

# Oct. 7 – Oct. 11, 2024

Monday Oct. 7	Tuesday Oct. 8	Wednesday Oct. 9	Thursday Oct. 10	Friday Oct. 11
ABCD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2)  PLT (8:30am-10:10am)  PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm	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.

### 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. Digeo's page on our website. There is information on Scholarships, Volunteer/Work Opportunities, Careers, Post-Secondary, etc.

### 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](mailto:bfackler@sd38.bc.ca)), Mr. Nashlund ([mnashlund@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mnashlund@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.

### 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.

### Clubs Information

We encourage every student to get positively connected at school, outside of class. We have offered over 30 clubs and activities ranging from anime, art, ceramics, dance, engineering, intramural games, Japanese exchange, math, school newspaper, volunteer groups, weight training to yearbook and every opportunity is open and available to all students. Please see the information [here](#).

### 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>

### 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).

### 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.

### 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!**

The word "here" in the last sentence is hyperlinked, here is the link to hyperlink if the current hyperlink is not working:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/HFxfQwppX>

### 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. Fackler in the office. Alternatively, please email [bfackler@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bfackler@sd38.bc.ca). Thanks in advance for your help with this!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

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)
<del>October 30-31</del>	Grad Assessments (details TBA)
<b>November 6-7</b>	<b>Grad Assessments (details TBA)</b>
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day (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 [slls.sd38.bc.ca](https://slls.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 ([jestoddard@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:jestoddard@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.

### Government of Canada Recognized Heritage Months for October 2024

**German Heritage Month** ([link](#)): A time to recognize the contributions German Canadians have had and how their heritage has shaped Canada's current social and economic fabric.

**Canadian Islamic History Month** ([link](#)): A time when all Canadians can learn more about the culture, contributions, and achievements of the Muslim community. Go [here](#) ([link](#)) to access IHM poster featuring 10 Muslim Olympians who competed at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The poster highlights their achievements and resilience.

**Community Inclusion Month** ([link](#)): This month celebrates the valuable contributions that people with developmental disabilities make and recognizes the importance of communities where everyone is included.

**Latin American Heritage Month** ([link](#)): A time to showcase the richness and vitality of Latin American cultures and heritage while reflecting on the contributions the Latin American community have made to Canadian culture.

**Women's History Month** ([link](#)): In 1992, the Government of Canada designated October as Women's History Month, marking the beginning of an annual month-long celebration of the outstanding achievements of women throughout Canada's history.

A reminder that over the next couple of weeks, our Jewish students, families and staff will be celebrating **Rosh Hashana** ([link](#)). A significant two-day celebration of the Jewish New Year that begins on the evening of October 2, ends at nightfall on October 4, and **Kol Nidrei** ([link](#)), a prayer evening which ushers in the Jewish holiday, **Yom Kippur** ([link](#)) on October 11/12.

In addition, our students, families and staff, observing Hinduism, will be celebrating **Dussehra** ([link](#)). An event celebrated on the 10th day of the month of Ashvina (September-October), the seventh month of the Hindu calendar, with the appearance of the full moon, an event called the "bright fortnight" (*shukla paksha*).

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### Gratitude

**Thank you** to our PE 10 Leadership students for getting our Fall Athletics seasons smoothly started. Between learning how to be scorekeepers & officials, distributing forms and uniforms, setting up fields and courts, you are key to our Athletics Program.  
**Thank you** to Mr. Stoddard for tirelessly leading and organizing all Athletics in our school.  
**Thank you** to everyone for making participating in our Truth & Reconciliation initiative at the school level. We hope everyone took time out on September 30<sup>th</sup> to listen and reflect.



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