



FAMILY WAAAG

February 24th – March 2nd

Monday Feb. 24	Tuesday Feb. 25	Wednesday Feb. 26	Thursday Feb. 27	Friday Feb. 28	Sat/Sun Mar. 1/2
ABCD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Pink Shirt Day	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am)	ABCD (Day 2) Gr. 9 SR Day	
		Student Learning Survey (see below)			

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.

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.

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**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- April 2 Collaboration Time (Staff)

Gratitude

Thank you to our SR Day student volunteers who along with Ms. Corea planned, designed, and led the SOGI-focused Social Responsibility Day. Excellent work!

Thank you Ms. Fackler for coordinating the MDI survey for our grade 8 students this year.

Thank you to most of our student body who completed their MyEdBC course requests. This information is critical as we start to build the timetable.

Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday, February 26th

Pink Shirt Day is an annual event that promotes kindness, inclusion, and the fight against bullying. By wearing a pink shirt, individuals show their support for creating a positive and respectful environment for everyone. This day encourages people to stand up against bullying and spread awareness about the importance of kindness, empathy, and respect in all communities.

In 2007, at a high school in Nova Scotia, a grade 9 boy who wore a pink shirt to school was bullied with homophobic slurs for the perceived assumption that he was gay. Two fellow students saw this and decided to act by buying 75 pink shirts and hairbands and sending a message to many peers about creating a “Sea of Pink”. The next day, about 700 of the 1000 students at the school showed up wearing pink to support the boy who was bullied the day before with specifically an anti-homophobic sentiment. This “Sea of Pink” was a demonstration of allyship that helped create the Pink Shirt movement, a symbol for the fight against bullying and creating an accepting community for everyone.

If you would like to join us for our staff and student group photo on Wednesday, February 26th at lunch, please wear **PINK** and meet just outside the main office right at the start of lunch.

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

- 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](#)

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](#)

Student Learning Survey (for grade 10, 11, 12 students)

The Student Learning Survey is completed every year by students in grades 4, 7, 10, 11, and 12 in schools across British Columbia. The survey asks questions about your experiences in school, the learning environment, your health and well-being, and reflections about how you are improving as a learner. Responses are used to improve the education system in BC. SLSS will do these on February 26 & 27.
Feb. 26th - Block B (Grade 10s), Block A (Grade 11s)
Feb. 27th - Block D (Grade 12s) (12s on a Study to library)