



# STRIKERS WEEKLY WEEK AT A GLANCE



Sunday February 11	Monday February 12	Tuesday February 13	Wednesday February 14	Thursday February 15	Friday February 16	Saturday February 17
			Vasant Panchami Hinduism	Nirvana Day Buddhism		
			Ash Wednesday Christianity	<b>PLT</b> 8:30 – 10:10am	District Pro-D School Closed	
			PLT 8:30 – 10:10am	Program Planning Grade 8 on Teams		
		PAC Meeting	Grade 12 CLC PLT			
		7 – 8pm Library	Program Planning Grade 9 on Teams	Winter Formal 6 – 10pm		

#### **EVENTS & UPDATES**

### **Program Planning Presentations for Students**

Our counselling team will be holding program planning sessions for our students by grade on Teams during PLT. Students will receive an email with a link the Monday before the meetings. All students are asked to attend virtually in order to make program planning a smooth process. This year's sessions will be for grade 9s on Wednesday and for grade 8s on Thursday.

## FamilySmart Monthly Events

The Richmond ICY team and Foundry have family peer support workers ready and available to serve parents and caregivers in Richmond. They can support children or youth with a mental health and/or substance youth challenge in person, by video chat, phone or email. Services are available in Cantonese, English, Mandarin and Punjabi. See the attached poster for more information on free monthly events. To contact them, email <a href="mailto:richmond@familysmart.ca">richmond@familysmart.ca</a> or call at 604-607-9570.

## **Community Services Connectors**

The City of Richmond is piloting a new way for people with lower incomes to connect with community services in Richmond. Community Service Connectors have experience navigating social service and government systems and can help families find information about social service benefits, affordable housing, food, employment and more. See the poster attached for more information.

#### **Exploitation Education Institute - Consent Education Parent Talk**

On February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, the district and EEI are hosting a parent presentation that reviews the content recentkky shared in secondary school presentations around digital consent healthy boundaries ad grooming warning signs. This session will provide key tips to parents in keeping our youth safe and respectful to others. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## Grade 12 Winter Formal - Thursday, February 15

Winter Formal will take place this Thursday from  $6-10:00\,\mathrm{pm}$ . Students are parents who have purchased tickets have been emailed important details and location information last week. Please check your email for details.

#### **Student Surveys**

We have a couple of student survey happening this week, the Student Learning Survey for grade 10 and 12 students, and the Youth Development Instrument for grade 11 students. Data from these surveys is used to identify resources and practices to help the success of our youth.

## Food & Financial Assistance for Families

If families require financial assistance for school fees or class- based field trips, or assistance with lunches, please call or email Ms. Vaughan (avaughan@sd38.bc.ca) for details. It is important to us that all our students are able to focus on their learning and participate in school events without financial barriers.

#### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

# Black History Month - February:

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the. Many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities, who have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country.

# Lunar New Year

Lunar New Year is the beginning of the new year based on the lunar calendar or lunisolar calendar. The event is celebrated by numerous cultures in various ways. Celebrations take place for the first 2 weeks of the new year. Happy Lunar New Year to all our McRoberts Families.

# <u>Vasant Panchami – February 14</u>

This day is in honour of the Hindu goddess Saraswati. It's a festival that marks the preparation for the arrival of spring, and is celebrated in Indian religions in different ways, depending on the region.

# <u>Ash Wednesday – February 14</u>

On this day, it is customary for people to attend church to receive 'ashes," and mark the beginning of Lent, the period leading up to Easter.

# Nirvana Day - February 15

Nirvana Day is a Mahayana Buddhist holiday celebrated in East Asia, Vietnam and the Philippines.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Monday, Feb 19 BC Family Day
- Wednesday, Feb 21 Gr 12 TVR Distribution (PLT)
- Wednesday, Feb 28 Gr 12 TVR Signing (PLT)
- Wednesday, Feb 28 Gr 11 CLC Meeting (PLT)
- Friday, March 1 Program Planning Sheets and MyEd entry due