



# THE WILDCAT WAAG

## FAMILY WAAG

### February 26<sup>th</sup> – Mar 1st, 2024

| Monday<br>Feb. 26 | Tuesday<br>Feb. 27                                  | Wednesday<br>Feb. 28   | Thursday<br>Feb. 29 | Friday<br>Mar. 1              |
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| EFGH              | PLT – EFGH<br><br>Math 8/9 placement tests @ 3:30pm | CC -EFGH<br><b>COLLAB DAY</b><br>Late Start @ 9:30am<br><i>Pink Shirt Day</i><br>Math 8/9 placement tests @ 3:30pm | PLT – EFGH          | EFGH<br><br>DIGITAL DETOX DAY |



• 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-NAI-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.

#### **YEARBOOK ORDERS! DEADLINE FEB 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

The last day to order is Thursday, **February 29, 2024**. check the lists posted outside the office or contact our business assistant to check that you've paid for your yearbook [emcgarry@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:emcgarry@sd38.bc.ca) **Please make sure all school fees are paid.** *Students with outstanding fees won't be able to pick up their yearbook until payment has been received.*

#### **GRADE 10 AND 11 FAMILIES**

We are excited to announce that the SD38 Career Programs Office is **offering Kwantlen Polytechnic University's (KPU) "Intro to Health Science 115" course this summer.** This is "dual credit" (earn both high school and post-secondary credits). Tuition is free and students only need to purchase their textbook. **Details attached on the website:** <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/our-programs/new-health-care-programs>  
Application must arrive in our office **BEFORE MAR 12TH.**  
**Meet the KPU instructor and ask questions at our information evening on Wednesday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7pm.**

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb 19: Family Day – School Closed  
Feb 20: PAC Meeting @ 7pm  
Feb 21: Computing Competition  
Feb 22: Course Planning Due  
Feb 27 & 28: Math 8/9 Placement Exam 3:30pm  
Feb 28: Collab Day – late start @ 9:30am  
Feb 28: Pascal, Cayley & Fermat Math Contests  
Feb 28: Pink Shirt Day  
Mar 1: Digital Detox Day  
Mar 8: interims sent home  
Mar 8: International Women's Day  
Mar 11: DAG meeting @ 6pm  
Mar 13: Collab Day – late start @ 9:30am  
Mar 13: ADST 8 Rotation 2 begins  
Mar 14: Last Day of classes before Spring Break

#### **(PLT) – TUES & THURS 8:30 - 9:25AM**

PLT is optional, but we encourage all students to make good use of this time. Students do not need to sign up for a PLT time/placement, but they **do need to look at the schedule to see which teachers are available and when, posted on our website.** <https://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca/news/2024/01/plt-february-2024>

#### **PINK SHIRT DAY Feb 28th**

Pink Shirt was Inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia. "David Shepherd & Travis Price organized a protest in sympathy for a Gr 9 boy who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. After David and Travis' act of kindness in 2007, the idea has only grown each year, with worldwide support and participation. Last year alone, people in almost 180 countries shared their support of Pink Shirt Day through social media posts and donations. **We encourage everyone at McMath to wear pink or a Pink Shirt on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, to help create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness or anti-bullying initiatives.**

#### **DIGITAL DETOX DAY – MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

As a school on March 1, we are asking staff and students to put their phones down and have ONE day at school to be free from the distraction of our phones. We will ask students to keep their phones off and put them in their locker or in their backpack. If there is an urgent message for your student, call the office and we can share the message to the student. There are many benefits to have time away from social media and other apps. In one day without using your phone, your stress reduces, and your mental health improves. For one day, find joy and be present with the people that you share space with and learn without distraction. Please find more information about the Digital Detox Day on March 1<sup>st</sup>. More info: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-of-unplugging/>

#### **ARRIVING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL**

*The second bell each morning, and at the end of lunch, are the signal that classes and learning are beginning. At that time, students should be in the classes they are registered for and ready to engage with their learning.*

**We ask that students make concerted efforts to arrive on time so that they are in class by the second bell.** If it is essential that students are driven to school, then we ask that families coordinate their schedules in the morning to allow for an on-time arrival, keeping in mind that the parking lot becomes very busy just before the start of the day and it may take longer to get into the school at that time.

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