

# Oct. 28 – Nov. 1, 2024

Monday Oct. 28	Tuesday Oct. 29	Wednesday Oct. 30	Thursday Oct. 31	Friday Nov. 1
ABCD (Day 1)	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1)	DC (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1)
	Halloween Dance (6:00pm – 9:00pm)	PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Grad Assessments (GLA 12 & S1 Math 10) (8:30am -11:30am) (12:30pm – 3:30pm)	PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Grad Assessments (GLA 12 & S1 Math 10) (8:30am -11:30am) (12:30pm – 3:30pm)	Take Our Kids To Work Forms due to office

## 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.

**2024-2025 Family Wall Calendar** on our [website](#).

**Clubs Information:** [here](#).

**SLSS Athletics:** [Gym Schedule](#)

## Grad Assessments (error in available window)

Since creating our calendar in May, a change in available dates has just surfaced. This Fall session is now only 1-week (originally 2-weeks), while the June session is now 2-weeks (originally 1-week). This means, we must prioritize our Grade 12s for this week's available sessions, so they have the option to re-write this year if their result is less than their desired plan. GNA 10 will be pushed back into S1 Math classes in October, GLA 10 mass sitting will still likely be captured in June.

Emails to staff, students, and families will happen today (Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>). The list on the library window will be adjusted to reflect this change. For the required Grad Assessments, we are at the mercy of the Ministry session window and the SLSS model utilizes PLT days. For some, this 'change' could cause a little bit of feelings of unease. For some teachers, we know this will shift their planning "off" by one-week.

Our website still has good preparation materials and will include a link to Mr. Nashlund's PowerPoint that was to be shared in the now postponed Grade 12 Assembly.

Thank you all for going with the flow, as we don't have another option. It is far better that the "error" was caught now, than on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> when 60 grade 12s and 60 grade 10s would discover they cannot log-in and the session window is, in fact, expired.

## 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. Our next Connections Class is this Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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](mailto:bfackler@sd38.bc.ca)), Mr. Nashlund ([nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nnashlund@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 in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

## Digital Device FAQs

Please read this FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document on our [website](#). There are some great points of clarification in regard to device (i.e. cell phone) usage with references to PLT and students on a prep.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](#).

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 6

Collaboration Time (Staff)

**November 6-7**

Grade 9 Take Your Kids To Work Day  
Grad Assessments (details TBA)  
Session window closed

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

November 19

Post Secondary Fair (3:30pm-5:00pm)

November 20

Connections Class (9:20am-10:10am)

November 21

Report Cards (Learning Updates) published to MyEdBC

November 27 & 28

Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

## Gratitude

Thank you to a few of our grade 11 & 12 student leaders who bravely presented at the School Board Meeting. They shared the ways that SLSS weaves the First Peoples Principles of Learning into our classes and also showed how we strive to be an inclusive community.

Thank you to our Home Ec department who took on a massive endeavour to host Home Economics colleagues from all over the province for their Provincial Specialists Association.

Thank you to our students and staff for welcoming this year's UBC teacher-candidates to our school. They are in their short practicum for observations which will be followed by an extended practicum during semester two.

## Halloween Reminders

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. A few things to keep in mind:

It's good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- RACE (*black face/brown face*)
- CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)
- GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- TRAUMA (*hangman's noose/weapons*)

An email was sent to all students and families about wearing appropriate costumes. Information is also on our [website](#).

## Grade 12 Optional Assembly (GLA preview and Scholarships and more)

On Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> during PLT 2 (9:20am), grade 12s are invited to the Shark Tank to see a preview of the GLA and advice on how to prep for it. In addition, we will touch on scholarships, awards, Student Transcript Service, Grad Photos, Grad Events, and more.

## 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>.

## Parent Education Sessions – 2024/25 School Year

The Richmond School District is excited to offer a variety of parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year. These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. Read more... ([link](#))”



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