

Oct. 14 – Oct. 18, 2024



FAMILY WAAG

Monday Oct. 14	Tuesday Oct. 15	Wednesday Oct. 16	Thursday Oct. 17	Friday Oct. 18
ABCD (Day 2) Thanksgiving (School Closed)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Photo Retakes ONLY 8am-10am	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am-10:10am) Interims Emailed By 4:00pm	ABCD (Day 2)

Reminders
PLT Make a plan! More info [HERE](#)
Health & Safety reminder – please stay home if you are not feeling well and let us know
School Fees – check SchoolCashOnline to pay any outstanding fees, upcoming filed trips and events
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.
2004-2025 Family Wall Calendar on our [website](#).
Clubs Information [here](#).
SLSS Athletics Gym Schedule

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.

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.

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.

Grads – Yearbook “Grad Write-Ups and Baby Photos”
 Grade 12s: Don't miss this opportunity. Due date is Sunday, December 1st. Information on our [website](#) and was emailed directly to grade 12s.

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](#).

SciHealth CREATE Application
 Interested in challenging yourself in research statistics through a high school directed research paper? SLSS SciHealth is hosting a new research program directed for Grade 8-12 students to enhance research and statistical analysis skills. This program, SciHealth CREATE, aims to address the gap between high school students and statistical research, allowing students to build on new skills and learn new coding, research, and presentation skills. Students will be able to research a topic of interest and create a professional manuscript plus a poster to illustrate findings to a panel of professionals! If you are interested, click [here](#) to sign up by **October 13th at 11:59PM!**

DATES TO REMEMBER:
 October 23 Connections Class (9:20am-10:20am)
 DAG Meeting @7:00pm
 Pro-D Day (No Classes)
 October 25 Grad Assessments (details TBA)
 October 30-31 Collaboration Time (Staff)
 November 6 Grade 9 Take Your Kids To Work Day
November 6-7 Grad Assessments (details TBA)
 November 8 Remembrance Day Ceremony
 November 11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)
 November 12 Block Order Change
 November 13 PAC Meeting
 November 15 Grade 9 Immunization Clinic

Gratitude
Thank you to Ms. Shearer and Ms. Calvert for spearheading and completing the Library Learning Commons renovation. The space looks amazing! Students and staff are already enjoying this space.
Thank you to our PAC and the many volunteers who made this year's PAC breakfast possible. Much time was volunteered and so many dishes were lovingly prepared for our staff by many families. Our staff appreciated this event!
Thank you to all grade 10, 11, & 12 students who are interested in sitting "Exam Only" AP exams for meeting the October 11 deadline completing the MS Form, hard copy form, and AP College Board. Further news regarding payment via SchoolCashOnline will be shared early next week.

Remembrance Day Ceremony
 Remembrance Day Ceremony – Cadets Needed for Flag Party. Our Remembrance Day Ceremony is coming up next month on Friday, November 8th and we are looking for students who are cadets to be part of the Flag Party. If your child is a cadet and they are able and willing to help with marching in the flags for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, please ask them to see Mrs. Fackler in the office and she will add them to the list. We are also looking for Mcs for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. If you are interested in it, please also come to see Mrs. Facker in the office. Alternatively, please email bfackler@sd38.bc.ca. Thanks in advance for your help with this!

Game of Apps
 Final notice: Game of Apps registrations will close soon, on October 18. This is a comprehensive weekly after-school program where you will learn coding, design and entrepreneurship from professionals working in the Tech industry. The Richmond School District is providing a \$100 subsidy (limited quantities). Last year's champions were from New Westminster but the previous year's winners were from Richmond. Can we bring the trophy back to Richmond this season? Please see <https://gameofapps.org> for more information on the program and how to register.

City of Richmond Diversity Symposium
 The **2024 City of Richmond Diversity Symposium** ([link](#)) is a free conference for professionals, volunteers and community members interested in advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in their communities. The event's theme, *Reimagining Our Futures*, invites everyone to explore innovative, inclusive practices that build equitable futures and outcomes.
Tuesday, October 29, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Richmond City Hall
 Registration and program information are available at <https://www.richmond.ca/culture/social/inclusion/diversitysymposium.htm>.

Artona Grad Photo Info Session:
 Attention all Grads! Grad Comm 25' will be hosting an info session presented by some lovely Artona Ambassadors regarding Grad Photos and Group Photos. They will be giving a general overview of what to prepare beforehand and expect on the day of. On top of that, they will be able to address questions or concerns you may have! If you are interested, please come to the **theatre at lunch on Friday, October 18th** to better prepare yourself for this very important day!

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.