



FAMILY WAAG

April 7th – April 13th

Monday Apr. 7	Tuesday Apr. 8	Wednesday Apr. 9	Thursday Apr. 10	Friday Apr. 11	Sat/Sun Apr. 12/13
ABCD (Day 2)	DCBA (Day 1)	BA (Day 2) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Grad Assessments (830-1130 or 1230-330) PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm	DC (Day 1) PLT (8:30am - 10:10am) Grad Assessments (830-1130 or 1230-330)	ABCD (Day 2)	

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:

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
May 2	Grade 8 SR Day
May 5-16	AP Exams

Gratitude

Thank you to our 12-month CUPE staff (custodial and Ms. Campbell) who worked over the Spring Break, to ensure our school is in top shape physically and financially.

Thank you to our district maintenance staff and technology staff who completed various projects around the school and upgraded the WIFI system.

Thank you Mr. Yu and Ms. Hendrickson who chaperoned some former Spectrum students to Paris and London. The trip was a success, and many lifelong memories were made.

Thank you Mr. Aun, Ms. Campbell, and the supervising staff who made the first Whistler Ski trip a success for over 100 SLSS students!

Thank you Mr. Mikulin and our SLSS music students who wonderfully performed at the Richmond Jazz Festival this past Thursday at McRoberts. We are proud!

Thank you to the PE Leadership students who organized uniforms and equipment for this upcoming Spring Athletics season. Your efforts are very appreciated!

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.

<p><u>Student and Family Affordability Fund and Feeding Futures Fund</u></p> <p>This past spring, the provincial government announced a renewal of one-time funds for the <i><u>Student and Family Affordability Fund</u></i> (link). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and course fees• School supplies and course materials• Field trips• School-related extracurricular opportunities• Clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities <p>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.</p> <p><u>Richmond International Education – Homestay Program</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Injury related dental treatment as the result of an accident.• Out-of-province or country emergency medical expenses (platinum plan only). <p>For more information click this LINK</p> <p><u>Spectrum Program Availability</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Job Skill Workshop Opportunity for Youth: TD Bank and PNE</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Girls in Data Science Summer Camp at UBC</u></p> <p>The Girls in Data Science Summer Camp at UBC is a three-day program from July 7-9, 2025, designed for girls and gender minorities in grades 8-12 to explore data science and statistics. Info is on our website.</p> <p><u>City of Richmond Youth Art Contest</u></p> <p>The City of Richmond is hosting the Youth Art Contest as part of the Official Community Plan (OCP) Targeted Update. The City is inviting youth to share their vision for the future through art. More information is on our website.</p> <p><u>First Responders</u></p> <p>The SLSS First Responders Team is opening up applications for the next school year! If you have a passion in volunteering or hold a first aid certificate, be sure to apply HERE before the deadline of April 21 @ 11:59PM! Candidates who are selected will be able to go through an interview process for a spot on the team! We will also be holding a general meeting for anyone interested or has questions on April 10, PLT 2, don’t miss out!”</p> <p><u>SLSS ScHealth Alliance</u></p> <p>SLSS SciHealth Alliance is hosting our second seminar featuring Mandeep Grewal, a respiratory therapist from Vancouver General Hospital. He will be presenting about his career in respiratory therapist on Thursday, April 10th during lunch in room 702! Come by and don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity!</p>
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