



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG SEPTEMBER 11 – 15, 2023

Monday Sept. 11	Tuesday Sept. 12	Wednesday Sept. 13	Thursday Sept. 14	Friday Sept. 15
ABCD	PLT – ABCD	ABCD	PLT – ABCD Course Correction Requests due by 3pm	ABCD <i>Rosh Hashana (Sept. 15-17)</i>



• I acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the Hul'quim'num (hull-kuh-mee-num) treaty group, including the Coast Salish Nations of the Musqueam, Snuneymuxw (snoo-NAI-muk), Tsawwassen, Sto:lo, Kwantlen, Stz'uminus (sha-main-us), Semiahmoo, Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all our McMath students and families for your flexibility as we work through all the details of school start-up and finalizing student schedules and programs. Our counsellors received well over 500 change/correction requests and have been diligently tackling them. Your patience as you wait to hear from counsellors as they work their way through the requests is most appreciated. It has been wonderful seeing all our students back in the building and we look forward to reconnecting with parents and caregivers at the upcoming Meet the Teacher Night on September 21.

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. All students are expected to use this gift of time wisely and make choices that will benefit their learning.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that the parent/guardian and student information on file is accurate. If you need to make changes or additions, please contact the office at 604-718-4050, via e-mail mcmath@sd38.bc.ca or fill out the online form at <https://shorturl.at/irtz9>. This will ensure that all students and families are up to date with communications.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND MYSCHOOL DAY APP

To stay up to date about what is happening at the school, you can subscribe to the calendar on the McMath website. When on the website, go to *School Calendar* and scroll down to the bottom of the calendar and click on *Subscribe to Our Calendar*.

McMath also uses the online agenda app available to students and parents/caregivers. To download the app, use the QR code attached >> choose province >> select McMath Secondary School. This will help to keep you up to date and organized throughout the year.

PAC MEETING: September 19

Our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting of the year will be on September 19 at 7pm. This is a great way to get involved with the school. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We take regular attendance very seriously here at McMath. If your child will be late or needs to be absent from school for any reason, a parent/guardian must do one of the following:

- Phone the school's Early Warning line at 604-718-4004 and leave a message. Remember to leave your name and phone number and give your child's full name, grade, student number, and details about the absence or tardiness.
- E-mail the school at mcmath@sd38.bc.ca
- Send your child to the office with a note written and signed by a parent/guardian.

Please make sure you indicate if your child will be absent the whole day, will arrive late, or needs to leave early. Our phone lines and email are accessible 24-hours per day. Kindly advise the school as soon as possible.

If a student needs to be dismissed before the end of the school day (leave early for an appointment or illness) and we have not received prior notice from the parent/guardian, the school office must contact a parent/guardian before early dismissal is approved and the student is allowed to leave. Students returning to school from early dismissals must sign back in at the office before returning to class.

Students are **not** allowed to excuse themselves for any of the above.

SCHOOL CONSENT FORMS – Please return to the office asap

Students have received a Technology Use/Communications Consent Form and a Student Medical Information Verification Form. It is very important that this information be kept up-to-date and accurate in case of an emergency. If any of the information on the form is incorrect, please make the necessary changes right on the form. These forms need to be signed and returned to the school office.

BC DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM

Everyone in BC is encouraged to complete the BC Demographic Survey by October 15, 2023, to help address systemic racism and improve public services. Staff and students are encouraged to take the survey with the goal of making BC more equitable and inclusive for everyone. For more information, go to: <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 14: Course Correction Forms due (3pm)
- Sept. 18: Photo Day
- Sept. 19: PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Sept. 20: Grade 8 Day – WildPlay Field Trip
- Sept. 21: Grad Kick Off (3-15pm – 4:30pm)
Gr. 12 Parent Information Night (5:30pm)
Meet the Teacher Night (6:30pm)
- Sept. 22: Pro-D Day
- Sept. 29: Orange Shirt Day