

OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Monday Oct 30	Tuesday Oct 31	Wednesday Nov 1	Thursday Nov 2	Friday Nov 3
Day 1 Haunted House	Day 2 Costume Fashion Show @Lunch <i>Halloween</i>	Day 1 Collaboration Day Classes Start at 9:55am Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day <i>Musqueam Day</i>	Day 2 Mini School Assembly (Flex)	Day 2 Grade 12 Literacy Assessment Sun, Nov 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)

Spirit Week – Brought to you by Student Council

Barbie Vs Oppenheimer	Halloween <i>(Wear your costume)</i>	PJ Day <i>(Bring a Blanket)</i>	Culture Day	Slides Day
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Haunted House (Oct 30)

Our theatre department has been hard at work on this years Haunted House of Horrors. All Marlins are encouraged to visit the haunted house at break or lunch. Admission is \$2.

“Trick or Treat” Others with Respect

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events.

Keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- RACE** (*black face, brown face*)
- CULTURE** (*Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks*)
- RELIGIOUS FAITH** (*religious figures, gods, saints, gurus, hijab*)
- GENDER** (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- TRAUMA** (*hangman’s noose, weapons*)

Literacy 12 Assessment (Nov 3)

All grade 12 students will be writing the Provincial Literacy 12 Assessment this week. This is a required assessment for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to review the information [posted on our website](#) and prepare with the practice assessment that is linked at the bottom of the page. Student room assignments will be emailed out by the end of day Thursday and will also be posted around the school Friday morning.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov 7 *National Inuit Day*
- Nov 8 *Indigenous Veterans Day*
- Nov 10 *Remembrance Day Ceremony*
- Nov 11 *Remembrance Day*
- Nov 13 **Statutory Holiday (School Closed)**
- Nov 15 *Senior Math Contest*
Immunization Clinic
- Nov 16 *International Day for Tolerance*
Metis Day
- Nov 20 *Pro-D Day (School Closed)*
- Nov 22 *Learning Updates (Report Cards) Published on MyEdBC*
- Nov 24 *Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur (Sikhism)*
- Nov 25 *Holodomor Memorial Day*
- Nov 27 *Basketball Home Opener and Pep Rally*
Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikhism)
- Nov 29 *Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)*
Early Dismissal
- Nov 30 *Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4 & 6-8pm)*
Early Dismissal

Gr 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day (Nov 1)

All grade 9 students are encouraged to take part in this annual event. Please note that students must return the permission form to the office. [See our website](#) for more information.

Musqueam Day (Nov 1)

An important day recognized by Musqueam Nation to celebrate their ancestor’s determination to seek justice and protect their inherent rights. On November 1, 1984, Musqueam won Guerin v. The Queen, the landmark Supreme Court of Canada case regarding the Shaughnessy Golf Course lease. The case, led by Musqueam Chief Delbert Guerin, fundamentally changed Canadian law.

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THE MCNAIR WAAG

Dear Parents,

URGENT NEED OF PAC EXECUTIVES FOR 2023-2024

We are urgently looking for parent volunteers to fill executive roles (Co-Chair/Vice-Chair, Secretary) for McNair PAC.

Role/Responsibilities:

The **co-chair/Vice-Chair** will help lead and host PAC meetings, be the key contact for the Richmond District Parent Advisory Committee (RDPA), and school administration, as well as voice any concerns from parents/students as needed. The **Secretary** will help record and share meeting minutes and post an agenda for period PAC meetings. If you are interested or want to nominate someone, please get in touch with us at mcnairsd38pac@gmail.com

We especially encourage Grade 8 parents to consider playing this important leadership role as this is a great way to make connections with school administration as well as other parents and contribute to building a safe and supportive learning environment.

Secondary School PAC also plays an important role in making decisions on the Gaming Grant allocations to support scholarships, clubs, and various extra-curricular activities at school. If we do not have PAC executives:

- Our PAC will be dissolved.
- We will not get any gaming grant money from the government used for our kid's extracurricular activities.
- We will not receive any funding from the District PAC when available.
- No possibility for dry after-grad events or fundraising for future Grade 12 students.

Decisions on how to support your child(ren)'s education should not be made by only a handful of parents. We hope to see many of you at the upcoming PAC meeting in Oct. Joining the PAC has been a fulfilling experience for current and past executives as we are able to contribute to our kids' school's overall experience.

ACTION ITEM FOR GRADE 12 PARENTS: ASSEMBLE A DRY AFTER GRAD COMMITTEE (DAG)

What is a Dry-after Grad? If you wonder, you are not alone. Many families ask this question every year. Therefore, we want to share information about this early on to raise awareness about this event that requires significant efforts from parent volunteers (especially Grade 12).

Dry Grad is an all-night supervised celebration for Grade 12 students after their graduation dinner party in a safe, fun environment. The purpose of "Dry Grad" is to provide ALL Grad students an opportunity to celebrate together one last time as a class in a supervised and completely safe alcohol and drug-free environment before they move to their post-secondary pursuits. The Dry Grad is **organized and planned by a volunteer parents' committee** and is **not funded by the school**. **Fundraising by parent volunteers** is the only source of funds for the grads to have an event like this and it requires significant funding (~\$15-\$20K). Therefore, we urge Grade 12 parents to start planning early to fundraise and build a Dry Grad Committee. **This event can only happen with committed parent participation, either by leading/supporting the fundraisers, donations and your time for the party.**

For more details on what is a dry-grad event and what preparation required, please read

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/managing-your-health/lifestartsnow_drygrad_web.pdf

FACEBOOK PAGE

We invite you all to join the Facebook page for McNair PAC to engage in conversations with other parents, give suggestions, ask questions or simply network with other parents of McNair students.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/231812398863620>

For any questions about PAC Executive positions or any other questions related to PAC, please contact

mcnairsd38pac@gmail.com

Sincerely,

McNair PAC Executive Board