



# FAMILY WAAAG DECEMBER 15 – 19, 2025

| Monday<br>Dec. 15  | Tuesday<br>Dec. 16                                    | Wednesday<br>Dec. 17   | Thursday<br>Dec. 18                          | Friday<br>Dec. 19   |
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| BADC<br><b>Spirit Week – Ugly Sweater</b><br>Last day to purchase a breakfast ticket for Breakfast with Santa! | B-PLT-ADC<br><b>Spirit Week – Blanket &amp; Stuff</b> | CT-BADC<br><b>Collaboration Day</b><br>(School Starts at 9:30am)<br><b>Spirit Week – Winter Gear</b> | B-PLT-ADC<br><b>Spirit Week – Candy Cane</b> | BWS-BADC<br>7am Breakfast with Santa<br>8:30-9:30am Block B<br>9:35-10:35am Block A<br>10:50-11:50am Block C<br>11:55-12:55pm Block D |

## 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.

## McMATH PARKING LOT COURTESY & SAFETY

If you are driving your teen to school for pick up or drop off, we recommend avoiding the peak rush times (8:15-8:30am and 2:45-3pm) as much as possible. Also, please be respectful of our neighbours, and **do NOT use surrounding complexes or driveways to drop off/pick up your teen. We also ask that vehicle traffic keep moving and to not double park in the McMath driveway and roundabout especially during peak drop off/pick up times as it increases the congestion.**

## RICHMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT 38: Volunteer Interpreters Needed

The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team. Please see attachment for more information.

## GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS – Jan. 12-16

January Graduation Assessments will run from January 12-16, 2026. During the January Graduation Assessment sessions, we will be running the following assessments: Graduation Numeracy Assessment 10 (GNA 10), Graduation Literacy Assessment 12 (GLA 12), and Évaluation de littératie (LTF 12). A schedule of when students will be writing the specific assessments has been posted outside the office.

## HAIDA GWAI TRIP – May 2026

McMath Students are invited to join in a 5-day trip to one of the most beautiful and remote places in Canada where the Haida people have lived for time immemorial.

- For whom? 27 Students in grades 10-12 alongside 3 staff chaperones
- When? May 15-19, 2026
- Where? Haida Gwaii, the Haida nation's home on the central north coast of BC, just below Alaska. Rich in forests and animal life (both land and sea)
- Why? To connect with fellow students, explore a strong Indigenous culture, and visit a place of beautiful biodiversity.

Please contact Mr. Hass, Ms. Jagdeo, or Ms. Phillpotts for more information.

## HOLIDAY LOCKER CLEAN UP & LOST AND FOUND

A friendly reminder before students leave for Winter Break to clean out lockers of any food products that may attract pests over the break. Also, to check our school Lost & Found (located outside the counselling centre and gyms) for any personal items. For any missing valuable items, please check in with the office.

## LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK – Dec. 19

December 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school before the Winter Break. We will be running an alternate bell schedule with an earlier start and dismissal.

## PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD

Consider nominating an educator for a [2026 Prime Minister's Award!](#) Electronic nominations are due by January 14, 2026.

## HEALTH AWARENESS - 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.

## STUDENTS WITH INCOMPLETE, EMERGING, OR INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1 will occur in late January 2026. Last week, a small number of our students will have received an "At-Risk Learning Completion Plan" because they are not yet demonstrating proficiency in their courses and are at risk of not completing the learning standards by the end of the semester. These plans detail the learning that must be shown to successfully meet the learning standards for the course, and thus successfully complete it. These reports were e-mailed home with the expectation that students will engage in the necessary steps to improve their standing.

## ATTENTION GR. 12s: VALEDICTORY GOWNS – Dec. 30

Grad gowns are worn by grads at the year-end Valedictory Ceremony. Grad gown packages for the June 10, 2026 Valedictory Ceremony at UBC's Chan Centre will need to be pre-ordered. To complete the order process for each grad, we require all grads to complete a very brief online survey which asks them to provide information regarding their grad gown sizing. **Please note that we will not be able to order a grad gown package for students who do not provide their sizing information. We ask that grads complete the survey NO LATER than December 30, 2025.** The survey will only take a few minutes and can be accessed by [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to book your graduation pictures with Artona's mobile studio.

## DISTRICT LEARNING TIME (DLT)

The school district selected Thursdays to be a common PLT day for all high schools with the intention to offer presentations to students across the district. **The following district sessions below will take place during Homeroom on the specified dates.**

| Date:   | Theme:                          | Topic:  |
|---------|---------------------------------|---|
| Jan. 8  | Getting the Most Out of AI      | Prompt Engineering  |
| Feb. 12 | Getting the Most Out of AI      | AI Enhanced Communication                                 |
| Mar. 5  | Getting the Most Out of AI      | AI Agents – Productivity                                  |
| Apr. 2  | Fostering Creativity through AI | AI as a Creative Partner: Supporting the Creative Process |
| May. 21 | Fostering Creativity through AI | AI as a Creative Partner: Supporting Creative Production  |

## McMATH ATHLETICS!

Stay up to date on all information regarding McMath Athletics at [@mcmathwildcatathletics](#) on Instagram. We appreciate the support of our student athletes by our community during games. **A friendly reminder that air horns are not permitted during games and will be confiscated if seen or heard.**

## UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 19 Breakfast with Santa  
Dec. 22-Jan. 2 School Closed for Winter Break  
Jan. 5 School Reopens from Winter Break

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