



# FAMILY WAAG DECEMBER 2 - 6, 2024

Monday Dec. 2	Tuesday Dec. 3	Wednesday Dec. 4	Thursday Dec. 5	Friday Dec. 6
BADC <b>ADST 8 ROTATION 3</b> Gr. 9/10 Immunization Clinic	PLT – BADC	BADC	PLT - BADC  6:30pm Family Smart Parent Session	BADC

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the han'q'am'in'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 safe and well 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.

### BEDDIE 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/>

### INCLEMENT WEATHER – School Closure Notification

With the possibility of snow in the upcoming weather forecast, we ask that all McMath families review the district's [information on emergencies & inclement weather](#). The district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30am. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

- District website: [www.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.sd38.bc.ca)
- District Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RichmondSD38>
- District Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSD38>
- AM Radio: KKNW 980, CBC 690, AM 730, News 1130, CHMB 1320, Fairchild 1470, Radio India 1600
- FM Radio: CBC 88.1, QMFM 103.5
- Television: CBC, Global, CTV, Fairchild

### 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)

See attached flyer for more details.

### WINTER CONCERT & MARKET VENDOR

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

### CBC MUSIC CHALLENGE

The McMath Contemporary Music Club under the direction of Mr. Fee have submitted their piece for the CBC Music Challenge this year. [Click here](#) to view!

### 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>

To join the next Safer Schools Together, *Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities*, session, go to: <https://pages.saferchoolstogether.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](mailto: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

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| Dec. 2  | ADST Rotation 3 Begins   |
| Dec. 12 | Winter Concert & Holiday Market (5:30pm)   |
| Dec. 13 | At-Risk Interim Reports E-Mailed Home<br>FA 8 Rotation 1 & ADST 8 Rotation 2 Marks Published     |
| Dec. 18 | Collaboration Day (9:30am School Starts)   |
| Dec. 20 | Breakfast with Santa (alternate bell schedule)<br>Last day of school before Winter Break begins! |

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