



FAMILY WAAG SEPTEMBER 18 – 22, 2023

Monday Sept. 18	Tuesday Sept. 19	Wednesday Sept. 20	Thursday Sept. 21	Friday Sept. 22
ABCD Photo Day	PLT – ABCD 7pm PAC Meeting	ABCD Grade 8 Day	PLT – ABCD 3:15pm Grad Kick Off 5:30pm Gr. 12 Parent Info Night 6:30pm Meet the Teacher Night	ABCD Non-Instructional Day (school closed for students)



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.

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.

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.

PHOTO DAY: Sept. 18

Everyone must have their school photo taken. The pictures are required for the student identification – Go Cards and for the school yearbook.

QUEBEC & MONTREAL MAY 2024!

Do you have a child taking Core French or Français Langue this school year? Do you want them to have the opportunity to express themselves in French in a real-world memorable experience? This is their chance to visit and learn further about French-Canadian culture as well as make long-lasting memories with classmates. All grades welcome. Want to learn more?

Student Meeting took place on Fri., Sept. 15th at lunch. If students were unable to attend, they can visit Mme Cowin in B213 for the itinerary and information package.

Parent Meeting for new families interested will take place on Microsoft TEAMS on Wed., Sept. 20th at 7pm. Link provided below: <https://shorturl.at/rwzTX>

GRADE 8 DAY – WILDPLAY: Sept. 20

A fun and exciting day is coming up for our Grade 8 Wildcats on Wednesday, September 20! Parents/Guardians, please see the e-mail from Mr. Johnstone with regards to what students need for the day. Grade 8 students, please find your **bus letter** and **Wildplay Team number** on the board in the front foyer of the school.

GRADE 12 PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO

NIGHT: Sept. 21

We encourage all of our Grade 12 parents and guardians to attend the Grade 12 Information Night at 5:30pm on Thursday, September 21. Important information regarding graduation requirements and events will be covered.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT: Sept. 21

We look forward to welcoming you to "Meet the Teacher Night" at McMath Secondary School. **All McMath parents and guardians are invited and encouraged to attend our Meet the Teacher evening at 6:25pm on Thursday, September 21.** As parents/guardians move through the school according to their teen's schedule, student volunteers from our Leadership program will be available to help you navigate through the building.

We look forward to seeing all our new and returning families!

STUDENT ALPHA UPDATE FOR COUNSELLORS

Mr. Arena is on a leave. In his absence, the following counsellor will be available for students with last names starting with...

- Ms. Bagnall: A-F and Sp-Ts
- Mr. Luistro: G-L and Wu-Z
- Ms. Arvanitis: M-So and Tu-Wo

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.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Pedestrians cross only at **marked or controlled** crosswalks.

- Do not jaywalk or cross when it is not your turn.
- Look BOTH ways before crossing the street/parking lot.
- Make eye contact with drivers approaching the crosswalk and before crossing.

Cyclists remember to wear your helmet and keep in mind safety when sharing the road with vehicles.

Drivers' kindly slowdown in areas close to schools and pedestrian cross walks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- Sept. 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 2: In Recognition of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (school closed)



ORANGE SHIRT DAY ON
SEPTEMBER 29

Don't forget to wear your orange shirts for Friday
September 29th



National Day
for Truth and
Reconciliation
ON SEPTEMBER 30

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