



# THE WILDCAT WAAG

## FAMILY WAAG NOVEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Monday Nov. 11	Tuesday Nov. 12	Wednesday Nov. 13	Thursday Nov. 14	Friday Nov. 15
Remembrance Day <i>School Closed</i>	PLT – BADC Block Rotation B-A-D-C	Conference Day #1 In Homeroom Class	PLT – BADC	BADC S1 Midterm Learning Update Published in MyEd (4pm)

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the han'q'amin'am' language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live, and upon whose territories 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.

### MCMATH POPPY FUND COLLECTION

This year's Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> under the organization of the Leadership class. Poppies will be distributed during Block A. Staff and students are encouraged to make a small donation in their honour, with all proceeds going to the Richmond Poppy Fund. This donation will assist Veterans and their families. **Donations may also be made through School Cash Online from October 25 – November 11, 2024.**

### S1 MIDTERM LEARNING UPDATES – Nov. 15

Semester 1 Midterm Learning Updates will be published on the MyEducation BC site at 4pm on November 15. Please note, any data that may be viewed online before this date is *draft only*. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to read and discuss the progress report with their teen. Pay attention to learning achievement, as well as attendance and teacher comments. Celebrate the successes and discuss student plans for areas that may need some continued growth and improvement.

Parents/Guardians with concerns are invited to make appointments to meet with teachers during **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on November 20 from 2-4pm and November 21 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. *More information on how to book an appointment will be sent out on Friday, November 15. Note: there are limited time slots available per teacher, if you are not able to book an appointment, we encourage you to reach out to the teacher directly through phone or email. Students will be dismissed at 1pm on both November 20 and 21 for Parent Teacher Conferences.*

### 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>

### STUDENT LATES – Learning Starts at 8:30am

One trend that staff have observed that impacts learning is students' arriving late. Students arriving late interrupts the learning in first period for all students. Please have a conversation with your teenager and make a plan to ensure they are on time even when the weather is inclement. Our front door is unlocked at 7:15am, the building is warm, and the cafeteria has breakfast snacks by 8am. Every high school has lots of traffic at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. Avoid the congestion of cars from 8:20-8:30am and arrive early. Thanks for your cooperation to help our students arrive on time.

### MyEd PARENT/GUARDIAN PORTAL ACCESS

**DO NOT use a phone to access MyEd – this will disable your account. Desktop or Laptop only.**

As we approach the Semester 1 Midterm Learning Update on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, we would like all parents and guardians to ensure they have access to their MyEd accounts. User instructions for the Parent/Guardian Portal can be found under the "Parent Tab" on our website. If you have **forgotten your password**, you may login and click 'Forgot My Password' and a new temporary password will be sent to your email.

MyEd: <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

### IT'S TIME FOR DAG 2025!

Dry After Grad 2025 (DAG) is only seven months away. Our organizing committee is now up-and-running, but we need many more parents and caregivers (Gr. 10, 11 and 12) to lend a hand – or two – to organize a fun, inclusive and drug/alcohol-free event for our grads. We urgently need a DAG treasurer and co-chair.

These two positions will join the DAG chair and secretary to support committee chairs, ensure planning is progressing, bills are paid, and that the event adheres to all McMath and Richmond School District health, safety and inclusion policies.

More DAG 2025 information, including committee chair opportunities, will be shared with Grade 10, 11 and 12 parents/caregivers later this week by email. Please watch for it. Questions? Please email [mcmathdag2025@gmail.com](mailto:mcmathdag2025@gmail.com) or connect with DAG 2025 chair Trudi Beutel directly, 604.813.1326.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day (school closed)
- Nov. 12 Block Rotation (BADC)
- Nov. 13 Conference Day #1
- Nov. 15 Semester 1 Midterm Learning Update Published in MyEd
- Nov. 19 PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Nov. 20 Parent Teacher Conference (1pm early dismissal)

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