



# FAMILY WAAG

## May 20 – May 24, 2024

Monday May 20	Tuesday May 21	Wednesday May 22	Thursday May 23	Friday May 24
No Classes	ABCD (Day 2)	AB (Day 1)	CD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)
Victoria Day (School Closed)	Immunization Clinic Library Computer Lab	PLT (8:30am-10:10am)	PLT (8:30am-10:10am)	

**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 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.

**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](#).

**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, and Hockey). We are quickly approaching RSSAA play-offs, SFAA Zone Championships, and for some, the BCSS Championships.

**Music Program News**

May 30-- Music Department Assembly Block C  
Evening Concert for Parents 7PM SLSS Shark Tank

**Gratitude**

Thank you to all involved in making our second Conference Day a success, especially Ms. Sidhu-Grewal and Ms. Yuen. [Thank you](#) our Ed Facilitators for working with their departments to find ways to recognize students for departmental awards for the upcoming Awards Evening. [Thank you](#) to counsellors for working with the grade 12 students on their TVRs to ensure all are on pace to graduate. [Thank you](#) to Ms. Ng for collating and organizing all of progress reports. [Thank you](#) to the Band students and Mr. Mikulin for performing at the Maple Lane Spring Fair on May 16<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to promote SLSS. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the DAG Car Wash an amazing success. More than \$2000 was raised to support the DAG event!

**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](#).

**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.**

**Summer Learning 2024 Volunteering Opportunity**

Are you interested in the Summer Inquiry to leadership Through Experiential Learning program. This is an opportunity for grade 9-12 students to learn about leadership and gain valuable leadership hours volunteering in one of our summer learning programs.

The purpose of this program is to have students strive to develop leadership skills for application in the school and community. Leadership students will be involved in helping out with our Richmond School District Summer Learning Programs that will provide a forum for students to display these leadership skills helping and being valuable student leaders in our Summer Learning community.

The program is designed so that Student leaders will be part of a leadership workshop on July 3 located at Richmond Secondary Library. After this, Student Leaders will be scheduled to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours in one of our summer learning programs. Please see the details [here](#) on our website.

Complete Survey!



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 28-31	Spring Drama Production
May 30	Spring Music Concert @ 7pm
June 5	Collaboration Time (8:30am-9:20am)
June 5	Awards Evening
June 12	Catch-up Grad Assessments
June 13	Athletics Banquet
June 15	Commencement at UBC Chan Centre
June 18	Locker Clean-Out
June 21	Last Day of Regular Classes
June 22	Red Carpet, Dinner/Dance, Dry After Grad
June 24	Yearbook Distribution & Shark Fest
June 24-26	Learning Completion Days
June 27	Report Cards published in MyEdBC

**May** is a busy month of observances and recognition of significant dates. Please see below for some resources:

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month ([link](#))

Asian Heritage Month ([link](#))

**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. [2023-24 Day & Evening Class calendars combined.pdf](#)

**Student and Family Affordability Fund**

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees
- school supplies and course materials
- field trips
- school-related extracurricular opportunities
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Mrs. Fackler ([bfackler@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bfackler@sd38.bc.ca)), Mr. Nashlund ([mnashlund@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mnashlund@sd38.bc.ca)) or Ms. Varghese ([avarghese@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:avarghese@sd38.bc.ca)) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

**AI Supports for Parents/Caregivers and Students**

New resources are available for the education sector to support local considerations and decision-making regarding the use of AI tools in K-12 schools in BC. The [Digital literacy and the use of AI in education: supports for British Columbia schools web page \(link\)](#) now includes three student posters and a two-page informational sheet for parents and caregivers. Further resources for teachers will be added in the current school year.

**Career Education**

All grade 12's just a few quick reminders -First your 30 Hour Volunteer forms were due April 5th on Teams or to Ms. Sidhu – many students still need to submit these and it is very important as this is a graduation requirement. Next, April 15th Capstone projects were due on TEAMS so, all of you should be putting final touches on your powerpoints and record your audio and submit as an MP3/MP4 or share a YouTube link on Teams. Students presenting in person will submit the day they present. Make sure to include your name in the file name. If you need to see if you are missing assignments you can check your marks with Ms. Sidhu in room 501.

**Call to Join PAC**

Our amazing SLSS PAC is making a call out to families interested in joining the PAC Board next year. Please see information on our [website](#).