



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG NOVEMBER 25 – NOVEMBER 29, 2024

Monday Nov. 25	Tuesday Nov. 26	Wednesday Nov. 27	Thursday Nov. 28	Friday Nov. 29
Pro-D Day School Closed	PLT – BADC	CT - BADC Collaboration Day School Starts at 9:30am	PLT - BADC	BADC

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

BEEDIE LUMINARIES SCHOLARSHIP

The Beedie Luminaries SPARK Program recognizes the challenges and dreams of single parents who want to further their education and provide more opportunities for their families but are facing financial adversity. The recipients join a strong, diverse, well-connected support network of Beedie Luminaries students and future program alumni, as well as community leaders and mentors.

Application deadline is 1pm December 16, 2024. For more information, go to: <https://beedieluminaries.ca/spark-scholarship/>

CAREERS WEEK 2024

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has proclaimed November 25-29 Careers Week in BC. Join the panel chat where you will hear inspiring stories, explore diverse career paths, and get insider tips to turn your passions into a career you will love at **6:30pm November 27**. Experts from finance, technology, trades, healthcare, and HR/Business will be sharing their journey and advice. Register at <https://shorturl.at/iConY>. See attached flyer for more info.

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)

WINTER CONCERT & MARKET VENDOR

McMath's Annual Winter Concert and Market is at 5:30pm December 12th. If you would like to be a vendor at our Market, complete the following [Vendor Application](#) by December 5, 2024.

PARENT/GUARDIAN EDUCATION SESSIONS

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

- 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>

If you missed the recent Safer Schools Together, *Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying* parent session on November 13, [click here](#) for the resource/slides referenced by presenter Tyler Lum.

To join the next Safer Schools Together, *Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities*, session, go to: <https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>. Recommended for parents/caregivers/grandparents and youth aged 10+.

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.

IT'S TIME FOR DAG 2025!

Dry After Grad 2025 (DAG) 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. Please email mcmathdag2025@gmail.com or connect with DAG 2025 chair Trudi Beutel directly if interested at 604.813.1326.

MCMATH ATHLETICS!

Please check the [@mcmathathletics](#) on Instagram for up-to-date info regarding tryouts for school sports.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 25	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov. 27	Collaboration Day (9:30am start)
Dec. 2	ADST Rotation 3 Begins
Dec. 12	Winter Concert & Holiday Market (5:30pm)
Dec. 13	At-Risk Interim Reports E-Mailed Home FA 8 Rotation 1 & ADST 8 Rotation 2 Marks Published
Dec. 18	Collaboration Day (9:30am School Starts)

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