



R.A. McMath Secondary School
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026
Home of the Wildcats

Important Links:

- R.A. McMath: <https://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca/>
- Ms. Carter (Career Counsellor): <https://mcmath.sd38.bc.ca/students/career-centre-information>

IMPORTANT DATES

Date:	Event:	Information:
	Valedictory Fee and Valedictory Tickets	The Valedictory fee of \$80 (paid via Schoolcashonline) covers the cost of each graduates cap and gown, the rental of the Chan Centre, and two complimentary tickets for friends/family members. Grads do not need a ticket. The due date to pay the Valedictory fee is April 24, 2026. The Valedictory fee must be paid by the due date in order to be able to access complimentary tickets and to be able to purchase additional tickets. Tickets will be provided virtually through UBC. Valedictory tickets will be available beginning May 6 th , 2026. Families seeking to acquire tickets in addition to the two complimentary tickets, will be able to purchase additional tickets at a cost of \$15 each. A follow up email to all grads and families will be sent out prior to that date with more specific information about how the ticket process will work.
June 5th	Valedictory Rehearsal	McMath staff will walk Graduates through a mandatory Valedictory rehearsal during lunch and Block G in the North Gym. We will... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate how to wear a graduation cap, tassel, stole and gown • practice the processional - line up, crossing the stage and recessional Grad gowns will be distributed at the end of this rehearsal. With the grad gown distribution, students will receive their stole, cap and tassel, guest tickets, Grade 8 letter to themselves, and map of the UBC Chan Centre. Please hang your gowns for a few days prior to the Valedictory Ceremony, so the wrinkles have a chance to fall out. Please DO NOT iron your gowns.
June 8-10	Missing Grad Assessments	Grads who have not completed a required graduation assessment will have the opportunity to complete these assessments in this window of time. A specific schedule with the times and locations will be posted prior to the assessments. Students must be registered to write an assessment. If you haven't already confirmed your registration with Mr Banta or your counsellor, please contact Mr. Banta in the office, by May 28 th , if you need to be registered for a grad assessment.
June 10	Valedictory Ceremony	Grads are asked to arrive at the UBC Chan Centre (6265 Crescent Road, Vancouver) wearing their grad gown, cap and stole by 4:00pm . Grads: remember to bring your toonie, safety pins for your stole and hair clips if you need them for your grad cap! 4:00pm Sound Check - Only for invited presenters and performers 4:30-5:10pm Photos in and around the Chan Centre – Be sure to visit the Rose Garden! 5:15pm Doors to the Lobby Open - Doors to the house theatre will not be open at this time. 5:45pm Grads line-up in the Royal Bank Cinema Lobby - Grads proceed upstairs to the Royal Bank Lobby to form your lines. Staff members will direct Grads to the entrance on the North side of the Chan Centre. 6:00pm The Theatre House will Open for Guests - General admission seating – first come first serve. 6:30pm Ceremony Commences -Our dignitaries and special guests will lead the way, followed by our Grads. Approx. 10pm Ceremony Ends *The Valedictory ceremony will also be live streamed so friends and families who are not able to attend in person will have the opportunity to watch this wonderful event. More information about how to access the live stream will be shared with grads and their families prior to June 10 th .
June 19	StuCo Carnival/ Grad Walk	Last day of classes! Yearbook pick-up - all fees must be paid before yearbook can be picked up. Grad Walk & McMath Carnival. Grads, please bring your cap and gown for the grad walk.
June 23	Capstone Presentations	Grads will present their Capstone Projects that they have been working on throughout the year. Please watch for more information about times and locations.
June 25	Red Carpet, Grad Dinner & Dance and Dry After Grad	Red Carpet Photos will be at 3:30pm, and the processional at approximately 4:40pm. Grads will board the bus at McMath at 5:30pm and make their way to the Dinner and Dance. Grad Dinner and Dance will take place at Tsawwassen Springs. Once the Dinner and Dance is over, Grads will board the bus to travel back to McMath. Grads who purchased a ticket for the Dry After Grad will immediately enter the school for the next event. The closing date to purchase tickets is May 1st, 2026.