



FAMILY WAAG

Oct 20th – Oct 26th

Monday Oct 20	Tuesday Oct 21	Wednesday Oct 22	Thursday Oct 23	Friday Oct 24	Sat/Sun Oct 25/Oct 26
A PLT BCD (Day 1)	DCBA (Day 2)	ABCD (Day 1) Connections Class (Required for all students. Use MS Teams)	D PLT CBA (Day 2)	Pro-D Day (No Classes)	

Repeated Important SLSS Information:

PLT Log-In: Online Booking System

For students: Instructions for the new booking system have been shared in Homeroom/PLT on Sept 8th, as well as on our website, and by email. Sign-up [HERE](#).
Students are required to take ownership of this time and make a plan each week, signing up for a space.

Health & Safety reminder

All members of our school community are reminded to regularly wash your hands. Please stay home if you’re not feeling well AND call the Early Warning Line (604-668-6670).

School Fees – SchoolCashOnline

Reminder to students to pay any of their fees. The district standardized school fee (required) and yearbook fee (optional) have been applied to all students’ accounts. Grade 12 students will see additional fees on their account based on Grad events offered this school year. Other items such as workbook fees, field trip fees, and athletics fees may also be applied to student accounts throughout the year.

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.

2025-2026 Family Wall Calendar on our [website](#).

Clubs Information: [here](#). Clubs Day was on Thursday, Sept. 25th at lunch in Legends Gym.

SLSS Athletics

Last year, we ran more teams than any other SD38 school, which allowed so many students to connect to our school in positive ways. Shark teams will communicate with Shark Athletic MS Teams as opposed to social media platforms.
Here is the: [Gym Schedule](#)

Connection Classes:

Work is being done to organize homerooms, MS Teams, and lessons. 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. See Mr. Nashlund, Ms. Yuen, or Ms. Sidhu-Grewal for any questions.

Lates

We are noticing an increasing number of students arriving at or well after the bell. Being on time is an important life skill and we need your support. **Students are advised to arrive at least 10-15 minutes before the start of their first class.** With the change in weather, and the continued Williams and Gilbert construction expect increased traffic congestion in our parking lot after 8:05 AM. Families need to plan with this in mind. Students are encouraged to walk or ride their bicycle whenever possible. If you get caught in the parking lot congestion, please have your child exit your vehicle safely and walk the remainder of the way to the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 22	Connections Class (Required for all students)
Oct. 24	Pro-D Day (No Classes)
Oct. 29	Halloween Dance
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 3 or 6	GLA 12 Assessment (check library window)
Nov. 5	Collaboration Day (Staff)
Nov. 5	Take Your Kids To Work Day (grade 9s)
Nov. 6	Block Order Change

Gratitude

[Thank you](#) to Ms. Digeso for organizing and hosting the very informative Richmond International Post-Secondary Fair.
[Thank you](#) to everyone for participating in the direct-to Lockdown Drill. The RCMP observers were generally pleased with our response and our following of protocols.

Halloween Reminders

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind:

It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT costumes:

- ☐ RACE (*black face/brown face*)
- ☐ CULTURE (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- ☐ RELIGIOUS FAITH (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)
- ☐ GENDER (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- ☐ TRAUMA (*hangman’s noose/weapons*)

An email will be sent to all students and families about wearing appropriate costumes. Information is also [HERE](#) on our website.

Take Your Kids to Work Day

This great opportunity is for all grade 9 students. Please see details [HERE](#) on our website. Information was covered during Connections Class and also emailed home to families of grade 9 students. Permission forms are due to the office by October 31st.

Student Forms

Reminder to return the completed Student Verification, Personal Information Consent, and Walking Field Trip Forms to the boxes outside of the office asap. Parents, please note that your signature is required on these forms. These are overdue now.

Grade 9 Immunization forms are also to be returned to the office ASAP.

Save the Date: Islamic Art Experience Application Deadlines on Oct. 15 & 20

In September and October, Canada celebrates Culture Days across the country. The Islamic Art Exhibition focuses on sharing the beauty of Islamic art from around the globe, encouraging a vibrant cross-cultural exchange among all faiths and cultures. Enjoy a variety of cultural performances, hands-on art activities, experience Ebru art, henna design, drumming, traditional music and dances, and much more.

Bike and Scooter Locks
We strongly advise students to securely lock their bikes and scooters using a hard, U-shaped lock to prevent theft. The coil, wire locks can be easily cut or broken.

Language Challenge Exams
Students interested in taking a Language Challenge Exam should complete an application and submit to their counsellor no later than October 21.
Please visit <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams/> for more information.

Sharks Athletics Start-Up News
Link for all details in on our website [HERE](#). Updates include welcome, gym schedule, all information for all seasons, contact.

REDI (Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) Greetings – as part of our ongoing commitment to recognizing diverse faiths, cultures, and histories that shape our school community, we offer these greetings to acknowledge important observances. We will endeavor to recognize dates of significance throughout the year.
October 20, 2025 – Diwali (Hindu, Sikh, Jain)
Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating the Festival of Lights! To our Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and interfaith families, may this joyous occasion bring brightness, peace, and renewal into your homes and hearts.
Translation note: Diwali (Sanskrit: दीपावली – Deepavali) means “row of lights.” It is celebrated across many faiths with the lighting of lamps, sweets, prayers, and family gatherings.
Pronounced: Dee-VAH-lee

PLT Skill Building Days for our Grade 8 Students
A reminder to all Grade 8's that October 30th and November 6th will be PLT Skill Building Days for all our Grade 8 students. On these two days students will be expected to report to their homeroom teacher (in their homeroom classroom) during PLT Time and they will not need to register for a PLT Session on these two days.
Thanks Grade 8's for engaging in our fun skill building sessions for these two days - we hope you enjoy them, learn some great skills and have fun!

Exhibition date: Sunday, November 30
Time: 12-4 p.m.
Where: Richmond Cultural Center Performance Hall and Richmond Public Library (7660 Minoru Gate, Richmond)
Calling artists, performers, and hands-on activities artists!
Visual Art Exhibition Artists: [apply by October 15, 2025](#)
Performers and Hands-on Activities Artists: [apply by October 20, 2025](#)

Generations Homework Club - Free Tutoring for Grade 5-8 Students
Connections Community Services Society's Generations Homework Club is a mentorship program that builds up students' social skills, self-esteem, and confidence while helping with their homework.

- Free one-to-one tutor support for students in Grades 5-8
- Interactive activities
- Educational games
- Foster meaningful relationship

When: every Thursday (October 2025 - May 2026)
Time: 3:30-5 p.m.
Location: Richmond Brighthouse Library, 7700 Minoru Gate.

Spaces are limited. Please download the [GHC Registration Form 2025-2026](#) and email Jonathan Chan at jonathan@ccssociety.ca for enrollment.

Food Deliveries
Food Deliveries to the school are not permitted during the school day, including class time. This includes deliveries from restaurants and food delivery services such as UberEats, Door Dash, Skip the Dishes. For health and safety reasons, food cannot be left outside school doors unattended, and we cannot have unknown visitors coming into the building looking for students to deliver food. Lunches left at the front of the school by the Williams entrance are also problematic as they may be mistakenly or purposefully taken by the wrong student. The office staff cannot monitor lunches for individual students until they are picked up. **It is best for students to bring their lunches with them in the morning.** We also have cafeteria services if students need to purchase a lunch. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment.