



THE WILD CAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG

FEBRUARY 6 – FEBRUARY 10, 2023

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 Feb. 6	Tuesday Feb. 7	Wednesday Feb. 8	Thursday Feb. 9	Friday Feb. 10
EFGH Last day to submit Course Change Request Forms	PLT – EFGH DAG Parent Meeting (6pm Staff room)	Conference Day & Gr. 8-11 Program Planning (In Homeroom classes)	PLT – EFGH	EFGH Last day to purchase a Crush Can!

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.

PARENT/CAREGIVER ONLINE SURVEY – LINEAR OR SEMESTER – February 6-13

As mentioned in previous PAC meetings, we informed parents that McMath is reviewing our secondary structure to determine our timetable structure for following years. We are asking ALL parents and caregivers to complete a survey to provide our families a voice to be part of the input for the decision. Last year, there was about 25% of the parents/caregivers who completed the survey. We are asking to have 75% of the parents/caregivers completing the survey to show a strong mandate.

The staff created a committee to gather information about the two systems we are considering – SEMESTER & LINEAR. As for PLT, whether we are linear or semesters, there will be 100-minutes of PLT weekly. This was presented at the January 17th PAC meeting, please review the presentation which is posted on the website. Students will be completing a survey from February 9-10th at school.

We will send the survey link to ALL McMath families. There will be 3 version – English, Cantonese, & Mandarin. The school will resend the email every day for the week of February 6-13. Once you have completed the survey, please ignore the remaining emails.

Thanks for your cooperation and for participating in this decision by completing the survey. The decision will be communicated after February 17th.

-Mr. Johnstone, Ms. Naidu, & Mr. Ngo

COURSE CORRECTION REQUESTS – Feb 6

Students wishing to change a course need to fill out the following survey by Monday, February 6, 2023. Keep in mind that there is not much flexibility for switching classes at this point; however, counsellors will try to make the changes where possible and inform the student directly. Students wishing to improve their course mark by repeating a class in Semester 2, it is recommended to explore other options such as summer school or Richmond Virtual School. Even though a course correction request has been submitted, students are still expected to attend their classes until notified differently by their counsellor.

Course Correction Request form: shorturl.at/cGMY2

FEB: BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN CANADA

During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous country. For more information, go to: <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/black-history-month>

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.

StuCO: CRUSH CANS – February 1-10

Crush Cans are an annual StuCo tradition near Valentine's Day for students to send different flavoured sodas with different meanings to their friends.

- Orange: friendship
- Pink: love
- Purple: crush
- Root Beer: it's complicated

Crush Cans will be sold for \$1 each at lunch in front of the main stage from February 1st – 10th.

2023 DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG) MEETING – February 7

Parents/Caregivers of a Grade 12 student, we need your help! Please join us on **Tuesday, February 7th from 6-7pm in the McMath staff room** to see how you can help with this year's fun DAG event. All Grade 12 parents are welcome as we need your help in whatever way you can contribute. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help out in other ways, please contact us at: mcmathdag2023@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE DAY – February 8

Our 2nd Conference Day of the year will be on February 8th. Students are to report to their homeroom classes for a day full of activities and learning. Counsellors will also be presenting to students in Grades 8-11 on the course selection process for the 2023-2024 school year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Looking to volunteer and make a difference in Richmond? Why not be a part of the Coldest Night of the Year with Chimo Community Services? The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. For more information, go to: <https://cnoy.org/volunteer>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 6: Course Correction Forms due
- Feb 7: DAG Parent/Caregiver Meeting (6pm)
- Feb 8: Conference Day #2 & 2023-2024 Program Planning (in Homeroom classes)
- Feb 14: Crush Can Deliveries
Valentine's Day
- Feb 16: Grade 7 Parent Information Night (6pm)
Meet the Teacher Night (6:30pm)
- Feb 17: Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Feb 20: Family Day (School Closed)
- Feb 21: PAC Meeting (7pm)

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