

Nov. 18 – Nov. 22, 2024



### Reminders

PLT Make a plan! More info HERE

Health & Safety reminder - please stay home if you are not feeling well and let us

School Fees - check SchoolCashOnline to pay any outstanding fees, upcoming field

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

# Parent Education Session: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and

Cyberbullying
Presented by Tyler Lum November 13, 2024 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
As a parent/guardian, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents/guardians have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy. Click here to register (link)

AMILY WAAG

### 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 required Connections Class is Wednesday, November 20th.

# Student and Family Affordability Fund and Feeding Futures Fund

This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the <u>Student and Family Affordability Fund</u> (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 (<u>bfackler@sd38.bc.ca</u>), Mr. Nashlund (<u>nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca</u>), or Ms. Varghese (<u>avarghese@sd38.bc.ca</u>), 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.

# 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.

Dry Grad After Party 2025
The next organizing meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7pm in the school library. DAG is looking for new members and still have various positions open – food, communications, and fundraising. All parents and guardians are welcome to join the committee! Please email slssdrygrad@gmail.com if you are interested to join or come to the next meeting

Please visit our website on how you can donate to DAG 2025. All contributions are

# DATES TO REMEMBER:

Early Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Pro-D Day (No classes) Fall Drama Production December 2 December 3-6 Collaboration Time (Staff) December 4

Grade 8 SR Day December 6

December 10 Conference Day (Connections 8-12) \*required

PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm Winter Concert December 11 December 12

At-Risk Interim Reports emailed home December 19

Breakfast with Santa Last Day before Winter Break December 20

### Gratitude

Thank you to the VCH Nurses and the PHE department for being flexible and sharing their teaching space. The Immunization Clinic went smoothly, especially as we are the biggest site in Richmond.

<u>Thank you</u> to our teaching staff who worked very hard on getting their marks and attachments to our office staff. This is a very important first step in the Report Card publishing process.

"Hank you to our StuCo who continue to collaborate with other clubs to "Acknowledge, Educate, & Celebrate/Commemorate". Their display on the library windows for Diwali is excellent.

<u>Parent Education Sessions – 2024/25 School Year</u>
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)"

<u>Digital Device FAQs</u>
Please read this FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document on our <u>website</u>. There are some great points of clarification regarding device (i.e. cell phone) usage with references to PLT and students on a study block.

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.

# 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 <u>HERE</u>.

# **The Sharks Athletics Fundraising**

Attention all Sharks! The Sharks Athletics Fundraising team is now selling Shark Cards, promo cards for local businesses in the Broadmoor, Ironwood, and Steveston areas! All proceeds from the sale of these cards go towards Shark Athletics. Please see our website for more details. Anyone interested in buying these in support of Sharks Athletics, or have any further questions, ple contact Mr. Stoddard (jstoddard@sd38.bc.ca).

# SLSS Helping Hands Society and International Issues Fundraiser

Hey sharks! The Helping Hands Society and International Issues Club are hosting a fundraiser from November 25th to November 29th for Operation Christmas Child. Please donate any clean toys, hygiene products, clothing, or school supplies to spread Christmas cheer to children all around the world! Boxes will be situated at the Williams and Gilbert entrances for any items you'd like to donate. Feel free to contact @slss.helpinghands or @slssinternationalissues on Instagram for more information!