



FAMILY WAAG

October 9 – October 13, 2023

Monday October 9	Tuesday October 10	Wednesday October 11	Thursday October 12	Friday October 13
School Closed Thanksgiving Day	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) PAC Meeting @ 7pm (Library) DAG Meeting @ 7pm (Room 103)	DC (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-10:10am)	ABCD (Day 1)

Personalized Learning Time

Students have the opportunity again this year to engage in weekly Personal Learning Time (PLT) 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. The goal of PLT is to teach students the skills necessary to use instructional time in a way that benefits their individual learning. PLT is centered around three Guiding Principles:

- (a) PLT will be self-directed, self-managed and self-regulated by students
- (b) PLT will support learners to be independent learners
- (c) PLT will focus on the development of Core Competencies: Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social Responsibility

[LINK](#) to the PLT sign-up website. Plan ahead.

Photo Day Ordering

Online proofs and information related to ordering photos is now available through the QR code on your child/s Artona 'ticket'. Retake day is Oct. 18th.

GoCards

GoCards have arrived. Students can collect these from their HR teacher during PLT, or wait until the Oct. 25th Connections Classes.

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. See Mr. Nashlund during PLT for assistance.

Game of Apps Season 7 – Coding, Design, & Entrepreneurship

Safe Game of Apps is an after-school, extra-curricular program where professional software developers and product designers working in the industry teach and mentor students on a weekly basis.

See our [website](#) for more details and watch this general promo video: <https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8>.

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 (Nov. 1st and 2nd)

All Grade 12 have been mass registered to write the GLA12 and all Semester 1 Math 10 students have been registered to write the GNA10. More information about schedules will be shared.

Gratitude

Thank you to PAC for celebrating World Teacher Day and treating our entire staff to a wonderful breakfast last Thursday.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 18	Photo Re-takes (am)
	SLSS Post-Secondary Fair
Oct 19	Progress Reports emailed home
Oct 20	Provincial Pro-D Day (No Classes)
Oct 25	Connections Class #2 (9:20am-10:10am)
Oct 30	Halloween Dance (6pm-8pm)
Oct 30-Nov 3	Grad Assessments (more info to follow)
Nov. 1	Collaboration Time
	Grade 9 Take Your Kids To Work Day

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, 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.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Remembrance Day Ceremony – Cadets Needed for Flag Party. Our Remembrance Day Ceremony is coming up next month on Thursday, November 10th and we are looking for students who are cadets to be part of the Flag Party. If your child is a cadet and they are able and willing to help with marching in the flags for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, please ask them to see Mrs. Fackler in the office and she will add them to the list. Alternatively, please email bfackler@sd38.bc.ca. Thanks in advance for your help with this!

Fall Athletics Update (Link to website)

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](#).

Multifaith Society and SD38 Multifaith Electronic Calendar 2023 2024 School Year.

We have teamed up with the Multifaith Society to bring you an online Multifaith Calendar, featuring detailed information on practices, holy days and observances for many world cultures and religions. This reference calendar reinforces anti-racism, human rights, and diversity throughout our district. Simply click this link to access the calendar: [SD38-Multifaith Society Calendar](#). For further details and instructions, go [HERE](#).

[Thanksgiving](#) is an official statutory holiday in Canada occurring on the second Monday of October. Though its origin is rooted in prayer for and celebration of the autumn harvest, Thanksgiving is no longer restricted to harvest activities and has become a day for gathering family to give thanks for their general well-being. These [articles](#) may be helpful in considering the Indigenous contributions to Thanksgiving traditions as well as the colonial undertones of the day.

October 11 is the [Day of the Girl](#) and October 18 is [Persons Day in Canada](#). Persons Day marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of “persons” was handed down by Canada’s highest court of appeal. This gave some women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women’s increased participation in public and political life. Sadly, although this decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent, it did mark critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada.