



FAMILY WAAG

March 31st – April 6th

Monday Mar. 31	Tuesday Apr. 1	Wednesday Apr. 2	Thursday Apr. 3	Friday Apr. 4	Sat/Sun Apr. 5/6
ABCD (Day 1) School Re-Opens after Spring Break	DCBA (Day 2)	BA (Day 1) Collab Time (Staff) (8:30am - 9:20am) PLT (9:20am - 10:10am)	DC (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am)	ABCD (Day 1)	

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. Digeo’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:

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| 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 |
| April 24 | S1 Mid-Term Report Cards published on MyEdBC |
| Apr 30/May 1 | Parent-Teacher Conferences |

Gratitude

Thank you to Mr. Ververgaert, Mr. Stoddard, and the PE 10 Leadership students who ran an amazing 3-day Grade 7 Blue and Gold Basketball Classic tournament. So many future Sharks had a blast playing basketball in our big high school gyms.

Thank you to our M.S.A. club who spearheaded a terrific Fast-A-Thon event on Friday night last week. There were many games and activities, to complement the learning and celebrating of Ramadan. Well-done!

Thank you to our two volunteer student photographers, Samantha and Naomi, who represented the SLSS Photography program very well by providing amazing photography for the KidSport BC Gala event last Friday evening.

Thank you the many grade 12 students who have completed the Commencement MS Form #1. This data is very important as **Artona** requires SLSS to approve photos, names, etc. **by March 31st**. If you haven’t completed this MS Form yet, please do so ASAP. Mr. Nashlund has extended the submission window to allow for all grade 12s to complete this very important task.

Once again, **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.

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.

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](#). Here is another poster on our [website](#) too.

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!

VCH Immunization Update

Please see letter on our [website](#) regarding vaccinations, which are especially important with the measles on the rise.

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](#)

Spectrum Program Availability

Attention current Grade 8 and Grade 9 students, are you interesting in cohort learning, are you keen to challenge yourself with new learning opportunities, do you enjoy working with others. If you answered "Yes" to these questions, then please consider applying for the Spectrum Program. There are a few open spots in Grade 9 and Grade 10. Application packages are available outside room 405 and applications are due Thursday April 17th.

Job Skill Workshop Opportunity for Youth: TD Bank and PNE

This is a fantastic opportunity for the youth in your network! Our TD Youth Accessibility Job Skills Workshop Series is a five-week program designed to equip **youth between 13 and 18 years old** with valuable work skills while offering a behind-the-scenes look at the PNE. Please see poster [HERE](#) on our website.

