

# October 30 – November 3, 2023



# FAMILY WAAG

Monday October 30	Tuesday October 31	Wednesday November 1	Thursday November 2	Friday November 3
ABCD (Day 1)	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1)	DC (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1)
Halloween Dance 6-8pm Legends Gym		<b>Collaboration Time</b> (8:30am-9:20am) <b>PLT 2</b> (9:20am-10:10am) <b>Take Your Kid to Work Day</b> Grade 9s <b>Grad Assessments</b> 8:30-11:30am & 12:30-3:30pm	<b>PLT</b> (8:30am-10:10am)  <b>Grad Assessments</b> 8:30-11:30am & 12:30-3:30pm	

### Personalized Learning Time

Personal Learning Time (PLT) is on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is dedicated time set aside in the timetable for students, where they are given choice and ownership over their learning. [LINK](#) to the PLT sign-up website. Plan ahead.

### Photo Day Retakes

Artona is returning for a last effort at retakes on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> only during PLT. Emails and reminders will be sent to families.

### Connections Class – these 7 Days are required.

Students should all download the MS Teams App to their device and/or know how to sign-in to MS Teams on a school or home device. Reflection assignment are due via MS Teams. See Mr. Nashlund during PLT for assistance.

### Seeing Counsellors

For parents wanting to contact counsellors, drop-in visits without a booking are discouraged. Please call the office (604-668-6668) or email the counsellors directly. Booking will allow for necessary planning to occur which make the meetings more productive.

### Grad Assessments

Grad Assessments	Wed, Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thur, Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>
GLA 12 & GNA 10 Library, Math classrooms, Seminar Room, 103	8:30-11:30am	8:30-11:30am
GLA 12 & GNA 10 Library, Math classrooms, Seminar Room, 103	12:30-3:30pm	12:30-3:30pm

Students have been emailed and the list of times and locations is posted on the library window. When students finish, they will return to their regularly scheduled class. Due to limits of space and laptops, students must attend the session they are scheduled for.

### Gratitude

Thank you to a number of teachers who applied for an Innovation Grant and were subsequently successful. Well-done! We are excited to see the positive impact that these journey will have on student learning.

### Homestay Program

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home. Please see more information [here](#).

### Take Your Kid to Work Day – Grade 9s

We have nearly 100 students who have signed up to attend the workplace on November 1<sup>st</sup> with an adult in their life. All other grade 9 students are expected to attend their classes where further learning and practice.

### Family Erase Sessions for Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities

Three free virtual *erase* learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at this link: [erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact [erase@gov.bc.ca](mailto:erase@gov.bc.ca) with any questions or for more information.

### City of Richmond Halloween Events and Activities

Over 20 spook-tacular Halloween-inspired events and activities are now on through Tuesday, October 31 with the fang-tastic Halloween Fireworks Festival in Minoru Park on Halloween night. All the details about this year's 20+ events can be found at [richmond.ca/halloween](http://richmond.ca/halloween).

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 5	Daylight Saving Ends-Set clocks 1 hour back
Nov 6	Staff Meeting @ 3:15pm
Nov 8	PAC Meeting
Nov 9	Final Photo Retakes only during PLT
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assemblies
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 13	School Closed in lieu of Remembrance Day
Nov 14	Block Order Change
	PT Conference Priority Bookings Open
Nov 15	EA Meeting @ 8:40am
Nov 16	MidTerm Report Cards published on MyEdBC at 3pm
Nov 17	Grade 9 Immunization Clinic (Legends Gym)

### School Fees – SchoolCashOnline

Students fees should now be loaded to School Cash Online. Please contact the Business Assistant, Mrs. Karen Campbell at [kacampbell@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kacampbell@sd38.bc.ca), if you need assistance with setting up a [SchoolCashOnline](#) account or if you have any questions. If your family is experiencing any financial hardship, please email an administrator so we are able to support you.

### Athletics

We are off and running with Sharks Athletics. Reminder, for the most up to date news about teams, schedules, and tryouts please visit our [Sharks Athletics Instagram account](#) on a regular basis. Schedules for all the teams (volleyball, boys soccer, XC, swimming) are [here](#).

### CLC 8-12

Attention parents – SLSS is holding its second Career Fair on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We would like to share a great opportunity and invite any parents from various professions, businesses and career paths to participate to share and highlight their career at our career fair. Grade 10's, 11's and 12's will be visiting the Career Fair over 2 sessions (roughly 9:30am to 12:35pm). If you are interested in participating, or have further question please send an email to Ms. Sidhu-Grewal – [rsidhu-grewal@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rsidhu-grewal@sd38.bc.ca) Thank you in advance for your support.

### Social Responsibility Days:

Sign up now to be a Leader within our SLSS community! You'll gain valuable leadership skills and volunteer hours while you help younger students navigate our Social Responsibility Days. Sign up by using the QR code outside Ms. Corea's Room, number 202. Let Ms. Corea know if you have any questions.

### Feeding Futures School Program Fund

Recently, the provincial government announced a new Feeding Futures School Program Fund, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students. If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Ms. Varghese ([avarghese@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:avarghese@sd38.bc.ca)), Mrs. Fackler ([bfackler@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bfackler@sd38.bc.ca)) or Mr. Nashlund ([nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca)). We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out if they require support. All requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

**Musqueam Day, November 1.** Each year, Musqueam Nation acknowledges November 1 as Musqueam Day, a holiday to celebrate their ancestors' determination to seek justice and protect their inherent rights.

**November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day.** In our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, it is important to note this important day. Go [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to read the history of this day.

**Halloween Costumes:** When considering costumes, all should be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events.