



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Monday Nov. 18	Tuesday Nov. 19	Wednesday Nov. 20	Thursday Nov. 21	Friday Nov. 22
BADC	PLT – BADC 1pm Post Secondary Day 7pm PAC Meeting	BADC Parent Teacher Conference (12:55pm Early Dismissal)	BADC Parent Teacher Conference (12:55pm Early Dismissal)	BADC McMath Clothing Purchase deadline Last day for Food Drive donations

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 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.

S1 MIDTERM LEARNING UPDATES – Nov. 15

Semester 1 Midterm Learning Updates were published on the MyEducation BC site at 4pm on November 15. 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. **Students will be dismissed at 1pm on both November 20 and 21 for Parent Teacher Conferences.** If you are unavailable for the time slots shared, please connect with the teacher directly through e-mail or phone.

For more information on how to book Parent Teacher Conferences, [click here](#).

FAMILY SMART SESSION – Dec 5

Integrated Child and Youth Family Peer Support Workers invite parents and caregivers to come together to connect and learn.

Topic: Teens and Depression

Date: December 5, 2024

Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: McMath Secondary School (Rotunda)

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.

MCMATH'S ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE – Nov. 22

To support families in need, Student Council is collecting non-perishable food, hygiene items, and money donations for McMath's annual Food Drive. All proceeds will be given to the Richmond Food Bank. Last year, McMath families and staff generously donated over 1000 non-perishable food items and a record breaking \$3160.90 in cash donation.

Donations can be dropped off by your child to their Block A class, or at the office until Friday, November 22, 2024. Monetary donations can be made via School Cash Online (an email was sent home earlier this week).

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 or connect with DAG 2025 chair Trudi Beutel directly, 604.813.1326.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 19 PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Nov. 20/21 Parent Teacher Conference (1pm early dismissal)
- Nov. 22 Last day to purchase McMath clothing
Last day for Food Drive collections
- Nov. 25 Pro-D Day (school closed)
- Nov. 27 Collaboration Day (9:30am start)

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