



FAMILY WAAG OCTOBER 14 – 18, 2024

Monday Oct. 14	Tuesday Oct. 15	Wednesday Oct. 16	Thursday Oct. 17	Friday Oct. 18
Thanksgiving Day <i>School Closed</i>	PLT – ABCD SFU Beedie School of Business (11205 at Lunch) 7pm PAC Meeting	ABCD Photo Retake Day	PLT – ABCD ADST 8 Rotation 2	ABCD

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the han'q'amin'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. 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.



PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

We encourage students to review the PLT schedule posted on the McMath website on Monday to plan their PLT on Tuesday and Thursday. PLT is designed to provide extra learning support for all students in all subject areas. All students are expected to use this gift of time wisely and make choices that will benefit their learning.

HEALTH AWARENESS

A friendly reminder that as we enter the flu season, that if you are not feeling well, please stay home. Take the time to rest and let your body heal while helping us control the spread of illnesses.

MCMATH ATHLETICS!

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

SEMESTER 1 INTERIM REPORTS – Oct. 11

On October 11th, Semester 1 Interim Reports will be sent home through e-mail. If you have not done so already, kindly ensure that your e-mail information is up to date. This learning update is a snapshot of how your teen is currently doing as of October 7th. We encourage caregivers to review the learning update with their teen. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your teen's teacher directly. Staff e-mail addresses may be found at <https://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca/our-staff>. **If you have not received your teen's S1 Interim Report by 6pm on October 11th, kindly send the front office an email.*

PHOTO RETAKE DAY – Oct. 16

Photo Retake day at McMath is Wednesday, October 16th in the morning. The call down order will be Grade 12 – Grade 8. Retakes will only be available to students who...

- missed photo day in September
- require a new photo for a photo package that is being purchased.

Please note that retakes will not be taken for the purpose of getting a new photo for a school ID card. **If students needing a retake had their photo done in September, they will be required to provide the photographer with their current ID card when getting their photo taken.** This is how those students will be identified. Students will not be permitted to keep the old and new ID cards. The photographers will have name cards for students who didn't have their photo taken in Sept.

The Artona mobile photo studio will be at McMath from February 12-23, 2025, for Grade 12 graduation photos. To order school

GAME OF APPS (promo video <https://goa.fyi/promo>)

WHAT IS GoA? Game of Apps is an after-school program that empowers students with practical technical and life skills to help them succeed in 21st century careers. Over the past seven years, we've taught coding, design and entrepreneurship skills to over 650 students from 73 schools all over BC.

There are many coding programs available today. What makes us different is that all of our mentors and instructors are professionals working in the Tech industry. Students learn important technology skills in the context of real-world projects, emulating how we build products in the industry. This means that students must also exercise important soft skills such as communication, teamwork & collaboration, time management, public speaking, critical thinking, problem solving, and much more. These are essential skills needed to succeed not just in the Tech industry, but in all future careers.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Everyone is welcome, both tech-oriented and non-tech oriented students (including artists, musicians, athletes, business-minded students and more)! We have a strong focus on including female students and non-tech oriented individuals. This is not just paying lip service to diversity and inclusivity, but to address the fact that the Tech industry truly needs more variety in backgrounds, experiences and viewpoints.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

This season, we continue offering the following year-long programs:

- Startup School, grades 10-12, 22 weeks
- Intro to Programming, levels 1 & 2, grades 6-9, 19 weeks

AP EXAMS – Nov. 1

Information about ordering AP exams for this year's session in May 2025 is posted on the McMath school website. Please follow all instructions as laid out on the order form. McMath students wanting to register for one or more AP exams must complete and submit the order form, along with payment to the school. Students must also use the section join codes to register for the appropriate section on-line. The deadline to complete the ordering process is the end of the school day on November 1st, 2024.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

All current grade 10 and 12 students at McMath will be registered to write mandatory GLA 10 or GLA 12 graduation assessments during the week of October 28th. A detailed schedule of when students will be writing will be posted outside of the main office and the library learning commons next week. Students will miss a portion of their classes on the day(s) they are scheduled to write the assessment. They will be responsible for connecting with their teachers about missed work. Notices will be posted on the school website and in the daily students notices once the schedules are posted. Students are responsible for making sure they know when and where they will be writing their graduation assessments.

Graduation Literacy Assessment Prep Sessions - All current grade 10 students have been registered to write the GLA 10 at the end of October. All current grade 12 students have been registered to write the GLA 12. There will be a GLA 10 prep session in the LLC during PLT on Tuesday, October 15th. There will be a GLA 12 prep session in the LLC during PLT on Thursday, October 17th. Students registered to write the assessments are welcome to attend. The schedule outlining when students are scheduled to write their respective grad assessments will be posted outside of the LLC and the main office next week.

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