



MATTHEW MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL 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 upon us now, and the school will be closed from March 11-26 and we will re-open on Monday, March 27. 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.

With all of the changes that have come to McNair since Semester two started, we have several new staff members to be welcomed. **Devina Ozla** is a new Counsellor. **Kamal Ansari** is teaching Science and Math, Sean Corcoran is teaching PE and Social Studies, **Jessica Russell** is teaching English and Social Studies, **Grace Kim** is teaching Art, **Vincent Tam** is teaching ELL and Resource, **Wan Chih Yang** is teaching Chemistry and Science, **Fred Dietrich** is teaching Power Mechanics and Applied Technology, **Valerie Zaitseff** has joined our office team as the Student Records Secretary and **Tiffany Calder** has joined our Resource team as an Educational Assistant. We want to welcome to each of these staff members to our school.

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 getting ready for the conclusion of their high-school career, 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 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 were also in the school last week, playing in the very exciting **McNair Invitational Grade 7 Basketball tournament**. The teams were happy to be here, our Athletic Council and Mr. Dhaliwal organized the event, and everything went very smoothly. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

We have also spent the last couple of weeks doing Program Planning for 2017-18 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.

Other big news from the past month include the Theatre program's performances of **The Lion King**. Truly an amazing show, the cast and crew put on 14 sold out shows (9 matinees and 5 evening performances), and they earned several well-deserved Standing ovations. The entire cast and crew deserve kudos for the quality of the show and the energy and enthusiasm they brought to the performances. Thanks also must go out to **Ms. Watts and Mr. Soriano** for all they did to make the show the success that it was.

We wish all of you a restful Spring Break and encourage you to come back ready to finish the year strong! -Mr. Jason Leslie

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School Transfer Information

As indicated on the school website, there has been a delay regarding the decisions about Cross-Boundary/Transfer applications. If you have put in a request to transfer in or out of McNair, the decisions will be given shortly after Spring Break. We apologize for the delay and any uncertainty this may cause. For more information about why, please see the website:

<http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/03/03/student-transfer-process>

Satisfaction Surveys:

Each year the BC ministry of Education asks parents of Each Each year, the BC Ministry of Education asks parents of students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 to complete a **Satisfaction Survey** to determine parent's levels of satisfaction regarding their child's education. We invite all parents of children in Grade 10 and 12 to go online and complete the survey. It is available in 19 different languages and takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Please go to the link below and under **District**, select **38 Richmond** and under **School** select **McNair Secondary**. Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Grade 12 News:

Grade 12's are now entering a very exciting and busy time in their high school lives. Please be sure to check over and return to their Counsellor their TVRs (a record of student marks form Grades 10-12) and remind them to complete their PSI forms (Post Secondary Institution information) online. Students also need to sign up for the Valedictory ceremony, give us your gown size and write the comments to be written when you cross the stage.

This can be done online:

<http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/02/23/grad-information-tvrs-scholarships-and-gowns-and-comments>. Students are also reminded to complete their Scholarship Applications. All Grade 12s should complete the applications because you cannot win a scholarship without applying. Please do so by Friday, April 28 online at: <http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/02/05/grade-12-scholarship-application>.

The last semester will go by very quickly, so it is very important to stay on top of all the tasks you need to complete!



Program Planning:

Counsellors have been into classes to present information to students about course offerings for 2017-18. Hopefully, you have taken the time to review course selections with your child and they have entered their selections into the computer system and returned the form to the Counsellor. Please remember that changing courses is much harder to do after the timetable is built, so please ensure that the courses you have selected are the ones you want to take next year. For information about McNair courses, see the Program Planning Guide and enter course selections at:

<http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/02/15/program-planning-2017-2018>

PAC Meetings

The McNair PAC Executive invites all parents to attend PAC meetings, held on the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings start at 7 PM in the Office Conference Room. The meetings provide an overview of what is happening in the school and is an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback and suggestions. The next meeting is **Tuesday, April 11th**.

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Athletics:

The winter athletics season has come to a close, and all of the athletes, teams and coaches who represented our school need to be thanked and should be very proud. The Grade 8 Boys and Girls teams did very well, learning lots and becoming close-knit groups of athletes. The Grade 9 Boys and Girls teams also had very successful seasons, being very competitive throughout all of their games in Richmond. The Junior Boys and Girls teams also had success this year, reaching the Richmond playoffs and being very competitive. The Senior Girls and Boys teams enjoyed tremendously successful seasons, with the Boys team going to Hawaii, and both teams hosting their own tournament. The teams both fell just short of qualifying for the Provincial Championships, but need to be congratulated for their efforts and development this year. This was the first time in over 10 years that McNair managed to field teams in all 8 Basketball divisions. Thank you also goes out to Mr. Dhaliwal and the scorekeepers and referees who worked so hard to ensure all the athletes got these opportunities. The Table Tennis teams are still competing, under the guidance of Mrs. Liu and Mr. Liao. The team has improved tremendously and should be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Mr. Dhaliwal and the Athletic Council need to be commended for all the work that went into welcoming our newest Marlins in the Grade 7 Invitational Basketball tournament that took place March 1 and 2. All the teams really impressed us with their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and some stellar play. The future of McNair basketball is very bright. On the horizon is the Spring season, and practices, meetings and tryouts for these sports have already started. Sports coming up include: Senior Girls Soccer, Junior Boys Volleyball, Junior and Senior Badminton, Senior Boys Rugby as well as the possibility of Track and Field and Ultimate Frisbee. If you are interested in participating, please be sure to listen to the announcements and if you are unsure, please see Mr. Dhaliwal.

Theatre:

The McNair Theatre Department has just finished performing its eagerly anticipated Spring Production. This year's performance was **The Lion King**, and it was truly spectacular. The McNair Theatre department has long been highly regarded, and the expectations of the Spring Productions is unparalleled and this year's performance did not disappoint. The extravagant lighting, singing, costumes and acting were astounding. There were 14 sold-out shows (9 matinees and 5 evening performances) and most of them resulted in Standing Ovations at the conclusion. All performers and crew need to be commended for their outstanding work, with special thanks going out to Mrs. Watts and Mr. Soriano for all the energy, enthusiasm and incredibly hard work that went into this year's show. The group should be very proud of themselves!

Music:

The McNair Music Program has been hard at work, performing all over Richmond and throughout the Lower Mainland. Mrs. Berman's Jazz Band and Jazz Combo participated in the Richmond Jazz Nite at Gateway Theatre on February 21, then in the Envisions Jazz Festival on February 24 and 25. They were also in Penticton on March 7 and 8, and after Spring Break, the group has several trip and competitions coming up, including: The Kiwanis Choir Festival on April 5-8, the Kiwanis band and Strings Festival on April 18-21 and the big Spring Music Trip to Portland April 27-May 1 and a Music in our School performance at Gateway Theatre on May 4th. Lots coming up, so be sure to get out and listen the very well-respected McNair Music students.

MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES:

(Please check the calendar on the school website regularly)

March 4-19	Europe Trip	March 7-8	Band Trip to Penticton
March 10	Interims sent home	March 11-26	Spring Break
March 27	School Re-Opens	April 5	Collaboration day
April 5-8	Kiwanis Choir Festival	April 11	PAC Meeting-7 PM
April 12	Math Contests	April 14	Good Friday
April 17	Easter Monday	April 18-21	Kiwanis Band Festival
April 21	Report Cards sent home	April 24-26	Grade 9 Mini to Timberline
April 26-27	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Apr 27-May 1	Spring Music tour to Portland

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Traffic Safety

The City of Richmond has upgraded the crosswalk near Albion, and we want all pedestrians and drivers to be aware of it. The new crosswalk has a red light associated with the crossing button, so all students will have to wait for the walk signal before crossing, and all drivers need to be aware of the newly added need to stop at the red light.

Pink Shirt Day:

On February 22, McNair Secondary followed the tradition started in Nova Scotia in 2007 when a group of students decided to wear pink shirts in order to stand up to bullying. Pink Shirt Day has become a Canada-wide event each year and as a result of actions like these, the United Nations has declared May 4th "Anti-Bullying day" each year. The McNair community has embraced the event. Student Council gave away pink lemonade in the morning, hundreds of students and staff wore pink on February 22nd, and all of us were kind and respectful to one another. This is something that McNair students are very good at doing with each other all year round, and while the pink shirts were a more visible effort to combat bullying, our students are very good treating each other with kindness, respect and care. McNair is truly a caring community and events like what we saw on February 22nd remind us why it is so important. Congratulations to all who participated.



On **Saturday, April 1st**, parents and community members are invited to a free morning conference at MacNeill Secondary School. There will be a wide variety of informative sessions and the keynote speaker will be Shelley Moore. Shelley is a PhD and former McNair Secondary Staff Member, now consulting with schools to help support the learning and success for all students. Her work explores the benefits of learning in diverse contexts and embraces the strengths that every student can bring into the classroom. For more information and to register online see this link:

<http://latb.sd38.bc.ca/>. You can also drop off your registration form at the Richmond School Board office at 7811 Granville Avenue on the third floor. Registration is open until March 31st.

Exciting News about Amaan Mangalii

Just recently Amaan Mangalji received his Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. To qualify for this prestigious award, Amaan spent 2 nights hiking and camping along the Elk River Trail in Strathcona, 6 months volunteering and taking classes in his religious community, and countless hours developing his skills on the senior boy's basketball team. Congratulations Amaan! The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was developed to encourage youth aged 14 to 25 to be active, to participate in new activities and pursue their current interests in four different areas. The award is unique to each individual participant. No two Awards are exactly the same. The Award educates and motivates youth to become well-rounded citizens equipped with invaluable skills.



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Music:

February was a busy month for the Music Department. The McNair Jazz Band and Jazz combo attended the Envisions Festival in Surrey. This is the largest Jazz Festival in Canada. The Jazz Band received a Silver - rating and The Combo received a Silver rating. Both groups had excellent adjudications and clinics working with some of Canada's most prestigious musicians. Francis Naluz was recognized for his excellence in bass playing. Both groups also performed at the Richmond District Jazz Night at the Gateway Theatre on February 21st. The evening presented was Jazz performed by all Secondary schools in Richmond - a great evening of shared music. The Junior and Intermediate Band will be leaving March 7th and 8th for their two day music tour to the Penticton Band Festival. These groups will be performing at Elementary schools and Senior homes before performing at the festival. The choir will be performing at the Fraserview Senior Home on Friday 10th March.

**Theatre News**

The Theatre Department just closed their very successful run of The Lion King. The production which featured 56 actors and 30 crew members performed 14 sold-out shows to a total audience of approximately 3000 people. Congratulations to everyone involved, they are all deserving of a very restful Spring Break!! Hakuna Matata

Improving Safety in our School:

The Richmond School District is dedicated to providing healthy, safe and secure environments for students, staff and visitors. A video surveillance system will be implemented at *Matthew McNair Secondary School* and will be used in strict accordance with district policy and provincial privacy laws. Appropriate signage will also be installed at the school to notify students, staff and the public. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Sadler, Communications and Marketing Manager at dsadler@sd38.bc.ca or 604.668.6000.

McNair Athletics**Elementary Basketball Classic 2017 Award Winners****Girls**

Hot-shot Winner: Nyah John (Woodward)

All-Stars:

Hamilton: Meghan Yip
Woodward: Nyah John
Kidd: Maysoun Bssisse
Lee: Isha Kapoor
Kingswood: Aliza Arif

MVP –Kayree Rosales (Hamilton)

1st Place: Hamilton

2nd Place: Woodward

Boys

Hot-shot Winner: Chris Joseph (Woodward)

All-Stars:

Kidd: Elliot Seidel & Russell Yumol
Lee: Rashid Conte
Hamilton: Hamza Emaduldeen
Woodward: Chris Joseph
Kingswood: Reid Fournier

MVP - Cole Cruz-Dumont (Woodward)

1st Place: Woodward

2nd Place: Hamilton

Spirit Award: Lee

Poster Award: Kingswood

Sportsmanship: Kidd

PAC Meetings – Next Meeting: Tues Apr 11

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Richmond International Student Program

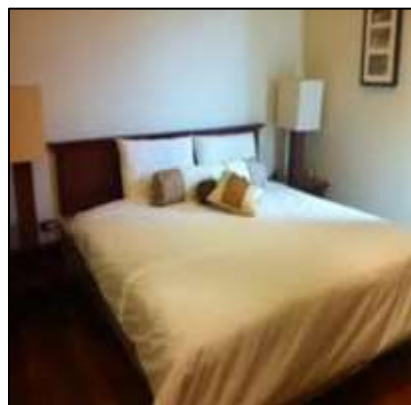
Interested in opening your home up for a rewarding experience?

The International Student Program allows overseas students to enter Grades 8 through 12 at selected secondary schools, and under certain circumstances, Kindergarten to Grade 7 at selected elementary schools in Richmond, Greater Vancouver. The program gives overseas students the opportunity to study alongside Canadian students in the BC public education system. As a Host Family, you will have an opportunity to welcome into your home, students from around the world. Your family will have a profound influence on the students' study abroad experience. Both your family and the students you host will ideally gain a mutual understanding and respect for each other's culture and world-view. In addition to economic remuneration, your reward will be the realization that your commitment to host international students will, in some small way, contribute to global understanding and world peace.

Each member of your family and your student will come to know each other in depth. Our Homestay program is the ideal setting for this type of experience.

If you are interested in learning more about our hosting program please forward an e-mail for information.

Karen York
Homestay Coordinator International Student Program
Tel 604-295-4303 kyork@sd38.bc.ca



2017 McNair Hoodies

Marketing 12 students have designed the new 2017 McNair logo for hoodies. If you wish to order, take your completed order form with cheque or cash to Mr. Sangha's room (107) ASAP. Check out the links on the form for color options. ***The order form is on the last page of the newsletter. Marketing students have designed the new 07 McNair logo for both hoodies and sweat pants. There will be one order placed before Spring Break. If you want to get your order in, please fill out the forms and bring it to Room 106 (Mr. Sangha) with cheque or cash asap. Check out the links (on the form) for your color choices for both items

The order form is on the last page of the newsletter.

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Career

Check out the website: SD38careercentre.weebly.com

All new information is posted on the Home – New Info page. The calendar is a very important tool on this website as dates from the “Home - New Info” section are recorded here. Click on the date to display details pertaining to the event. The other sections will help students in their search for career direction, how to navigate their way through the post-secondary application process in a timely fashion as well as how to find/apply for scholarships.

Visit Ms Hudson’s Facebook page as well for updates: www.facebook.com/MsHudsonCareerCentreNews
[Drop in to see Ms Hudson, Career Advisor, in the Career Centre Mon – Fri from 11:15 to 3:15](#)

EducationPlannerBC

Visit: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>

Grade 11’s

If you are considering studying in the USA for your post-secondary education, now is the time to register for and to write your SAT or ACT exams, so that you are ready with your exam results to apply for American schools in the early Fall.

Grade 12’s

Should have completed their Post-Secondary applications and be applying for scholarships.

Deadlines

SFU

Dec 15/17 - April 30/17 – SFU self-reporting dates

Feb 28/17 – SFU Beedie School of Business BBA Application and grades submission

April 30/17 – Deadline to submit on-line grade 12 final grades

UBC

Feb 1/17 – Deadline to submit on-line grade 12 final grades.

March 3 to March 20 – UBC self-reporting dates for semestered schools (check website for any changes)

March 15/17 – UBC deadline to submit required admission documents (Feb 15 for Sauder)
 (IELTS/TOEFL/LPI)

UVIC

Feb 15/17 - Mar 31/17 – UVic self-reporting dates & deadline for automatic scholarship consideration

Feb 28/17 – UVic Deadline to apply

March 1/17 – Deadline to submit IELTS/TOEFL/LPI to Gustavson School of Business

March 1/17 – Deadline to submit IELTS/TOEFL/LPI to all other programs

May 1/17 - Entrance Scholarships based on other criteria application deadline

OTHER

March 31/17 – Capilano Application deadline for Arts/Science & Business programs
 – document deadline - May 31

March 1/17 – TRU early application deadline

March 1/17 – KPU deadline for early admission to selective entry programs

Students should also check scholarship, housing and document deadlines at the schools applied to.

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Post Secondary Choices Form

Students should have completed their Post Secondary Choices Form (PSI) before March 1st for interim grades to be received by the institution applied to. If students did not meet this deadline, they should complete it ASAP.

To do this, visit the Student Secure Website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome

Upcoming Events

Mar 2 - SFU 50th Anniversary Celebration: Surrey Campus Open House

For details: <http://www.sfu.ca/surrey/engage/visit-us/open-house.html>



Mar 2 - Explore Capilano Night - Held at the North Vancouver campus. <http://www.capilanou.ca>

Mar 2 - Douglas College Music Technology Diploma Open House

Time: 7-9pm

Place: Douglas College, New Westminster Campus, 700 Royal Avenue (Room 3220)

For more information contact fisherb@douglascollege.ca or phone 604-527-5272



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APPRENTICESHIP (ACE IT) PROGRAMS. A Future Without Limits!!

Students in grades 10 and 11.... Students attend these programs in their grade 12 year and therefore must apply in their grade 11 year. **First deadline to apply: Wed Mar 9/16** **Second deadline to apply: Wed Apr 27/16**
See the Careers Program Website for more information: <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca> or visit your Counsellor or Career Advisor

Mar 9 - Justice Institute of BC (JIBC) Open House - 11 am-7 pm, at 715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster, BC.



Mar 10 - The Richmond Community Foundation Scholarships Deadline –For details visit:
<http://richmondfoundation.org/grant/apply-scholarship/>

Mar 12 & 13 - The Sky's No Limit - Girls Fly Too Event - Over 15,000 participants from around BC and beyond are expected at the Abbotsford International Airport. Free flights are offered to female first-time fliers Advance registration is required: <http://www.girlsfly2.ca/events.html>

Mar 12 & 13 - The Sky's No Limit - Girls Fly Too Volunteer Opportunity - Male and female volunteers of any age and any ability welcome. Opportunities abound for students to shine as a community leader and volunteer. Help is needed with all aspects of the event – pre-event planning & logistics, set-up, event weekend and post-event cleanup. See website application details: <http://www.girlsfly2.ca/volunteer.html> or contact 604-210-4033, email: volunteer@girlsfly2.ca.



MAR 31/16 - Coast Capital Youth Team – Applications are now open for this unique work experience opportunity for students entering grade 11 or 12 in Sept 2016. As a paid member of the Youth Team, you'll work as a Community Ambassador and as a Member Service Representative helping members in one of Coast Capital branches, where you will process daily transactions and handle inquiries. Visit the website for further information: https://www.coastcapitalsavings.com/About_Coast_Capital_Savings/Helping_Communities/Youth_Programs/Youth_Team/ or email: youthteam@coastcapitalsavings.com

Emily Carr Summer Institute For Teens

Regular Registration Deadline JUN 17/16

\$2390 Canadian + Permanent Residents | \$2790 International Students

For further information see: <http://teens.ecuad.ca/summer/>

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Career (continued)

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

**Upcoming Programs/Events****Richmond District Career Programs (Train) Opportunities**

If students are interested in participating in one of the **IN-SCHOOL TRADES PROGRAMS** during their grade 12 year (formerly ACE-IT), now called **'TRAIN'**, in Plumbing, Professional Cook, Auto Service Technician or Hair Stylist, applications must be submitted by the following dates:

- Deadline #1 was March 8th (this was the first deadline for all programs, but is the last deadline for Baking)
- Deadline #2 - April 12th

Visit: <http://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/find>

Info Sessions at Langara**MAR 22/17, APR 20/17, Jun 15/17 Library & Information Technology**

Visit: <http://langara.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/library-information-technology/information-sessions.html>
Information Sessions are from 5:30pm - 7pm in room L216 on each date

APR 8/17 – Triumph/UBC/SFU

Saturday Morning Science Lecture Series for high school students. To register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/triumfubcsfu-saturday-morning-lecture-series-2741406450>

APR 14/17 - New Westminster Student Police Academy for students deadline to apply for July program.

For details, please check: <http://www.nwpolice.org/join-nwpcd/student-police-academy/>

APR 24/17 – BCIT Forensics Information Session

This information session will be held at the BCIT Downtown Vancouver Campus. To register for the event, visit:

<http://www.bcit.ca/infosessions/>

APR 29/17 – USA College Expo in Vancouver

For info and to register visit: <http://uscollegeexpo.com/schedule-of-events.html#vancouver>

APR 30/17 – Vancouver International Universities Fair

For information and to register: <https://www.nacafairs.org/attend/international-universities-fair/>

MAY 8 & MAY 29/17 – UBC Sauder BCom

Info Sessions for all grades. Additional information about each session and registration to attend can be found at the following link: sauderundergraduateoffice.eventbrite.com

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	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Black Hoodie						
Grey Hoodie						
White Hoodie						
	\$34.99		\$34.99			\$34.99

Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Total Amount Paid: \$_____ (Cash or Cheque)

If you have any questions please contact **Mr. Sangha** in **Room 106**

To see the hoodies online, please go to – double click on the image

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0By8jj_lesWa-N1hkOU1wakFnZE0

