



FAMILY WAAG

September 30 – October 4, 2024

Monday Sept. 30	Tuesday Oct. 1	Wednesday Oct. 2	Thursday Oct. 3	Friday Oct. 4
National Truth & Reconciliation Day School Closed	PLT - ABCD	CC-ABCD Connexions Class (in Homeroom)	PLT - ABCD	ABCD Grad Boat Cruise

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən'q'əmín'əm' language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live, and upon where the 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.

MCMATH ATHLETICS!

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

CONNEXIONS CLASS: October 2

The first Connexions class of the year is coming up on Wednesday, October 2. It is mandatory for students to attend. Students are to report to their Homeroom class. These classes will provide varied and engaging learning opportunities related to Career Life Education, which is a required component of the high school curriculum. If students need to borrow a device, please see Ms. Cho in the Library Learning Commons.

GRAD BOAT CRUISE: October 4

The Grad Class of 2025 has their first big event coming up on Friday, October 4! Grads are asked to be at the Plaza of Nations Marina by 6pm latest to board the M.V. Queen of Diamonds. Boat Cruise will end at 9:30pm. Students are responsible for their transportation to and from the event. Keep traffic in mind and give yourselves LOTS of time to get there. Outside food and beverage will not be permitted. This is a school event, and all school rules apply. Security will be onsite.

We are looking forward to a fun evening cruising around English Bay.

Friendly reminder, in order to attend the Grad Boat Cruise, a ticket must have been purchased AND the Grad Agreement Form must have been submitted to the office.

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. For more information, go to: richmond.ca/BSCF

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY – October 5

October 5th marks World Teachers' Day. We recognize and celebrate all our staff who play such a critical role in educating our students and influencing the future of society. We frequently celebrate student achievement and need to share the credit with those who motivate, challenge, and lead our students towards reaching their personal bests. Thank you to all our dedicated staff for making McMath such a great place to work and learn.

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.

GET INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY!

Richmond is updating its Official Community Plan (OCP) to the year 2050 and is encouraging community members to get involved and help shape the city's future. Join us in creating a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive community. Several engagement opportunities are being offered from September through November. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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.

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.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

The Artona mobile photo studio will be at McMath from February 12-23, 2025, for Grade 12 graduation photos. To order school photos or to book a graduation photo sitting, go to <https://artona.com/schools/MMAT>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 5: World Teacher's Day
- Oct. 8: University of Calgary Presentation (8:30am Rotunda)
Kwantlen Polytechnic University Presentation (Lunch in 11205)
- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
US College/University Presentation, West Point Grey Academy (5pm)
- Oct. 11: Semester 1 Learning Update E-meeting
- Oct. 14: Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- Oct. 15: PAC Meeting (7pm)

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