

# McNair Secondary February 2019 Newsletter

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## Principal's Message:

Semester Two is now well underway and students are settled into their new courses. Spring Break is coming up, and the school will be closed from March 15-31 and we will re-open on Monday, April 1. If going away, enjoy and create some memories. If staying local, be sure to reconnect with your family and friends and take in all this province has to offer.

Highlights of the past month include the conclusion of our Basketball seasons, and all teams need to be commended for their efforts, improvements and great sportsmanship. The teams represented themselves and our school very well. Special thanks to all the coaches and sponsors who gave so much time to make these important events happen. Grade 12's are getting ready for the conclusion of their high-school lives, and they are eagerly anticipating all that is on the horizon. Please be sure to sign up and pay for Valedictory, The Dinner/Dance, Dry After Grad and just announced this week is the **Spring Fling**, scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the UBC Boat House**. Please be sure to give us the information we need for your Grad Gown Size and Grad comment. This can be done online-please check the McNair website.

Our incoming Marlins are also in the school soon, playing in the very exciting **McNair Invitational Grade 7 Basketball tournament March 13 and 14**. The teams are always excited to be here, our Athletic Council and Mr. Dhaliwal organize the event, and everything should be very exciting. Come out and support your old Elementary School.

We have also spent the last couple of weeks doing Program Planning for 2019-20 with all our returning students. It is very important that students complete the course selection paper and enter their choices online via the school website. Once that has been done, return the form to your Counsellor. Remember, it is very important that you choose courses carefully, since we build the timetable for next year based on what you tell us you want. It is very difficult to change your mind next year, so choose wisely.

Also already started is the Theatre program's Spring production of **The Wizard of Oz**. As always, the entire school community is very excited about the upcoming performances, and the cast and crew are busy getting ready for the show that runs from **February 25-March 8**. The entire cast and crew deserve kudos for the quality of the show the set and the energy and enthusiasm they are sure to bring to the performances. Thanks also must go out to **Mrs. Watts and Mr. Soriano** for all they do to make the show a success and inspire the actors and crew to such outstanding performances. Be sure to get your tickets! ---**Mr. Jason Leslie**

## Important Dates:

Mar 6	Collaboration Day (9:45 AM start)
Mar 6-8	Theatre Production: <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
Mar 12	PAC Meeting (7:00 PM)
Mar 12	Mini School Candidate Team Building Session
Mar 13-14	Grade 7 Feeder school Basketball Tournament
Mar 14-25	Europe Trip
Mar 18-29	Spring Break (school closed)
Apr 1	School Re-opens
Apr 3	Collaboration Day (9:45 AM start)
Apr 3	Euclid Math Contest

## Report Cards/Parent Portal:

**Final Report Cards for Semester 1** were published to the MyEdBC Parent Portal on **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**, and our students had another very successful first term. Marks throughout the school were strong, and our staff were pleased with the efforts being made by our students. **If you haven't yet logged in and created a Parent Account on the MyEdBC Parent Portal, please be sure to do so ASAP. Instructions for this are available on the McNair website at: <https://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/news/2019/01/21/myed-parent-login-info>**



## Program Planning:



Matthew McNair counsellors have visited Grades 8-11 classes over the past few weeks so all students could get Programming Information and a personalized course selection form. They learned about options for courses, new graduation requirements and post-secondary prerequisites and got prepared for choosing courses for next year. Our timetable and staffing for 2019-2020 is determined based on student enrollment and course requests, so students must select carefully, taking into consideration their summer school and online learning plans. It is difficult to make course changes later in the process. Grades 8-11 students will have an opportunity to check and confirm that their course selections are accurate later in the spring. Students and parents are encouraged to read the online course descriptions, discuss options with their classmates and current teachers and choose courses thoughtfully. Please read the 2019-2020 McNair course descriptions online at: <https://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/sites/mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/files/attachments/Sun%2C%202019-01-27%2019%3A55/Program%20Book%202019-20%20.pdf> and be sure to get your completed course selection form signed by parents submitted to your Counsellor when your class is brought into the computer lab and library to enter your courses. If you have any questions about the course selection process, contact your counsellor.

## Transfers:



For students submitted Round 1 Transfer Applications, the final deadline was on Thursday February 28, 2019. Parents/legal guardians will be informed of the status of the transfer application by **Friday, March 15, 2019**. If parents wish to appeal a transfer denial, they can do so in writing. All transfer appeals must be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools. **Round 2 Late Transfer Applications** begins on **Friday, March 1, 2019** and the final deadline for submission is **Friday, May 17, 2019**. **For more information on school transfers, contact the Richmond School District.**

## Grad Events:

The McNair PAC is now looking to form a sub-committee to organize, fundraise and plan the Grade 12 Dry After Grad party. This event is run by parents for Grade 12 students and provides the students a fun, engaging and safe place to go after the Dinner/Dance on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The students will all take the bus to the Waterfront Hotel in downtown Vancouver, then come back to the school around 11:30 PM. The Dry After Grad will run from 11:30-5:00 AM in the school. Parents will be responsible for planning, fundraising, supervising and decorating the event. This is a massive task and the PAC needs some volunteers to make the workload manageable and help students have a great event. If you are interested in helping at this event, please contact Terri Grieve (terrygrieve6@gmail.com) or Kathy Chana (kathychanax4@gmail.com) and listen for updates on when the first planning meeting will be.

Also on the horizon is the **Grad Spring Fling**, which will be held at the **UBC Boat House** on **Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM**. Tickets are on sale starting next week and will cost **\$75**. Be sure to get your ticket to be part of this great event!

## Music:

McNair's music program has had a busy February to kick off festival season. **Raphael Agustin** represented our school at the **Surrey Jazz Festival** Rep Band playing bass. **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** the **Jazz Band** performed at the **Bell Centre** for the festival. Our groups enjoyed a day of jazz listening to other groups and watching the evening concert. Next up for the Jazz band is **District Jazz Night** on **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Gateway Theatre**. Tickets are available now from the Gateway website. The rest of our ensembles will be participating in **Kiwanis Festivals** in **April and May** as well as **Junior and Intermediate Band** performing at **Cantado in Whistler**.



## Yearbooks:

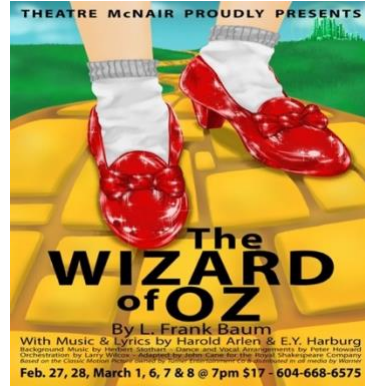
Every year we publish a beautiful 200+ page yearbook and this keepsake includes all students' names and photos as well as all of the teams, clubs and special Marlins events from the school year. For 2018-2019, more than 500 students have already purchased their yearbook and these will be distributed on June 21<sup>st</sup>. As we need to commit to the publishing company months in advance, the **final day** to purchase a yearbook will be **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you want a yearbook and have not yet purchased one, please see Ms. Yee in the Business Assistant office to get yours before **March 15** – don't miss out! The yearbook cost is **\$40**.

## Culinary Arts:

**Maliha Khaku** decorated the cake to kick off Education Week at the Board Office on Monday evening. She is a Grade 11 McNair Culinary Arts student. She started in our program in Grade 10 and loved it. She loves baking and has participated in two gingerbread competitions, earning **Best Overall Theme** at the 2017 Surrey competition. She started her own baking business: Maliha's Confections about a year ago and interested clients can see some of her tasty creations on her Instagram account. Here are some photos:



## Drama/Theatre:



It is finally here!! After literally months of long hours and hard work, *The Wizard of Oz* is finally up and running. We are extremely excited to share this production with the community. With a cast and crew of 149 students that includes grade 2/3 students from Thomas Kidd and Kingswood Elementary school, this is a production you will not want to miss. There are still a few tickets left for **Wed March 6 and Thurs March 7**, but these will go fast. If you would like tickets for any of these nights, then click your ruby slippers together and contact either Mr. Soriano at [msoriano@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:msoriano@sd38.bc.ca) or Mrs. Watts at [twatts@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:twatts@sd38.bc.ca). We look forward to skipping down the Yellow Brick Road with you!

## Athletics:

Congratulations to **Jovan Dhaliwal** who won the **70kg B.C. championships Gold Medal** in wrestling on February 19, 2019.



These are the following teams we are running for the spring season:

<b>Grade 8 Boys Volleyball</b>	Cat Bateman and Lauren Bradshaw
<b>Grade 9 Boys Volleyball</b>	Erika Pascua
<b>Sr. Girls Soccer</b>	Maria Zanikos
<b>Sr. Boys Rugby</b>	Chris Banks
<b>Track &amp; Field</b>	Deb Moynahan
<b>Jr. Badminton</b>	Leo Chan

### Grade 7 Basketball Tournament:

Students from our neighborhood Elementary schools will be coming to McNair on **March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>** to participate in our annual **Marlins Invitational Grade 7 Basketball Tournament**. It is always an exciting event, and we look forward to working with our next group of McNair athletes. The tournament is a fantastic introduction to the school for the athletes, who love playing on our big floor. It is also a great time for the Elementary school graduates to see old teachers and friends. We look forward to a great tournament and hope many of you come to cheer on the teams from schools you attended. There will be teams there from **Hamilton, Walter Lee, Kingswood, Woodward and Thomas Kidd**. The Girls teams will play on March 13<sup>th</sup> and the Boys will compete on March 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Pink Shirt Day:

McNair students and staff were encouraged to wear pink on February 27<sup>th</sup> and they joined thousands across B.C. in a symbolic celebration of inclusion. Originally started in 2007 in Nova Scotia by two students after hearing that a younger schoolmate was picked on for wearing a pink polo shirt. They purchased 50 pink shirts at a local discount store and spread the word online, hoping for a “sea of pink” and the response at school the next day was overwhelming. The awareness movement has grown in popularity and in 2012 the U.N. declared a day in May as “Anti-Bullying Day”. McNair Secondary School students are always encouraged to act with *kindness, care and respect* in their everyday interactions with all people and once again the school was a sea of pink on February 27<sup>th</sup> as we showed our support for this important ideal.



## McNair Idol:

Congratulations go out to all the courageous and talented performers who competed in February to be McNair’s representative in **RichCity Idol**. The McNair competitors were all extremely gifted performers and the choice for winner was a difficult one. We want to wish good luck to *McNair’s Idol*, **Parker Linzmeier** and wish him all the best as he has advanced to **RichCity Idol** in March. Good luck!



## Interim Reports:



Parents are reminded that all McNair students will bring home their **Interim Reports** from Semester two on **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are asked to read and discuss the information on the Report with their child. If they have more questions, parents can phone the school or email teachers directly – all contact information is available on the school website. <http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/>

## Parent Survey:

Every year the Ministry of Education asks parents of students in Grades 4,7, 10 and 12 to complete an online survey about what they think about their child’s learning at school. Parents of McNair students in Grade 10 and Grade 12 are asked to click on the link below and complete the survey. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and is available in 18 languages. Once you log on, go to **DIRECT ACCESS** in the bottom right corner, choose **SD38 RICHMOND** for District and **MCNAIR SECONDARY** for school, choose your language (English is the default language) and answer the questions. Thank you!

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/ma in/accessParentAuto.asp>

## Grad Numeracy Assessment:

The Ministry of Education has eliminated Provincial Exams in English 10, Math 10, Science 10, Social Studies 11 and, after 2019, English 12. There are two new provincial assessments that all students will be required to write – the GRADUATION NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (GNA) and the GRADUATION LITERACY ASSESSMENT (GLA). All McNair students in Grade 10 will write the GNA exam this June 2019 (Grade 11s wrote in January). Numeracy is the willingness and perseverance to interpret and apply mathematical understanding to solve problems in contextualized situations, and to analyze and communicate these solutions in ways relevant to the given context. The new Numeracy Assessment is not a typical “math test.” It will include 24 common questions and a student choice section (answer 2 of 4). The questions will be context placed problems that students will read, think about and then write a solution. The GNA measures 5 numeracy processes, including students’ abilities to *INTERPRET, APPLY, SOLVE, ANALYZE* and *COMMUNICATE* solutions. The GNA be not be attached to any course, but reported separately on each student’s official Transcript using a 4-point scale –

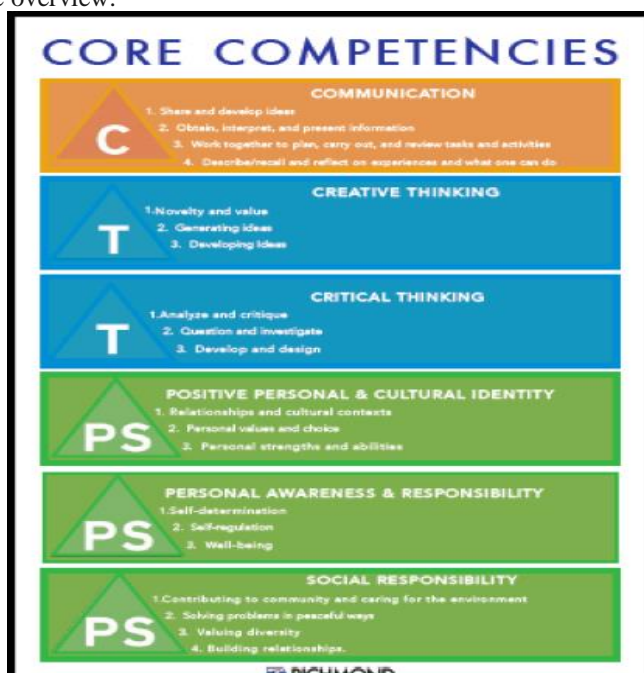
1. Emerging
2. Developing
3. Proficient
4. Extending

Students can score a 0 for not attempting to answer questions and must score at least 1 to graduate. Students will be allowed to rewrite the GNA two times over their high school years (3 total attempts). Students can “practice” the exam online now. For more information, parents are encouraged to read the information contained in the link here:

[https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation\\_Numeracy\\_Brochure.pdf](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/Graduation_Numeracy_Brochure.pdf)

## Core Competencies:

As they did last year, all Grade 8 and 9 students in British Columbia will complete a self-assessment of a group of core competencies. These are a set of intellectual, emotional, social and personal proficiencies that every student will need to develop. They include: **Communication Skills, Critical Thinking Skills, and Personal/Social Responsibility Skills**. Teachers will highlight and teach these competencies in all classes during the year, and they will complete a self-assessment of growth in these areas that can be seen on the **student e-portfolio**. For detailed information, check out <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies> and have a look at the poster below for a simple overview.



## McNair Tutors:

McNair Tutors return every Monday at **lunch** and **after school** (3:00-4:00 PM) in **room 136** to offer students help in their academic subjects. Volunteer students—headed by **Cheyenne Tu, Amy Wong, and Anna Li**—run the free program, which is open to students of all grades. For students who require a more customized schedule or for parents who have further questions, please e-mail [mcnairtutors@gmail.com](mailto:mcnairtutors@gmail.com) for more information.

## PAC Meetings:

The McNair PAC executive invites you to attend PAC meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month in the conference room. These meetings provide an overview of what is happening at school and an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Our next PAC meeting has been rescheduled for **Mar 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting is open to all parents. We hope to see many of you there! The PAC group is also looking for interested parents to help serve on the **Dry After Grad** committee. The planning for this significant and huge event is important, so if you have an interest and ability to help, please join!



## Career Planning:

Visit the following for university/college/scholarship updates:

- [SD38careercentre.weebly.com](http://SD38careercentre.weebly.com)
- and [www.facebook.com/MsHudsonCareerCentreNews](http://www.facebook.com/MsHudsonCareerCentreNews) for university/college/scholarship updates
- Drop in to see Ms Hudson, the Career Advisor, in the Career Centre M – F from 11:15 to 3:15.

Parents – if you wish to receive the emails sent to students, email the career advisor: [lhudson@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lhudson@sd38.bc.ca)

### **Document Deadlines**

Many universities & colleges require additional information such as transcripts or supplemental applications or profiles. Students should know when these documents are due at the schools where they have applied.

**Students Transcripts Service (STS).** Students need their PEN number to register.

The Ministry of Education's *Student Transcripts Service (STS)*, is an online application for students to view their marks, scholarships and transcripts, and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions and third parties.

To access the service, visit the Ministry of Education's *Order Transcripts and Certificates* website at [www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca) and follow the instructions found there.

**\*Note:** Some post-secondary institutions may require grade information earlier than available through this process. Students should be familiar with each institution's requirements regarding grade submission. If required, order an official hardcopy transcript from the main office (\$5.00 per transcript).

**Register to write the TOEFL/IELTS and/or the LPI if required. Contact the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to for requirements and exemptions.**

### **Reminders to Grade 11 Students**

If planning to attend a USA post-secondary institution after graduation, it is a good idea to register for and to write the SAT admission exam during the Grade 11 year! This allows enough time to have SAT scores ready for Fall applications. See the College Board website for registration details: <http://student.collegeboard.org/>

### **2019-2020 Richmond School District Youth Train in Trades Program**

Application Deadlines

Deadline: April 5/19

The Career Programs Office offers students in Richmond School District opportunities to explore a variety of career options while still in high school. Whether students decide to pursue college, university or work after high school, these options open doors and allow students to:

- move ahead in a chosen career path
- acquire skills relevant to today's labour market needs
- have flexibility and choice with respect to how, when and where learning takes place

Students are invited to explore the Careers Program website to learn more about the various career development resources available to help determine "Your Future without Limits"! <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/>. For more details, see Ms Hudson.

### Upcoming Events

- Explore CapU Info Night Wednesday, Mar 6, 2019 from 5:30-8:00pm at Capilano University, North Vancouver, in the Birch Building Atrium
- Open House at the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) on Mar 6/19 from 10am-2pm at 715 McBride Blvd, New Westminster, BC
- MAR 6/19 deadline to apply Youth Train in Trades Workshops (Plumbing or Professional Cook). The Career Programs Office is offering the 'Education in Action' series in 2018/2019. Experience a morning in the SD38 'Youth Train in Trades' Professional Cook Program or the Plumbing Program. Acquire practical hands-on skills. These workshops are open to Grade 8 - 12 students. Limited seats available. To register for one of the workshops, contact Ms. Mah at: [sumah@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:sumah@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6000 ext 3766. Students must register a week prior to the workshop.
- MAR 22, 2019 WorksafeBC 14th Annual Student Safety Video Contest deadline to apply

With the intention of raising awareness about workplace rights, Grades 8-12 students are invited to join the 2019 Worksafe BC Student Video Contest. Create a video that explores the theme, "You're the Employer: How do you keep your young workers safe?" Submit the video on or before March 22, 2019, Friday.

Winning student gets \$1,000.00. Winning school receives \$1,500.00. The student team which creates the best film will be awarded the Actsafe Aspiring Filmmaker Award. For details, email [yworker@worksafebc.com](mailto:yworker@worksafebc.com) and check <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/education-training-certification/young-new-worker/student-safety-video-contest>

**APR 5/19** eMentoring Program for High School Girls Interested in STEM Careers deadline to apply

eMentoring is a unique mentoring program for high-school aged girls who are interested in or curious about STEM careers. eMentoring is a free 8-week program that pairs girls in high schools across BC with female role models in science, tech, engineering and math careers. Students and their mentors are sent weekly discussion questions, covering topics such as their career path, post-secondary life, work environments, finances, work/life balance, and what to do with your degree. eMentoring is done entirely over email. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour a week and the next round runs from April 7 to May 31, 2019.

For details and to apply <http://www.scwist.ca/programs-and-events/msinfinity/ementoring/>

### Some Imminent Scholarship Deadlines For more scholarships visit:

<http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com/other-scholarships.html>

### MAR 11/19 Richmond Community Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships are available to Richmond students who are entering a post-secondary institution directly after high school, as well as those who have taken a year off before beginning their post-secondary studies. If you have questions about your eligibility, please call 604-270-4483 or e-mail [info@richmondfoundation.org](mailto:info@richmondfoundation.org).

There is no requirement for a specific grade average for any scholarship and students who are pursuing trade and diploma courses are encouraged to apply in addition to those undertaking degree studies. For more info:

[https://www.rcrg.org/GrantsScholarships/ScholarshipDetails/high\\_school\\_scholarships](https://www.rcrg.org/GrantsScholarships/ScholarshipDetails/high_school_scholarships)

### MAR 15/19 Daneen Skilling Scholarship deadline to apply

This annual scholarship of \$2,500 is offered by the Manufacturing Safety Alliance of BC to support a worthy student pursuing a career in Occupational Health and Safety through post-



secondary studies at a college or university in BC (BCIT, UBC, SFU, UVIC, UNBC, or Okanagan College) for the 2019-2020 year. An essay and submission of grades is also required. For full details visit: <https://safetyalliancebc.ca/daneen-skilling-scholarship/>

**APR 12/19** Community Mental Wellness Association of Canada (CMWAC) Bursary deadline  
There are four (4) X \$500 bursaries available to Gr 12 students in Vancouver and Richmond school districts who are going into full-time studies in any of the following fields: Social Work, Psychology, Nursing or Counselling.  
For full details and the application form: <http://www.cmwac.ca/bursary.html>

**APR 15, 2019** The Charlene Reaveley Bursary Application deadline  
The Charlene Reaveley Bursary Application deadline. The Charlene Reaveley Bursary supports graduating students with a \$1000 bursary who have lost a parent and/or sibling.  
To qualify for a \$1000 CRCCS bursary, the student will be required to meet specific criteria. For details, visit: [www.crccs.ca/bursary-program/](http://www.crccs.ca/bursary-program/)

**APR 15/19** Richmond Chamber of Commerce Carol Young Scholarship Program deadline to apply  
This \$2,500 scholarship is intended to recognize students who have overcome significant adversity in their lives. In spite of the challenges they have faced, they will have demonstrated improvement through their work ethic and have inspired fellow students. The scholarship is intended to assist students in beginning their post-secondary journey, be it academic studies or the trades. Students must be a Richmond resident, be graduating from a Richmond public secondary school in 2019, and be registered to an accredited post-secondary institution within 2020. Visit: [http://www.richmondchamber.ca/chamber\\_information/scholarship\\_program.aspx](http://www.richmondchamber.ca/chamber_information/scholarship_program.aspx). Questions, contact the Richmond Chamber of Commerce: T: 604-278-2822 E: [rcc@richmondchamber.ca](mailto:rcc@richmondchamber.ca)

**APR 30/19** The Howard Legacy Youth Fund application deadline  
This \$1000 bursary was established with a donation from Peggy Howard in 2012, and is made available to applicants who are current or former youth in care.  
[https://www.bcadoption.com/bursary?fbclid=IwAR0wes26Aa4t8kQVEV6jYsTS3bEx4Bp0mb9f8r3XcP\\_8upyo-JNGyCMd1HQ](https://www.bcadoption.com/bursary?fbclid=IwAR0wes26Aa4t8kQVEV6jYsTS3bEx4Bp0mb9f8r3XcP_8upyo-JNGyCMd1HQ)