



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Monday Oct. 31	Tuesday Nov. 1	Wednesday Nov. 2	Thursday Nov. 3	Friday Nov. 4
ABCD GLA 10 <i>Halloween</i>	PLT – ABCD GLA 10 Lunch: Langara Presentation (A105)	ABCD GLA 12 Gr. 9 Take Your Kid to Work	PLT – ABCD GLA 12	ABCD AP Exam Registration Forms Due

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

We encourage students to review the PLT schedule posted on the McMath website on Monday to plan their PLT on Tuesday and Thursday. PLT is designed to provide extra learning support for all students in all subject areas.

GRADUATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT (GLA) 10 & 12: October 31 – November 4

The Graduation Literacy Assessment for Grade 10 and 12 students are happening this week. This is a mandatory assessment for all Grade 10 and 12 students, and they must attend their scheduled writing time and location. Student writing times have been posted on the school website and office windows.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Advanced Placement Program (AP) consists of a three-year sequence of course work in a specific subject. It is available to serious students in Grades 10 to 12. The course work culminates in rigorous examinations held in May. AP Exams being offered in the Richmond School District this year include:

- 2D Art and Design
- Biology
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Chinese Language and Culture
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- French Language and Culture
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Psychology

***Forms are available on the school website.
Deadline to sign up is November 4, 2022.**

GRADE 12 PARENT MEETING – Nov 2

Attention ALL Grade 12 Parents. This coming Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30pm, PAC will be hosting the first Dry After Grad (DAG) meeting for the Grad Class of 2023. The purpose of this meeting is to create the organizing committee and determine a Chair for this very important parent group.

DAG is a PARENT organized event after the school organized Grad Dinner & Dance. This spring, the Grad Dinner and Dance is on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. The school and the Parent DAG committee partner up to have these two grad celebrations to ensure students have an inclusive and a SAFE Grad celebration.

We look forward to gathering the Grade 12 Parents on November 2 to start organizing this annual celebration.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Halloween can be fun. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. 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. Please guide your teen's decision making to ensure their Halloween costume is appropriate. We must ensure Halloween costumes are safe and respectful. This message has been shared with students via school announcements.

Halloween costumes may be unsuitable if they contain any of these elements:

- Weapons – even fake ones are not allowed at school as part of their costume
- Cultural or racial stereotypes – includes black face/brown face, Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks, etc.
- Masks that cover one's face
- Religious faith – i.e., religious figures, gods, saints, gurus, hijab, etc.
- Gender – gender switching for humour or to mock
- Trauma – i.e., hangman's noose/weapons, etc.

THANK YOU TO LEADERSHIP AND StuCO!

A BIG WILDCAT THANK YOU to the Leadership class under the instruction of Ms. Zaine for organizing an action-packed Grade 8 Day on October 26 and StuCO under the sponsorship of Ms. Li-Hindson and Ms. Shu for organizing the Grade 8 Dance on October 27! A fun time was had by all. A huge thank you to all staff who helped supervise the events!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 31: Graduation Assessment – GLA 10
- Nov 1: Graduation Assessment – GLA 10
- Nov 2: Graduation Assessment – GLA 12
Grade 9s Take Your Kid to Work Day
- Nov 3: Graduation Assessment – GLA 12
- Nov 4: Graduation Assessment
- Nov 6: Daylight Savings (Clocks back 1-hour)
- Nov 10: Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day
(School Closed)
- Nov 14: Block Rotation (BADC)
- Nov 15: PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Nov 17: Semester 1 Term 1 Report Card Published in MyEd
- Nov 23: Parent Teacher Conferences (*early dismissal*)
- Nov 24: Parent Teacher Conferences (*early dismissal*)