

December 18 – December 22, 2023



FAMILY WAAG

Monday December 18	Tuesday December 19	Wednesday December 20	Thursday December 21	Friday December 22
DCBA (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1)	AB (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-10:10am)	CD (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) At-Risk Interims Emailed Home	DCBA (Day 2) Breakfast with Santa (bell schedule below) Last Day before Winter Break

Personal 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.

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 assignments 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.

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.

Are you having challenges with MyEdBC?

Here are some resources and tips on our [website](#). While here is the [link](#) to the “Request Assistance” webform to describe your challenge to our office staff who will respond to you with targeted help.

City of Burnaby School Canoe Program – the City of Burnaby, Outdoor Recreation department, is accepting applications for their spring School Canoe Program. The program is geared towards Grades 5 to 12, with a maximum of 30 participants per session. Any questions can be directed to Jamie Barber at 604-294-7224 or jamie.barber@burnaby.ca.

PAC asking for volunteers (see flier below)

Let's make some pancakes together! Join us for this legendary event as we ring in the Christmas Season and celebrate a great 1st semester! Please join us for prep & setup on 21 December 5:00 to 8:00pm ~Breakfast will be served to students and staff on 22 December 7:30-9:30am~ Click to [Sign-up](#).

Breakfast with Santa Bell Schdule

Time	Block
7:30-9:50	Breakfast and Performances
9:50-10:35	Block D
10:45-11:30	Block C
11:30-11:50	Nutrition Break
11:50-12:35	Block B
12:45-1:30	Block A
1:45-2:25	Staff Luncheon

Grad Assessment Schedule for January Sitting

A student schedule will be shared in early January, in addition to direct emails to students.

	Wednesday, Jan 17 th	Thursday, Jan 18 th
AM	(Connections Classes)	GLA10 60 – Library 30 – Rm: 601 (Homofluk)
PM	GLA10 60 – Library 30 – Rm: 602 (Ubial – prep)	GLA10 60 - Library
	Wednesday, Jan 24 th	Thursday, Jan 25 th
AM	Gr. 8 Course Request Entry (by alpha)	Gr. 9-12 Course Request Entry (those needing help)
PM	GLA12/GNA 10 Catch-up 60 - Library	(n/a)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 8	School Re-Opens after Winter Break
Jan 10	Collaboration Time
Jan 12	Grade 7 Articulation Breakfast
Jan 17	Connections Class (9:20am-10:10am)
Jan 17	PAC Meeting
Jan 18	Program Planning Evening
Jan 15 – Jan 26	Grad Assessments
Jan 22 – Jan 31	Grad Photos
Jan 24	Grade 7 Parent Info Night
Jan 26	Last Day of Semester 1
Jan 29	Semester Turn Around Day (No Classes)
Jan 30	First Day of Semester 2
Jan 30	Block Order Change – DCBA (1)
Feb 7	Collaboration Time
Feb 8	Report Cards Published (by 4pm)

Athletics

Winter season is well under way with many Basketball teams being finalized. Reminder, for the most up to date news about teams and schedules, please visit our [Sharks Athletics Instagram account](#) on a regular basis and/or see the [gym schedule](#). Schedules for all the teams (Basketball) are [here](#).

Gratitude

[Thank you](#) to Ms. Sidhu, Ms. Yuen and Mr. Nashlund for organizing a great conference day! The students were engaged, and we got lots of great feedback from the Career Fair presenters about students’ thoughtful questions! Thank you to all who participated in and contributed to making our conference day a success!

Food Bank Drive

Student Council have started their annual **Food Bank Drive on Wednesday, December 13th during Block A**. This year’s drive will be a competition against grades to see who can donate the most items and the winning grade will be getting a sweet treat after the break! **Please bring in any cash or non-perishable items to donate to the Food Bank and give these to your Block A teacher**. Donations will be collected until the last day of classes.

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](#).

Lost & Found:

There are valuable lost items waiting to be claimed in the lost & found bin. We have all items displayed in the Williams lounge starting Monday Dec 11th. Come and have a look if any of these items belong to you. Any unclaimed items will be donated to local charity during the winter break.

Launch of Suicide Crisis Line (9-8-8)

Launched by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Canada’s new suicide crisis helpline started taking calls last week. People across the country can call and text 9-8-8, a three-digit number for suicide prevention, giving people experiencing thoughts of suicide, or people worried about someone else, an accessible and easy number to call when they need urgent help. Help is also available through [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868) and the [Hope for Wellness Help Line](#) (1-855-242-3310). The Hope for Wellness Helpline is available to all Indigenous people across Canada. Experienced and culturally competent counsellors are reachable by telephone and online ‘chat’ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Parking Lot and Traffic

We are seeing increased traffic in our Williams driveway especially with the road work happening on Gilbert. We are observing that many students are arriving late to school as a result. Students, we encourage you to walk or bike to school as much as possible and prioritize being on time for your class in the morning. If you must drive your child to school, please plan to arrive early. Our doors are open for students at 7:30 am and the parking lot is much less busy before 8:15 am. Our neighbours are also expressing frustration that their driveways down Williams are being blocked due to the line up to our school parking lot. Please do not block driveways, school bus, and emergency and transit vehicles while you are dropping off or picking up. Students, please pay extra attention in the parking lots and be aware of cars and only cross in the marked cross walks.

*breakfast
with
Santa* 
IS BACK!

Dec 22 @ 7:30am

Come help make some pancakes as PAC works together with StuCo to put on this legendary event.

It is a fun way to meet other SLSS parents, chat and share a laugh as we mix, flip, and serve together!

[2023 Breakfast With Santa — Signup Sheet](#)

