

# GR. 7 CAREGIVER INFORMATION NIGHT

École Secondaire R.A. McMath Secondary School

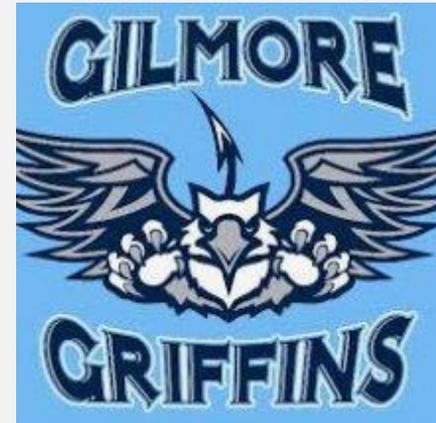
*Home of the Wildcats | Together We Learn*



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən'qəmin'əm' language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.*

WELCOME!





# YOUR SUPPORT TEAM

## **ADMINISTRATORS**

*Principal – Ms. A. Vaughan*  
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# AGENDA

1. Orientation

2. Courses

3. Preparation

4. Questions

5. School Tour

## A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

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Opened in 1997

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Approximately 1200 Students

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Over 80 Staff Members

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School Mascot - Wildcat

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French Immersion Program

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Advanced Placement (AP) Program

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Work Experience Program (WEX)

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Special Education Program

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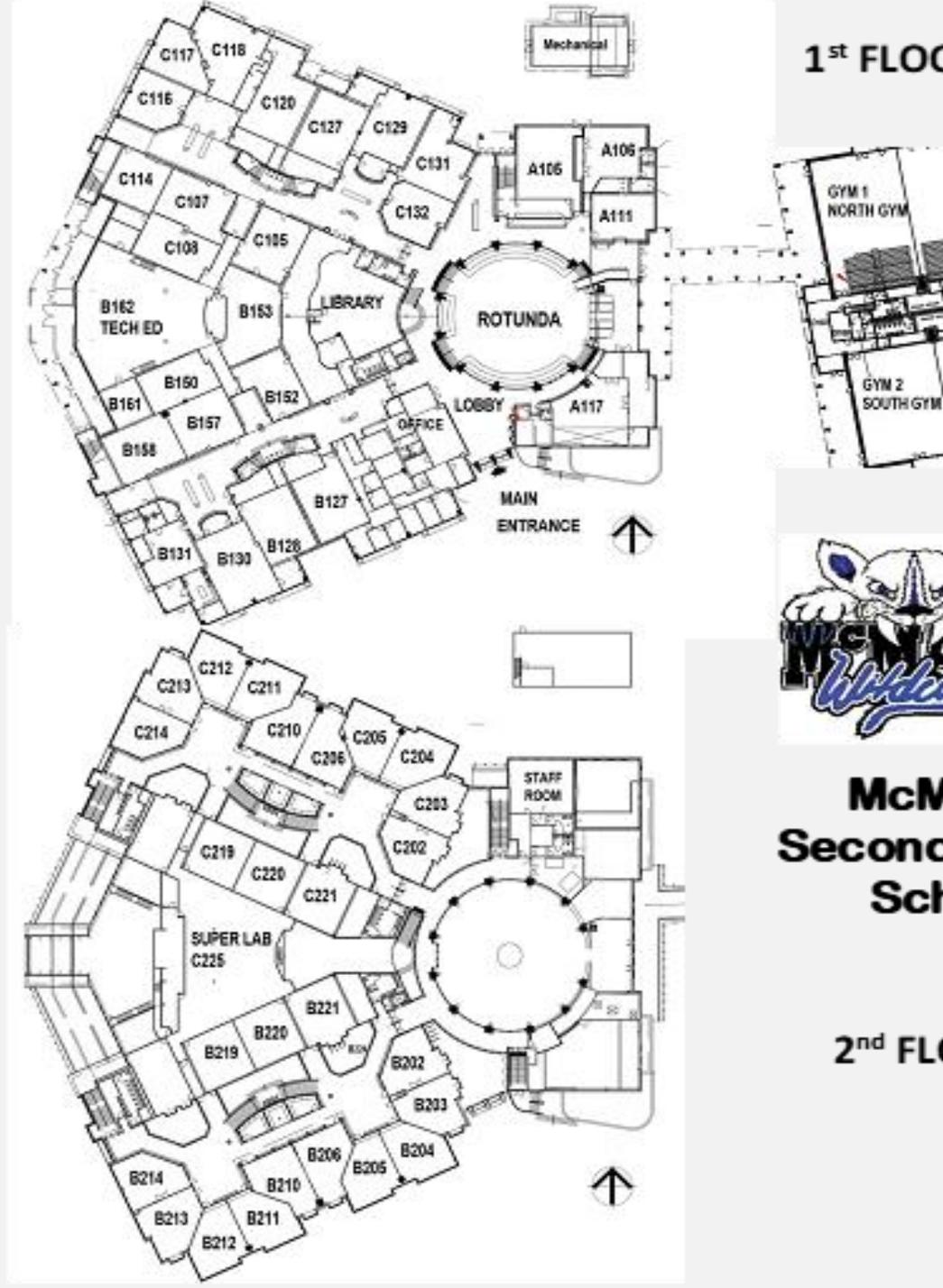
Full Athletics Extracurricular Program

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Over 60 Extracurricular Clubs

## FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

- Finding your way around the school can seem a little scary at first, but our school is not complicated. Classes will be in A, B or C wings. Once students travel to their classes a few times they catch on pretty quick.
- **Late August**, we will have an optional Grade 8 Orientation for students to pick up their timetables and find their classes with a Leadership student.
- The **first week in September**, Leadership 11/12 students will be paired up with Gr. 8 Homeroom classes and be available to help students with their lockers and find their classes.



REGULAR Monday/Wednesday/Friday		PERSONAL LEARNING TIME (PLT) Tuesday/Thursday	
8:30am – 9:50am	Period 1	8:30am – 9:38am	Period 1
9:55am – 11:15am	Period 2	9:43am – 10:31am	PLT
11:15am – 11:25am	Nutrition Break	10:36am – 11:45am	Period 2
11:30am – 12:50pm	Period 3	11:45am – 11:55am	Nutrition Break
12:50pm – 1:35pm	Lunch	12:00pm – 1:05pm	Period 3
1:40pm – 3:00pm	Period 4	1:05pm – 1:50pm	Lunch
<i>Note: Different teachers for each class Students move for each class</i>		1:55pm – 3:00pm	Period 4

# BELL SCHEDULE



The “MySchoolDay” app helps students keep track of the daily schedule.

# GRADE 8 REQUIRED COURSES ENGLISH PROGRAM

English 8

Social St. 8

Science 8

Math 8

French 8

Physical Health  
Education 8

ADST 8 Wheel

Fine/Performing  
Art 8 Elective

\*Fine/Performing Art 8 Elective Choices: Fine and Performing Art 8 Wheel (Art/Drama/Guitar), Choir 8, Band 8

\*ADST 8 Wheel includes Business and Computer Technology Ed., Home Economics, and Technology Ed.

# GRADE 8 REQUIRED COURSES FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

English 8

Sciences  
Humaine 8

Sciences  
Naturelles 8

Math 8

Français Langue  
8

Education  
Physique et  
Santé 8

ADST 8 Wheel

Fine/Performing  
Art 8 Elective

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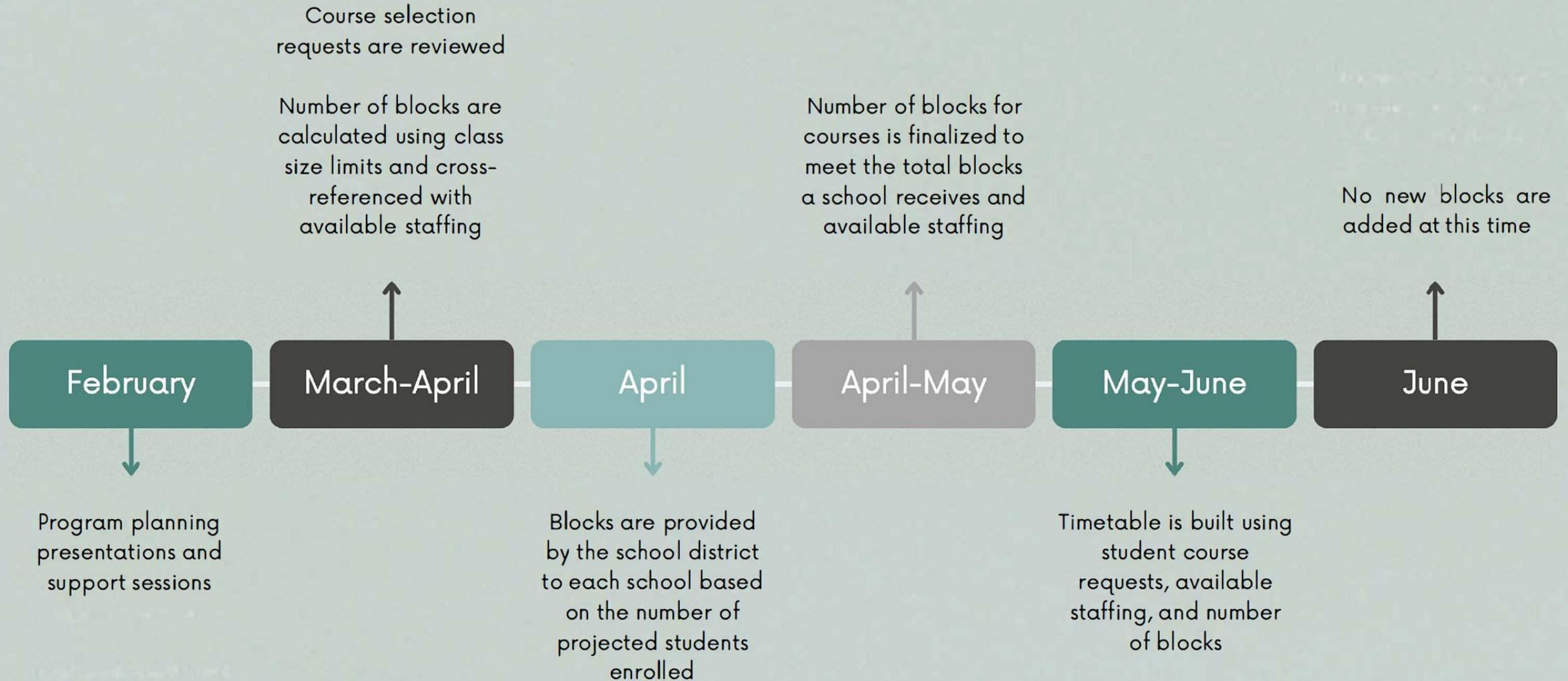
# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAM

ELL LEVEL 1	ELL LEVEL 2	ELL LEVEL 3	ELL LEVEL 4	ELL LEVEL 5
ELL Support	ELL Support	ELL Support	English 8	English 8
ELL Support	ELL Support	ELL Support	Science 8	Science 8
Science 8	Science 8	Science 8	Math 8	Math 8
Math 8	Math 8	Math 8	PHE 8	PHE 8
PHE 8	PHE 8	PHE 8	Social St. 8	Social St. 8
FA 8 Elective	Social St 8. or FA 8 Elective	Social St. 8	French 8 or FA 8 Elective	French 8
FA 8 Elective	FA 8 Elective	FA 8 Elective	FA 8 Elective	FA 8 Elective
ADST 8 Wheel	ADST 8 Wheel	ADST 8 Wheel	ADST 8 Wheel	ADST 8 Wheel

*\*Fine/Performing Art 8 Elective Choices: Fine and Performing Art 8 Wheel (Art/Drama/Guitar), Choir 8, Band 8*

*\*Supplemental ELL Support for Levels 1-5 may look like small group or in class support*

# PROGRAM PLANNING TIMELINE





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### 2026-2027 GRADE 8 COURSE REQUEST

Please Sign and Return by February 17, 2026 to your Grade 7 Teacher

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legal Last Name) (Legal First Name) (Usual First Name)

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Student E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Current ELL Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning on attending a different school in September:  No  Yes If yes, which school? \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### STEP 1: SELECT A PROGRAM

English, French Immersion, OR an ELL program based on the **projected 2026-2027 ELL level.**

√	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH	<input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH IMMERSION	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL 1	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL 2	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL 3	<input type="checkbox"/> ELL 4
1	ENGLISH 8	SCIENCES HUMAINES 8	ELL 1 SUPPORT	ELL 2 SUPPORT	ELL 3 SUPPORT	ENGLISH 8
2	SOCIAL ST. 8	FRANÇAIS LANGUE 8	ELL 1 SUPPORT	ELL 2 SUPPORT	ELL 3 SUPPORT	SOCIAL ST. 8
3	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCES NATURELLES 8	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8
4	MATH 8	MATH 8	MATH 8	MATH 8	MATH 8	MATH 8
5	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	ÉDUCATION PHYSIQUE ET SANTÉ 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	SOCIAL ST. 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8
6	FRENCH 8	ENGLISH 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8
7	APPLIED SKILLS 8	APPLIED SKILLS 8	PICK ONE (√): <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts 8 Elective <input type="checkbox"/> French 8	PICK ONE (√): <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts 8 Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Social St. 8 <input type="checkbox"/> French 8	PICK ONE (√): <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Skills 8 Wheel <input type="checkbox"/> French 8	PICK ONE (√): <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts 8 Elective <input type="checkbox"/> French 8
8	FINE ARTS 8 ELECTIVE	FINE ARTS 8 ELECTIVE	FINE ARTS 8 ELECTIVE	FINE ARTS 8 ELECTIVE	PICK ONE (√): <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts 8 Elective <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Skills Wheel	FINE ARTS 8 ELECTIVE

GR. 8 PROGRAM  
 PLANNING FORM  
 DUE FEB. 17, 2026

## IMPORTANT POINT

### STEP 2: SELECT A FINE ARTS ELECTIVE

Kindly rank the following electives in order of preference, with 1 being first choice and 3 being last choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ART/DRAMA/GUITAR 8 WHEEL      \_\_\_\_\_BAND 8      \_\_\_\_\_CHORAL MUSIC 8

### STEP 3: REVIEW AND SIGN

Go over the course requests very carefully. **Changes are very difficult and may not be possible in September. These are course requests only and do not guarantee placement.** Please sign below indicating your consent to the completed student program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Completed forms must be returned to your elementary school teacher by February 17, 2026\*\**

### WHY IS THIS SECTION SO IMPORTANT?

- The timetable is built based on what students request NOW. Requests after the due date may not be possible as the timetable is already built.
- Include alternative courses! We cannot guarantee you will get your first choice. A well-built timetable can only satisfy approximately 80% of all student requests.

## YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

\*Assigned by student last name

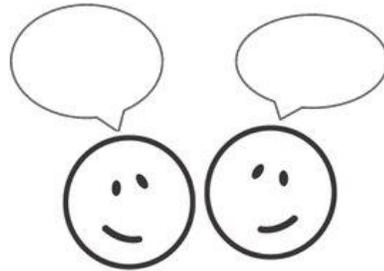
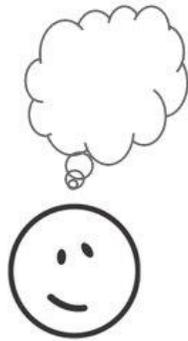
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# WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELLOR AT MCMATH?



# COUNSELLORS ARE HERE TO SUPPORT

## Personal

Social & Emotional  
(mental health,  
friends, family, )

## Academics

Courses  
Graduation

## Future

Post-Secondary  
Career Planning

*Most students see their counsellors during PLT, break, lunch, before and after school, or sometimes during class. If something is really bothering a student, we encourage students to come down right away to the Counselling Centre.*

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

- **Health**  
(sleep, screens & social)
- **Organization**  
(courses & life)
- **Grade 7** – finish well!



**GET INVOLVED**  
SCHOOL SPIRIT

# FOOD DRIVE

Dec 7th-11

BRING IN ANY  
NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

items for each day:

CEREAL, RICE & PASTA

PEANUT BUTTER & CANNED

CANNED SOUP & CEREAL

Monetary donations will  
bonus items for everyd

# Math Spirit Week

Jan

## Monochromatic M

## Tie-Dye Tuesd

## Hoodie Day

## Twin Day

## Colour War Frid

# MCMATH IDOL SEMIS

# SOUTH FEB 18 GYM LUNCH

**GET INVOLVED - EVENTS**

# GET INVOLVED - EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS



Animal Rescue  
Aviation Club  
Bazinga  
Blog Team  
Board games Club  
Book Club  
Chess Club  
Coding Club  
Dance Team  
Debate Team

Design Club  
Display Club  
Dungeons & Dragons Club  
First Responder Team  
Fruit & Veggie Club  
Game of Apps Club  
Grad Committee  
Interact Club  
Improv Team  
Japan Bowl  
Jewelry Club  
Lighthouse Club  
Lord of the Rings Club  
Mindfulness Club  
Model UN Team  
Multi-cultural Club  
Natural Club

Operation Smile  
Poetry Club  
Pride/GSA Club  
Rabbitats Club  
Reach for the Top Team  
Rich City Idol  
Richmond Hope for Hospitals Club  
Robotics Club  
Science Club  
Student Council  
Ski & Snowboard Club  
Table Tennis  
Trivia Club  
Wildgainz Weightlifting Club  
Young Authors' Club

.....and more!

# GET INVOLVED - ATHLETICS

## FALL SPORTS

Gr. 8, 9 & 10 Girls' Volleyball  
Senior Girls' Volleyball  
Gr. 10 Boys' Volleyball  
Senior Boys' Volleyball  
Cross-Country  
Boys' Soccer  
Swimming  
Grade 8/9 Boys Rugby

## WINTER SPORTS

Grade 8 Boys' Basketball  
Grade 9 Boys' Basketball  
Grade 10 Boys' Basketball  
Senior Boys' Basketball  
Grade 8 Girls' Basketball  
Grade 9 Girls' Basketball  
Grade 10 Girls' Basketball  
Senior Girls' Basketball  
Table Tennis

## SPRING SPORTS

Girls' Soccer  
Gr. 8 & 9 Boys' Volleyball  
Track and Field  
Junior Badminton  
Senior Badminton  
Gr. 10-12 Boys Rugby  
Tennis  
Ultimate  
Golf

# GET INVOLVED SCHOOL TRIPS

- Europe
- Japan
- New York
- Orlando
- Quebec





## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Program Planning Forms:**

- Hand-in to your Grade 7 teacher or McMath Office (in-person or email: [mcmath@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mcmath@sd38.bc.ca))
- **Due February 17, 2026**

### **“Grade 7 Orientation Day”**

- May 29, 2026 at McMath
- More Information to come

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## Upcoming Events

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Feb 9 2026

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Feb 9 2026

[Ski Club](#)

Feb 9 2026

[E-PLT-FGH](#)

Feb 10 2026

[February 7-14 Grad Portraits](#)

Feb 10 2026



## Early Warning Line

Reporting Student Lates, Absences or Early Dismissals

Please email [mcmath@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mcmath@sd38.bc.ca) OR leave a message on the Early Warning Line at [604-718-4004](tel:604-718-4004).

## Latest News

### Wildcat Family WAAG - February 9-13, 2026

Attached is the Wildcat Family WAAG and Bell Schedule for February 9-13, 2026 and Parent Information Night flyer. WAAG Highlights include... Feb. 7-14: Artona Grad...

### 2026-2028 Proposed Calendars for Public Feedback

The Richmond School District welcomes feedback and comments until Tuesday, March 3 about the proposed calendars for the 2026/27 and 2027/28 school years. The calendars...

### Wildcat Family WAAG - February 2-6, 2026

Attached is the Wildcat Family WAAG and Bell Schedule for February 2-6, 2026. WAAG highlights include... Feb. 2: Ski Club Trip Feb. 6: Semester 1...

### MyEd Parent Portal Access for Semester 1 Learning Summary

Parent/Guardians and Students, As we approach our Semester 1 Learning Summary publishing date of Friday, February 6 in the afternoon, we would like all parents...

### Wildcat Family WAAG - January 26-30, 2026

Attached is the Wildcat Family WAAG and Bell Schedule for January 26-30, 2026. WAAG highlights include... Jan. 26-27: Semester 1 Learning Completion Days Jan. 28...

### Grad Winter Formal Jan 22nd, 2026 @ 6:30pm (doors close at

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Student Notices



PLT SIGN UP



My School Day

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WE WANT CAREGIVERS AND STUDENTS  
TO CONNECT WITH US



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TONIGHT

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