

Hello Parents/Caregivers of a Grade 12,

Important Information for McMath Grads and their Parents/Caregivers.

We are excited for the upcoming Dry After Grad event. This year we are hosting 200 graduates with a small, but dedicated committee of grade 12 parents that have volunteered their time to host this inclusive, fun, memorable, drug and alcohol-free event for the 2025 McMath graduates.

Please take some time to carefully review the attached DAG 2025 Timeline for Students document well in advance of the Bag Drop-Off on Wednesday, June 25th, 9:30am – 12:30pm, or 3:30pm-6:30pm on the exterior of B-Wing by the West Parking Lot. Please note this is the ONLY date for bag drop-off and there are important details in the following document about what to include and what will not be accepted at the bag drop-off. Dry After Grad is strictly an alcohol and drug-free event and liquids of any kind will not be accepted. All bags will be closely inspected with the School Administration on site for the bag drop-off. Grads will be able to choose where they would like to change for the Dry After Grad, at the bag drop-off. The changeroom they choose at the bag drop-off will not be negotiable on the day of the event as their respective bags will be in that change room. We have the female change room in the library, gender neutral and universal change rooms in the counselling area with access to private office change spaces and the male change room in the drama room. It is important the grads choose the location of their change room at the bag drop-off.

For the **Red Carpet Ceremony on Thursday, June 26th with photos and mingling starting at 3:30 pm** and the Grad processional starting at 5:20 pm please provide yourself ample time to get to the event and follow the guidance of the parking attendants. There will be no parking at the school except for those with a wheelchair parking permit and designated volunteers. Drop-off of graduates in the roundabout will be organized by the parking volunteers.

The Red Carpet Ceremony is an outdoor event, taking place in between the main school building and the gym. This area is not covered. In the event that it is raining, please have your graduate bring an umbrella to walk down the red carpet.

There will be no student parking permitted at the Dry Grad Event overnight. We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to pick-up their graduates after the Dry After Grad event as driving after having been awake all night is unsafe.

The dates and times of the various events contained in this document supersedes any other times you may have seen in other previous communications. Please note:

- ❖ The photo stations and mingling time for grads and their friends in the breezeway at McMath starts at 3:30 pm and has been extended from previous years by 40 minutes, should you wish to show up after 3:30 pm.
- ❖ The Grad Processional down the Red Carpet towards the buses will start at 5:20 pm and NOT at 4:40 pm as previously listed in some notices.

- ❖ We encourage all of the Red Carpet guests to remain at the Red Carpet and watch each graduate for their special moment walking down the carpet, even if your graduate has already had their turn. It is courteous to give all the grads the same amount of applause as the first groups to walk the red carpet. All Red Carpet guests are encouraged to remain and wave to the group of departing grads on the buses.

Please note that for graduates, large bags, purses and backpacks are not permitted at the Red Carpet event, on the buses or at the Dinner Dance event. A very small purse or clutch will be permitted and searched upon arrival at the Dinner Dance event.

It is expected that all grads remain at the Dry After Grad event for the entire time. Grads will enter the Dry After Grad event directly from the buses at approximately 11:30 pm following the Dinner Dance and remain inside of the school until dismissed from the event at 5:00 am. There are strictly no in-and-out privileges, and we have hired security personnel to assist with the safety and supervision of the grads. In extenuating circumstances, parents/caregivers that need to pick up their grad in advance of the 5:00 am end time, must attend the McMath school office in person for sign-out procedures.

A lot of time and energy on behalf of a small, yet committed group of grade 12 parents/caregivers has gone into planning this inclusive, fun and memorable Dry After Grad event for the grads. It is a celebration of this important milestone and will be the last time these students are together as a grad class. Please take a moment to review with your grad the expectation of McMath Wildcat P.R.I.D.E behaviour at the events.

We are all looking forward to this exciting, safe, inclusive and memorable event for the McMath 2025 graduates.

Kind Regards,

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