



FAMILY WAAG

April 8 – April 12, 2024

Monday April 8	Tuesday April 9	Wednesday April 10	Thursday April 11	Friday April 12
ABDC (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) PAC Meeting	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Report Card Published	ABDC (Day 2)

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, 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 everyone in our school community who contributes to making SLSS a great place to learn. There are so many people with so many diverse roles who all play an important part to our students’ learning each and every day. [Thank you](#) to the Muslim Student Association who put on an excellent event to celebrate Ramadan. We hosted 120 students from 4 different schools. [Thank you](#) Ms. Campbell and Mr. Nashlund for accurately collating the AP Exam Order – this is not an easy task and has many moving pieces.

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](#).

Athletics

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 (Table Tennis) are [here](#). Spring Season team sign-ups, try-outs, and practices are here (Badminton, Girls Soccer, Ultimate, 8 & 9 Boys Volleyball, Track & Field).

Parent Sessions on Social Media Awareness

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, Safer Schools Together is offering parent sessions on social media awareness. These sessions all take place in the evenings from 6:30 – 7:30pm and all parents/caregivers and their children (aged 10 and up) may attend.

The dates are: Tuesday, March 26 / Wednesday, April 10 / Tuesday, April 16. Trainings can be found at this link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferchoolstogether.com\)](#) ([link](#))

Safer Schools Together – New dates for erase Family Sessions

Safer Schools Together has new dates for *erase* Family Sessions. These online sessions focus on social media awareness and online safety and take place in the evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on April 10, and April 16. All parents, caregivers, and students (ages 10 and up) are welcome to attend. Please share this information with your school communities through appropriate channels. Trainings can be found at [erase Family Sessions](#) ([link](#)).

Consent Education – link to February 28 parent webinar

Following the Consent Education presentations to all secondary schools and alternate program sites, a parent information session was hosted last week by the Exploitation Education Institute. A link to the information session on Youtube is [available here](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Apr 15 | SLSS In-School Scholarship Application due (online) |
| Apr 17 & 18 | Grad Assessments (S2 GNA 10 & catch-ups) |
| Apr 17 & 18 | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| Apr 19 | Pro-D Day (No Classes) |
| Apr 22 | Block Order Change - DCBA |
| Apr 24 | Connections Class (9:20-10:10am) |
| Apr 26 | Gr. 8 SR (Social Responsibility) Day |
| May 8 | PAC Meeting |
| May 9 | Gr. 7 Fun Day |
| May 9 | Grad Boat Cruise |

Career Education

CLC 12 – Students are reminded that Mentor Log #2 was due Feb. 1st, if you have not submitted please get this in ASAP. Check your emails and TEAMS for messages of assignments and due dates. Keep an eye out for the Sign Up Genius QR code that will be shared with you next week so you can sign up to present your Capstone in person during a PLT time-slot over March, April and early May. Capstone will be due April 15th, so all of you need to stay focused and committed to working towards your completion as we are getting close to the finish line.

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.

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.

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](#)

April is Sikh Heritage Month (link)

Our local Sikh history and excellence is one to be acknowledged and shared. The [Education Guide on the Sikh Faith \(link\)](#) is a comprehensive resource to promote the inclusion of Sikh content and perspectives in our schools, while facilitating the awareness of the Sikh Faith and Sikh students in our classrooms and communities.

April is a busy month with many faiths celebrating significant days.

April 10 - Eid-al-Fitr

Many Muslims in Canada celebrate Eid al-Fitr on the first day of Shawwal in the Islamic calendar. It marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan and the start of a feast that lasts up to three days in some countries.

April 13 - Baisakhi or Vaisakhi

A harvest festival celebrated in India, mainly by the Sikh community.

April 22 -30 - Pesach or Passover (First Day is most significant)

Holiday that commemorates the Jewish liberation and escape from Egypt.