



FAMILY WAAG OCTOBER 21 – 25, 2024

Monday Oct. 21	Tuesday Oct. 22	Wednesday Oct. 23	Thursday Oct. 24	Friday Oct. 25
ABCD	PLT – ABCD	ABCD	PLT – ABCD	PRO-D Day <i>School Closed</i>

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 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.

FAMILY SMART SESSION – Nov 7

Topic: Emotion Regulation

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: McMath Secondary School (Rotunda)

See attached flyer for more information.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Halloween can be fun. However, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. Please guide your teen's decision making to ensure their Halloween costume is appropriate. We must ensure Halloween costumes are safe and respectful. This message has will be shared with students via school announcements.

Halloween costumes may be unsuitable if they contain any of these elements:

- Weapons – even fake ones are not allowed at school as part of their costume
- Cultural or racial stereotypes – includes black face/brown face, Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks, etc.
- Masks that cover one's face
- Religious faith – i.e., religious figures, gods, saints, gurus, hijab, etc.
- Gender – gender switching for humour or to mock
- Trauma – i.e., hangman's noose/weapons, etc.

If your teen is unsure about their costume, please check in with administration.

GR. 9 TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK – Nov. 6

We are excited to partner with the Students Commission of Canada and RBC Future Launch for Gr. 9 Take Our Kid to Work Day taking place on Wednesday, November 6. This day gives Grade 9 students an opportunity to explore various career paths and gain insights into the working world. We encourage you to support your teen's participation in this valuable event. If possible, arrange for them to visit your workplace or another suitable location. Permissions forms will be distributed to Grade 9 students in Block A class on Monday, October 21. Signed forms are due back by Friday, November 1 to your teen's Block A teacher. Students who do not return a signed permission form will be assumed to be attending school on November 6.

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.

DIGITAL DEVICE FAQs

Please read this FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document (see attached). There are some great points of clarification in regard to device (i.e. cell phone) usage with references to PLT and students on a study.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 25 Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Oct. 28-Nov. 1 GLA 10 & 12 Assessments
- Oct. 29 Grade 8 Dance
- Oct. 30 Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30am)
- Oct. 31 Bishop's University Presentation (8:30am Rotunda)
- Nov. 3 Daylight Savings (Clocks Back 1-Hour)
- Nov. 6 Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Nov. 7 Gr. 8 Fine Arts Wheel Rotation 2 Starts

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