

McMath Dry After Grad 2019 Overview

Welcome Parents!

What is a Dry After Grad (DAG) Party?

A Dry After Grad is an all-night, parent supervised celebration, for graduating students only. The DAG is intended to reflect the graduates' achievement and acknowledge their high school completion. The party will include entertainment, music, food, activities, prizes, games, etc. Attendance by the student is optional but students cannot attend the DAG if they do not attend the Dinner and Dance event. DAG has been a McMath tradition since the 1990s and students look forward to this event as a highlight of their graduation festivities. Last year we had approximately 230 students attend.

Why is it important?

Graduation night has long been associated with risky and illegal behaviours that can harm students and their communities. The main goal is to provide an SAFE, ALCOHOL, DRUG and TOBACCO FREE alternative on Grad Night and to send a message that drugs and alcohol are not essential for FUN. This prohibition is strictly enforced.

Where?

In the McMath school rotunda and various wings.

When?

Directly following the Grad Dinner and Dance event at the Fairmont Waterfront in Downtown Vancouver. (After 11 pm June 26th, 2016 to 5 am June 27th, 2019)

Who organizes the DAG?

At McMath, every year a newly formed Grade 12 Parent Committee organizes and runs the event with the help of Grade 11 parent volunteers who act as "shadows" to learn the ropes for the following year. An event this size requires a parent committee of approximately 12 or more who each take one of the roles below:

- Chair/Co-Chair or Communications
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Bag Drop off
- Decoration
- Entertainment
- Food
- Fundraising
- Prizes
- Red Carpet
- Security
- Takedown
- Transportation

Meetings are approximately once per month until May and June, then approximately 2 or 3 times per month as necessary.

How is the committee chair and subcommittee chairs determined?

Parents in attendance at the first meeting (already held at the Grade 12 parent night) volunteered for different roles with more roles still available to fill. If more than one person was interested to chair, they choose to co-chair for the positions already filled.

Volunteers?

In addition to the 12 or more committee members, 60 to 80 volunteers are required to execute the DAG event. Parents to set up the day before, supervisors on the night of and a takedown crew directly after the event. Parents who have skills in carpentry and lighting would be especially helpful.

How can you help?

Come to the meeting to learn more about DAG. You might be interested in becoming a committee member and or a volunteer on the night of. Past committee members will be at the first DAG meeting to answer questions and share their expertise. Hope you can join us on ***Monday, October 15th at 7 pm in the Staffroom.***