



# WILDCAT FAMILY WAAG

## FAMILY WAAG JANUARY 19 – 23, 2026

Monday Jan. 19	Tuesday Jan. 20	Wednesday Jan. 21	Thursday Jan. 22	Friday Jan. 23
BADC  STUCO Spirit Week Meme Day	B-PLT-ADC  STUCO Spirit Week Artist vs. Artist	BADC  STUCO Spirit Week 2016 Day	B-PLT-ADC  Last day of S1 Classes STUCO Spirit Week Anything But A Water Bottle  Grad Winter Formal	Pro-D Day (School Closed)

### 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.

*Parents/Guardians, please help us support your child with their learning. Ask them to show you what they have signed up for the coming sessions. This would go a long way to help students organize their time. Students can sign up several sessions in advance.*

### ACTION ITEM: SCHOOL PARKING LOT/TRAFFIC SAFETY

As a reminder, it takes all of us being traffic aware to ensure that our students, staff and parents are safe on our school grounds. We know how busy traffic can be in and around our school during peak times. There have been several near misses, incidents of cars driving too fast in our parking lot and, unfortunately, one recent incident of a driver caused injury to a pedestrian on Garry Street.

We continue to work diligently to get the message out to our entire community that everyone must follow all traffic regulations when accessing the school grounds.

Some important things to keep in mind include:

- follow posted school zone speed limits on the road from dawn to dusk
- slow down when in the driveway and parking lot
- do not use surrounding complexes or driveways to drop off/pick up your child
- no left turns can be made out of the school driveway during peak traffic times, at the start and end of the school day. **These times are 8:10am-9:45am and 2:45pm-3:20pm.**

We have also asked our RCMP partners to assist us with this. Administration will also be outside to help remind everyone as often as possible, but we need everyone's help with this. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

### SEMESTER 2 CLASSES

Attention students: there are very few spaces available in semester 2 classes so course corrections may not be considered. Please log in to MyEd and check your semester 2 courses. If you believe you have a **genuine, legitimate reason for a change** please see your alpha counsellor by Thursday, January 15.

### FRiction-MAXING – A way to get some additional device detox buy in

*"Friction-maxing is not simply a matter of reducing your screen time, or whatever. It's the process of building up tolerance for "inconvenience" (which is usually not inconvenience at all but just the vagaries of being a person living with other people in spaces that are impossible to completely control) – and then reaching even toward enjoyment. And then, it's modeling this tolerance, followed by enjoyment and humour, for our kids."*

[Click here](#) to read more.

### CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Canadian Parents for French engages with families and interest groups involved in official languages and linguistic duality to create an environment supportive of French-second-and-additional-language education across Canada. [Click here](#) to join for FREE!

### NEW DRIVER AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

The process of volunteering as a parent/community member to drive students for school related curricular and/or extracurricular events has been updated. Going forward all drivers will be required to complete a Criminal Records Check through the RCMP (this is a process done electronically), and provide a copy of their car insurance showing the vehicle is insured with at least \$1M third party liability coverage. If you have any questions, kindly contact the school office.

### DISTRICT LEARNING TIME (DLT)

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) continues to expand rapidly, influencing not only education but society as a whole. As AI becomes increasingly integrated into our daily lives, it is important to recognize both its potential as a powerful tool and the limitations and risks it presents. As part of a district-wide initiative, secondary students across Richmond will engage in a series of learning sessions focused on the **safe, ethical, and effective use of AI**. 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:
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

Jan. 22	Grad Winter Formal
Jan. 23	Professional Development Day (school closed)
Jan. 26-27	Semester 1 Learning Completion Days
Jan. 28	Collaboration Day (9:30am school start) Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 6	Semester 1 Learning Summary Published in MyEd
Feb. 7-14	Grad Portraits - Artona Mobile Studio ( <a href="#">Click here</a> to book)
Feb. 12	Gr. 7 Parent Information Night (5:30pm) Gr. 8-11 McMATH Parent Information Night (6:45pm)
Feb. 23-27	McMath Drama Production
Feb. 25	Collaboration Day (9:30am school start) Pink Shirt Day Pascal, Cayley, Fermat Math Contests
Mar. 4	Connexions Class #3 (in Homeroom class)
Mar. 6	S2 Interim Reports E-Mailed Home
Mar. 9	Gr. 9/10 Immunization Clinic
Mar. 10-11	Gr. 7 Feeder Basketball Tournament
Mar. 11	Collaboration Day (9:30am school start)
Mar. 12	ADST 8 Rotation 2 Begins
Mar. 16-27	Spring Break

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