



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG

OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Monday Oct. 28	Tuesday Oct. 29	Wednesday Oct. 30	Thursday Oct. 31	Friday Nov. 1
ABCD GLA 10	PLT – ABCD GLA 10 Gr. 8 School Dance	CT-ABCD GLA 12 Collaboration Day (school starts at 9:30am)	PLT – ABCD GLA 12 8:30am Bishop University (rotunda)	ABCD Gr. 9 TOKTW Form Due AP Exam Registration Deadline

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 whose 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 (TOKTW) 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 – Oct. 28-Nov.1

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.

CANDY DONATIONS – Oct. 25 – Nov.4

Mr. Hass's Leadership students in conjunction with The Good Shepherd Ministry, are collecting pre-packaged candy donations. Donations may be dropped off to the McMath office between October 25-November 4. Donations will be sorted, packaged, and gifted to the community in the downtown east-side.

PARENT/GUARDIAN EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Richmond School District is excited to offer the following parent/guardian education sessions during the 2024/2025 school year:

- Nov. 13: Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying
- Jan. 21: Cellphones: What's healthy, What's Not, How to Support Our Kids
- Feb. 25: Reclaiming Play
- April 8: Cybersafe from Exploitation

Please see below for detailed descriptions of each session and registration information. We look forward to your participation!

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 28-Nov. 1 GLA 10 & 12 Assessments
- Oct. 29 Grade 8 Dance
- Oct. 30 Collaboration Day (School Starts at 9:30am)
- 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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