



# THE WILD CAT WAAG

## FAMILY WAAG

### NOVEMBER 14 – NOVEMBER 18, 2022

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Monday Nov. 14	Tuesday Nov. 15	Wednesday Nov. 16	Thursday Nov. 17	Friday Nov. 18
<b>BADC</b>	PLT – BADC	BADC	PLT – BADC	BADC
<b>Block Rotation</b>	7pm PAC Meeting via Zoom		Semester 1 Midterm Report Card Published in MyED at 4pm	Parent Teacher Conference Bookings open at 6pm

#### 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.

#### REPORT CARDS

Semester 1 Midterm Reports will be published on the MyEducation BC site at 4pm on Thursday, November 17. Please note, any data viewed online before this date is *draft only*. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to read and discuss the progress report with their teen.

Step-by-step instructions for logging on to the MyEducation BC site are attached.

Parents/Guardians with concerns are invited to make appointments to meet with teachers during **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on November 23 from 2-4pm and November 24 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. *More information on how to book an appointment will be sent out on Thursday, November 17. Note: there are limited time slots available per teacher, if you are not able to book an appointment, we encourage you to reach out to the teacher directly.*

#### MyEd PARENT/GUARDIAN PORTAL ACCESS

DO NOT use a phone to access MyEd – this will disable your account. Desktop or Laptop only.

As we approach the Semester 1 Midterm Report Card publishing date of Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We would like all parents and guardians to ensure they have access to their MyEd accounts. Since it has been over three months since you may have last used your account, you will have to update your password (they expire every 3-months). The system will tell you that your password has expired, please follow the prompt to set up a new password, this will alleviate the issue. Passwords must be at least 8 characters in length and contain at least one capital letter, one lower case letter, one number, and one symbol.

User instructions for the Parent/Guardian Portal can be found under the “Parent Tab” on our website.

If you have **forgotten your password**, you may login and click ‘Forgot My Password’ and a new temporary password will be sent to your email.

MyEd: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/asp/en/logon.do>

#### 2023 DRY AFTER GRAD

##### What is a Dry After Grad (DAG)?

A Dry After Grad is an all-night, parent supervised celebration, for graduating students only. The DAG is intended to reflect the graduates’ achievements and acknowledge their high school completion. The event includes entertainment, music, food, activities, games, etc. Attendance by the student is optional however students cannot attend the DAG if they do not attend the Dinner and Dance event immediately preceding the DAG.

DAG has been a McMath tradition since the 1990s and students look forward to this event as a highlight of their graduation festivities. Last year we had approximately 230 students attend.

##### Why is it important?

Graduation night has long been associated with risky and illegal behaviours that can harm students and their communities. The main goal is to provide a safe ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO FREE alternative on grad night and to send a message that alcohol and drugs are not essential to have FUN. This prohibition is strictly enforced.

##### Where?

The DAG is held in the McMath school rotunda and various wings throughout the school.

##### When?

Directly following the Grad Dinner and Dance event at the Fairmont Waterfront in Downtown Vancouver, starting after 11 pm. The 2023 event will be held on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> until 5 am Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### Who organizes the DAG?

Every year at McMath, a newly formed Grade 12 Parent DAG Committee organizes and runs the event with the help of Grade 10 and 11 parent volunteers who act as “shadows” to learn the ropes for the following year. An event of this size requires a large group of grade 12 parents to organize it, and approximately 12 parents Chair each of the following committees:

- Chair/Co-Chair
- Bag Drop-off
- Food
- Red Carpet
- Transportation
- Treasurer
- Decorations
- Fundraising
- Security
- Secretary
- Entertainment
- Donations
- Takedown

For more information on how parents and caregivers can get involved, please email [mcmathdag2023@gmail.com](mailto:mcmathdag2023@gmail.com)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 14: Block Rotation (BADC)
- Nov 15: PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Nov 17: Semester 1 Midterm Report Card
- Nov 23/24: Parent Teacher Conferences (*early dismissal*)
- Nov 25: Pro-D Day (*school closed*)
- Nov 30: Collaboration Day (*late start*)

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