



April 17 – April 21, 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 April 17 | Tuesday April 18 | Wednesday April 19 | Thursday April 20 | Friday April 21 |
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| Block Order Change | | Connections Class #7 9:20am | Report Cards Published | |
| DCBA (1) | ABCD (2) | AB (1) | CD (2) | DCBA (1) |

Career Program Opportunities:

Are you interested in learning more about some opportunities to help you prepare for a future career while still in high school? What would you think of getting a jump start on some lucrative work while honing useful skills? Would you be interested in getting part of your college tuition paid for? What about getting school credits for paid work you are already doing? If any of these questions appeal to you, please let your career counsellor, Ms. Digeso, or Mrs. Fackler know that you would like to join us at lunchtime on May 1st in room 103 to meet with Mr. Thackwray from the District Career Programs Office. He will gladly answer any of your questions and help you to explore some great career possibilities while you are still in high school.

Connections Class:

Just a reminder to all students that the next connections class will be on Wednesday, April 19th. Please report to your homeroom connections teacher on that day. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Block Order Change:

Just a reminder to all students that Monday, April 17th our block order will change. Please refer to your student calendar for details on the new block order. The times of the blocks remain the same.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

In person parent-teacher conferences are taking place on April 26 & 27. On those days, students will be dismissed at 1:05pm. Parents/guardians will be able schedule appointments online at <https://slss.schoolappointments.com> beginning on April 20th at 4pm. Attached to this week's Parent WAAG is an instruction sheet which provides information about how parents/guardians can sign up for parent-teacher conferences. These instructions will also be posted on the SLSS website.

Semester 2 Mid-Term Progress Reports

Semester 2 Mid-Term Progress Reports will be published online on Thursday, April 20th. Parents/guardians will receive an email notification once they have been published. Progress reports can be accessed by logging into your MyEd BC account. Please note that as teachers are still completing assessments for their students, course assessments reflected on MyEd BC are not finalized until the report cards are published on April 20th.

April 14, 2023--International Day of Pink is an opportunity to renew our commitment to diversity and inclusion by combatting all forms of hate that fuel bullying and violence, which many LGBTQ2 youth continue to face. Despite these ongoing challenges, there is hope as we continue to make progress in breaking down barriers and making strides towards building safer and consciously more inclusive schools and communities in which everyone has equitable opportunities. Feel free to wear pink in solidarity of what this day represents internationally.

Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month in Canada is observed in the month of April. Acts of genocide begin with targeting and dehumanizing groups of people. Current events remind us that we must always be vigilant and stand united against prejudice, hate as well as all forms of racism and discrimination that can lead to the tragic loss of life. It is important to reflect on the root causes of hate and discrimination that lead to these unspeakable acts of violence, and we must do our part to ensure that these acts never happen.

April 14, 2023 is Vaisakhi. This Sikh New Year festival is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar. It marks the start of the Punjabi New Year, but it is also a day to celebrate 1699, the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith. As part of our ongoing sharing of Sikh Excellence during this Sikh Heritage month, we hope you will listen to **The Secret Life of Canada: The Punjabi Market**, a CBC Podcast, to learn about the history of South Asian communities in BC, and how the oldest Little India market was formed in South Vancouver.

The month of Ramadhan will be coming to an end on April 21/22, 2023. The end of this month for Muslims ends with a celebration on called **Eid-al-Fitr**. On this day, our Muslim students, families, and colleagues will be coming together to spend time with family and to enjoy feasting.

Richmond Women's Resource Centre – Hot Ink Creative Writing Program (Gr 8 - 12).

Hot Ink is a free, extra-curricular Creative Writing program for young women in Richmond. It provides a setting for participants to meet peers with similar interests. The program allows participants to explore various forms of creative writing including, but not limited to, short stories, poetry, and journal writing. Additionally, students will be involved in all aspects of producing a publication with their works at the end of the program. More information can be found in the attached poster.

Royal Soccer Club – Summer Camps (K – Gr 8)

This summer program promotes personal development and healthy and active living through unique camp experiences. Participants also learn life skills such as team building, leadership and communication skills. More information can be found in the attached brochure.

Future Dates to Remember

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| April 25 | Grade 8 SR Day |
| April 26-27 | Grad Assessments |
| April 26-27 | Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal at 1:05pm) |
| May 3 | Evacuation Drill at 10:30am |

Grade 10 and 11 students you are invited to meet with the Head of Recruitment from the University of Toronto on Monday, April 17. Find out what it takes to apply to U of T and learn about the different programs they offer. The meeting will start after school at 3:05 pm in the SLSS theatre. See you there Sharks!

Commencement Tickets

Commencement will be at UBC's Chan Centre on June 17. Tickets need to be ordered ahead of time. Information regarding purchase of tickets has been emailed home to all grads and parents/guardians. Due to limited seating and to ensure an equitable process for all to access tickets, each grad may purchase up to two guest tickets (as part of round 1 sales). Grads may also requests additional tickets in rounds 2 and 3, should they be available. The ticket order form outlines the process and due dates to purchase those tickets.

We know that this is a very special event for families. We hope to be able to accommodate all of the guests who would like to be present to support their grad. However, because there are limited tickets, we strongly recommend that families do not purchase airline tickets or book hotels etc for out-of-town guests until they have confirmation that they have enough tickets.

Grad Assessments

The next session of grad assessments is taking place on April 26 & 27. The majority of students writing the GNA 10 will be semester 2 students currently taking math. There are also other students who missed their previous assessment sittings writing all of the assessments. The schedule will be posted for students this coming week.

AP Exams

The 2023 SLSS AP exam schedule has now been posted on the school website, and shared via email to SLSS students registered in AP classes this semester. Students who are registered to write one or more AP exam(s) are asked to note the date(s), time(s) and location(s) of the exam(s) they are registered to write. Students who are writing exam(s) at another school site are responsible for getting to and from that location on their own. Students writing AP exams are also responsible for making sure they notify the teachers of the classes they will be missing for the exam(s), as well as for making up any missed course work. Parents of those students who will be missing the day's classes to write AP exams are asked to call the office and let us know. All the best on your AP exams, Sharks!

Canadian Youth Arts Development Foundation (Gr 6 – 10)

This organization is running a free tutoring project (one hour per week), with tutors who are current senior secondary students and recent graduates of SD 38.

Art Ignites (Gr. 8-12).

The Art Vancouver International Art Fair invites students and teachers to participate in a youth-focused program called Art Ignites on Friday, May 5th from 1-4 pm at the Vancouver Convention Center, West. Programming designed specifically for youth promoting youth engagement and creativity through the arts. Activities for students Gr. 8 to 12 to enhance learning outcomes from multiple areas of the BC Curriculum including: Art, Social, Studies, English, and Business. More information can be found [here](#).