



École Secondaire Robert A. McMath Secondary School

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Dear Grade 12 McMath Students and their Parents & Caregivers:

This year marks the culmination of 13 years of public education for our grade 12 students and their families. We are all excited about celebrating our graduate's accomplishments and help them make decisions for their future pursuits. For families, it is a time to be proud of their young adult for their hardwork, success, and perseverance. This will be evident at our Valedictory Ceremony on June 12, where we will honour our students' graduation.

To make sure this year is memorable, enjoyable, and safe, we expect our grade 12 students to be stellar citizens by being positive role models for students in grades 8 through 11. This expectation includes our grade 12 students demonstrating behavior that meets and exceeds our Student Code of Conduct and the McMath PRIDE expectations.

All Grads and parents need to be aware that all events organized and sponsored by the school must be free of tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping, drugs, or alcohol. This is for the safety and well-being of our students and volunteer sponsors who give up their time to supervise these events. We must be respectful of the enormous responsibility they undertake. The school, therefore, expects that during these events our students will behave, dress appropriately and always demonstrate good judgement. Our expectations extend to activities that are deemed a "prank", whether in the school or not, that jeopardizes the safety, well-being, security of others and/or property and the reputation of McMath Secondary. Consequences for breaching our expectations listed above may result in denied participation in future grad events, including (but not limited to) the Grad Dinner/Dance and/or Valedictory Ceremony.

Grad Events Include:

- Grad Kick Off – Sept 21
 - Grad Boat Cruise – October 6
 - Winter Formal - January 25
 - Grad Photos – Feb 8-17
 - Valedictory – June 12
 - Dinner & Dance/DAG – June 27
- *And other School Sanctioned Grad events TBD

In the past, members of McMath's grad classes have planned their own non-school sponsored "Grad Activities" such as "Kidnapping". These events are often inappropriate, they are student planned, unsupervised, and often interfere with school routines, learning, and often disrespect members of our community. The school **DOES NOT** support these activities that could include Grad Class Ski/Snowboarding, Grad Class Camping in the Spring, "S-Trip" events (Big White, Mexico, etc), Grad Skip Day and others.

Prior to participating in any Grad events, students and parents/guardians must complete and return the attached form to the Main Office by Friday September 15, 2023. These forms will be kept on file and used to reference for all future school sponsored Grad events. Participation in Grad events will not be allowed unless this form is signed and completed. Your support is very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mr. Jeff Johnstone, Principal
Ms. Aarthi Naidu, Vice-Principal
Mr. Lee Banta, Vice Principal

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Graduating Students, Parents & Caregiver Behaviour Expectation Agreement

For participation in Grad activities, this form must be returned to the school front office by FRIDAY, September 15, 2023.

The intent of this document is to create transparency regarding our expectations for the students in the Grade 12 class. These expectations are not set up to be punitive towards our students, but to encourage our students to respect McMath's Code of Conduct, to develop or maintain positive work habits, and to remain focused until the end of the year.

Our expectations include:

- Regular attendance to all classes
- No involvement with tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping, drugs, or alcohol at school that includes before or during school-sponsored events, activities, or field trips. We wish to protect students from any of the personal, school-based, or legal ramifications of making ill-advised decisions while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not participate in vandalism at school and the surrounding community
- No involvement in any activity deemed a "prank or joke", whether in the school or not, that jeopardizes the safety, well-being, security of others and/or property. This would include any activity carried out by students that:
 - Causes damage to school property or to property in the community
 - Incurs a financial cost to individuals, the district, or businesses in the community
 - Causes damage to our school's reputation
 - Negatively impacts the physical or emotional well-being of Richmond School District #38 students, staff and/or the community
 - Uses language or images that humiliate, threaten, or violate the privacy of individuals using an online platform (ie. Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok, etc.)

Consequences may include (but are not limited to):

1. Denied participation in future grad events
2. In or out of School Suspension
3. Administrative transfer to another Richmond school or program

I, _____ student name (please print), understand the expectations outlined above and the possible consequences if these expectations are not met. Please complete the area below and submit it to the Main Office.

Student Signature: _____ Student #: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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