



FAMILY WAAG

Sept. 16 – Sept. 20, 2024

| Monday Sept. 16 | Tuesday Sept. 17 | Wednesday Sept. 18 | Thursday Sept. 19 | Friday Sept. 20 |
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| ABCD (Day 1) Photo Day AM in Shark Tank | DCBA (Day 2) | BA (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm | DC (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Post-Secondary Info Night @ 7:00pm | Pro-D Day (No Classes) |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Grade 8 Camp</div> | | | | |

PLT Log-In: Online Booking System

For students: Information and instructions have been emailed and are also [HERE](#) on our website. You are encouraged to take ownership of this time and make a plan each week.

Health & Safety reminder

All members of our school community are reminded to stay home when you are sick regularly wash hands.

School Fees – SchoolCashOnline

Reminder to students to pay any of their fees. The district standardized school fee (required) and yearbook fee (optional) have been applied to all students' accounts. Grade 8 Camp fees are already available for payment. Grade 12 students will see additional fees on their account based on Grad events offered this school year. Other items such as workbook fees, field trip fees, and athletics fees may also be applied to student accounts throughout the year.

Photo Day schedule and info

Monday, Sept. 16th (am). By grade, 8s up to 12s, and by alpha.

Connection Classes:

Students should all make themselves familiar with MS Teams (download to a device or use the computers in the library) as much of the Connections Days (Careers 8/9/10 and CLC 11 & CLC 12) material and assignments are located on MS Teams.

Lockers: Online Booking System

A reminder for locker sign up if you need one, this is completely optional.

[LINK](#) to the locker sign-up website and instructions to log-in is on our website.

2004-2025 Family Wall Calendar

Please see our 2004-2025 Wall Calendar on our [website](#). Our hope is that this calendar will help everyone in our school community plan for the year ahead. All students also have their Student Agenda/Planner too.

Maple Lane's 50th Anniversary

Maple Lane Elementary School is celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 19, 2024. We are inviting our current community as well as student and staff alumni, and anyone else who feels a connection to the school, to join us for an open house. There will be barbecue options available for pre-order from M&M Food Market (through the Maple Lane website in September) and a food truck from Cultivate on site. Students and staff are creating a variety of displays that represent Maple Lane in the past and the present, as well as what they predict will be its future. We hope this event will provide an opportunity to reminisce, share memories and celebrate the deep community connections that have been created at Maple Lane School.

SOGI Information for Parents – September 2024

The district's SOGI Advisory has developed a document for use with the parent community. This document, focused on SOGI-inclusive education, is broken down into *Frequently Asked Questions* as well as *Myths and Truths*. It is available on the [district website](#) ([link](#)).

Student and Family Affordability Fund and Feeding Futures Fund

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund* ([link](#)). 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), Mr. Nashlund (nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca), or Ms. Varghese (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 in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| September 24 | UBCO Presentation @ 6:30pm |
| September 25 | Connections Class 9:20-10:10am, during PLT 2. Required attendance. |
| September 25 | DAG (Dry After Grad) Meeting |
| September 26 | Club Days @ lunch |
| September 26 | Grade 8 Parent Info Night and Meet the Teacher |
| September 30 | National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - School Closed |
| October 2 | Collaboration Time |

SLSS Athletics

Hey Sharks,

Welcome back to another exciting and fun-filled season of Sharks Athletics! We are excited to welcome our new Grade 8 students to the program. For the most up to date news about teams, schedules, and tryouts please visit our Sharks Athletics Instagram account on a regular basis. You can find the account by scanning the QR code below.



The gym schedule can be found on slss.sd38.bc.ca. This schedule is live and always being updated as practices are added, cancelled, or changed. Please visit this site often for the most up to date info.

We offer many sporting opportunities in the Fall (Sept-Dec), Winter (Dec - March), and Spring (March-June) Seasons. Please visit our [Sharks Athletics Webpage](#) on the school website for a full list of teams and sports and when they are offered.

Please see the [Gym Schedule](#) that is also on the website for more details/times for this week's practices and/or try-outs.

Please visit Sharks Athletics Instagram or the live gym schedule for the most up to date information. Please reach out to our Athletic Director, Jamie Stoddard (jstoddard@sd38.bc.ca), if you have any questions throughout the year about sports. Wishing all our Shark student-athletes a wonderful 2023/2024 school year both on and off the field of play.

Go Sharks.

Gratitude

Thank you to Grad Committee for organizing the Grad BBQ. All grads had fun, ate hot dogs, and had a preview of the events to come.
Thank you to our student body for already showing improvement in efforts to arrive on-time. Please continue to improve and strive to arrive by 8:15am if commuting by vehicle.
Thank you to our staff for helping lead our students through a number of emergency drills at the start of the year, while the weather is favourable. These drills are required and important for all to be prepared for an emergency.

DAG (Dry After Grad) 2025

The next DAG meeting will be on September 25th at 7 pm at the school. All parents are welcome to attend and volunteer for the wonderful grad event!

Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, please wear your orange shirt for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

SLSS Clubs

Thank you for your interest in SLSS Clubs. If you wish to start or continue an existing club for this school year, you will need to submit a Club Application for approval: <https://forms.office.com/r/2qfU8Vzkiid>

It is extremely important that your Club Application is completed in collaboration with your Sponsor Teacher.

Please note that the Club Application process will open on September 6th and close on September 13th. Club Applications will be reviewed from September 16th to 20th, and you will receive an email by September 23rd about whether your Club has been approved.

If your club is approved, you will have an opportunity to showcase and advertise your club in the Shark Tank at lunch on September 26th for our annual Club's Day Fair. Please drop in to see Ms. Fackler or send me an email if you have any questions. Thank you!