



Sept. 9 – Sept. 13, 2024

Monday Sept. 9	Tuesday Sept. 10	Wednesday Sept. 11	Thursday Sept. 12	Friday Sept. 13
ABCD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) Collab Time (Staff) (8:30am-9:20am) PLT (9:20am-10:10am)	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am)	ABCD (Day 2)

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, with a staggered release of lockers by *grade*.

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 (mnashlund@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.

City of Richmond – Public Works Open House (Saturday, September 7) This annual family city event will take place on Saturday, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a free and fun-filled day that is for all ages and will feature:

- Real-sized heavy equipment such as dump trucks, graders and excavators
- Lafarge Kidcrete hands-on cement display
- Free kids food coupon and enter to win a grand prize by completing the Kids Passport – pick up a copy at the Greeting Station
- Lunch and snacks for purchase from one of the food trucks
- Live music and entertainment
- Richmond Fire-Rescue and other community partners onsite
- ParticipACTION Community Challenge booth
- Kidstruction zone
- Kids play area and games
- Lawn care display



Come out with your friends and family to enjoy the fun!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| September 16 | Photo Day |
| September 17-19 | Grade 8 Camp |
| September 18 | PAC Meeting at 7:00pm |
| September 19 | Post-Secondary Evening |
| September 20 | Non-Instructional Day (no classes) |
| September 24 | UBCO Presentation @ 6:30pm |
| September 25 | Connections Class 9:20-10:10am, during PLT 2. Required attendance. |
| 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 |

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.

The Fall season (Sept - Dec) is currently underway for our Junior (Grade 10) and Senior (Grade 11/12) teams. We will be starting up our Bantam (Grade 8), and Juvenile (Grade 9) teams this upcoming week. Here is the schedule next week for all our fall teams. This schedule will also be found on our website in the near future.

Dates and Times are always subject to change depending on a number of circumstances.

- Bantam Girls Volleyball (Grade 8)**
 - Open Gym: Mon Sept. 9 & Wed, Sept. 11 @ 3:00 in Legends Gym
 - Please attend if you would like to try-out for the team this year.
- Juvenile Girls Volleyball (Grade 9)**
 - Tryouts: Tues, Sept. 10 & Thurs, Sept. 12 @ 3:00 in Legends Gym
- Junior and Senior Girls Volleyball**
 - Tryouts: (Grade 11/12): Mon and Wed @ 3:00 in the Shark Tank; Tuesday and Thursday @ 4:45 in Shark Tank
- Junior and Senior Boys Volleyball**
 - Tryouts: Monday and Wednesday @ 4:45 in the Shark Tank, Tuesday and Thursday @ 7:45 in the Shark Tank
- Swimming (All Grades)**
 - Meeting: Wednesday, September 20 at 9:20 in Room 405
- Cross Country (All Grades)**
 - Meeting: Tues, Sept. 10 @ Lunch in Mr. Yu's Room 503
 - Practice: Wednesday, Sept. 11 @ 3:00 behind library.
- Boys Soccer (All Grades)**
 - Sign-Up Meeting: Monday at Lunch in Room 104
 - Tryouts: Tues, Sept. 11 & Thurs, Sept. 13 @ 3:00 Legends Field on Williams Road

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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.

Thanks all, hope you had a great week.

Gratitude

[Thank you](#) to the office team efforts to organize all things related to the school start-up (Ms. Campbell, Ms. Ko, Ms. Kwok, Ms. Ng). This is a huge team effort!

[Thank you](#) to all Custodial Staff who did an amazing job getting our school in tip-top shape for the start of this school year.

[Thank you](#) to all our student Shark Ambassadors who helped with the locker turnaround and setting up all the homeroom materials.

[Thank you](#) to our AP teachers (Ms. McBurney, Mr. Lin, Mr. Mah, and Mr. Tovey). Our students' scores were awesome. In all three subject areas, our average was stronger than both the BC average and Global average.

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/2qfU8Vzkid>

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!

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