



STEVESTON-LONDON SECONDARY

GRADE 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

GRAD CLASS OF 2029

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

GRADE 8 SPECTRUM PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW

[HTTPS://SLSS.SD38.BC.CA](https://slss.sd38.bc.ca)

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Administration Team Welcome

Ms. Varghese
Mr. Nashlund
Mrs. Fackler



Shape of the Evening

- 1. Student Welcome - STUCO**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement - STUCO**
- 3. Highlights of Grade 8 - STUCO**
- 4. School Information - Admin**
- 5. Student Support - Ms. Zee**
- 6. Grade 8 Program Planning - Ms. Zee**
- 7. Learning Support - Admin**
- 8. How Parents can get involved - Alaric Wang (PAC Chair)**
- 9. Questions**
- 10. Spectrum Presentation - Ms. Henrickson**



STUCO Welcome

Davis Chen
Samantha Ng



Grade 8 Reflections by Davis and Sam

Highlights of Grade 8

- First week activities
- Grade 8 camp
- Social Responsibility Days
- Conference Days and Connections Classes
- Breakfast with Santa
- Clubs Day
- Sharkfest



How to get involved:

Extracurricular activities (Clubs Days)



Athletics



School Mission Statement:

At Steveston-London Secondary School, our purpose is to provide a caring, relevant and engaging environment to enable all learners to develop their ability to think critically and independently, to communicate, to collaborate and make decisions.



Our School...

- Maintains a safe, welcoming learning environment that fosters a culture of CARE and RESPECT by developing RELATIONSHIPS and making CONNECTIONS
- 100+ caring adults in various roles supporting students
- Enrolls over 1200 students in grades 8-12
- Offers a wide range of curricular and extracurricular programs including the Spectrum program for grades 8-10 students, and Advanced Placement classes for senior students



Student Support:

- Counsellors Introduction - **Ms. Zee**
- Counselling Services: Educational, Personal and Career supports
- Career Information Advisor
 - Ms. Digeso
 - Post-Secondary and career options



We are here to help!

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Ms. Ratcliffe

Works with students in the alpha
(Last name)

A & Z & International

Ms. Lau

Works with students in the alpha
(Last name)

B - Hu

Ms. Zee

Works with students in the alpha
(Last name)

Hua - P

Ms. Sihota

Works with students in the alpha
(Last name)

Q - Y



Grade 8 Program: 8 courses

- English 8
- Social Studies 8
- Mathematics 8 or Mathematics 8 Enriched
- Science 8
- Physical & Health Education 8
- French 8
- Home Economics 8/Technology 8
- Elective courses (choose 1)
 - Band 8
 - Vocal Ensemble 8
 - Art/Drama 8 (each is half a semester long)
- Career Education (5-year program) via off-timetable Connections Classes



Grade 8 Program Planning Timeline:

- Our counselling team will be visiting all the grade 7 feeder school classes
- Course selection forms will also be distributed to Grade 7 students and need to be returned to Grade 7 Teachers by February 5

Non-feeder school students must return the course selection form to SLSS by February 9



Learning Support:

- Teacher support
- Resource Centre
- After School Support



How Parents can get involved

Open communication between home and school

Be engaged in your child's learning

Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Check emails, the SLSS website, and the WAAG.



How Parents can get involved

PAC Chair - Alaric Wang

PAC email pacslss38@gmail.com

Meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month, either in-person or virtually



Your questions answered...

Please scan the QR code to ask your question and we will generate a list of FAQ's to post on our website.

Thank you for your questions!



Spectrum Program information



SLSS **Spectrum** Program

2024-2025

- 1. Important info about the program**
 - 2. Application process**
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Questions at the end!

■ The **Spectrum** Program

- Optional, three-year enrichment program.
- Students take all four academic courses with a cohort of 28 other students (linear schedule).
- Program includes team-building, outdoor ed, cultural, and community service components.

What kind of **students** should apply?

Independent and highly-motivated learners
who enjoy:

- working collaboratively with peers on challenging materials **across multiple subject areas**
- challenges that extend beyond the classroom
- opportunities to expand their skills and thinking in a rigorous learning environment

■ Aren't sure if **Spectrum** is a good fit?

- Does my child **want** to be in Spectrum?
- Does my child have **the time** to be part of a demanding program?
- Is my family able to support **the extra-curricular** aspects of the program?
- Does my child have **the organizational skills** to manage all their academic subjects at once?
- Has my child been accepted into **SLSS**?

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Applications will only be considered for students who have **already been** accepted to SLSS. If a student is from outside SLSS's catchment area, they must submit a cross-boundary application to the School District **prior** to submitting a Spectrum application.

The **Application** Process

Every year, SLSS processes between 75 – 120 applications for **29** available spots!

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Applications opened on
Monday, January 15th and
will close on **Friday,**
February 2nd (3 pm).

How are students **selected** for the program?

- **Student-Submitted Application**
- **Confidential Teacher Referrals**
- **Assessment of Skills**
- **Panel Interviews**

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Student Applications and Teacher Referrals can be found on the SLSS website.

1. “Students” tab
 2. “Spectrum” page
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Student-Submitted Application

Includes:

- Student contact information
- Student written reflection
- Parent written response
- Digital upload of recent report card
- Digital upload of recorded oral response

Teacher Referral Form

- To be completed by the student's **Grade 7** teacher.
- Will include **teacher's evaluation** of specific attributes that makes students successful in the Spectrum program.
- Is **100% confidential**.

■ Candidate Assessment of **Skills**

- **Thursday, February 22** from **3:30 pm** to **5:00 pm** at **SLSS**.
- Assessment of basic Grade 7 level literacy and numeracy skills.

This is the only date for the assessment.

Interviews - Feeder Schools

- **Tuesday, March 12** at feeder school locations.
- Only **short-listed** students will be interviewed.
- Based on: **1)** submitted application; **2)** confidential teacher referral; **3)** assessment of skills

Interviews – **Non-Feeder** Schools

- **Thursday, February 22** at SLSS.
- Will happen directly after the **skills assessment**.
- We will tell you approximately how long it will take once registration is complete.

Offers of Admission

Will be sent on **Friday, April 5th**.

- Accepted
- Waitlisted
- Will not be offered a space this year

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Questions?
