



SLSS Parent Week at a Glance

October 31 – November 4, 2022

We want to acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the *hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓* language group, on whose traditional and unceded territory we teach, live and learn.

Monday October 31	Tuesday November 1	Wednesday November 2	Thursday November 3	Friday November 4
	Photo Retake Day	Grade 9 Take Your Kids To Work Day Collaboration Time Grad Assessments	Grad Assessments	
ABCD (1)	DCBA (2)	BA (1)	DC (2)	ABCD (1)

Halloween Costume Protocols:

As we look forward to seeing many staff and students in creative costumes, please be aware of the following: Thoughtful costume choices only please (that are sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation)

- Race is not a costume (black/brown face)
- Culture is not a costume (indigenous regalia dreadlocks)
- Religious Faith is not a costume (religious figures/gods/saints/grurus/hijab)
- Gender is not a costume (gender switching for humour or to mock)
- Trauma is not a costume (handman's noose/weapons)
- No costumes that cause a mess (dripping blood, confetti, loose feathers etc.)
- No weapons are allowed at all (including decorative weapons)
- Students can consume Halloween Candy, but no sharing of candy is allowed (covid food safe protocols and student allergies)
- No masks are allowed that cover a student's entire face (however medical/non-medical masks that cover the nose and mouth are fine)

As we continue to practice equity and celebrate diversity in our schools, we ask that you be mindful of these guidelines and work with your children to choose an appropriate costume.

Thanks, take care and HAPPY HALOWEEN Everyone!!! 🎃

Photo Retake Day

Photo retake day is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 1st. Retakes will be for: students who were absent on our original photo day or for students whose families are purchasing a photo package, but who would like to have a different photo. If students are having retakes because they need a different photo to purchase a photo package, they will be required to hand in their student ID card from the first photo day when they get their photo taken on November 1st. A new student ID card will be issued with the retake photo.

Photo Packages & Student ID Cards

Photo packages and unclaimed student ID cards are available in the main office. Students, if your family has ordered a photo package and/or if you have not picked up your student ID card, please pick those items up in the office this week.

AP Exam Registration and Timeline Information

AP exam registration and timeline information is now posted on the SLSS website. Students enrolled in AP classes at SLSS this year, and those who are not registered in AP classes but are considering registering for an AP exam must read the information posted on the website. Please note that there are deadlines for registering.

Remembrance Day Ceremony and Bell Schedule

Thank you to those students who have volunteered to be part of the Remembrance Day Ceremony, your time and dedication to this important ceremony is much appreciated! We will have an altered bell schedule for Thursday, November 10th which will be as follows:

Time	Block/Activity
8:30-9:20	PLT
9:20-10:30	Ceremony #1/Block C
10:30-11:30	Ceremony #2/Block C
11:30-12:15	Block C
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:05-3:00	Block D

Please ensure all students are in their C block class by 9:20am. There will be no PLT2 session on that day to accommodate the Remembrance Day ceremony.

Student Bikes

We have been made aware of an increase in bike thefts in the community. Students if you ride your bike to school, please ensure that you securely lock up your bike at all times on the outside bike stands. A high end secure lock that cannot be cut or easily broken is highly recommended. It is also important to record the serial number of your bike so that it can be accurately identified if needed.

Dates to Remember

November 1	Photo Retake Day
November 2	Grade 9 Take Your Kids To Work Day
November 2-3	Grad Assessments
November 6	Daylight Saving Ends - set clocks one hour back
November 7	Block Order Change
November 8	Immunization Clinic
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)

Immunizations

Any Grade 9's or 10's who have not received their immunization letters, please come to the office and pick this up.

Take Our Kids to Work

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day is November 2nd, 2022. While participation is optional, all grade 9 students are encouraged to participate in this valuable experience. The signed permission forms were due to the office on October 27th. If you have not submitted yours, please bring it to the office before November 2nd. Thank you.

Daylight Savings Ends

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

Grad Assessments

The Graduation Literacy Assessment 12 (GLA 12) and the Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 (GNA 10) will be administered on November 2nd and 3rd. All grade 12's are scheduled to write the GLA 12 and some grade 10's are scheduled to write the GNA 10 in November. A schedule with names, dates and times has been posted around SLSS.

Health and Safety

The 2022-23 school year focus for health and safety has shifted to a communicable disease management approach, with an emphasis on personal responsibility for making health decisions that minimize risk. The following are important health and safety reminders for all students and parents/guardians:

- 1) If you are not feeling well, please do not come into the school. Focus on feeling better, first. Check the latest health authority updates for more information about self-isolation.
- 2) Practice good hand hygiene all day
- 3) Practice good respiratory etiquette (cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze)
- 4) All district facilities are mask friendly environments. Students and visitors may choose to wear a mask but are not required to.
- 5) Visitors on school related business are welcome in the school. We ask that you call to make an appointment before coming.

Parents/guardians wishing to drop off lunches are permitted to do so. Please come directly to the main office located at the Williams entrance.