



FAMILY WAAG

MARCH 31 – APRIL 4, 2025

Monday Mar. 31	Tuesday Apr. 1	Wednesday Apr. 2	Thursday Apr. 3	Friday Apr. 4
EFGH WELCOME BACK, WILDCATS!	PLT-EFGH	EFGH Gr. 12 Euclid Math Contest	PLT-EFGH 6pm Richmond Jazz Festival (McRoberts Secondary)	EFGH "How to Survive 1 st Semester of Post-Secondary School" (at lunch in the library)

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 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.

WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone enjoyed their much-deserved Spring Break! We are in the home stretch for the 2024-2025 school year, only 3 months to go. Time will go quickly, and we encourage all our Wildcats to utilize all the supports in the building to make these last few months count.

VCH Immunization Update

Please see letter on our [website](#) regarding vaccinations, which are especially important with the measles on the rise.

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.

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY FOR CAREGIVERS

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. McMath caregivers are encouraged to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The survey contains standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included. [Click here](#) to access the survey.

GR. 12s: SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

BC School Sports is pleased to release this year's scholarship application booklet. BCSS is offering several scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year to recognize excellence in athletics, leadership, and community service. For detailed criteria and instructions, refer to the [BCSS Scholarship Application booklet](#) or contact BCSS office for more information.

"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day."

-Dalai Lama

RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL – Apr. 3

The Richmond Jazz Festival takes place on April 2-3, 2025, at Garden City Elementary School. The event offers two full days of jazz performances by Secondary School Jazz ensembles followed by personalized clinics for each group with an adjudicator. All 10 secondary schools have registered and are participating. To conclude the festival, ensembles will perform the Jazz Night Showcase Concert held at McRoberts Secondary on Thursday, April 3 from 6:00-8:45pm.

STUDENT SURVEY – The Impact of Non-Consensual Intimate Image Sharing

The Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General are conducting a survey to better understand how non-consensual intimate image sharing affects youth in BC. Related to the Intimate Images Protection Act, Government offers services to assist individuals whose private images or videos have been shared or threatened to be shared without their consent. They want to know if young people find these services helpful and how they may be improved in the future. This survey is open to youth in BC aged 12-18. More information may be found on the attached poster.

HOW TO SURVIVE FIRST SEMESTER OF POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL

McMath Alumni, Josh Riley, and university classmate, Josh Lilly, will be offering a presentation to interested Gr. 12 students at lunch on April 4 and April 11 in the Library on "How to Survive First Semester of Post-Secondary School." The presentation will offer tips for new post-secondary students, and resources students can access. Limited Seating.

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. **Applications are due by 4pm Wednesday, April 2, 2025.**

HAVE YOUR SAY–STATE OF YOUTH REPORT

The federal government is promoting this engagement opportunity for youth aged 16-29, aiming to give youth across Canada a voice, helping shape policies and programs that affects their lives. The State of Youth Report is a snapshot of what life is like for young people in Canada. It's based on feedback from youth across the country about issues that matter most to them. The first [State of Youth Report](#) was published in 2021, and the second will be published in 2025. [Click here](#) to access the survey and scroll to the bottom of the page.

MCMATH ATHLETICS!

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

2025 SUMMER LEARNING INFORMATION

[Click here](#) for more information regarding Summer Learning and course offerings. Registration begins as early as April 28, 2025.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 9 Connexions Class #3 (in Homeroom class)
- Apr. 15 PAC Meeting (7pm)
- Apr. 16 FA 8 Rotation 2
- Apr. 17 S2 Midterm Learning Update (MyEd)
- Apr. 18 Good Friday (School Closed)
- Apr. 21 Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Apr. 22 Block Rotation (FEHG)

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