



September 1 – September 5, 2025

Monday September 1	Tuesday September 2	Wednesday September 3	Thursday September 4	Friday September 5
Labour Day School Closed (Please check the posted lists to confirm your homeroom teacher and location)	Welcome Assembly in the Shark Tank followed by Homerooms – Please come at the assigned time for your grade (see schedule below)	ABCD (Day 1) (8:30am – 3:00pm)	DCBA (Day 2) (No PLT) (8:30am – 3:00pm)	ABCD (Day 1) (8:30am – 3:00pm)

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer with family and friends and feeling rested and relaxed! It won’t be long before the 2025-2026 school year begins!

The beginning of September is an exciting time of anticipation for a new school year filled with hope and optimism for a great year of learning ahead! While our Grade 8s are looking forward to starting high school, our Grads of 2026 are thinking ahead to the special events and activities during their last year of high school. A new school year is an exciting time to reconnect with friends, peers, teachers, and the whole SLSS community!

Our traditions, culture, and core values of **Care** and **Respect** make SLSS an outstanding place to learn and work. Student success is a collaborative effort between the student, parent, and school. We encourage families to take time to talk to their child about academic and personal goals for the year and have a plan of action to achieving these goals. We encourage parents and guardians to be involved and partner with us to provide the best supportive learning experiences for students. Parents, as you continue to support your child in high school with their many endeavors, we welcome you to stay connected with the school. Students, we are here to support your learning and see you succeed!

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome several new staff members including Yolandi Mccarthy, Saleheh Haratinik, Romina Aguirre Cardenas, Jonathan Lam, Kabula Yi, Michael Nguyen, Nicholas Toth, Bradley Kartar, Karyn Armstrong, Andy Savory, Evelyn Ioannidis, and Brian Au-Yeung. Please join us in welcoming these staff members to our SLSS community.

On behalf of the entire Steveston-London Secondary School staff, we would like to extend a warm welcome to those students and families who are new to SLSS and to all returning students and parents. We are looking forward to seeing all our students on Tuesday, September 2nd!

We wish all our students every success this school year! See you soon Sharks!!

Mrs. Fackler, Mr. Nashlund, and Ms. Varghese

First Day of School

We are excited to welcome students back to school on Tuesday, September 2nd. Students in grades 8 through 11 will meet for a welcome assembly in the Shark Tank (gym) at the following times:

Grade 8	11:30 am
Grade 9	10:30 am
Grade 10	10:30 am
Grade 11	1:00 pm
Grade 12	1:00 pm - Go directly to homeroom (Grade 12 assembly will happen in conjunction with the Grad BBQ on Sept 5 th)

Homeroom lists will be posted at the Williams Entrance, Gilbert Entrance, and 200 Wing Exit Doors on Friday, August 29th at noon. Please make sure you check your homeroom teacher’s name and classroom number in preparation for your homeroom class on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Bell Schedule – Regular schedule

Our bell schedule will be different as the PLT structure has changed for this school year. PLT will occur on Mondays and Thursdays as the second period of the day. Please see the bell schedule attached for further details. Please note that there is no PLT during the first week of classes.

Personal Digital Device Expectations

Students are reminded of the personal digital devices expectations that are in place for secondary schools:

- Students should not use personal digital devices during instructional time, unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes.
- When not permitted, personal digital devices should be powered off and secured inside a student’s backpack, locker or secured location.

Personalized Learning Time (PLT)

Students have the opportunity again this year to engage in weekly Personal Learning Time (PLT) on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:43-10:41am. This is dedicated time integrated into our regular school schedule, where students are given choice and ownership over their learning. The goal of PLT is to teach students the skills necessary to use instructional time in a way that benefits their individual learning. All students will be expected to sign up for PLT sessions with any one of their teachers who are available or any other teacher who has availability – the sign-up process will be communicated to them in their homeroom class during the second week of school. We encourage students to utilize their PLT time to get additional help, work on projects individually or in a group, or engage in personal activities such as goal setting. Please note that PLT will begin on September 8th. Attendance during PLT is mandatory for all students and teachers will be taking attendance for each session. **All students will attend PLT in their homerooms on September 8th and 11th to learn more about the new PLT structure, expectations, and sign-up.**

Forms to be Completed and Returned by Friday, September 5th

- Personalized Student Information Verification Form:* The medical information is invaluable in the event of an emergency at the school. Accurate email addresses and phone numbers for the school’s records are very important as email is used for report cards, WAAGs, and attendance reporting in the Richmond School District.
- Personal Information Consent Form:* Permission is needed for the school to send parents/guardians important information via email and for the school to include a student’s name or image in the yearbook, newsletters, on the school’s website and/or social media.
- Outdoor Classroom and Walking Field Trip Form:* Permission is needed for students to participate in outdoor classrooms and walking field trips throughout the year.

All 3 forms will be distributed to students on September 2nd. Please complete these forms and return them to the drop box located outside the main office in the Williams Lounge by Friday, September 5th.

Student Agendas

All students will receive an agenda in their homerooms on the first day of school. Our school calendar is available on our website.

Lockers

Students will have the option to choose a locker to use for the year through our online booking system. More information about the booking process will be provided to students during the first week of school.

Dates to Remember

September 10	Collaboration Day (Staff)
September 10	PAC Meeting at 7 pm
September 11	Grade 12 Post-Secondary Info Night
September 15	Photo Day
September 17-19	Grade 8 Adventure Days
September 18	Grade 8 Parent Info Night at 5:45 pm
	Meet the Teacher Night at 6:30 pm
September 22	Pro-D Day (No Classes)
September 24	Connections Class
September 25	Post-Secondary BC Fair
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

Counsellors

Students are primarily assigned to a counsellor based on their last name; however, students may see whichever counsellor they feel most comfortable working with. The alpha distribution for students may shift to accommodate additional student enrollment. Please check the Counselling Centre for the updated alpha distributions.

Counsellor Assignments:

Ms. M. Ratcliffe* - A, X - Z, International (Wednesday to Friday)
Ms. E. Ioannidis* - H - J (Monday & Tuesday)
Ms. K. Lau - B – G
Ms. S. Zee - K – O
Ms. B. Sihota - P – W
*Ms. Ratcliffe and Ms. Ioannidis will share their caseloads throughout the year

Student Schedules

Please note that Grade 9-12 students may log-in to MyEdBC starting on Tuesday, September 2nd and view their schedules. Grade 8’s and all new students will only receive their MyEdBC access later in September – *Grade 8s should communicate their personal email address with their HR teacher or the office.* Please note that timetables may change, as counsellors work to ensure that all students have complete timetables and all the required courses. Students’ timetables will be distributed to them on Tuesday, September 2nd during their homeroom classes. If students would like to request changes to their courses, they may use the QR code on the back of their schedule they will receive. The QR code is also posted on the front office door and on the counselling centre door. The deadline for students to submit this online form is Monday, September 8th at 3:30pm. Counsellors will not be able to consider requests for course changes made via email, so please be sure to fill out the online form. **Please note that timetable changes are prioritized for students with incomplete schedules and/or to ensure that students meet graduation requirements.**

School Fees – SchoolCashOnline

The District Standardized School Fee, and Yearbook fee has been applied to your child’s account. Please note that purchasing a yearbook is optional for students. Grade 8 Adventure Days fee is available for payment. Grade 12 students will see additional fees on their account based on Grad events offered throughout the school year.

Our preferred method of payment is School Cash Online. Please contact the Business Assistant, Karen Campbell at kacampbell@sd38.bc.ca, if you need assistance with setting up a [SchoolCashOnline](#) account. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s fees, please contact the Business Assistant or your child’s counsellor for assistance. If your family is experiencing any financial hardship, please email an administrator so we can support you.

School Photographs

Artona will be onsite at SLSS to take student photos on Monday, September 15th. Retake day for those who missed the first photo day will be Wednesday, October 15th. Student photos are used for school ID’s and in the yearbook. Parents/guardians will have an opportunity to purchase photo packages, if desired. Families can also access everything they need to know about SLSS’ Photo Day, including the when and why, by clicking on this link (<https://artona.com/schools/SLOn>) or our website [here](#).

Formal grad portraits will be taking place in the mobile studio from January 21st – 29th, 2026. Portraits will be taken by appointment only. Grads and their families will be provided a link to book their appointments and find out information about the grad portrait process in the Fall.

Pick-up and Drop-off of Students

We encourage all students to walk, cycle, or take public transportation to school as often as possible. Not only is this healthy and environmentally friendly, it also reduces traffic congestion around the school each morning and afternoon. If you are driving to drop-off or pick-up students, **please drive slowly and carefully on all areas of the school property. Please observe all traffic signs along our driveways.** The signs are there for the safety of our students, staff, and families. There is no parking along the laneways at the Williams and Gilbert Road entrances. These are drop-off areas only. If you ride your bicycle to school, please lock it up securely at one of the designated bike racks located around the school.

Stay Connected – PAC, DAG, School Website

Stay connected with what is happening at the school. A great way to do this is to be part of our PAC/DAG groups. The first PAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 10th. We hope you can join us! Visit our website at <https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/> for up-to-date information throughout the year.