

January 15 – January 19, 2024

Monday January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wednesday January 17	Thursday January 18	Friday January 19
DCBA (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1)	AB (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-9:20am) Connections Class* (9:20am-10:10am) Grad Assessments PM sitting PAC Meeting 7PM in the Library DAG Meeting 7PM in Room 103	CD (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Grad Assessments AM & PM sittings SLSS SciHealth Alliance @Lunch in Rm 702 Program Planning Evening @ 6:00pm (see schedule below)	DCBA (Day 2)
Carkner Classic Basketball Tournament				



FAMILY WAAG

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.

January 17th Connections Class:

Very important, especially for grade 8-11, as the Program Planning information will be delivered to these students to help them choose courses for next year.

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 MvEdBC?

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.

Grad Assessment Schedule for January Sitting

A student schedule was posted on the Library windows on Thursday. Please check you day, time, and location. We are extremely tight on space and laptops, so we must have students follow the exact schedule. All grade 10 students planning to graduate are required to write the GLA 10.

	Wednesday, Jan 17 th	Thursday, Jan 18 th
AM	(Connections Classes – Program Planning 8-11 presentations)	GLA10 60 – Library 30 – Rm: 601 (Hornofluk)
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) Potential GLA 12 rewrites*

SLSS SciHealth Alliance

SLSS SciHealth Alliance is hosting our next seminar featuring Nathan Cheng, a Primary Care Paramedic with the BC Emergency Health Services. This will be held on Thursday, January 18th during lunch in room 702! Come by and don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Winter Formal details:

Winter Formal will be held at Riverside Banquet Hall on Sunday, January 28 from 6:30pm-10:30pm. Your ticket will include the formal venue, a delicious and diverse buffet, a photo booth, and a DJ for you to bust your moves on the dance floor! Riverside Banquet Halls' address: 14431 Knox Way #110, Richmond, BC. All SD38 District Code of Conduct applies to this event.

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](#).

Program Planning Evening @ 6:00pm on Thursday, January 18th

For current grade 8 parents

Ms. Ratcliffe (A,Z + International) - [Virtual Presentation – On Teams](#)

For current grade 9 parents

Ms. Lau (B-Hu) - In Person - Library

For current grade 11 parents

Ms. Zee (Huang-P) - In Person – Theatre

For current grade 10 parents

Ms. Sihota (Q - Y) - [Virtual Presentation – On Teams](#)

Gratitude

[Thank you](#) to everyone (students, parents, and staff) who are trying to arrive to SLSS a little earlier so we can avoid the traffic chaos and the disruptions to classes by arriving late.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 28	Winter Formal
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)
Feb 14	PAC Meeting
Feb 15	Meet the Teacher
Feb 16	Pro-D Day
Feb 19	BC Family Day (school closed)

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](#).

Winter Production

Don't miss the world premiere of "This Will End", a play written and directed by one of SLSS's very talented drama students and featuring the work of the terrific and hilarious members of the SLSS Drama Club. The play tells the story of a dysfunctional royal family and three weird and wacky detectives trying to get to the bottom of a dark mystery. Opening night is January 23 at 7 p.m. and there are two more evening performances on January 24 and 26. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5.00 for students and \$10 for adults. We are also presenting two student matinees, on January 24 and January 25 at 1:15 p.m. Make sure you see this highly entertaining production!

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.

Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Multifaith Society calendar is available electronically to all staff and parents. When you place your cursor on the dates in the calendar, a brief information on practices, holy days and observances will pop up for quick reference and understanding. Simply click on this link [SD38-Multifaith Society Calendar](#). No username or password is required.

Get REDI Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District.

Richmond parents and caregivers are invited to a Zoom webinar on REDI – *Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion*. Destine Lord will be presenting two repeat Zoom webinars on January 25 and January 30. This initial 60-minute session is designed to help participants understand the district's commitment to Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. Destine will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression. By building understanding, it is our hope to provide parents and caregivers help to support their learners as they move between home and school and back again. There will be future sessions that will take a deeper dive into REDI concepts. Staff are also welcome to attend. Please note the dates are January 25 at 7 p.m. and January 30 at 11 a.m. **Registration required.** See poster [LINK](#).

DAG Meeting

The DAG Meeting will be held in Room 103 at 7PM on January 17.

Grad Photo Sessions – January 22-31

Reminder to book your Grade 12 student's Grad Photo session with Artona – see [LINK](#)