



SEPTEMBER 7 – 11, 2026

Monday Sept 7	Tuesday Sept 8	Wednesday Sept 9	Thursday Sept 10	Friday Sept 11
Labour Day – School Closed	Welcome Back, Wildcats!! Grade Assemblies & HR	Homeroom-ABCD	Homeroom-ABCD	Homeroom-ABCD

WELCOME BACK, WILDCATS!

As summer comes to a close, the McMath staff are excited to welcome all of our students and families back for a wonderful school year ahead. We hope the past few months provided opportunities to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. Summer offers an important chance to step away from the routines of school, enjoy new experiences, and to return refreshed and ready for the opportunities that lie ahead.

The start of a new school year is always filled with excitement and possibility. It is a time for fresh beginnings, new friendships, new learning experiences, and personal growth. Whether you are joining our school community for the first time or returning for another year, we are delighted to have you with us and look forward to sharing in the many successes and memorable moments that the year will bring.

We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Together, we will continue to foster a community built on respect, kindness, curiosity and a love of learning.

As we begin a new school year, let's embrace the opportunities, challenges, and accomplishments that await. We look forward to seeing everyone soon and wish all of our students and families a happy, successful and rewarding school year.

SEPTEMBER 8TH SCHEDULE

On Tuesday, September 8th, students will come to school for their grades scheduled assembly. These assemblies will be in the large gym. Following the assemblies, students will proceed to their homerooms to receive important information and handouts which must be completed and returned to their homeroom teachers by Friday, September 11th. The grade assembly/homeroom schedule for Tuesday, September 8th is as follows:

- Grade 8: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Grade 9: 10:15-11:15 a.m.
- Grade 10: 10:45-11:45 a.m.
- Grade 11: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Grade 12: 1:15-2:15 p.m.

FIRST WEEK BELL SCHEDULE (SEPT 8-11)

The bell schedule for the first week of classes is attached to this week's Family WAAG. Please remember that each morning, the day begins with a short homeroom. While in homeroom, students will receive important information and be asked to return completed forms needed by the school. Following homeroom on those days, students will proceed to their scheduled block classes.

LOCKERS

Starting Tuesday, September 8th, students can sign up for a school locker. Locker sign up is completed online. Students will use their ...@sd38.bc.ca email and password to login to the system. Once logged in, students choose their homeroom and a locker from the bank of lockers available to them in that homeroom. A one page illustrated handout will be provided to students in their homeroom class on Tuesday to show how to complete this process. Please remember not to share your locker number or combination with anyone, once you have signed up. If you have any difficulties, please connect with the office staff.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING TIME (PLT)

PLT is formal instructional time built into the school's schedule on Tuesday's and Thursday's each week. All students are required to sign up for and attend PLT sessions. It will be the responsibility of all students to make sure they have signed up for their PLT sessions. Attendance will be taken by teachers. PLT begins on September 15th. Information about a new sign-up and attendance system will be shared with students in the days ahead.

STUDENT TIMETABLES

Each year, the timetable is constructed based on the course selections made by students in the Spring. The timetable is built to try to accommodate those student requests to the greatest extent possible. As a result, there is often little room for movement of courses, should students change their minds as the new year begins.

Due to the structure of the timetable based on those student requests, please note that course change requests will not be accepted at this time, unless there is a scheduling error that falls under one or more of the following circumstances:

- Student is missing a course (has a hole in their schedule)
- Student is missing a course required to graduate (gr 11 & 12 students)
- Student is placed in the incorrect course grade or level

Any students who may be affected by one or more of these circumstances are asked to email their counsellor directly. Emailing will be the most efficient way for them to get to your request as soon as possible.

Additionally, students who may be affected by these circumstances are expected to follow the schedule they have been provided until such time as a new schedule is shared with them. Students who may have a hole in their schedule are asked to go to the library during the block where a course is missing. A counsellor will connect with those students in the library. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Mark your calendars! Artona will be onsite at McMath on **Monday, September 21st** for school photo day. Photos will take place in the first half of the day. Students will be called down for photos alphabetically by grade at the start of the day, beginning with grade 12 students. The grads will be followed by grade 11's, then grade 10's, grade 9's and lastly grade 8 students.

It is important that students have their photos taken on photo day, even if a photo package is not purchased. These photos will also be used to create each student's school ID, which can be used for a variety of things such as signing out library materials and for use when purchasing transit passes etc. These photos for the grade 8-11 students are also placed in the school's yearbook.

Because these photos are used to create official student ID's, a student's appearance must not be altered (ie. use of wigs, hats, sunglasses etc). If appearance altering items are worn by a student at the time of photo, it is important to note that the student's photo may not be taken.

TRAFFIC AND ARRIVAL TIMES AT SCHOOL

On each regular school day, the warning bell to begin classes rings at 8:25am. At 8:30am classroom instruction begins and students are expected to be in class ready to learn by 8:30am. Regular on time attendance is needed for student success in school. When students arrive late to class, they are missing valuable instruction which not only impacts their learning but potentially the learning of others in the classroom. When students arrive late, they also often begin the day feeling rushed and less ready to learn. We ask that students and families please organize their schedules in the morning to allow the time needed to ensure arrival at school with enough time to be in class by 8:30am.

Students are encouraged to walk, ride or take transit as much as possible. If it is necessary to drive, please keep in mind that the traffic along Garry Street between 8:15am-8:40am can often be very busy and may delay arrival at school. We also ask that you help us to be a considerate neighbour and not block the driveways of the homes in the neighbourhood around the school when arriving at school. Residents may also be trying to leave their homes to go to work in the morning. Thank you for your assistance with this.

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