



# FAMILY WAAG

## February 5 – February 9, 2024

Monday February 5	Tuesday February 6	Wednesday February 7	Thursday February 8	Friday February 9
ABCD (Day 1)	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1)	DC (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1)
SLSS SciHealth Alliance (@ Lunch in 702)		<b>Collaboration Time</b> (8:30am-9:20am) <b>PLT</b> (9:20am-10:10am)  <b>Evacuation Drill</b> Block A @ 1:15pm	<b>PLT</b> (8:30am-10:10am)  <b>Report Cards Published</b> (by 4pm)	<b>Student Course Request</b> <b>Entries due in MyEDBC</b>

**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 PLT sign-up. 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.

**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 Artona for coordinating all of the Grad Phot appointments.

**Thank you** to our teaching staff who largely met the Report Card posting deadline.

**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.](#)

**Modern Languages Placement Evaluations:**

The Modern Languages department will be conducting placement evaluations on Wed, Feb 21 during PLT. For more info, click [here](#).

**Happy Lunar New Year:** Lunar New Year occurs on February 10, 2024. In Chinese tradition each year the Chinese zodiac is associated with an animal sign. Lunar New Year 2024 is the Year of the Dragon. The dragon is considered a symbol of strength, courage and good fortune. Happy new year to all who observe this tradition!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Feb 14	PAC Meeting
Feb 15	Meet the Teacher
Feb 16	Pro-D Day (No Classes)
Feb 19	BC Family Day (School Closed)
Feb 21	Modern Languages Placement Evaluations (PLT)
Feb 23	Gr. 8 Social Responsibility Day
Feb 26	EF Meeting @3:15pm
Feb 26-28	Gr. 7 Blue & Gold Clasic
Feb 28	Connections Class (9:20am-10:10am)
Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 29	Progress Reports emailed home
Mar 6	Collaboration Time

**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 5th 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](#). Play-offs are upcoming.

**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.

**PAC 101**

If you are a parent and interested in being on the PAC in one of the executive positions, or want to learn about organizing a 'Dry After-Grad' event, please sign up at the below link for 'PAC 101', on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 pm. The following four sessions will be hosted:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Funding Raising
- Dry After Grad

**Summer Learning 2024**

Please see the following public document that will outline the general Summer Learning 2024 information. **A more detailed program guide will come out closer to April.** [SummerLearning2024 General Information.pdf](#)

**Adult Secondary**

Our adult secondary courses just started the second semester evening courses and third term day courses. (It is not too late to register!) These face to face/hybrid courses are free for ordinarily residents of BC who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Refugee status and Work Permit status with instructions stating they can study. Students can be as 17 years of age and older. Students currently enrolled in a secondary school can also register for courses with permission from their home school. **New this year!!** We are now offering Adult Online full credit courses for Richmond Residents only. Students 17 and older. Students who are interested in registering should contact Bob Mostat our course advisor at 604-668-7899 ext 2. [P2023-24 Day & Evening Class calendars combined.pdf](#)

**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.