



FAMILY WAAG JANUARY 20 – 24, 2025

Monday Jan. 20	Tuesday Jan. 21	Wednesday Jan. 22	Thursday Jan. 23	Friday Jan. 24
BADC Lunch International Students meeting	PLT – BADC 8:30am GNA 10 Practice Session 8:45am Gr. 12 Picture 6:30pm Parent Session "Cellphones: What's Healthy..." 7pm PAC Virtual Meeting	BADC Last day of scheduled classes for Semester 1 Ski Club	Learning Completion Day GNA 10 Grad Winter Formal	Learning Completion Day GNA 10

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 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.

ATTENTION GR. 12s: GROUP PICTURE – Jan. 21

All grads are asked to be in the rotunda by 8:45am to take the annual group picture. Do not be late!

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
- District Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RichmondSD38>
- District Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondSD38>
- AM Radio: CKNW 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

PARENT SESSION: Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids – Jan. 21

Many of our kids are anxious and glued to their phones, seeking endless distraction and feeling isolated and disconnected. Aggressive outbursts have become common and yet others seem to have stopped talking all together. As parents and caregivers, we are increasingly alarmed and nothing seems to work.

Join Hannah Beach for a warm and conversational workshop exploring practical strategies we can use to help our children and youth. [Click here](#) to register for this virtual workshop.

GR. 12 WINTER FORMAL – Jan. 23

We are looking forward to our Winter Formal at Grande Riverside Banquet Hall. A friendly reminder that **check in begins at 6pm and doors close at 6:45pm**. This is a school event and thus all school rules will apply (this includes but is not limited to rules around alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, and vaping). There will be no in and out privileges. Once a student leaves, they have left for the night. Students driving to Winter Formal with a Class 7, "N" designation, unless accompanied by a supervisor age 25+ with a valid Class 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 license is restricted to one passenger only (not including immediate family). *Please ensure your child has a safe ride to and from the event.*

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (WEX) NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

WEX aims to connect our students with businesses like yours. WE currently have 20 students enrolled in the course.

Four students are still searching for a volunteer work placement. **Key details:**

- **Volunteer Role:** Students will participate as volunteers in various roles within your business, learning key skills and gaining insights into your industry.
- **Duration:** Range from 2 - 4 months, 50-90 hours.
- **Time Commitment:** Flexible to suit your operational needs and the students' schedules.
- **Contact:** Lin Lim | lilim@sd38.bc.ca | (604) 718-4050

LEARNING COMPLETION DAYS AND GRADUATION NUMERACY ASSESSMENT 10

January 23rd and 24th have been designated as Learning Completion Days. These are days when students are provided the opportunity to and are expected to finish their coursework or academic learning goals for a semester. Students are encouraged to speak to their teachers about any completion work that is required. Teachers may also request students who have work to be completed to come in.

During these days, our Gr.10 students will also be writing their GNA 10 – the schedule has been posted outside the library and on the office windows. **There is a practice session for the GNA 10 during PLT Tues., January 21 in the library. Space is limited to the first 40 students.** Students who miss the session, may [click here](#) to practice the sample GNA. Any questions regarding the GNA 10, please see Mr. Banta.

MCMATH ATHLETICS!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 21	GNA 10 Practice Session (8:30am Library) PAC Virtual Meeting (7pm) click here
Jan. 22	Last Day of Semester 1 Classes
Jan. 23	Grad Winter Formal
Jan. 23-24	GNA 10 Graduation Assessment Learning Completion Day
Jan. 27	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Jan. 28	Semester 2 Begins
Jan. 29	Collaboration Day (School starts at 9:30am)
Feb. 5	Conference Day #2 & Grades 8-11 Program Planning
Feb. 7	Semester 1 Learning Summary (published in MyEd)

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