



FAMILY WAAG

March 3rd – March 9th

| Monday Mar. 3 | Tuesday Mar. 4 | Wednesday Mar. 5 | Thursday Mar. 6 | Friday Mar. 7 | Sat/Sun Mar. 8/9 |
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| ABCD (Day 1) | DCBA (Day 2) | BA (Day 1) Collab. Time (Staff) (8:30am - 9:20am) PLT (9:20am - 10:10am) Optional Scholarship Assembly | DC (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Interims Emailed | ABCD (Day 1) M.S.A. Fast-A-Thon Event Gr. 12 Capstone Project due in Teams | |

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.

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 11-13 Blue & Gold Basketball Classic Tournament
- March 12 Connections Class (required) @ 9:20am
PAC Meeting @ 7pm
- March 13 Earthquake & Evacuation Drill
- March 14 Last Day before Spring Break
- March 31 School Re-Opens after Spring Break
- April 2 Collaboration Time (Staff)
- April 9 & 10 Grad Assessments
- April 9 PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm

Gratitude

Thank you to our PH Leadership Class and Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Stoneburgh who hosted the Senior Boys South Fraser Zone Championships last week. Everything went very smoothly, as our table officials are consistently reported as the best in the City. The week culminated in an extremely packed house for the final! **Thank you** Student Council, Interact, and Heart Shaped Fins clubs for promoting Pink Shirt Day, which emphasizes kindness and acceptance for all people in our school and community. **Thank you** to all grade 10, 11, & 12 students, and any staff and caregivers who completed the Student Learning Survey, as this information will provide valuable data to help improve our school and district.

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.

Optional Scholarship Assembly

This will be on Wednesday, March 5th (location to be confirmed by email to all grade 12s on Tuesday). This is for Grade 12s who may want to review this information one more time, as the links for the SLSS Scholarships and District/Authority Scholarships go live on Monday, March 3rd and will close on April 17th at 4pm.

Richmond Fire & Rescue – Ignite Awareness Video Contest

Richmond Fire & Rescue is excited to announce the Ignite Awareness Video Contest - your chance to win a brand-new iPad while sharing a vital safety message!

Your video must be less than 1 minute long.

The contest ends on April 1, 2025.

All ages are welcome to participate but you MUST live in Richmond.

[Click here for contest rules and registration.](#)

Richmond Arts Awards - Nominations Open Until March 10

Do you know an emerging or established artist, arts leader, cultural practitioner, educator, group or arts business that has significantly contributed to the arts in Richmond and is deserving of recognition? Nominate them online at richmond.ca/ArtsAwards until 5:00pm on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Nominations are being accepted in six categories:

- Arts Education
- Artistic Innovation and Excellence
- Business and the Arts

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](#).

SLSS ScHealth Alliance

SLSS SciHealth Alliance is hosting our second seminar/workshop featuring Alyson Foote, a head ER nurse and Advanced Care Paramedic at Lion Gates Hospital. Having worked at Vancouver General in General Surgery and graduated with honours from BCIT, she is versatile in the healthcare field. She will be presenting about her career in nursing on Tuesday, March 11th during lunch in room 702! Come by and don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

State of Youth Report

Have Your Say - Second State of Youth Report

- The federal government is promoting this engagement opportunity for youth aged 16-29, aiming to give youth across Canada a voice, helping shape policies and programs that affects their lives. The State of Youth Report is a snapshot of what life is like for young people in Canada. It's based on feedback from youth across the country about issues that matter most to them.

The first [State of Youth Report](#) was published in 2021, and the second will be published in 2025. [Click here](#) to access the survey and scroll to the bottom of the page.

In-Person Engagement Opportunity

- The Students Commission of Canada is facilitating in-person engagement for the second State of Youth report. They are looking to coordinate 2-3 engagement sessions with Richmond youth aged 15+. These sessions would be approximately 60-90 minutes, facilitated by staff members from the Students Commission of Canada. Senior secondary classes (i.e. Social Justice) may be a good fit. If interested, please contact Grace Tiu (GTiu@richmond.ca) at the City of Richmond.

DAG 2025

The next DAG meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm in the library. All are welcome to learn more about the DAG and how you can support this exciting year-end party for Grade 12 students that is run by parents and caregivers.

- Cultural Leadership
- Volunteerism
- Youth Arts

All artistic disciplines are eligible: culinary, literary, performing and visual arts, as well as craft, environmental arts, new media and social practice.

The award winners will be honoured at a gala awards ceremony hosted by Mayor Malcolm Brodie at Richmond City Hall Council Chambers.

The Richmond Arts Coalition will award a \$300.00 cash prize to the winner of the Youth Arts category, which recognizes an artist 24 years of age or younger, whose artistic practice demonstrates outstanding promise and commitment to the Richmond arts community.

The 17th annual Richmond Arts Awards are presented through a partnership between the City of Richmond and Richmond Arts Coalition, and are sponsored by the Richmond News. The program has recognized 96 honourees since 2009.

For more information on the Richmond Arts Awards and to submit a nomination, visit richmond.ca/ArtsAwards or email culture@richmond.ca.

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](#)

International Issues Club

Hey sharks! The International Issues Club is hosting a bubble tea fundraiser and pre-orders will be from March 3rd to March 7th in the C-lounge! Bubble tea selections include original milk tea, taro milk tea, matcha milk tea, passionfruit tea, and mango fruit tea. Each bubble tea order includes pearls and will cost \$6. Proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for disaster relief initiatives. Pick up is on March 13th!