



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG

NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2, 2022

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

Monday Nov. 28	Tuesday Nov. 29	Wednesday Nov. 30	Thursday Dec. 1	Friday Dec. 2
BADC	PLT – BADC	CT – BADC	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.

STUDENT PROGRESS AND POSITIVE ROUTINES

The past two weeks has been busy for the school with the first reporting period this semester and parent-teacher conferences this past week. It was wonderful to have our parents and caregivers to attend the conferences in person. Many of our students have been working hard and keeping up with their studies and are doing well with their grades and achieving their goals. Success in school is a team effort involving the student, parents/caregivers, and educators. ALL students should be doing work on their classes outside of class time. It is important to review at home every day. Daily review is important to ensure students understand the lesson that day and can practice more to prepare for the next lesson. Review will also inform students if they need to ask certain questions the next day to properly understand what they are learning.

If you have not yet had a family conversation regarding progress at school, please encourage the use of daily review and help create a routine to review, study, and complete work on time. Many McMath teachers have suggested that students should attend PLT for extra help. Parents, please help motivate your teenager to attend PLT to get extra help or to ask a simple question. There are lots of time in the semester to reset goals and work hard to success and attain their goals.

STUDENT LATES – Learning Starts at 8:30am

One trend that staff have observed that impacts learning is students' arriving late. Mr. Johnstone usually meets and greets students in the morning at the front entrance. In September/October we had about 15-20 students arriving after the start of first period. His recent observations are up to 80-100 vehicles dropping off students after the first bell. Students arriving late interrupts the learning in first period for all students. Please have a conversation with your teenager and make a plan to ensure they are on time even when the weather is inclement. Our front door is unlocked at 7:15am, the building is warm, we have free WIFI, and the cafeteria has breakfast snacks by 8am. Every high school has lots of traffic at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. Avoid the congestion of cars from 8:20-8:30am and arrive early. Thanks for your cooperation to help our students arrive on time.

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.

RICHMOND RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY – December 5

The Richmond Career Programs Office, in partnership with the Richmond RCMP is inviting students in Grades 10-12 to participate in Richmond School District's second annual **RCMP Youth Academy**. This is a **5-day camp from Feb 16th - 20th, 2023**. We are excited that the RCMP has generously agreed to accept more applicants and we are **extending our original due date to Monday, December 5th**. Any students interested in applying should fill in the [RCMP Youth Academy application](#) and drop off to your Counsellor or Career Advisor.

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS AT HOME

Feel free to use the attached strategies – keeping your binder tidy, planning your time, and mindfulness strategies, to support your teen of all grades at home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 30: Collaboration Day (*late start*)
- Dec 5: ADST 8 Rotation 3
- Dec 6: Winter Music Concert (7pm)
- Dec 7: Conference Day (in homeroom classes)
- Dec 16: Breakfast with Santa (alt. bell schedule)
Last day of school before Winter Holidays begins
- Jan 3: School Reopens



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