



# DECEMBER 4 - 8, 2023

| Monday<br>Dec 4   | Tuesday<br>Dec 5 | Wednesday<br>Dec 6  | Thursday<br>Dec 7  | Friday<br>Dec 8  |
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| <b>Day 2</b>  | <b>Day 1</b>     | <b>Day 2</b>  | <b>Day 1</b>   | <b>Day 2</b>   |
| <i>Dec 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities</i> |                  | <b>Collaboration Day</b><br>Classes start at 9:55am<br><br>Mini School Potluck 6:30-9:00pm<br><br><i>National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women</i> | Winter Concert<br><br><i>Hannukah (Judaism – Dec 7-15)</i> | <i>Bodhi Day (Buddhism)</i><br><br><i>Dec 9 International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime</i> |

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

#### Important Message from PAC

Grade 12 parents are asked to review the information found on the next page regarding the Dry After Grad Committee. Dry After Grad is an important part of our year-end grad celebrations and it requires a lot of help to make it happen. Please see the letter on the next page to learn more about how you can help.

#### Grad Council Bottle Drive

McNair's grade 12 students will be running a bottle drive over the coming weeks. Please see the next page for more information.

#### International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3)

A day to increase public awareness, understanding and inclusion of people with disabilities and celebrate their achievements and contributions.

#### National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Dec 6)

A day to remember the murder of 14 young women at Polytechnique Montréal (December 6, 1989) and take action to eliminate acts of violence against women.

#### Hannukah (Judaism – Dec 7-15)

Hannukah, or the Festival of Rededication, celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Syrian Greeks in 164 BCE. The eight-day festival has become a beloved and joyous holiday. It is also known as the Festival of Lights and usually takes place in December, at the time of year when the days are shortest in the northern hemisphere.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec 10 *Human Rights Day*
- Dec 14 *In-Person PAC Meeting 7PM at McNair*
- Dec 20 *“At Risk” Learning Plans Emailed Home*
- Dec 21 *Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)*
- Dec 22 *Last Day of Classes before Break*
- Dec 24 *Christmas Eve (Christianity)*  
*Quviasukvik Begins (Inuit, until Jan 7)*
- Dec 25 *Christmas Day (Christianity)*
- Dec 26 *Boxing Day*  
*Kwanzaa Begins (until Jan 1)*
- Jan 1 *New Year's Day*  
*Tamil Heritage Month*  
*Ochetookeskaw - Kissing Hand - Hand Shaking Day (Metis)*
- Jan 8 *First Day of Classes after Winter Break*
- Jan 10 *Collaboration Day*

#### Bodhi Day (Buddhism – Dec 8)

A Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha (Shakyamuni) is said to have experienced enlightenment, also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

#### International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime (Dec 9)

Celebrates the day the convention was signed and signifies the international community's commitment to “never again”.

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## Grad Council Bottle Drive Information

Dear Parents,

McNair's grad council will be running a bottle drive starting November 12th, and ending December 10th. The purpose of this fundraiser is to raise money for the grade twelve legacy gift that they will leave behind for present and future students.

The grade twelve students will be offering either a pick up or drop off option to those who are interested in donating their bottles and cans.

Donors will be able to drop the bottles off outside at the front of the school in the box marked Grad Council Bottle Drive on Fridays between 8 AM - 9 AM or 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM.

If you are interested in having bottles and cans picked up from your home, please use the link below to fill out the form which includes your name, address, email, and pick up date that will work for you.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFtR7mu8FCZxHP394a1jj4kaBn8bkWODvTy\\_uTJBbkikT1ew/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFtR7mu8FCZxHP394a1jj4kaBn8bkWODvTy_uTJBbkikT1ew/viewform)

We appreciate your help in supporting the 50th graduating class of McNair in their journey to providing a legacy gift!

Thank You!

McNair's Grad Council  
Sponsor Teachers: N. Iversen, J. Dur, and S. Fraser

## PAC Dry After Grad Information

Dear Grade 12 Parents,

The Dry After Grad Committee has started planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Graduating Class of 2024 but still needs parent volunteers, especially Grade 12 parents to help out. We also encourage grade 11 parents to help and get a jump start on preparing for your future Dry After Grad.

What is a Dry-after Grad? If you wonder, you are not alone. Many families ask this question every year. Dry After 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 After 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. Therefore, we urge Grade 12 parents to join the committee and help out. 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 dry-grad events and the preparation required, please [click here](#).

Currently we have a **Flippgive** fundraiser that will be ongoing. During this holiday season, please consider purchasing gift cards from [this link](#).

**Return It Bottles** – please consider donating to McNair Dry Grad 2024, Customer # 252588, School Phone # 604-668-6575. Please contact me at [marianrobinson7373@gmail.com](mailto:marianrobinson7373@gmail.com) should you wish to join the DAG committee or have any questions.

**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.

Thank you,  
Maria Robinson  
DAG Committee Chair