



FAMILY WAAG

March 10th – March 16th

Monday Mar. 10	Tuesday Mar. 11	Wednesday Mar. 12	Thursday Mar. 13	Friday Mar. 14	Sat/Sun Mar. 15/16
ABCD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 9:20am) Connections Class (9:20am - 10:10am) PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am)	ABCD (Day 2) Last Day before Spring Break	
Blue & Gold Classic (Gr. 7) Basketball Tournament					

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

[Congratulations to our Grade 9 Girls Basketball Team who represented SLSS very well at the Invitational BC Championship Tournament in New Westminster.](#)

[Congratulations to our Table Tennis Team who represented SLSS equally well at the Invitational BC Championship Tournament in Vancouver.](#)

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!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| March 31 | School Re-Opens after Spring Break |
| April 2 | Collaboration Time (Staff) |
| April 9 & 10 | Grad Assessments |
| April 9 | PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm |
| April 15 | Fine Arts Night (6:00pm – 8:00pm) |
| April 16 | Evacuation Drill |
| April 17 | Gr. 12 Scholarship Applications due |
| April 18 | Good Friday (School Closed) |
| April 21 | Easter Monday (School Closed) |
| April 22 | Conference Day #2 (Capstone Festival) |
| April 23 | Block Order Change |

Gratitude

Thank you to all our Winter Season coaches and sponsors who led our Basketball and Table Tennis teams. This time is voluntary, and our student-athletes are very lucky to have your involvement.

Thank you to our terrific PE 10 Leadership crew has successfully completed another season full of games, play-offs, and tournaments.

Thank you our counsellors and students for ensuring all our students have course requests in MyEdBC for next year. This is a huge and important step in our journey to build next year’s timetable.

Thank you to most of our Grade 12s who have submitted their Capstone to Ms. Yuen via MS Teams. This is a graduation requirement. Grade 12s: If you have not submitted this yet, please do so ASAP.

Last Chance to Purchase Yearbook

Next Friday, March 14th, is the final day to purchase a yearbook for this school year. Please know **that no additional yearbooks will be sold after this deadline**. You can purchase a yearbook through SchoolCashOnline. This is also on our school [website](#).

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.](#)

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.

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**

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](#).

Fine Art Night

SLSS's Fine and Performing Arts Department will be presenting Fine Arts Night on April 15 from 6 to 8. Visual art, including sculpture, paintings and photographs will be on display. The dance team, our talented bands, choir and string quartet will be performing and there will be theatre presentations and screening of short films. The event is open to all and is absolutely free! Make sure you set the date aside to see our talented students present their creative and inspirational work!

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!

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.