



SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2, 2026

Monday Sept 28	Tuesday Sept 29	Wednesday Sept 30	Thursday Oct 1	Friday Oct 2
ABCD Gr 12 Parent/Caregiver Virtual Parent Info Night @ 5:30pm	A-PLT-BCD Orange Shirt Day Grad Boat Cruise	 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation School Closed	A-PLT-BCD	AB(1)B(2)CD Terry Fox Run (Block B)

REMINDER- STUDENT PARKING REGISTRATION

A friendly reminder to all students who are authorized to drive that if you wish to park at the school during the school day, you must complete a parking registration form. These forms can be picked up in the main office. Once completed, forms should be submitted to the main office. Once approved, student drivers and parents/caregivers will be sent a confirmation email. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or see Mr. Banta. Thank you to those who have already completed this process.

GRADE 12 PARENT/CAREGIVER VIRTUAL INFORMATION NIGHT

Last week, Grade 12 parents/caregivers should have received an email with an invitation from McMath Secondary to join an online information evening on Monday, Sept 28th at 5:30pm. The Teams meeting link is included in the body of the email.

At this meeting, important and helpful information will be shared about the year ahead, including: grad assessments, CLC/Capstone, scholarships, post-secondary information and grad events. We hope to see you there!

TERRY FOX RUN

On the very first day of the Marathon of Hope, Terry Fox only collected \$10 in donations. However, he was not discouraged. He continued running every day, always setting goals along the way. Canadians eventually donated over \$24 million in the first year—the equivalent of \$1 for every person in Canada at the time!

McMath is holding its annual Terry Fox School Run. Terry's original goal was \$1 for each Canadian, ours is \$5/student. Click the link below to donate and help us support the fight against cancer!

To donate click the following link:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/140000>



CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY – YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Connections Community Services Society provides opportunities for youth to gain volunteer experience by serving communities and supporting those in need. There are opportunities to volunteer in a variety of ways. For more information about this program and to get involved, please see the flyer posted along with this WAAG.

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. 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 by not blocking 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.

In accordance with the signage located at the end of the school driveway please note that drivers should not be turning left onto Garry Street during the peak times at the start and end of each school day.

This traffic calming measure is in place to help increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists who may be crossing the road. It is also designed to help keep the traffic leaving the school parking lot, at these times, moving. As often as possible, school administration will be there to assist with this process. Please note, however, that staff are not able to be there at all times. We ask our community members to help by doing their part to comply with this traffic initiative each day. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Wednesday, September 30th. Orange shirt day is Tuesday, September 29th. Students are encouraged to show their support by wearing orange on Tuesday.

As part of our school's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, all students and staff will be asked to participate in a school wide activity on Tuesday, September 29th. As in previous years, the activity will ask students and staff to reflect on the significance and purpose of Truth and Reconciliation Day. As a visual representation of our reflections, we will each contribute our thoughts to a mural of the Stó:lō River that will be displayed inside the school.

McMath's Truth and Reconciliation committee, which is composed of students and staff, chose this theme because of its significant place to the Steveston Community. Our community is significant to Indigenous Peoples in our province. The City of Richmond, which sits at the mouth of the Fraser River, is where Indigenous Peoples have gathered, shared knowledge, travelled, harvested berries and roots, hunted and fished since time immemorial.

Students and staff will contribute their thoughtful reflections to the mural by writing them on salmon cards and attaching them to the installation. We encourage parents/caregivers to talk with their child(ren) about the importance of Truth and Reconciliation and their own reflections and commitments to it.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day Grad Boat Cruise
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school closed)
Oct 2	Terry Fox Run (Block B)
Oct 5	World Teacher's Day

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