

# January 29 – February 2, 2024

Monday January 29	Tuesday January 30	Wednesday January 31	Thursday February 1	Friday February 2
(No Classes)  Semester Turnaround Day	DCBA (Day 1)  First Day of Semester 2  Block Order Change	BA (Day 2)  PLT (8:30am-10:10am)  MyEdBC Session for Gr. 8s (15-minute appointments)	DC (Day 1)  PLT (8:30am-10:10am)  MyEdBC Session for Gr. 9-11 (15-minute appointments)	ABCD (Day 2)
Grad Photos (by appointment) in the portable studio)				

## Program Planning and Course Selection:

Please ensure that your child has selected their courses for next year on MyEdBC. We recommend that parents discuss plans and courses with their child. The course selection window is open from January 22<sup>nd</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>. During this time all Grade 8 to 11 students need to select their course requests. Students and parents may reach out to counselors if they have any questions or concerns.

## 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.

## PLT on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> for Grade 8s

In the library, counsellors and admin will be helping all grade 8 students with MyEdBC log-in and Course Request Entry. **Look for the upcoming email** to inform you of your time (i.e. 15-minute appointment).

## PLT on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> for Grade 9-11s

In the library, counsellors and admin will be helping all grade 9-11 students who need help with MyEdBC log-in and Course Request Entry. This will be by drop-in.

**Semester Two Course Correction Forms** have been emailed to you on Friday. If you need a semester 2 course change, please print and fill out the course change form and drop it into the grey boxes outside the counselling Center BEFORE THURSDAY, FEB 1, AT 3:30PM.

Counsellors will NOT be taking any requests by email.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](#).

## Gratitude

**Thank you** to all of the students and parents who have made time to view the Program Planning PowerPoints created by our counsellors and for also attending the virtual Information Session last Thursday evening – investing this time will help our school create the best possible timetable, with a higher percentage of students getting their desired courses.

**Thank you** to the PE 10 Athletic Leadership students who helped to successfully plan, organize, and run the Gr. 9 Boys Basketball Tournament. Also, a big **thank you** to Mr. Stoneburgh for going far beyond the bookends of his days to volunteer coach two teams and co-organize these basketball tournaments.

**Thank you** to Grad Comm for successfully organizing a memorable Winter Formal on Sunday evening! Lastly, Thank you to the entire cast and crew of the Winter Production, “This Will End” for putting on a series of amazing shows. This was an excellent production and it was written and directed by one of our own SLSS students! Well done.

## Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering “Social Media Awareness” family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in the link below. [Please see this link](#).

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 22 – Jan 31	Grad Photos
Feb 7	Collaboration Time
Feb 7	Evacuation Drill Block A @1:15pm
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)
Feb 23	Gr. 8 Social Responsibility Day
Feb 28	Connections Class (9:20am-10:10am)
Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 29	Progress Reports emailed home

## 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 Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> during lunch in room 702! Come by and don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity!

## Athletics

Winter season is nearing the play-offs with many of our Basketball teams doing very well so far. 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 and Table Tennis) are [here](#).

## 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](#).

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**BC Honours 2024:** The call for nominations for the British Columbia’s two top honours, the Order of British Columbia and Medal of Good Citizenship, is now open. The Order of BC recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, excellence or distinction in a field of endeavour benefiting the people of the province or elsewhere. We encourage you to recognize someone for their accomplishments provincially, nationally or internationally by nominating them today. [Submit a nomination](#).

**JABC Program Highlights for Grade 6-12:** A free hands-on, immersive education in work readiness, financial health, and entrepreneurship, are highlighted in the [January newsletter](#).

## Grad Photo Sessions – January 22-31

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



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