

# **FAMILY WAAG**

Oct	27 <sup>th</sup>	- Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup>
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1/Nov 2
A PLT BCD (Day 1)	Optional Gr. 12 Assembly (GLA 12, Scholarships, Transcripts) (@ lunch in Shark Tank)	ABCD (Day 1)  Halloween Dance (6pm-8pm)	D PLT CBA (Day 2) PLT Gr. 8 Skills Building #1	ABCD (Day 1) Halloween	<b>Nov. 2</b> Daylight Savings

# **Repeated Important SLSS Information:**

# PLT Log-In: Online Booking System

For students: Instructions for the PLT booking system is available on our website. Sign-up <u>HERE</u>.

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).

#### <u>School Fees - SchoolCashOnline</u>

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 <u>LINK</u> 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

# **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**:

All students should be 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.

# **Sharks Athletics Start-Up News**

Link for all details in on our website <u>HERE</u>. Updates include welcome, gym schedule, all information for all seasons, contact.

# 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!

# **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Nov. 3 or 6	GLA 12 Assessment (check library window)
Nov. 5	Collaboration Day (Staff)
Nov. 5	Take Our Kids To Work Day (grade 9s)
Nov. 6	Block Order Change
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony (x2)
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Nov. 12	PAC Meeting (7:00pm in library)
Nov. 14	Immunization Clinic (grade 9s)

#### **Athletics Fees overdue**

<u>Thank you</u> to those families who have paid already! Reminder, as we approach play-offs, please ensure you have paid (check School Cash Online) before you become ineligible to play.

#### **Gratitude**

 $\overline{\text{Thank you}}$  to staff and students for engaging with our Connections Class on Oct.  $22^{\text{nd}}$ .

<u>Thank you</u> to our partner pharmacists at the immunize io who came to SLSS on Oct. 21st to offer flu shots to staff.

<u>DAG 2026</u> - Join us for our next DAG meeting on **Tuesday**, **November 4**<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the SLSS library.

Help Wanted! While the celebration is most important for Grade 12 students and their families, the DAG planning committee is open to all Steveston-London parents/guardians, from Grades 8 to 12. We need parents/guardians of younger students to participate to ensure that Dry After-Grad will be sustained in the years ahead. DAG meetings are held monthly (date/time announced in the WAAG newsletter). Volunteers are also needed during the all-night event. Everyone is welcome!

If you can't volunteer, here's how you can help!

#### **Donations**

We are seeking your support to make this a special night for our grads through either an in-kind gift or a financial donation. In appreciation of your generosity, you'll be recognized as a DAG sponsor in our school newsletter, which goes out to all students and parents. A charitable tax receipt will be issued for donations. Please see instructions below.

## **Donate Online**

Go to  $\underline{\text{https://www.sd38.bc.ca/our-district/donations}}$  and click "Make a Donation"

Select: Steveston/London Secondary. In the message box, please enter: Steveston-London Dry After-Grad.

\*\*This is important to include.\*\*

# **Donate by Cheque**

Please fill out this <u>form</u> and make cheque payable to: School District #38. On the MEMO line of the cheque, write SLSS-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 supereasy – 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. Label:

Account #341

SLSS DAG 2026

#### Take Your Kids to Work Day

This great opportunity is for all grade 9 students. Please see details <u>HERE</u> on our website. Information was covered during Connections Class and emailed home to families of grade 9 students. Permission forms are due to the office by October 31st.

# **Retake Student ID Cards**

Thes are ready to pick-up at Main Office. We anticipate student photo packages will soon follow.

# In the Community

#### **Halloween in Richmond**

The City of Richmond is offering over 20 spooktacular Halloween-inspired events and programs to choose from throughout the city (October 18-31).

- Halloween Hoot at the Richmond Nature Park (Oct. 18-29)
- Halloween Fireworks Festival at Minoru Park (Oct. 31)
- Halloween Family Skates (Oct. 31-Nov. 2)
- <u>Click here</u> to see more "fa-boo-lous" fun for everyone!

# Youth for People and the Planet - DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society

Youth for People and the Planet, a free program for youth (aged 15-30), is an amazing opportunity for youth in high school, post-secondary and beyond. The program provides free mentorship and leadership skills training, while supporting them in making a difference in their communities on issues such as:

- Climate action
- Reconciliation and inclusion
- Civic engagement and
- Building an inclusive Canada.
- Funded through the Canada Services Corps, this is an empowering opportunity for youth who are looking to build up their skills, volunteer experience and resume, while giving back.
- Have a chance to be one of 300 winning proposals that receive a \$5,000 micro-grand to implement your project.

All youth (aged 15-30) are welcome and includes youth who identify as immigrant, BIPOC, 2SLGBTQI+, disabled or Indigenous.

#### **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.

#### **Career Education**

SLSS will be hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair on Wednesday December 10, 2025. SLSS Career Education Facilitator team-Rachpal Sidhu-Grewal, Helen Yuen & Nik Nashland wish to ask our parent community to see if we can count on continued and new support for our upcoming Career Fair. The conference day is a valuable experience for our grade 10's – 12's and we would love to have more careers represented. If you would love to share about your career and job, and love chatting with students then this is a great opportunity for parents to share their expertise with our SLSS students as they are navigating their career paths. Not to mention the students love seeing parents here! If you can volunteer your time for December 10<sup>th</sup>, please reach us at: rsidhu-grewal@sd38.bc.ca or heyuen@sd38.bc.ca or via phone 604-668-6668.

#### **Halloween Dance**

The SLSS Student Council is hosting a Halloween Dance on Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00–8:00 pm in the Legends Gym. Students are invited to come in costume and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and school spirit, with a photo booth to capture memories and snacks provided with each ticket. Tickets are \$5 for early bird sales until October 27th and \$8 until October 29th. Don't miss one of the most anticipated events of the year!

#### **Halloween Reminders**

For those who celebrate it, Halloween should and needs to be fun! Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with students. 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)
- ETHNICITY AND CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab/turban/kippah)
- 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 <u>HERE</u> on our website.