



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG

JANUARY 02 – JANUARY 06, 2023

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 Jan. 02	Tuesday Jan. 03	Wednesday Jan. 04	Thursday Jan. 05	Friday Jan. 06
No School	PLT – BADC Welcome Back!	Connexions-BADC Connexions with Block A class	PLT – BADC	BADC

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.

COLD AND FLU SEASON REMINDERS

- Please keep your teen at home if they are feeling sick.
- Please encourage your teen to wash their hands regularly through the day. Hand washing with plain soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, reduces the spread of illness.
- Please encourage your teen to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Masks continue to be an option for all members of our school community.

Thank you for all your ongoing efforts to keep everyone in our school community as healthy and safe as possible.

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Regular school attendance is very important for student learning. However, sometimes parents may choose to take their child(ren) out of school for extended periods of time. It is important to know that teachers will NOT provide homework for students away on extended vacations. Students may have other cultural and travel experiences during their absence that contribute to their overall development, but the many varied daily classroom activities and social connections they will miss cannot be duplicated through worksheets and workbooks.

If your teen will be away or late for school, we kindly ask that you contact us via:

- Early warning: 604-718-4004
- School office: 604-718-4050
- E-mail: mcmath@sd38.bc.ca

Please make sure to indicate if your teen will be absent for the whole day, arrive late, or need to leave early. Include your teen’s name, grade, student number and the reason they will be away from school. Our phone line and email are available 24-hours a day. Kindly advise the school prior to 9:00am.

CONNEXIONS CLASS – January 4

The second Connexions class of the year is coming up on Wednesday, January 4. It is mandatory for students to attend. Students are to report to their Block A class at 8:30am. These classes will provide varied and engaging learning opportunities related to Career Life Education, which is a required component of the high school curriculum.

DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS

We are glad so many of our students are getting to school under their own power – mostly walking or biking. This is a great way to save on fuel. If your child needs to be dropped off or picked up, please do not use the neighboring town house complex area. This will really help our neighbours with traffic congestion. Thank you.

HOW TO ACCESS GLA RESULTS

Graduation Literacy Assessment results are now available to students who wrote the assessment in November. Please follow the instructions in the attached PDF document to access results.

STUDENTS WITH INCOMPLETE PROGRESS/AT RISK INTERIM REPORTS

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1, will be at the end of January 2023. Prior to the end of the semester, a small number of students will receive an “**At-Risk Report**” on or before **January 9, 2023**, because they are not meeting expectation in their course and are at risk of not meeting the Course Standards. These “At-Risk Reports” will detail the learning that must be demonstrated to successfully meet the “Ministry Standards” for the course and thus successfully complete the course. The expectation is that students will engage in the steps necessary to remove their incomplete standing. Some teachers may have already communicated incomplete progress with students and parents.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 3: School Reopens
- Jan 4: Connexions Class (with Block A class)
- Jan 9: At Risk Interims & ADST Rotation #2 Marks Sent Home
- Jan 17: PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Jan 21-29: Grad Mobile Pictures (book timeslot with Artona)
- Jan 24-26: Grad Assessments
- Jan 26: Grad Winter Formal (6pm)
- Jan 27: Semester Turn Around (school closed)
- Jan 30: Pro-D Day (school closed)
- Jan 31: Semester 2 Begins

“The best time for new beginnings is NOW.”

Welcome back, Wildcats! Let’s make the most of the last month of Semester 1. If you need academic support – see your teachers and counsellor and use the gift of PLT to catch up and receive extra help.

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