



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG

December 18th – 22nd, 2023

Monday Dec. 18	Tuesday Dec. 19	Wednesday Dec. 20	Thursday Dec. 21	Friday Dec. 22
BADC	PLT – BADC	CT-BADC	PLT -BADC	BADC
StuCo's Comfy Week (Dec 18-22)		Collab Day Late Start @9:30am		Breakfast with Santa <i>Early Dismissal 1pm</i> Alternate Bell Schedule
<i>Slippers, Socks & Slides Day</i>	<i>Blanket & Stuffy Day</i>	<i>Winter Wear Weds</i>	<i>Ugly (Holiday) Sweater & Hat Day</i>	<i>PJ Day</i>



• 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-NAL-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.

McMATH DRY AFTER GRAD

The McMath Dry Grad Committee will be organizing a bottle drive at the Return It Depot commencing in January 2024. We would like to ask that McMath families save up their bottles and cans over the holidays for this fundraiser to support the Dry Grad. More details to come in the New Year.

FIND YOUR PATH AT EducationPlannerBC

Find Your Path is a personalized, interactive education and career planning tool that allows users to choose an area of interest and easily navigate different paths that connect post-secondary programs, skills training, and careers. For more information, go to:

<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/find-your-path>

GRAD GOWN SURVEY

To ensure that Grad Gown Packages are produced and shipped in time for the June 12, 2024, Valedictory Ceremony, they must be pre-ordered by the school in advance. As such, we are gathering information regarding sizing currently. Each McMath grad is required to complete a brief online survey to provide that information. The survey can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Please note that the survey closes for submissions on December 22, 2023.

WINTER WONDERLAND SKATING

City of Richmond's Winter Wonderland Skating schedule for Dec 15 – Jan 7 is now available [Skate Schedule](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 18: Conference Day Assignments due
- Dec 20: Collab Day late start 9:30am
- Dec 22: Breakfast with Santa & Winter Celebration (doors open at 6:45-7:15:event 7:-8:25)
- Dec 22: Early Dismissal of 1pm
- Dec 22: ADST 8 Marks Published
- Dec 22: Last Day of Classes for Winter Break
- Jan 8: Welcome Back! BADC
- Jan 10: Connexions Class #2 in Homeroom

SUPPORT AND CRISIS LINES

People across the country can **call and text 9-8-8**, a three-digit number for suicide prevention, giving people experiencing thoughts of suicide, or people worried about someone else, an accessible and easy number to call when they need urgent help. Help is also available through **Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868)** and the **Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310)**. Experienced and culturally competent counsellors are reachable by telephone and online 'chat' 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Winter conditions make it difficult to see pedestrians and students walking along our walkways, crosswalks, and driveways. We are asking parents/caregivers to be extra vigilant and drive with extra caution when driving to and from the school.

STUDENTS, if you are walking or riding your bicycles to school, please make sure that you take every step to make yourself visible (i.e. reflective and/or bright clothing, reflectors etc.). Also, be sure to look both ways before crossing streets, parking lots and driveways. Do not assume that drivers see you. Pause and make sure that they see you by making eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of traffic.

BICYCLES

Students, if you are riding your bicycle to school, please use a heavy-duty lock that cannot be cut and use only designated bicycle racks to lock up your bicycles. Please DO NOT lock your bicycle up against the chain link fence in the shop area. This is a safety risk as they are not secure there. It also prevents students and staff from getting out of the gate if they need to in the event of an emergency.

SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised the Richmond School District that their officers have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk. Bylaw enforcement officers will be issuing tickets for vehicles stopping on marked crosswalks. Let's get the message out there to improve pedestrian safety and driver etiquette.

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