



THE WILDCAT WAAG

FAMILY WAAG SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 3, 2025

Monday Sept. 29	Tuesday Sept. 30	Wednesday Oct. 1	Thursday Oct. 2	Friday Oct. 3
ABCD Orange Shirt Day	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)	ABCD Lunch SFU Beedie Presentation (11205)	A-PLT-BCD	AB'B'CD Terry Fox Run Grad Boat Cruise

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME INFORMATION

[Click here](#) to view PLT sessions.

Friendly reminders:

- **Students:** log in using your MS Teams credentials
- PLT is **mandatory** for all students
- Students must be in a **learning space** during PLT
- Select sessions with your **Semester 1 teacher only**
- Stay in your chosen session for the **entire PLT time**
- If you select multiple sessions, **only the last one** will be saved
- **Plan ahead** and sign up before PLT begins.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION & ORANGE SHIRT DAY – Sept. 30

Tuesday, Sept. 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. Wear an orange shirt on this day to honour the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

On Monday, Sept. 29th we encourage all staff and students to wear orange shirts.

GR. 10-12: PARENTS AS EDUCATION AND CAREER COACHES – Nov. 20

Educational Planner BC invites parents, families, and student supporters to join their virtual presentation from 6:30-7:45pm on November 20, 2025. Learn about post-secondary education and career opportunities, as well as tools to best support your student in planning for their future. Come explore their website! Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List and apply to post-secondary in B.C. Registration is required.
<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/parents/register-parents-career-coaches>

GR. 10-11: CAREER PROGRAMS INFO NIGHT – Nov. 25

Learn about our dual credit programs and courses in both the trades and art/science faculties online from 6:30-7:30pm on November 25, 2025. [Click here](#) to register.

CAREER CENTRE – POST SECONDARY PLANNING

Visit Ms. Carter, Career Advisor, in our Career Centre or her website for upcoming student presentations and information related to post-secondary planning ([click here](#)).

SCHOOL VISITOR PROCEDURES

A friendly reminder that **all visitors (this includes parents) are to report to the school office upon their arrival.** Parents/guardians wishing to speak with a teacher or counsellor are asked to book an appointment with the staff member in advance. When arriving for your appointment, the staff member will meet you in the school's front office. Students are not to invite outside friends to visit them at school; these visits should be arranged off school property.

McMATH ATHLETICS!

Stay up to date on all information regarding McMath Athletics at [@mcmathwildcatathletics](#) on Instagram.

SCHOOL START TIME & DROP OFF/PICK UP

As we start this school year, as a school community, we would like to continue to focus on supporting our students' learning and emphasize the importance of punctuality to ensure a successful and productive day for everyone. **Classes begin promptly at 8:30am.** To support our school's goal of maintaining a structured learning environment, we kindly request your assistance in ensuring that students arrive at school on time.

If you are driving your teen to school for pick up or drop off, we recommend avoiding the peak rush times (8:15am-8:30am and 2:45-3pm) as much as possible. Please be respectful of our neighbours, and do NOT use surrounding complexes or driveways to drop off/pick up your teen.

Arriving on time helps students settle in, focus, and make the most of their learning experience.

TERRY FOX RUN – Oct. 3

The McMath PHE & Leadership departments will be holding the Terry Fox Run on Friday, Oct. 3. The event will run during block B. Leading up to the run we will be running fundraising during block A – “A Toonie for Terry.” Alternately, staff, students and the community may donate at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/100497>. Help us raise our goal of \$2,400!

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE EXAMS – Oct. 23

Language Challenge Exams are available as a way for students to earn credit for languages they can speak, read, and write. The languages that are eligible are: American Sign Language 11, Farsi 11/12, French 11/12, Japanese 11/12, Korean 11/12, Mandarin 11/12, Punjabi 11/12, and Spanish 11/12.

If your child is interested in writing an exam to earn elective credit towards their graduation, please direct them to see their counsellor. For more information, go to: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/schools/secondary/challenge-exams>. **Completed applications are due to school counsellors by Oct. 23.**

DRY AFTER GRAD – We Need You!

We are recruiting parent volunteers for the 2026 Dry After Grad Committee (DAG). Parents of ALL grades are welcome to volunteer. We especially encourage Grade 10 and 11 parents to join to learn more about this special party that parents organize for the grads, so they know what to expect when it's their child's year.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, please reach out to Winson Leung, DAG Chair at mcmathdag2026@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If families require financial assistance for school fees, field trips, food security, etc. please call or email Ms. Vaughan (avaughan@sd38.bc.ca) for details. It is important to us that all our students are able to focus on their learning and participate in school events without financial barriers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day at McMath
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)
Oct. 3	Terry Fox Run
Oct. 10	Semester 1 Interim Reports E-Mailed Home
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
Oct. 15	Photo Retake Day
Oct. 16	ADST 8 Rotation 2 Begins
Oct. 21	PAC Meeting (7pm)

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