



FAMILY WAAG

September 23 – 27, 2024

Monday Sept. 23	Tuesday Sept. 24	Wednesday Sept. 25	Thursday Sept. 26	Friday Sept. 27
ABCD 3pm Club Application Deadline	PLT - ABCD 6:30pm UBCO at SLSS	CT – ABCD Collaboration Day 9:30am School Starts Grade 8 Day	PLT - ABCD 8:30am Gr. 12 Session w/ Counsellors – Post Secondary 101 (gym)	ABCD Orange Shirt Day Gr. 12 Grad Boat Cruise payment deadline

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən'q'əmin'əm' language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live, and upon whose Musqueam people continue their traditions and cultural education. We acknowledge the ancestors, those who have walked before us, and thank them for their stewardship of this beautiful place. We acknowledge the Elders, the knowledge keepers, and counsellors of traditional teachings. We acknowledge children from all parts of the world, all nations. We are inspired by the vibrancy of your youth and we commit to continually striving to make the world we borrow from you a more peaceful, loving and safe place in which to learn, live and love.



MCMATH ATHLETICS!

Please check the @mcmathathletics on Instagram for up-to-date info regarding tryouts for school sports.

SCHOOL CONSENT FORMS – Please return ASAP

Students received a Medical Form, Reunification Form, Media Consent Form and Walking Field Trip Form in Homeroom. Please return asap.

NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: September 27

Reconciliation and the lasting impacts of residential schools have sparked conversations between parents and children, educators and students around Indigenous issues, histories, and perspective. We encourage staff and students to wear orange on Sept. 27 and to focus on Reconciliation in the days ahead of Sept. 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For more information, go to: <https://orangeshirtday.org/>

SCHOOL BASED CLUBS

Beginning Monday September 16th, application forms for school-based clubs will be available to pick up in the school's main office. Application forms must be completed, and there must be a confirmed volunteer staff sponsor for a club to be considered for approval. Please read all of the information on the application form before completing it. **Application forms must be completed, signed and handed in to the office by 3pm on September 23rd to be considered for approval this year.** Applications will be reviewed, and students will be notified of the status of their application. The presidents and volunteer staff sponsor(s) of approved clubs will be required to attend an organizational meeting before club activity can begin. The date of that meeting will be announced in the coming days.

CITY OF RICHMOND – Gang Prevention Information Sessions

Gang Prevention Information Sessions – in partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC, Richmond RCMP, and Touchstone Family Association, these FREE sessions are designed for parents, guardians, and caregivers. Registration is required.



GANG PREVENTION INFORMATION SESSIONS

FREE for parents, guardians and caregivers

Mon, Sep 23 from 6:00-8:00pm at Richmond City Hall (6911 No. 3 Road)

Tue, Nov 19 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Richmond Cultural Centre (7700 Minoru Gate)

Learn how to protect and support your children:

- Spot the warning signs of gang involvement
- Keep kids safe online with practical internet tips
- Build strong communication with your children
- Strengthen connections to handle tough conversations
- Discover available support and resources for at-risk youth

Engage with experts, access valuable resources, and empower yourself and your child.



To reserve your spot, scan the QR code.

For more info, visit richmond.ca/BSCF.



NEW DISTRICT POLICY: STUDENT PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE

Please be reminded:

- Students should not use personal digital devices during instructional time, unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes.
- When not permitted, personal digital devices should be powered off and secured inside a student's backpack, locker or secured location.
- Policy 104-G (A): Acceptable Use of Personal Digital Devices
- Policy 105: District Code of Conduct

If a caregiver needs to get in touch with their teen during instructional time, feel free to give us a call at the office (604) 718-4050. Students also have access to call home if needed using the office phone.

GRADE 8 DAY: September 25

We are excited to have our Grade 8 Day on Wednesday, September 25th! It will be a fun-filled day of activities that incorporate core competencies and our PRIDE matrix for the Grade 8s. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Hass and his Leadership students for all their hard work in planning this day. Stay tuned for more information!

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE FOR RICHMOND'S INTERCULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Richmond's Intercultural Advisory Committee (RIAC) is seeking a youth between the ages of 13-24 to be a representative for the 2025 appointment term. RIAC is looking for youths passionate about advancing cultural diversity, equity and inclusion, and topics such as anti-racism, interculturalism, and language accessibility. The committee meets monthly nine times a year, with breaks in July, August, and December.

For more information: www.richmond.ca/advisory

Applications are due by September 27, 2024.

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER

All members of our school community are reminded to stay home when you are sick and to regularly wash hands.

STUDENT MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS

If your child has medical considerations that the school needs to be aware of or if there have been any changes/updates to those considerations since last year, please contact the school and provide us with that information as soon as possible. Where appropriate, we also ask that parents provide the school with a copy of any medical documentation to support that information. Thank you for your assistance with this. If you have any questions, please contact the main office.

GUIDELINES FOR ANIMALS IN SCHOOLS

No dogs or leashed pets should be on or inside school premises during instructional hours.

Any requests for assistance dogs to be present in a school site should be directed to the principal who will then connect with the proper individuals. Assistance dog must be certified and be officially trained to support the student.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 24: UBCO Presentation at SLSS (6:30pm)
- Sept. 25: Collaboration Day (school starts at 9:30am) Grade 8 Day
- Sept. 26: Gr. 12 Post Secondary 101 Session with Counsellors (8:30am)
- Sept. 27: Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)
- Oct. 1: University of Alberta Presentation (8:30am)
- Oct. 2: Connexion Class #1 in Homeroom Class
- Oct. 4: Grad Boat Cruise

What does "belonging" mean to you

60 responses



From the 2023-2024 McMath Student Voice Forum

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