



FAMILY WAAG FEBRUARY 17 – 21, 2025

Monday Feb. 17	Tuesday Feb. 18	Wednesday Feb. 19	Thursday Feb. 20	Friday Feb. 21
Family Day (School Closed)	PLT-EFGH 8:30am Course Request – MyEd Session with Counsellors (rm 12131) 7pm PAC Meeting	EFGH Last day to enter course requests in MyEd Last day to purchase a yearbook	PLT-EFGH	EFGH

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 whose 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.

RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Be a host for an international student for a month, semester or year. Richmond International Education (RIE) Homestay Program is looking for local families to offer a welcoming home. Please see more information [HERE](#).

RICHMOND BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN

The Richmond School District's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap to guide our efforts over the next five years. The plan identifies the district's strategic priorities and outlines goals to support student success. At the heart of this plan is our shared vision of creating a thriving educational community where every student can succeed. Your input is essential in shaping our priorities, refining our goals, and ensuring the plan reflects the values of the community. Please visit the [website](#) or scan the QR code on the attached poster to learn more and find out how you can get involved.

GRAD MOBILE PHOTO STUDIO

Attention Grads! The Artona Grad Mobile Lab will be coming to McMath from February 12th – 21st. There will be a trailer set up between the main building and the gym.

If you have not booked your session, please do so ASAP at <https://artona.com/schools/MMAT>. The photos taken during these sittings are used for our yearbook, grad composite that is displayed in the hallways of McMath, and the photos displayed during the Valedictory Ceremony in June.

RICHMOND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Attention Grads – After graduating, do you plan on pursuing a post-secondary education in vocational studies, academics, or the arts? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a Richmond Community Foundation Scholarship! Applications are due **March 14, 2025**, and can be submitted online at <https://www.rcfg.org/GrantsScholarships>.

2025-2026 PROGRAM PLANNING: Feb. 6-19

Choosing courses for 2025-2026: What is your mindset? We encourage students to take a *full*, in-person course load that is broad and well-balanced. We support students in following their passions and strengths. We also want our students to be open to the idea of improving their stretches and tapping into other parts of their brain and body, including their creative and kinesthetic sides. Counsellors and our Career Information Advisor, Ms. Carter, are available during the day for students to seek out additional support if needed with their program planning for next year. Once courses are identified, we ask students to enter their selections into their MyEd BC account between Feb. 6-19.

RICHMOND RCMP YOUTH ACADEMY

Ever thought about a career in policing? Pick up an application form from Ms. Carter, Career Information Advisor, to join the immersive Richmond RCMP Youth Academy camp at McNair Secondary School from August 11-16, 2025. This is a unique opportunity for 32 students who are currently in Grades 10-12. Gain firsthand experience in policing through real-world scenarios modelling police training in a safe and controlled environment. Learn about police duties, criminal justice, fitness, teamwork, organization, public speaking, self-reliance, and discipline. Applications are due by 4pm Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

District Parent Education Sessions

The Richmond School District is excited to offer a variety of parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year. These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. More information and registration for parents is available on the [district website](#).

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month in Canada is an annual celebration held in February to honour the rich cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians to the country's history and society. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles against systemic racism and to recognize the resilience and accomplishments of Black communities in shaping Canada's past, present, and future. The Richmond Public Library is offering a variety of FREE programs suitable for various audience. For more information, [click here](#).

MCMATH ATHLETICS!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 18 PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Feb. 25 Corpus Christi Presentation (8:30am Rotunda)
- Feb. 26 Collaboration Day (school starts at 9:30am)
- Pink Shirt Day
- Explore CapU North Vancouver Campus Info Night (5:30-8pm)
- Mar. 5 SD38 Dual-Credit Career Program Q&A (Lunch Rm 11205)
- Mar. 7 S2 Learning Interim Reports (e-mailed home)
- Mar. 9 Daylight Savings (clocks 1-hour ahead)
- Mar. 12 Collaboration Day (school starts at 9:30am)
- Mar. 17-30 Spring Break

"All great achievements require time."

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