



# École Secondaire Robert McMath Secondary School

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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. As we near the end of first semester, we want to take a moment to highlight the importance of regular attendance and provide important information about graduation events.

## **The Importance of Attendance**

Consistent school attendance is vital to your child's academic success. Each day of instruction builds upon the previous one, and frequent absences can make it challenging for students to keep up with lessons, activities, and assignments. We kindly remind families of the following:

- **Attendance Requirements:** Students are expected to attend school daily unless they are ill or have an excused absence.
- **Communication:** Please notify the school office promptly if your child will be absent by calling our Absence Line at 604-718-4004.
- **Support for Success:** If your child has missed school, we encourage your child to reach out to their teacher directly for assistance in catching up on missed work as soon as possible.

## **Graduation Events**

Graduation is a milestone that we are excited to celebrate with our students and families. As per the ***Graduating Students, Parents & Caregiver Behaviour Expectation Agreement***, students must be in good standing in order to participate in graduation activities. Good standing means the following:

- **Attendance Policy:** REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS A KEY TO SUCCESS! Students must meet the school's attendance requirements to be eligible for graduation ceremonies. Excessive unexcused absences may impact participation.
- **Academic Standing:** Students must fulfill all academic requirements to attend graduation events.
- **Behaviour:** Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates positive decision making which aligns with PRIDE behaviour and our District Code of Conduct.
- **Upcoming Events:** Winter Formal will take place on January 23, 2025 and Graduation Dinner and Dance will take place on June 26, 2025. Additional details will be provided closer to the date.

We want every student to fully enjoy the celebrations marking their hard work and achievements. Your support is essential in encouraging daily attendance and preparing your child for this important occasion.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance or graduation eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counsellor or administrator.

Thank you for your partnership in supporting your child's education. We look forward to celebrating their accomplishments together.

Kind regards,  
McMath Administration Team