencement Ticket Info

Commencement Ceremony Ticket Information is available at:

<http://slss.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/04/03/commencement-ceremony-ticket-information>. Ticket purchases will be done in 3 rounds. The round 1 payment deadline and ticket request forms are due **Friday, April 21**.

School Scholarship Application

Grads who want to be considered for the school scholarship program must complete an application online and provide supporting documentation by **Thursday, April 20**. Details are available at:

<http://slss.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/03/29/slss-scholarship-application>

Graduation Transitions (GT)

Graduation Transitions documents must be completed by **Friday, April 28** to meet grad requirements this year. See **Ms.**

Sullivan in room 603 if you need help.

Commencement Ceremony Message

Grads must submit their 40-word (maximum) write-up by **Monday, May 15**. This is the short blurb that will be read as each one of our grads crosses the stage at the Commencement Ceremony at UBC on June 17. Submit your grad write-up at: <http://slss.sd38.bc.ca/commencement-ceremony-write-submission>.

Career Centre News

Check out the SLSS Career Centre website:

<http://slsscarrercenter.wordpress.com/> for the latest information on Document Deadlines, and Offers of Admission. As always, please see your SLSS counsellor or our excellent Career Advisor Ms. Kerr.



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Talk
with our **kids**
about **money™**

TWOKAM DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30-8:00 pm @ Boyd Secondary

Engaging Our Youth in Financial Literacy Part 3: On Wednesday, April 19th, thousands of schools across the country will be participating in Talk With Our Kids about Money Day. To celebrate, the Richmond School District and the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education [CFEE] will be hosting a finale event around TWOKAM Day; there will be a Presentation by Paul Lermite who authored two Financial Literacy Books for youth [www.Paullermite.com] and a 2nd Speaker [TBA] speaking about Financial Literacy in their Workplace.

Join us to Celebrate "Talk with Our Kids About Money Day"!

DATE: Wednesday April 19, 2017
TARGET AUDIENCE: Grades 6 - Grades 12, and Parents
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
PLACE: Boyd Secondary School, Student Lounge



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RICHMOND EARTH DAY YOUTH SUMMIT 2017



SATURDAY
APRIL 22, 2017
8:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

Hugh Boyd Secondary School
9200 No.1 Road, Richmond BC

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



FREE REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 3, 2017 AT WWW.READYSUMMIT.CA



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April 29th, 2017



YOU are Invited...
Parents and Educators, participate in the discussion...
Back by popular demand! The Richmond School District and the Richmond District Parents' Association invite you to a FREE screening of the Sundance-selected educational documentary, *Most Likely to Succeed*.

About the Film:
Most Likely to Succeed examines the history of education, in the United States, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to revolutionize teaching as we know it. After seeing this film, the way you think about "school" will never be the same.

The world is changing. Parents want their children ready to succeed in the 21st Century. So do educators. That's why it's critical that we transform our education system, designed over a century ago so that it reflects the goals of the New BC Curriculum: Building Student Success. <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>

Watch the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/122502930>

Details:

When? Saturday, April 29th, 2017

- Doors Open at 8:30 a.m., Refreshments will be provided.
- Screening starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp
- Discussion opportunities will occur during and after the screening.
- Session ends at 12 noon with draw prizes.

Where? Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Boulevard (near Granville Avenue)

Registration: **It's FREE** and it's going to be engaging and enlightening!

- Seating is limited.
- Registration is required. Please indicate on your registration whether you are an educator, a parent or from the community.

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 13th, 12 noon

To RSVP, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/richmond-school-district-38-and-rdpa-presents-most-likely-to-succeed-screening-tickets-32455539392>

"Most Likely to Succeed". <http://www.mtlsfilm.org/>

Spread the Word:
Please forward this invitation to your network, share on your social media pages, and tag our accounts:
Twitter: @RichmondSD38 @MLTSfilm and #MLTSfilm
Facebook: Facebook.com/MLTSfilm
Email: screenings@mtlsfilm.org

Have you wanted to see High Tech High? Here is your chance!



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