WILDCAT FAMILY WAAG

NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2026

Monday Nov 2	Tuesday Nov 3	Wednesday Nov 4	Thursday Nov 5	Friday Nov 6
ABCD GNA 10 Assessments	A-PLT-BCD GNA 10 Assessments	ABCD Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day GLA 12 Assessments	A-PLT-BCD GLA 12 Assessments	ABCD GLA 12 Assessments

GRAD ASSESSMENTS

Students in grade 10 will be writing the GNA 10 and students in grade 12 will be writing the GLA 12 this week. Students have been scheduled to write on a specific date and time this week. By now, students in those grades should have checked the schedules posted outside of the main office or the library learning commons to find their scheduled time(s). Students are asked to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to their scheduled assessment time with all necessary items for their assessments, including a piece of photo identification. These assessments are required for graduation, so it is important that students do not miss the opportunity to write their assessments.

GRADE 9 TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Wednesday, November 4th is this year's Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day. It is a wonderful opportunity for students in grade 9 in public schools across British Columbia to have the opportunity to experience a day in the life of work in a particular field. Most grade 9 students will participate in this event. Please remember to submit your permission form to the school's main office before November 4th.

If your grade 9 child will not be participating in this event, their teachers and classes will be available to receive them at school on this day. If your grade 9 child is sick and will not be participating or attending school on November 4th, parents/caregivers are asked please contact the school's office by email or phone call to inform the school that they will be remaining home.

PACIFIC TIME

As of November 1, 2026, British Columbians no longer switch back to Pacific Standard Time. We have adopted a permanent year-round time zone called Pacific Time. Families and students should keep these important reminders in mind:

- Do not change the clocks on November 1st. There is no "Fall Back" this Year
- Check devices and alarms. Most phones and computers should update automatically, but to ensure on time arrival at school students and families should verify that alarms, watches and other devices display the correct time.
- School schedules remain unchanged. School start times, extracurricular activities, and programs will continue according to local time.
- Expect darker mornings and lighter evenings in the winter. It will be an adjustment for all, but please continue to arrive at school on time.

LEADERSHIP CLASS – CANDY DONATIONS

McMath's leadership classes are requesting support from the community in the form of prepackaged candy that will be gifted to those in need within the community. Donations will be collected from October 30th-November 10th. Donations can be dropped off in the school's main office. Donations will be prepared by leadership students to be given to the Good Shepherd Ministry to distribute in the community. If you have extra candy remaining after Halloween, please consider donating it to this worthy cause. Thank you, in advance, for your kind consideration.

STUDENT PARKING AT MCMATH

An important reminder to any students who would like to park at McMath during the school day, that their vehicle must be registered an approved through the office. Additionally, all safe driving regulations must be followed at all times. Approved drivers must also park appropriately in a designated spot. Parking violations may result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense. Thank you for your cooperation.

STUDENT PICK UP AT SCHOOL

If it is necessary to drive to the school and/or pick up your child at the end of the school day, to help ensure the ongoing safety of our students, staff, and community members we ask that you please keep the following in mind:

- Drive extra slowly when entering and exiting the school's parking lot.
- Stop and wait for pedestrians at all crosswalks.
- Exercise patience at all times, as the parking lot can get congested.
- If arriving early to wait for your child, please DO NOT park in the fire lane in front of the school. This must be kept clear AT ALL TIMES to provide access for emergency services, if needed.
- While waiting for your child on site, you are welcome to park your vehicle in any available parking space in the east parking lot located next to the gyms.
- Observe all no parking signs posted on school grounds.
- Do not turn left out of the school's driveway onto Garry Street during peak times at the start and end of school days. Observe the posted times located on signage at the end of the school's driveway.
- Help us be a good neighbour, by not blocking the driveways of surrounding homes and complexes when dropping off or waiting for your child.

PLT – SIGN UP EARLY

PLT is mandatory instructional time, and students are reminded that they must be in a designated space within the school utilizing this time to support their learning. Students are expected to be with one of their four teachers during this time. Students in grades 11 or 12, may also choose to sign up to use PLT as quiet study time in either the library learning commons or the rotunda.

Students must plan ahead on how they will best use PLT to support their learning. A schedule of sessions being offered by all teachers is posted on the McMath website under the student pull down menu. The link to the schedule is called, "PLT Sessions Schedule". The schedule of sessions being offered in from November 3rd to winter break is now posted. There are class size limits for all sessions. Students are reminded to plan ahead and sign up early with their teachers.

****Please note that the library learning commons will NOT be open for PLT this week as grad assessments will be taking place in the library.**

BLOCK ROTATION

There will be a block rotation on Monday, November 16th. A block rotation can be an adjustment for everyone. Starting that day, the block order each day will be BADC. Students are asked to please plan ahead for this change. Grade 12 students who may have a study block in Block B are reminded that PLT is mandatory instructional time, and that they are required to be at school on Tuesdays and Thursdays in time to be present for the start of PLT at 9:36am.