



## February 27 – March 3, 2023

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

Monday February 27	Tuesday February 28	Wednesday March 1	Thursday March 2	Friday March 3
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<p><b><u>City of Richmond – Community Services Needs Assessment is Underway</u></b></p> <p>Approximately every 5 years the City of Richmond conducts a community-wide study to gather the perspectives of residents on current programs and services delivered in all Community Services areas - parks, recreation, arts, culture, heritage and library. The findings and recommendations that result from this project will inform the planning and delivery of future facilities, programs and services.</p> <p>Between February 16 to March 12, 2023, the public is invited to share their thoughts on Community Services facilities, programs and services through a 10-minute survey by telephone or online. They may also visit <a href="http://www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca/NeedsAssessment">www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca/NeedsAssessment</a> for project details and contact information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Digital postcard (jpg)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Poster – Chinese (pdf)</a></li> </ul> <p>We hope a great number of Richmond community members will participate in this survey.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Donna Lee, Research Planner, Community Services Division, <a href="mailto:CommunityServices@richmond.ca">CommunityServices@richmond.ca</a> or 604-204-8908.</p> <p><b><u>Important Commemorative Dates for March 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Irish Heritage Month</a></li> <li>• <b>March 8</b> <a href="#">International Women's Day</a></li> <li>• <b>March 21</b> <a href="#">International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</a></li> <li>• <b>March 31</b> <a href="#">International Transgender Day of Visibility</a></li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vancouver IMPACTFest Conference (September 12th, 2023) and Summer Program Workshops (July 24th - 28th, 2023)</b></p> <p>The Vancouver IMPACTFest is the first educational conference and workshops which are specifically geared towards showcasing virtual reality, A.I. and other emerging technologies to primary and secondary school students! <a href="https://vancouver.impactfestglobal.org">https://vancouver.impactfestglobal.org</a></p> <p>The next Vancouver IMPACTFest one day conference will be held at 3800 Wesbrook Mall - Vancouver, BC V6S 2L9 (Next to the UBC Campus) - September 12th, 2023 showcasing: Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and OpenAI and ChatGPT technologies and much more!</p> <p>Tickets can be purchased here for the September 12th conference: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/536087099947">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/536087099947</a> All forms must be completed by August 1st, 2023, or email us on how to obtain tickets.</p> <p>We are also proud to announce our First Summer Program! Our Summer program consists of workshops that students grades 7 to 12 can attend during the summer from July 24th to July 28th, 2023. All Summer program tickets must be purchased by July 1st, 2023!</p> <p>The Summer program includes two course curriculums: Virtual Reality and A.I (OpenAI / Chat GPT). The summer program runs for five days - each course runs eight hours (one day each).</p> <p>More info can be found here and tickets for the summer program can be purchased on this page: <a href="https://vancouver.impactfestglobal.org/workshops/">https://vancouver.impactfestglobal.org/workshops/</a> To attend, students would have to arrange transportation to and from all events.</p> <p><b><u>Pickup Last Year's Yearbook</u></b> For any students that did not pick up last year's yearbook, please come to room 203 at lunch on the day assigned to your grade to pick it up:</p> <p>Grade 9 - Monday, February 27 Grade 10 - Tuesday, February 28 Grade 11 - Wednesday, February 29 Grade 12 - Thursday, Feb 30</p> <p><b>Please ensure to bring a student card or identification so that we can verify you.</b></p> <p><b><u>Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey</u></b> The annual Student Learning Survey, which is completed by current Gr 10 and 12 students, is scheduled to take place at SLSS on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Grade 10 students will complete the survey on March 8<sup>th</sup> during block B. Grade 12 students will complete the survey on March 9<sup>th</sup> during block D. Any Gr 12 student on study block during block D can check in with Mr. Banta to find a time when they can drop in to complete the survey.</p> <p>The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and asks students to comment on a variety of topics relating to their experiences in school and the community. The aim of the survey is to collect data which can be used to improve the ways that schools and other community services are offered to students. Parents will also have the opportunity to complete the survey. Keep your eyes open for more information about how to do this!</p>	<p><b><u>Future Dates to Remember</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">March 6-8</td> <td>Blue &amp; Gold Grade 7 Basketball Tournament</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 10</td> <td>Last day of school before Spring Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 12</td> <td>Daylight Saving Begins-Set clocks 1 hour ahead</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 13-24</td> <td>Spring Break</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 27</td> <td>Welcome Back!</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 29</td> <td>Connections Class #6 at 9:20am</td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>Scholarship Opportunities</u></b></p> <p><b><u>SLSS Scholarship Program Survey</u></b> Each year, SLSS Grads have the opportunity to submit an application to be considered for a host of different scholarships which are provided through SLSS. The application is completed online through a survey. The active survey link will be posted on the school's website and emailed to all grade 12 students by March 2<sup>nd</sup>. <b><u>The deadline to submit the scholarship application survey will be Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.</u></b> Please note that only complete applications which are submitted by the deadline will be considered by the scholarship committee. Students must also meet all eligibility requirements. All of this information and the supplemental forms will be provided on the survey. Please read the information carefully once it is available.</p> <p><b><u>Confratellanza Italo-Canadese</u></b> The Confratellanza Italo-Canadese was founded in 1904 and is committed to the preservation of Italian cultural heritage and contributing to the enrichment of the multicultural community in the Greater Vancouver area (for more information about us visit our web site at <a href="http://www.confratellanza.com">www.confratellanza.com</a>). This year we are offering several \$1,000 scholarships to assist eligible students in their post-secondary studies. Please see the attached document for more information and an application form.</p> <p><b><u>EFMABC Bursaries</u></b> The Educational Facility Managers Association of British Columbia is pleased to offer <b>five \$1,000.00 bursaries</b> to graduates of the 2022/2023 school year. Our association is comprised of administrative and management personnel of school districts who are responsible for construction, maintenance, and custodial services, etc.</p> <p>These bursaries are offered to secondary students completing their grade 12 year who will enter a recognized post-secondary educational institution in the 2023/2024 term. Bursaries will be awarded based on academic achievement and/or special needs. Preference will be given to students entering the fields of engineering, architecture, or building technology. Should there not be suitable applications received in these fields, students in other courses of study will be considered, however, <b>all applicants MUST be dependents of school district employees in the school facilities area (i.e., Maintenance or Custodial).</b> <b>More information can be found at <a href="https://efmabc.com/bursaries/">https://efmabc.com/bursaries/</a></b></p> <p>Click  here to access on the application form</p> <p><b><u>Final Deadline for AP Exam Submissions</u></b> Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the final deadline for students to submit an order form and pay for an AP exam for the May 2023 exam session. Note that most exam orders submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup> are now subject to an additional late order penalty as outlined by the College Board. The original order date for most AP exams was November 4<sup>th</sup>. The only exam orders that are not subject to the late penalty for orders by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline are those for students who are currently registered in semester 2 AP calculus courses. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Banta.</p>	March 6-8	Blue & Gold Grade 7 Basketball Tournament	March 10	Last day of school before Spring Break	March 12	Daylight Saving Begins-Set clocks 1 hour ahead	March 13-24	Spring Break	March 27	Welcome Back!	March 29	Connections Class #6 at 9:20am
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