

Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2024



FAMILY WAAG

Monday Sept. 30	Tuesday Oct. 1	Wednesday Oct. 2	Thursday Oct. 3	Friday Oct. 4
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (School Closed)	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1) PLT 1 Collaboration Time (Staff) PLT 2 (9:20am-10:10am)	DC (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-10:10am)	ABCD (Day 1)

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.

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.

SLSS Career Centre Information:

Here is a [LINK](#) to Ms. Digeso's page on our website. There is information on Scholarships, Volunteer/Work Opportunities, Careers, Post-Secondary, etc.

Lockers: Online Booking System

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

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.

Lunch and Learn for Truth and Reconciliation Week – Adult Learning Opportunity

In advance of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on September 30, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation offers [free virtual educational programming](#) ([link](#)) for teachers and students Grades 1-12 and invites the public to join online sessions from September 23 to 27, 2024. Online sessions are aimed at an adult audience and can contribute to increasing knowledge about Indigenous history and worldviews. Simultaneous English-French and ASL interpretation will be provided. Please visit [Lunch and Learns – Truth and Reconciliation Week](#) ([link](#)) for details and registration.

Erase Refresh: Launch of New Website and Resources

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has refreshed the [Expect Respect and a Safe Education \(erase\) website](#) ([link](#)). Launched on Friday, September 6, the new website features a streamlined design with improved access to information and resources for students, adults, and school staff. In addition, you will find two new videos, a downloadable poster, and a QR code decal to promote *erase* in schools.

DAG 2025 - All welcome!

Next DAG meeting is October 23rd at 7pm

Richmond International Education – 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](#).

Parent Volunteers Needed ([website](#))

If you can help by volunteering your time or contributing for the breakfast, please follow the below link. Please complete before October 4th. <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/7412235203/false#/invitation>

School Flag Half-Masting Notice

In observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, please be advised that all Richmond schools and district sites will lower the Canadian and BC flags to half-mast. As this day falls on a holiday, the flags will be lowered on the evening of September 27 and be raised again on the morning of October 1.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| October 9 | PAC Meeting @7:00pm |
| October 14 | Thanksgiving (School Closed) |
| October 16 | Photo Retakes (ONLY 8am-10am) |
| October 17 | Interims Emailed home |
| October 23 | Connections Class (9:20am-10:20am) |
| | DAG Meeting @7:00pm |
| October 25 | Pro-D Day (No Classes) |
| October 30-31 | Grad Assessments (details TBA) |
| November 6-7 | Grad Assessments (details TBA) |

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.

VCH Health Care Career Open House for Youth

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is hosting a Health Care Career Open House for youth on **Friday, October 25, 2024 at Vancouver General Hospital from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The purpose of the open house is to engage students and provide them with an opportunity to talk to health care professionals and related post-secondary school programs.

Gratitude

[Thank you](#) to Ms. Varghese, our participating teachers and students, and our Shark Ambassadors for hosting our educational partners from Germany, who were exploring inclusion and indigenous perspectives in education.
[Thank you](#) to our teaching staff who welcomed parents and guardians for our Grade 8 Parent Info Night and the Meet the Teacher Night. We also had our Shark Ambassadors help as well.
[Thank you](#) to everyone for making our first Connections Day a success. We continue to hope that all of our students utilize MS Teams to access resources and submit assignments and reflections.
[Thank you](#) to our 50 or so Clubs who took part in our SLSS Club Day event, showcasing to our student body the many ways to connect with our school.
[Thank you](#) to Ms. Digeso who (virtually) hosted a very informative SLSS Post-Secondary Info Evening and the UBCO Session too.

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.

City of Richmond – Active Recreation & Sport Fund

Active Recreation & Sport Fund – for residents 18 and under, funding is provided for children and youth to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion (see digital card below).

City of Richmond – Gang Prevention Information Sessions

Gang Prevention Information Sessions – in partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC, Richmond RCMP, and Touchstone Family Association, these free sessions are designed for parents, guardians and caregivers. Registration is required (see digital card and PDF below).



GANG PREVENTION INFORMATION SESSIONS
FREE for parents, guardians and caregivers

Mon, Sep 23 from 6:00-8:00pm
 at Richmond City Hall
 (6011 No. 3 Road)

Tue, Nov 19 from 6:00-8:00pm
 at the Richmond Cultural Centre
 (7700 Minoru Gate)

Learn how to protect and support your children.

For more info, visit richmond.ca/BSCF.

