



Parents

January 11th-January 15th

Monday Jan 11	Tuesday Jan 12	Wednesday Jan 13	Thursday Jan 14	Friday Jan 15
C1/D2	C2/D1	C1/D2 Pandemic Parenting: Raising your child in a Digital Word @4:30pm	C2/D1 Grade 8 ADST Rotation	C1/D2

WELCOME BACK WEEK TWO ☺

We hope all had a wonderful winter break, enjoyed the holiday season, and are rejuvenated and recharged. Time away from our everyday tasks can be restorative. Just a reminder that for Grade 10-12 students the warning bell rings at 9:10am and for Grades 8-9 students at 9:25am.

GOALS IN 2021

As we enter the second week of 2021, students have the opportunity to set new goals for this new year. We continue to challenge students to set high expectations for themselves and then to demonstrate determination by striving for these goals.

AT RISK INTERIMS JAN 20TH

Interims will only be emailed for students who are not engaging, doing poorly, or receiving an "I" (Incomplete) for Q2 on **Wednesday, Jan 20th** so they can improve before the end of term. Please consult the classroom teacher if you have any questions.

PARKING DROP OFF/PICK UP

The safety and well-being of your children is our paramount duty and we are committed to keeping all students, staff and guests safe. In order to do this, we encourage students to be active and walk or bike to school. If your child needs to be dropped off or picked up, please move your car forward when space becomes available in our roundabout. The driveway and parking lot *beyond* the roundabout is for staff only, please. Thank you.

ATHLETICS

Basketball is going ahead this week with all Safe Return to Sports protocols in place. Tryout times will be announced on Monday, with tryouts beginning later in the week. Stay tuned for Table Tennis information soon. We know how important health and fitness are to our students.

PANDEMIC PARENTING SERIES beginning Jan 13th

A free series of Zoom sessions, led by well-respected experts, may be of interest. Dr. Deborah MacNamara and Dr. Gabriela Ionita have both spoken with parents and staff in our District in the past and been very well received. Please see attachment for more information.

GRADUATION NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (GNA)

This provincial assessment, a graduation requirement, assesses students' skills as they apply mathematical knowledge learned across multiple subjects through to the end of grade 10. More information is available here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment> All of our Grade 11 students will write on either **Monday, Jan 25th** or **Tuesday Jan 26th**. There are two time slots each day (8:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:30); students will be in small groups of 15 or less for safety. Specific date, time and location will be emailed to students and posted on our website on Monday. We will be offering Zoom orientation sessions to help students prepare.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

So soon? Yes, for some things. We are Zooming with Grade 7 teachers on Tuesday and with Grade 7 students the last week of January. Students currently at McMath will learn about course options at the beginning of Quarter 3 when counsellors visit their classes. We will also have a Zoom Parent Information Evening to provide the same information later in February.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 14 - Grade 8 ADST Rotation
 Jan 20 - At Risk Interims emailed home
 Jan 20-27 - Grad Photos
 Jan 25-26 - Grade 11 Grad Numeracy Assessment
 Jan 25-29 - Grade 7 Class Zooms
 Jan 26 - PAC Virtual Meeting @ 7pm
 Feb 3 - end of Quarter 2
 Feb 9 - Gr 7 Parents' Information Evening @ 7pm