



# FAMILY WAAG

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday Feb 16	Tuesday Feb 17	Wednesday Feb 18	Thursday Feb 19	Friday Feb 20	Sat/Sun Feb 21/Feb 22
BC Family Day (School Closed)	DCBA (Day 1)	ABCD (Day 2)	D PLT CBA (Day 1)	ABCD (Day 2)	

## Repeated Important SLSS Information:

### Log-In: Online Booking System

For students: Instructions to sign-up are [HERE](#).

PLT is required. Make a plan and sign-up in advance.

### 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. Items added throughout the year include Grad events, workbook fees, field trip fees, and athletics fees.

**SLSS Career Centre Information** – The link to Ms. Digeso's page on our website is [HERE](#). There is information on Scholarships, Volunteer/Work Opportunities, Careers, Post-Secondary, etc.

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

**Clubs Information:** on our website [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. The Gym Schedule is [HERE](#).

### 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.

### Recent Events in Tumbler Ridge

*As we all continue to process the tragic events in Tumbler Ridge, classes observed a moment of silence Thursday afternoon to honour and remember the victims. Our flags will remain at half-mast as a symbol of our collective grief and respect. We are deeply saddened and continue to hold the families of the victims, as well as all those affected, close to our hearts.*

*We also want to ensure that students, staff, and families feel supported during this difficult time. As you spend time with your children this long weekend, they may have questions or emotions that arise as they try to understand what has happened. Please know that you are not alone in supporting them.*

*We encourage you to refer to the [Mental Health Resource List](#), where you can find additional information, guidance, and support services for families.*

*If you need further assistance or have concerns about your child's well-being, please reach out to their counsellor. We are here for you.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 25	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 27	Gr. 9 SR Day
Mar 2-6	ELL Assessments
Mar 3	Blue & Gold Gr. 7 Basketball Jamboree
Mar 5	Interim Reports emailed home
Mar 6	Grade 12 Capstone Videos Due
Mar 11	Connections Class
Mar 13	PAC Meeting (@ 7:00pm) Last Day before Spring Break

### Gratitude

Thank you to our consistent PAC members and our DAG (Dry After Grad) committees who meet monthly to plan many important aspects and events for our school. New members are always welcomed and needed.

Thank you to our many parents/caregivers who came to our Semester Two Meet the Teacher. Also, thank you to our Shark Ambassadors who helped guide our attending parents/caregivers to the various classrooms.

Thank you to our PE Athletic Leadership students who arranged a successful Fall/Winter Athletics Teams photo day on Friday. Thank you to Mr. Shin's amazing Yearbook students who arranged the many great photos.

### Student Learning Survey 2025/26

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. For parents/guardians/caregivers, the survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet [here](#). The e-survey site will be open until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Info also available on our website [HERE](#).

*Due to this week's network/internet disruption (including Wednesday's Connections Classes, we are reminding all grade 10, 11, and 12 students that they are to complete the Survey (if they have not already done so. Thank you.*

### Personal Learning Time – Student Survey

The Richmond School District is seeking input from students about Personal Learning Time (PLT). The feedback collected will help the district understand the value of PLT and guide future decisions regarding its structure and implementation.

PLT is considered part of instructional time which is why it must be held during regular school hours. Thank you for completing the survey!

Link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/NWhvTrXKcC>



**PLEASE NOTE:** Parent Survey will be shared with all families on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> directly from the Richmond School District.

## **Program Planning 2026-2027 – Course Selection Process for Next School Year is Now Open**

The MyEdBC Program Planning Portal is now open for course selection for the **2026–2027 school year**. The portal will be open from **January 26 to February 17**. During this time, all students **except current Grade 12s (who are graduating)** must log in to MyEdBC and select their courses for next year.

Please take time to plan carefully. Our school timetable is built directly from student course requests, and there is **very limited flexibility to make changes once the timetable is finalized**. Below are resources to help guide you through the process:

### **MyEdBC Login Information**

Students must log in using their **student account** (not the parent account) to view course selection instructions.

If you need help with your login ID or password, please contact the main office.

MyEdBC login:

<https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen-login/?deploymentId=aspen>

### **How to Select Courses in MyEdBC**

This step-by-step guide explains how to make course selections. Once logged in, click the “**My Info**” top tab and then “**Requests**” on the side menu.

[https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/files/slss/2025-01/MyEd%20How%20to%20Make%20a%20Course%20Selection\\_0.pdf](https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/files/slss/2025-01/MyEd%20How%20to%20Make%20a%20Course%20Selection_0.pdf)

If you need additional assistance, please contact your counsellor or the main office.

### **Grade-Level Course Selection Instructions**

This document outlines which courses students should select for each grade level:

<https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/files/slss/2026-01/Instructions%20for%20MyEdBC%20for%20Each%20Grade%20Level%20%282026-2027%29.pdf>

### **Course Descriptions and Program Planning Guide**

Detailed course descriptions are available in the SLSS Program Planning Guide:

<https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/files/slss/2026-01/SLSS%20Program%20Planning%20Guide%20%282026-2027%29.pdf>

Students may also speak with their teachers if they have questions about specific courses.

### **Complete List of Course Offerings**

A full list of courses offered for the 2026–2027 school year, organized by subject and grade level, can be found here:

<https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/files/slss/2026-01/Complete%20List%20of%20Course%20Offerings%20%282026-2027%29.pdf>

### **Program Planning Timeline**

Course selection is open **January 26 to February 17**.

Please ensure all course requests are entered and that you click “**Post**” before logging out.

A detailed program planning timeline is available here:

<https://slss.sd38.bc.ca/files/slss/2026-01/Program%20Planning%20Timeline%20%282026-2027%29.pdf>

If you have questions or need additional support with program planning, please contact your counsellor, the main office, or Mrs. Fackler.

Thank you for completing course selections as soon as possible.

### **REDI Greetings:**

#### **February 15, 2026 – Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)**

Warm wishes to members of the Hindu community observing Maha Shivaratri, the “Great Night of Lord Shiva.” — honouring the triumph of light over darkness and the power of spiritual renewal. May this observance bring peace, strength, and spiritual renewal.

Translation note: Maha Shivaratri (महाशिवरात्रि) means “Great Night of Shiva.”

Pronounced: **MAH-ha SHIH-vah-rah-tree**.

#### **February 17, 2026 – Lunar New Year (Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Vietnamese, and several Southeast Asian communities)**

Happy Lunar New Year to all who celebrate! As you welcome the Year of the Horse, may this time of renewal bring joy, connection, and hope to you and your families.

Translation note: Known as Chūn Jié (春节) in Mandarin, Seollal (설날) in Korean, and Tết Nguyên Đán in Vietnamese.

Pronounced: **Choon-jyeh, Suhl-lahl, Tet Nguyen Dan**.

#### **February 17 (or February 18 – March 18), 2026 – Beginning of Ramadhan (Islamic)**

We extend our best wishes to the Muslim students, staff, and families as the holy month of Ramadhan begins. May this holy month of reflection, fasting, giving to charity and community continue to foster compassion, gratitude, and spiritual renewal for you and your loved ones.

Translation note: Ramadhan (Arabic: رَمَضَان, spelled Ramadan) meaning “heat”, as the month originally was supposed to fall on the hottest months.

Pronounced: **RAH-mah-dhan or RAH-mah-zan**.

#### **February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday (Christian)**

To the Christian students, staff, and families preparing for the Lenten season: we send warm greetings on Ash Wednesday, as this day marks a time of reflection, renewal, and preparation. May you find meaning in the season ahead as you journey toward Easter.