

FAMILY WAAG

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Monday Feb. 3	Tuesday Feb. 4	Wednesday Feb. 5	Thursday Feb. 6	Friday Feb. 7	Sat/Sun Feb. 8/9
ABCD (Day 1)	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1)	DC (Day 2)	ABCD (1)	
		Collab Time (Staff) (8:30am - 9:20am)	PLT (8:30am - 10:10am)		
		PLT (9:20am - 10:10am)	Final Report Cards Published in MyEdBC		

Program Planning – Course Entry in MyEDBC

Gr. 8 Support Sessions PLT (Wed. 5th & Thur. 6th) – check email.

All students must have course requests entered into MyEdBC by February 18th. For password assistance, see Main Office.

PLT Make a plan! More info HERE

<u>Health & Safety reminder</u> – please stay home if you're not feeling well AND call the Early Warning Line (604-668-6670).

<u>School Fees</u> – check SchoolCashOnline to pay any outstanding fees, upcoming field trips and events.

<u>SLSS Career Centre Information</u> - Here is a <u>LINK</u> 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

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.

Digital Device FAQs

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.

Student Learning Survey (for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers)

Opportunity for completely voluntary feedback for parents/guardians/caregivers of grade 10/11/12 students. More information, details, and link HERE

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 12	PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm
	Program Planning (entry support in PLT in
	library)
February 13	Program Planning (entry support in PLT in
	library)
	Meet the Teacher
February 14	Pro-D Day (no classes)
February 17	BC Family Day (School Closed)
February 18	MyEdBC Portal Closes (for course entry)
February 19	Connections Class (9:20am – 10:10am)
February 21	Gr. 8 SR Day
February 28	Pink Shirt Day

Gratitude

Thank you to our Grad Comm 2026, Grad Comm 2025, and Mr. Mah for organizing a successful and memorable Winter Formal!

Thank you to our Grade 12 students who booked their Grad Photos—we had over 80% of grads make their appointments. Any grads who missed this opportunity may contact Artona for an appointment at their studio in Vancouver, but time is running out.

<u>Thank you</u> to all students and staff who engaged in our Connections Class lessons on Wednesday.

Dry After Grad Party- June 28, 2025

All parents and guardians are welcome to join our DAG Committee as we plan the end of year party for our graduates! This is a great opportunity for Grade 11 parents to learn about the event and get ready for planning next year. Please email slssdrygrad@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering this year. Please visit our website to learn how you can donate to DAG 2025. All contributions are welcome!

DAG Return-It Bottle Drive

Return your bottles and cans to the Ironwood Return-It Depot and donate the money earned to the SLSS Dry After-Grad Party. It's supereasy – just put your returnable cans and bottles in a plastic bag, clearly label it (as below), and let staff know it's for SLSS DAG.

Please Label: Account #341 SLSS DAG 2024

BuRrrDay

Get Ready for BuRrrDay! (Bundle Up, Richmond!)
It's time to turn down the heat and turn up the fun! BuRrrDay is back with a friendly school-wide challenge to boost energy awareness while staying cozy. This district-wide event, led by the Eco-Team, aims to reduce energy consumption while keeping spirits high.

Mark Your Calendars!

On January 31st, February 7th, and February 13th, the heat will be lowered by two degrees (don't worry, it won't be turned off!). Stay warm by rocking your coziest sweaters, scarves, and winter gear.

Y How to Win:

The Eco-Team will visit classrooms during Block A on these dates to check for warm attire. The class with the coziest clothing will win a hot chocolate party!

Let's bundle up, have fun, and make a difference—because saving energy never goes out of style! #BuRrrDay #BundleUpRichmond

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.

Last Chance to Purchase Yearbook

Families must go to SchoolCashOnline to purchase their yearbook for this year before Friday, March 14th which is the last day before Spring Break.

SLSS SciHealth Alliance

SLSS SciHealth Alliance is hosting our first seminar/workshop featuring Dr. Joseph Lam, a paediatric dermatologist who works as a Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the BC Children's Hospital and an Associate Member of the Department of Dermatology and Skin Sciences at the University of British Columbia. He will be presenting about his career on Tuesday, February 18th during lunch in room 702! Come by and don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!"

MyEdBC (Students need to be able to log-in and use for 3 reasons)

- 1) See your Semester Two courses (are visible now)
- 2) Enter your course requests for next year (due Feb. 18th)
- 3) See your Report Card (published Feb. 6th by end of day)

Take Care of Your Valuables

Parents, please remind your children to take care of their valuables at school including technology, clothing/shoes, and cash if they bring them to school. We recommend that students leave their valuables at home but if you do bring it school, please lock them up in your locker. Do not share your locker combinations with anyone. If you need to sign up for a locker, please come to the office and we can assign you one

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> (<u>link</u>). 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 to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Program Planning

Students: the Program Planning Portal (MyEdBC) is open and it will be open until February 18th. During this time, you can log on to MyEdBC and select the courses you would like for next school year. Please be sure to enter these by the deadline. Please click on the Link to view the visual step-by-step instructions for how to select your courses:

If you are having troubles with your password, please connect with the office. If you have questions about specific courses, please connect with your teachers and be sure to read the program planning guide. If you have questions about program planning, please connect with your counsellor.

Grade 8 Program Planning Support Session

Attention Grade 8 Students: Program Planning Support Sessions are mandatory for all Grade 8 students and scheduled for February 5th and 6th in the Gilbert Lounge and in the Computer Labs - Room 601 (Lab #1) and 602 (Lab #2). Each session will be 30-40 minutes in length. Please check your email for the date and time that you are scheduled to attend. Looking forward to supporting you as you select your courses for next year. If you cannot attend your scheduled time, please see your counsellor for additional support. Thank you!