



McMath Secondary School GRAD 2025-2026

Welcome to your Grade 12 year! This will be an exciting and busy year, and we are looking forward to celebrating each milestone with the grads of 2026. The following is a general overview of what to expect this year regarding grad activities and events.

STAY INFORMED

The McMath website and Instagram will host information about events and activities for your reference, but you will also be contacted via email and announcements. A reminder that all grad events have a deadline for ticket purchases. Late purchases will NOT be possible, as we have contracts with external facilities that do not allow for last-minute ticket purchases. Grad events are for McMath students only, not for guests from other schools. If any costs are prohibitive, please contact Ms. Vaughan for financial support. No grad should be prevented from participating for financial reasons.

Please pay attention to deadlines! Read your email! Listen to announcements! Stay informed!

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

At McMath we expect and trust that our students will display kind and respectful behaviour at all times and will follow our school rules and district code of conduct. Poor attendance, inappropriate behaviour, grad stunts/pranks, and possession or consumption of alcohol, vape products or other illegal substances either at school or at any grad events will lead to the student being denied participation in grad events and activities. Please note that camping trips, house parties, grad kidnap, and spy vs spy are NOT sponsored or sanctioned by the school. Below is an overview of all events that are school-sanctioned. If you are unsure if it is a "school event," please ask the school's Administration.

GRAD EVENTS

ANNUAL GRAD KICK OFF September 18 (\$15)

We hosted our GRAD KICK OFF LUNCH with pizza, t-shirt signing and more on September 18th. It was a great first event to kick off the year!

BOAT CRUISE October 3 (\$75)

Boat Cruise is our first BIG off-site event, taking place on **Friday, October 3rd**. This is a semi-formal event where we will cruise around spectacular sights from the water in downtown Vancouver for 3 hours. Tickets include soft drinks, an appetizer buffet, and a professional DJ for music and dancing. There is a very tight deadline for this event *and late tickets will NOT be available*. **Tickets can be purchased for \$75 on Cash Online, DUE September 23 before 8:59pm.**

WINTER FORMAL January 22 (PRICE TBA)

On January 22nd, we will host our Winter Formal at the Riverside Banquet Hall. Winter Formal is a semi-formal dinner-dance that includes an extensive buffet dinner, and a professional DJ for music and dancing. Tickets purchases – TBA.

GRAD PHOTOS February 7 - 14

Artona will take formal photographs in sitting appointments from **February 7 - 14**. Grads must sign up online for a photo sitting with Artona. These photos will be taken in a mobile studio which will be parked in our parking lot. Grad photos will be in the yearbook as well as on the 2026 grad composite that will hang in the school hallway. Students can also sign up for optional group photos with friends. All grads will receive a small version of the grad composite with their certificate at the Valedictory Ceremony. If you do not have your photo taken by Artona, your image and your name will NOT be included in the composite, and your photo will NOT be in the yearbook. Information for bookings will be communicated later in the year.

YEARBOOK WRITE-UP February

All grads will submit a brief write up to accompany your grad photo to be included in the yearbook. These will be due early in the new year. More information to be provided closer to the time.

VALEDICTORY June 10 (Price TBA)

Our **Valedictory Ceremony will be in the evening of June 10th at the Chan Centre** at UBC in Vancouver. At the ceremony, grads will receive a school leaving certificate, and scholarships will be presented. Students will wear a graduation gown, stole and cap. Grads - prior to Valedictory we will need your height in order to order a gown that fits you, and we will need a grad write-up which will be read as you cross the stage. Listen for announcements for gown ordering and grad write-up deadlines. Each grad will receive 2 guest tickets included in their Valedictory fee. Additional tickets can also be purchased. The process for allocating additional tickets will be announced in the spring. There will be a mandatory assembly and **Valedictory rehearsal for all grade 12s on June 5th.**

DINNER DANCE June 25 (Price TBA)

The Dinner Dance will be held at Tsawwassen Springs, overlooking a beautiful golf course on **June 25**. The ticket price includes a formal gourmet dinner, dessert, soft drinks, and a professional DJ for music & dancing. Graduates traditionally dress in formal wear – suits or evening gowns - as this is a formal event. Tickets purchases – TBA.

DRY AFTER GRAD June 25 (Price TBA)

Dry After Grad (DAG) is held at the school immediately after the Dinner Dance on **June 25**. This is an alcohol and drug free event that provides a safe, fun and inclusive last night for our grade 12 students. Price includes bus transportation, food, beverages, and entertainment. This event is planned and run by parents. Volunteers are needed! Email mcmathdag2026@gmail.com to sign up to help with this event.

OTHER INFORMATION**GRAD COMMITTEE & OTHER GRAD EVENTS**

Our Grade 12 Grad Committee is already hard at work planning for the year ahead. We hope all our graduating students will participate in all events this year. Listen for announcements and follow us on Instagram for more information.

GRAD WEAR

Grad clothing will be designed by students on the Grad Wear sub-committee and will be available for purchase later this fall. More information TBA.

POST-SECONDARY & SCHOLARSHIPS

There will also be a variety of post-secondary fairs and sessions over the year. Grade 12s are encouraged to listen to announcements and check our website for events and deadlines. There are also many McMath and external scholarships that Grade 12s can apply for. More information about McMath scholarships will be provided throughout the year. Check our website and listen for announcements about post-secondary workshops and scholarships, or make an appointment to see our Career Information Advisor, Ms. Carter.

TVRs

Grade 12s will have to check their Transcript Verification Report (TVR) carefully to make sure they have all the courses they need to graduate. Students also need to make sure they have all the prerequisites that meet the requirements of whichever post-secondary institution and/or program they are planning to attend. TVRs are distributed in the fall and the spring. Our first mandatory TVR meeting will take place in October. More information to follow.

CLC/CAPSTONE & NUMERACY/LITERACY REQUIREMENTS

Career Life Connections (CLC) and Capstone are graduation requirements set by the B.C. Ministry of Education. In order to help our students meet these requirements, our CLC/Capstone teacher has already started communicating with our students via Teams. All students also need to have written the GLA 10, GNA 10 and GLA 12 in order to graduate. French Immersion students also need to write the LTF12. Dates for sessions are on the school calendar.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead!