

# Sept. 23 – Sept. 27, 2024



FAMILY WAAG

Monday Sept. 23	Tuesday Sept. 24	Wednesday Sept. 25	Thursday Sept. 26	Friday Sept. 27
ABCD (Day 1)	DCBA (Day 2)  <b>German (Bosch) Educators Visit</b> @ 9:30am  <b>UBCO Presentation</b> @ 6:30pm	BA (Day 1)  PLT 1 (8:30am-9:20am)  <b>Connections Class</b> (9:20am-10:10am)  <b>DAG Meeting</b> @ 7:00pm	DC (Day 2)  PLT (8:30am-10:10am)  <b>Club Days</b> @ lunch  <b>Grad 8 Parent Info Night</b> @ 5:45pm  <b>Meet the Teacher Night</b> @ 6:45pm	ABCD (Day 1)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](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.

**Grade 8 Parent Info Night & Meet the Teacher Night**

An email to each parent/guardian (and student) will be sent on Wednesday which will include a pdf of your student's schedule and a pdf of our SLSS Map. Shark Ambassadors (volunteers) will be wearing yellow shirts ready to help guide parents/guardians to their student's classrooms.

5:45pm	Gr. 8 Parent Info. Session in Shark Tank
6:15pm	School Tours (led by student volunteers)
6:45pm	Intro to Meet the Teacher Night in Shark Tank
7:00pm – 7:10pm	Block A teachers meet with parents
7:15pm – 7:25pm	Block B teachers meet with parents
7:30pm – 7:40pm	Block C teachers meet with parents
7:45pm – 7:55 pm	Block D teachers meet with parents
7:55pm	Evening concludes

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - School Closed
October 2	Collaboration Time
October 9	PAC Meeting (@7pm)
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)
October 25	Pro-D Day (No Classes)
October 30-31	Grad Assessments (details TBA)

**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](http://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.

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 ([jstoddard@sd38.bc.ca](mailto: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.

**Gratitude**

**Thank you** to Ms. Corea for organizing Grade 8 Camp. This is a significant field trip and so many great memories and connections were made for our newest Sharks!

**Thank you** to Ms. Fackler and Ms. Campbell for coordinating the paperwork and tracking the fees and budget for our Grade 8 Camp.

**Thank you** to our 30 student-leaders who worked tirelessly to ensure all students were engaged at camp, while also make sure our newest Sharks felt safe and welcome.

**Thank you** to our 20+ staff who helped supervise our grade 8 camp, volunteering time away from their own families.

**Thank you** to our staff who helped keep TTCO costs down by providing internal coverage for the staff who were at grade 8 camp.

**DAG (Dry After Grad) 2025**

The next DAG meeting will be on September 25th at 7 pm at the school. All parents are welcome to attend and volunteer for the wonderful grad event!

**Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

On September 30, please wear your orange shirt for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

**SLSS Clubs**

Thank you for your interest in SLSS Clubs. 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!

**Lunch and Learn for Truth and Reconciliation Week – Adult Learning Opportunity**

In advance of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day on September 30, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation offers [free virtual educational programming \(link\)](#) for teachers and students Grades 1-12 and invites the public to join online sessions from September 23 to 27, 2024. Online sessions are aimed at an adult audience and can contribute to increasing knowledge about Indigenous history and worldviews. Simultaneous English-French and ASL interpretation will be provided. Please visit [Lunch and Learns – Truth and Reconciliation Week \(link\)](#) for details and registration.

**Youth Representative for Richmond’s Intercultural Advisory Committee**

The City of Richmond’s Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC) is seeking a youth representative for the 2025 appointment term. If you know any district youths passionate about advancing cultural diversity, equity and inclusion, and topics such as anti-racism, interculturalism, and language accessibility, please share the following information with them for consideration. This position requires a completion of an application and is open to youth or young adults aged 13-24 at the time of application. See below for details:

The committee meets monthly nine times a year, with breaks in July, August and December.

More information on the application process can be found at [www.richmond.ca/advisory \(link\)](http://www.richmond.ca/advisory). Interested youth are invited to [submit an application \(link\)](#) and resume to the attention of the City Clerk’s Office to [cityclerk@richmond.ca \(link\)](mailto:cityclerk@richmond.ca) no later than Friday, September 27, 2024. Please indicate that you are applying for the youth representative role in your application.

For any questions about the RIAC, please reach out to Peggy Chen, staff liaison to the RIAC, at [pchen@richmond.ca \(link\)](mailto:pchen@richmond.ca) or 604 276 4104.

**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.

**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).



**City of Richmond – Gang Prevention Information Sessions**

Gang Prevention Information Sessions – in partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC, Richmond RCMP, and Touchstone Family Association, these free sessions are designed for parents, guardians and caregivers. Registration is required (see digital card and PDF below).

