



FAMILY WAAAG

February 17th – February 23rd

Monday Feb. 17	Tuesday Feb. 18	Wednesday Feb. 19	Thursday Feb. 20	Friday Feb. 21	Sat/Sun Feb. 22/23
BC Family Day (School Closed)	DCBA (Day 2) Last Day to enter Course Requests in MyEdBC	BA (Day 1) PLT (8:30am - 9:20am) Connections Class (9:20am – 10:10am)	DC (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am)	ABCD (Day 1) Gr. 9 SR Day	

Repeated Important Information:

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. Wednesday, February 17th is our next required Connections Class.

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.

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](#)

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.

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](#).

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!"

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 28	Pink Shirt Day
March 5	Collaboration Time (Staff)
March 6	Interims Emailed Home
March 11-13	Blue & Gold Basketball Classic Tournament
March 12	Connections Class (required) @ 9:20am PAC Meeting @ 7pm
March 14	Last Day before Spring Break
March 31	School Re-Opens after Spring Break

Gratitude

Thank you to our Pro-D Committee for continuing our learning with considerations for Trauma-Informed practice.
Thank you to Stu Co for coordinating the Crush for a Crush initiative.
Thank you to everyone involved with our Winter Athletics season. We have many student-athletes who are winding up their basketball and table tennis seasons, but the volunteer coaches and sponsors who lead these teams are very appreciated! Also, to Mr. Stoddard's PE Leadership students, who provide table officials and referees, are critical to ensuring our teams are supported.

Congratulations!

Well-done to our Grade 9 Girls Basketball team, who followed up their Richmond Championship with a South Fraser Zone Championship by defeating a tough Frank Hurt team in the final. The girls are coached by a small committee, but namely student-coaches Jenna Bindra and Krysten Wang and parent-coach Lucky Bindra.

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 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**

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.

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)

Student Accident Insurance Plan

As in previous years, families can choose to purchase an optional student accident insurance plan for their children through the “InsureMyKids®” program, underwritten by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. The “InsureMyKids®” accident insurance program offers protection against the potentially high costs of any injury resulting from unexpected accidents and is especially valuable for families who:

- Do not have medical or dental plans.
- Have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits.
- Have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

The insurance agreement will be between the family and Old Republic Canada and will be effective on the date the enrollment application and payment are received by the insurance carrier. To purchase a student accident insurance plan, families can visit www.insuremykids.com, or speak with an Old Republic Canada customer service representative at 1-800-463-5437. The program coverage typically includes:

A full year (365 days from date of purchase), 24 hours a day, whether at school or at home.

- Expenses such as ambulance, physiotherapy, private tutoring, counselling, and much more that are limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or provincial health plans.
- Injury related dental treatment as the result of an accident.
- Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses (platinum plan only).

For more information click this [LINK](#)

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI)

The Richmond School District has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children’s social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education’s K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children’s personal and social competencies.

Grade 8 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time on: **Thursday, February 20th during Block D**

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs:

<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

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.

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.

Social Responsibility (SR) SOGI Day - February 21st at SLSS in the Legends Gym

All Grade 9s will meet in the **Legend Gym before 8:30am**. Doors will open at 8:00am, so we encourage you to arrive early. The event will begin promptly at 8:30am. Please bring a water bottle and a pencil. SOGI Day will span three blocks (A, B, C) and students will attend their regular Block D class. SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and this day is dedicated to fostering inclusivity, understanding, and respect for everyone in our school community. Through engaging activities and discussions, we will explore the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment where all students feel valued and respected. Your participation matters—let’s work together to build a more inclusive SLSS!