



FAMILY WAAG OCTOBER 13 – 17, 2025

Monday Oct. 13	Tuesday Oct. 14	Wednesday Oct. 15	Thursday Oct. 16	Friday Oct. 17
Thanksgiving Day School Closed	A-PLT-BCD Last day to order McMath Clothing Click Here	ABCD Photo Retake (morning only)	A-PLT-BCD Get involved - Clubs Day Part 1 (at lunch in the rotunda) ADST Rotation 2 Begins	ABCD Get involved - Clubs Day Part 2 (at lunch in the rotunda)

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

[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**
- If you select multiple sessions, **only the last one** will be saved
- **Plan ahead** and sign up before PLT begins.

PHOTO RETAKES – Oct. 15

Artona will be at McMath in the morning of Wednesday, October 15th for photo retakes. Please note that retakes are only for students who missed photo day in September and those students whose family wish to have another photo taken because they are purchasing a photo package. Students who had a photo taken in September and who would like a different photo to purchase will be required to give their student ID card from September to the photographer when they have their photo taken. A new ID card will be issued using the retake photo. Students will be called down to the rotunda for photos by PA announcement in the morning by grade groups, beginning with Grade 12 students.

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.**

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 child 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, and FAQs. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List and apply to post-secondary in B.C. [Click here](#) to register.

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

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

SEMESTER 1 LEARNING UPDATE – Interim Reports

Semester 1 Interim Reports were emailed home on Friday, October 3 to parents/guardians and students. If you did not receive the email, please contact the McMath office. Kindly take the time to review the interim report with your child. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or counsellor.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Halloween can be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for ALL and not at the expense of equity seeking groups. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other 'dress up' events. Please guide your teen's decision making to ensure their Halloween costume is appropriate. We must ensure Halloween costumes are safe and respectful. This message will be shared with students via school announcements as we approach Halloween.

Halloween costumes may be unsuitable if they contain any of these elements:

- Weapons - even fake ones are not allowed at school as part of their costume
- Cultural or racial stereotypes – includes black face/brown face, Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks, etc.
- Masks that cover one's face
- Religious faith – e.g. religious figures, gods, saints, gurus, hijab, etc.
- Gender – gender switching for humour or to mock
- Trauma – e.g. hangman's noose/weapons, etc.

If your teen is unsure about their costume, please check in with administration.

GR. 9 TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK – Nov. 5

Gr. 9 [Take Our Kids to Work](#), a landmark Canadian program dedicated to inspiring the next generation of leaders, returns on Wednesday, November 5. This year's theme, [Lift Up the Future](#), is a call to support young people as they explore their paths and imagine the world they want to build.

The Richmond School District, in cooperation with the Students Commission of Canada, business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative which supports students as they begin to identify and develop personal interests, passions, and competencies.

On November 5th, Gr. 9 students will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Some students may go with a classmate's parent. Parent letter and permission form as well as a resource guide for reference will be mailed home. Hard copies of the parent letter and permission form are also available in the school office.

Students are asked to return the permission form to their Block A teacher no later than Friday, October 31st. Students who do not submit a permission form will be expected to be in attendance at school on November 5th.

McMATH ATHLETICS!

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

FLU/COLD SEASON

As flu/cold season is upon us, it is important to take care of your health. If you are feeling sick, monitor your symptoms and stay home if needed to rest and recover.

UPCOMING DATES

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| Oct. 15 | Photo Retake Day (morning only) |
| Oct. 16 | ADST 8 Rotation 2 Begins |
| Oct. 21 | PAC Meeting (7pm) |
| Oct. 22 | Conference Day #1 (in homeroom class) |

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