



FAMILY WAAG

January 20th – January 26th

Monday Jan. 20	Tuesday Jan. 21	Wednesday Jan. 22	Thursday Jan. 23	Friday Jan. 24	Sat/Sun Jan. 25/26
DCBA (Day 1)	ABCD (Day 2)	AB (Day 1) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am)	CD (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Last Day of Semester One Classes	Pro-D Day (No Classes)	
				Grad Photos	

PLT Make a plan! More info [HERE](#)

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

School Fees – check SchoolCashOnline to pay any outstanding fees, upcoming field 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](#)

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. The next required Connections Class is on Wednesday, January 29th at 9:10am in homeroom classes.

Digital Device FAQs

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

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:

Jan 25 – Feb 2	Grad Photos (book with Artona – see website)
January 27	Learning Support Day
January 28	First Day of Semester Two Block Order Change
January 29	Connections Class (9:20am – 10:10am)
February 5	Collaboration Time (Staff) Program Planning (entry support in PLT)
February 6	Program Planning (entry support in PLT) Final Report Cards Published in MyEdBC
February 12	PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm Program Planning (entry support in PLT)
February 13	Program Planning (entry support in PLT) Meet the Teacher
February 14	Pro-D Day (no classes)
February 17	BC Family Day (School Closed)

Gratitude

Thank you to our hard-working PE Leadership students who, along with Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Stoneburgh, put in many long hours to run a successful Bob Carkner Memorial Basketball Tournament. Well-done!

Thank you to our counsellors (Ms. Lau, Mrs. Ratcliffe, Ms. Sihota, and Ms. Zee) who have kickstarted Program Planning season with hosting grade assemblies for students and virtual meetings for parents.

Thank you to all of the students who engaged with the Grad Assessments for this January catch-up session. The April sitting will focus on grade 10s in Semester Two Math classes, while the June sitting will focus on a mass GLA 10 write for all grade 10s.

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... [\(link\)](#)

Tuesday, January 21 – “*Cellphones: What’s Healthy, What’s Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids*” – Session on Zoom. Use the above link to register to receive a zoom link.

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 super-easy – 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**

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!"

Program Planning

Students: the Program Planning Portal (MyEdBC) will open today at 4:30pm 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.

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 slessdrygrad@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!

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), Mr. Nashlund (nnashlund@sd38.bc.ca), or Ms. Varghese (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 to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.