



MATTHEW MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's message:

As we come to the end of May and enter the final month of the school year, the excitement is beginning to escalate! Special events are happening all around the school and Awards celebrations and Graduation events are now just around the corner! It is a very busy time of year, and students and parents are reminded to keep their lives balanced and healthy. Studies are important, and all of the final exams that are on the horizon are sure to bring some stress. Be sure to get lots of sleep, eat properly and get some exercise. If you stay organized, you will be much more able to enjoy all the important year end activities.

Highlights of the past month include the Grade 7's visiting our school on Friday, May 26th to get a taste of what high school life will be like. A special Welcome to our future Marlins, and a thank you goes out to the Counselors and next year's Leadership 11/12 students who did a great job of hosting our newcomers!

Grade 12's should now be finishing off their Grad Transitions Interviews (if you have not completed this Graduation Requirement, please see your Counselor or one of the Administrators). The Grads of 2017 also enjoyed the Boat Cruise around the Vancouver Harbour on May 12th, and already had the Commencement Ceremony (June 9th at the South Delta Baptist Church). Still to come is the Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad party on June 27th.

We will also have our Awards ceremonies on Monday, June 26th (Gr 8/9 at 9:00, Gr 10 at 10:30, Gr 11 and 12:00 and Gr 12 at 1:30), where we recognized the fantastic achievements of so many of our students. Special Thanks go out to Mrs. Ten-Pow and Mrs. Watts for organizing the ceremony and collecting all of the nominations. Our students have once again done us proud. So to all the winners of each of the awards given out, Congratulations!!!

We will be distributing Yearbooks on June 28th, so all students will need to ensure all fees are paid and textbooks returned in order to get their yearbook. Report Cards will be sent home with students on June 29th. There is still lots on the horizon, so be ready!

We have also enjoyed some great fieldtrips for our Social Justice 12 class, who have just returned from New York, and all of our Mini-School students, who have just returned from Galiano (Grade 8), Timberline Ranch (Grade 9), Juan de Fuca Trail (Grade 10), Bamfield (Grade 11), and Tofino (Grade 12). Great times were had by all and we would like to thank the staff members who gave up so much of their time with families and classes in order to supervise these trips.

I apologize for the delay in getting this Newsletter out, it has been so busy around the school!! But it has been another great month at the home of the Marlins and we are eagerly anticipating the last few great events on the horizon in June. We hope to see many of our parents and community members there! *-Mr. Jason Leslie*

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Provincial Exams:

Provincial Exams are right around the corner. Be sure to study hard and be aware of the exam schedule. The schedule is below and online at:
https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook/1617/2016-17_exam_schedule.pdf

There are only two exams now (English 12 and Communications 12), and both exams will take place in our small gym. Please arrive 30 minutes early with pencil, pen and ID.

Friday, June 23	English 12	9:00 AM
Monday, June 26	Comm 12	9:00 AM

Notice of Late Return:

The Notice of Late Return form is to be completed for any student(s) who expect to return to their assigned school LATER THAN 12:00 pm on Wednesday, Sep. 6, 2017 and ON or BEFORE Sep. 16, 2016.

Please note that the reason for a late return should only be for extenuating circumstances.

This form must be submitted to the school principal **before June 23, 2017.**

Grade 12 News:



Grade 12's are into the most exciting month of their high school lives! Please be sure to check over their **TVR's** (a record of student marks from Grades

10-12), and remind them to complete their **PSI** forms (Post Secondary Information). Commencement was on June 9th, and was a very memorable event. Students are also reminded to ensure they have completed their Grad Transitions interview with a Counselor or Administrator before June 23rd.

Our **Commencement ceremony** took place on **Friday, June 9th** at the **South Delta Baptist Church** in Tsawwassen. We rehearsed on June 8th in blocks C and D. The ceremony itself went extremely well and all of graduates deserve to be commended for their accomplishments. We gave out over 85 scholarships and had excellent speeches delivered by **Talvinder Jagde, Maxim Viel, Graham Lynn and Valedictorian Cameron Sihoe**. Thanks must go out to all the staff and parents who contributed to such a memorable evening!

Please remember that the last month will go by very quickly, so it is important to stay on top of all the tasks you need to complete!

Grad Pranks:

Each year the district spends thousands of dollars dealing with a variety of instances of vandalism and other costs in the name of "Grad Pranks". Sadly, many of these pranks are destructive, harmful and putting people at risk. This is not a legacy we want our Grads to leave, so we are asking everyone to do their part to minimize these disruptions. We recognize that many of these acts are carried out by a small number of people, but you can do your part by discouraging others from participating. Do the right thing, and help us spread the word.

Core Competencies:

The new BC Curriculum includes an emphasis on Core Competencies in Communication, Creative/Critical Thinking and Personal/Social Responsibility. Students have been working with this information, and Grade 8/9 students have completed a self-assessment in three of the 6 areas. Look for those Self Assessments on the June Report Cards.

Yearbook and Carnival and Report Cards:

Wednesday, June 28th will be our Yearbook Distribution and School carnival. Homerooms will start at 11:30 and the Carnival will begin in the back field at 12:00 Noon. In order to get your Yearbook, please be sure to have paid all of your outstanding fees before June 26th. To see what you owe, please check in with Mrs. Yee (our Business Assistant). Report Cards will be distributed by Homeroom on Thursday, June 28th.

MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES:

(Please check the calendar on the school website regularly)

June 6	Spring Music Concert	June 7	Collaboration Day
June 8	UBC/SFU Calculus Challenge Exam	June 9	Valedictory Rehearsal + BBQ (C/D)
June 10	Valedictory Ceremony	June 13	PAC Meeting (7 PM)
June 18	Father's Day	June 21	National Aboriginal Day
June 21	Last day of regular classes	June 23/26	English 12/Communications 12 Exam
June 27	Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad	June 28	Yearbooks and Carnival
June 29	Report Cards	June 30	Administrative Day (School Closed)

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Theatre:

The McNair Theatre department had another successful school year, capped-off by the incredible *Lion King* performances in March. The program continues to be one of the finest in all of British Columbia, and is led by inspiring and talented teacher/directors **Mrs. Theresa Watts** and **Mr. Marco Soriano**. We encourage all interested thespians to look for the auditions for next year's play. The performance planned is still a secret, but it should be announced soon. Listen for announcements if you want to become part of the McNair Theatre program.

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 last meeting was **June 13th at 7 PM**. At this meeting, we concluded the 2016-17 school year. We would like to thank Chair Mrs. Kathy Chana for all her leadership for this very important group in the McNair community.

McNair Dry Grad 2017:

What is a Dry Grad? A Dry Grad is a lively, informal event which follows the Grad Dinner/Dance on June 27. This is an alcohol-free and drug-free event where the grads enjoy a safe place to celebrate. The participating students are bussed directly from their formal Dinner/Dance downtown to the McNair Gym. The event runs late into the night (ending by 5 am). It's a fun-filled atmosphere where the grads enjoy good food, refreshments, music and many forms of entertainment and activities.

Last Dry Grad meeting was on **June 14th at 7pm** at the school. Join us and bring your ideas for making a great dry grad event for our kids.

Please visit the school website to access the donation letter <http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/parents/mcnair-dry-grad>

Commencement Ceremony	June 9 at South Delta Baptist Church
Dinner/Dance	June 27 at Fairmont Waterfront Hotel
Dry Grad	Starts after Dinner/Dance event from 11:30pm to 5:00am at McNair School gym

IMPORTANT

Parents/Students - **Do not** book limousines or private cars, as transportation will be provided to and from Dinner/Dance.

For all students that will be attending Dinner/Dance at Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, **ALL STUDENTS** must take coach buses. These coach buses will be provided at no additional cost. Buses will depart McNair school at 5pm. Students will not be permitted entry to Dinner/Dance if they are not on coach buses.

Students attending Dry After Grad at McNair following Dinner/Dance must also return back on coach buses. Students will not be permitted entry to Dry After Grad if they are not on coach buses.

Parents - Dry After Grad committee could use your help in the following ways:

- set up /decorate gym on June 26 starting at 3pm
- security from 11:30pm to 5am during DAG event
- check in students at 11:30pm
- take down/clean up at 5am
- donate candy (we will have candy bar at event)
- donation of cash/gift cards/products for raffle /food items/water/soda pop/juice

Please contact via email DAG committee at mcnair.dry.grad@gmail.com to advise how you can help.

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Awards Ceremonies

On **Monday, June 26th**, we will be hosting our Annual **Awards Ceremonies**, to celebrate the impressive accomplishments of our student body in the areas of Academics, Athletics, Service and Fine and Performing Arts. Our students have once again done themselves and our school very proud and we look forward to celebrating their successes on Monday, June 26th. We will have 4 different ceremonies for each grade in the Large Gym at the following times:

- **Grade 8 & 9-9:00 AM**
- **Grade 10-10:30 AM**
- **Grade 11-12:00 Noon**
- **Grade 12-1:30 PM**

We encourage parents to attend. If your child is to be recognized, we will be sending home an email via Synrevoice on Monday, June 19th or Tuesday, June 20th.

Special thanks must go out to Mrs. Ten-Pow and Mrs. Watts for all the work that has gone into putting together this ceremony.

Commencement Ceremony:

The **44th Annual Commencement Ceremony** in the proud history of Matthew McNair Secondary School took place on Friday, June 9th at the South Delta Baptist Church in Tsawwassen. Of the 220 Graduates, 187 of them were able to attend, crossing the stage and winning over 85 scholarships for their excellence in Academics, Athletics and Community Service. Our Graduates once again made us proud and each of the members of the Grad class of 2017 should be commended for reaching this important milestone in their lives. The ceremony was very well organized, thanks to a large group of helpful and dedicated staff members who helped the Grads deal with anxiety and nervousness. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Theresa Watts for putting together the Grad Photo and Baby picture video tribute that kicked off the ceremony. Special thanks also go out to **Class Historian Graham Lynn, Class Prophet Talvinder Jagde, Class Poet Maxim Viel and Valedictorian Cameron Sihoe**. The speeches you delivered were motivating, inspirational and offered fond memories of the school experiences of the Class of 2017.

Congratulations to the entire group and best of luck in your future!

Mini School

Beginning in late April and ending early June, Mini School students embarked on their annual spring trips! The Mini 9s went to **Timberline** from April 24-26th to work on group-building and horse-riding. The Mini 10s had a fishing experience at **Bamfield** and the Mini 11s took on the **Juan de Fuca Trail** from May 9th-12th. Mini 12s went surfing at **Tofino** from May 31st-June 2nd, and the Mini 8s cycled at **Galiano** on May 21-24th. Each trip is a signature experience for our Mini students to “*push their envelope*” and create lasting memories with each other. See the McNair Mini blog at: for more updates, pictures, and reflections! The students this year have been very fortunate with excellent weather and great leaders at each of their adventures.



Year-End 2017:

The school year is quickly coming to an end and there have been some adjustments to our schedule. **Regular classes end on Friday, June 23rd, and the English 12 Provincial Exam is at 9:00 on June 23rd.** The last week of classes will have some alternate activities planned, starting with the **Awards Ceremonies on Monday, June 27th.** **Wednesday, June 28th will be the Yearbook Distribution and School Carnival, starting at 11:30 AM.** Please be sure to have your school fees paid before June 26th in order to receive your Yearbook. **Thursday, June 29th is Report Card distribution date,** with different grades coming in at different times. Students coming from Hamilton will be contacted about Bus Times and pick-up locations. The schedule is available on the school website at: <http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca/news/2017/06/18/year-end-schedule>

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Music Program:

The McNair Music program has enjoyed a very busy and successful Spring. First, they enjoyed the Spring tour to Portland April 27th-May 1st and it was a great success. Students performed eight times and attended a clinic at Portland State University.

All groups attended the various Kiwanis Festivals in May. All Ensembles received excellent ratings and learned a great deal. Huge congratulations to all the ensembles for their excellent achievements. 73 Bands competed in the Festival and 38 choirs from across Canada and the US.

Junior and Intermediate Band performed at Music in Our Schools at Gateway theatre in early May sharing their music with the whole Richmond Community.

Angela Serias represented McNair in the Rich City Idol competition on May 30th at the Gateway Theater and represented herself and our school community very well.

The Summer concert was on **June 6th at 7:00pm** in the McNair Theater and all ensembles performed. This was a great concert where all the ensembles had a chance to share their growth and amazing challenges that they have overcome with the music they perform. We are always so impressed at the change from the beginning of the year and the sound of all the ensembles at the Spring Concert.

Making the Summer Concert even more special was the fact that it was Mrs. Izn Berman's final one as the Director of the McNair Music Program. Her dedication and her ability to teach and her ability to make connections with her students will be truly missed. A highlight of the evening was when over 50 of the Graduates of the McNair Music program assembled on stage at the conclusion of the show to play a send-off for Mrs. Berman. It was truly inspiring and reminded many of the movie Mr. Holland's Opus. Mrs. Berman has mean so much to so many and we wish her all the best in her future.

The Choir also performed at Valedictory at the Delta Baptist Church in Tsawwassen on **June 9th** to help share in the recognition of all graduating students of 2017.

Look for a few more McNair Music performances in and around Richmond over the couple of weeks of the school year!

Courtyard Beautification Committee:

Ms. Liu and the Courtyard Beautification Committee continue to stay busy raising money for the Courtyard by the Main Office. This beautiful space is a great location for classes and learning and students continue to use it regularly. Next week, the school will be mounting living letters spelling the mantra of our school, "**McNair CARES**". We will send out some photos when they are on the wall, but want to thank and Congratulate all of the students who have been involved in making our Courtyard such a great place to spend time!

**Athletics:**

The Spring Athletics season has come to a close and all of our athletes represented themselves and the school extremely well. We fielded teams in Badminton, Rugby, Track and Field, Girls Soccer and Junior Boys Volleyball. The teams all had good success and enjoyed themselves immensely while improving as the season went along. Special thanks to all the coaches and sponsors plus the scorekeepers and officials who made the games happen!



The Athletic Council also hosted its Annual Athletics banquet on **May 25th**. Over 200 athletes and parents showed up to celebrate a very successful Athletics year. The year was highlight by excellent performances by Senior Boys Soccer and Basketball teams as well as a return to the Rugby pitch and the first Badminton team at McNair in over 15 years. Congratulations to all of our athletes, coaches, sponsors and officials. Special thanks to Mr. Sangra and the Athletic Council for all the hard work in recognizing our athletes at the Athletic banquet. Special recognition also goes out to Mr. Dhaliwal who worked exceptionally hard as the Athletic Director overseeing everything for our very successful and constantly growing athletics program. 2016-17 was the most successful in McNair history in terms of number of teams fielded and number of athletes participating. Congratulations, Marlins!

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Grade 7's Visit McNair:

On Friday, May 26th, the Grads of 2022 came to McNair, many of them for the first time! Our Leadership 11/12 class for next year hosted a series of fun events in the Large gym and took our newest Marlins on tours of the school. After some speeches, getting to know one another from the different feeder schools and a gym riot of crazy games, the students were treated to a lunch of hot dogs and drinks. We would like to thank our Mini School students who did a great job of hosting, and we are very much looking forward to working with our new students in September. We will have a bunch more activities to help welcome you to McNair in September and will have a 2-day planned Grade 8 retreat where you will once again get the opportunity to come together as the class of 2022.

**Looking for a Summer Job?:**

1. View the Service Canada website for Students/Youth at: http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml?sc_youth_youth, or visit the Richmond Service Canada Centre at 5611 Cooney Road, Suite 350, Richmond, BC. Hours of service: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00pm.
2. WorkBC Richmond Avia: <http://www.aviaemployment.ca/>

Grades 10-11 Students:

Now is the time to begin considering your career path possibilities. By getting involved in leadership, volunteering and work opportunities this summer, you will pick up valuable experience, be inspired by others and make connections that may help you learn about your own strengths, inclinations and possibilities. These enriching experiences will help you to learn about yourself! You can also use this valuable time to visit post-secondary institutions to find out options available to you. Remember, that it also helps towards scholarships if you have school and community involvement!

Math Contests:

Congratulations to McNair's team of **Mark Chen, Wayne Wan, Richard Yang, Terrence Yang, and Rola Yang** who are the Richmond and Delta zone champions in the Canadian Senior Math Contest run by University of Waterloo. This is the fourth straight year McNair has won this contest.

**Grade 8 Scholastic Challenge 2016**

Earlier this year McNair's Grade 8s continued a fourteen year tradition of participating in the **Canadian Scholastic Achievement League's Grade 8 Scholastic Challenge 2017**. This year approximately 8,000 knowledgeable Grade 8s from all parts of the country competed. The challenge consisted of 100 questions on a wide variety of topics that must be completed within 60 minutes. This year's top national score was outstanding 97% and the national average was 52%. One hundred and seventeen McNair Grade 8s participated and 45 of our students scored at the national average or better. **Our school champion is Grace Miao who scored 78% and this score made Grace the British Columbia Provincial Champion too!**

Other students achieving the national average and better are as follows: Owen Liu, Nathan Young, Cindy Ho, Paz Telias, Zachary Ng, Adam McDonald, Aneeya Johal, Megan Carnahan, Rayna Friar, Lukas Vint, RJ Gozum, Amanjit Sekhon, Ekambir Minhas, Owen Long, Mehtab Atariwala, William Joe, Denae L'Hirondelle, Maddy Soga, Maya Desnica, Zaynab Sultan, Elyssa Kabani, Eva De Conti, Sahil Thakkar, Carson Trail, Abby Pyette, Ruqayyah Merali, Emma Knapp, Arthur Pan, Sunjot Saran, Jordan Freeland, Marcus Hando, Ramin Ahmadyar, Abbas-Ali Jagani, Alyssa Anand, Lauren Howells, Brad D'Souza, Adam Ma, Brandon Lobo, Joanna Lui, Terris Tan, Iah Chico, Rhea Mann, Mark Rivera, Amaan Sha.

Congratulations!!!

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RISP Homestay Host

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.

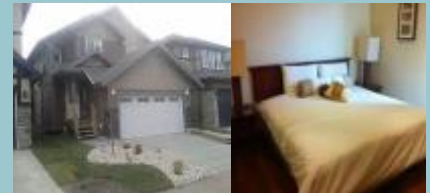
Each member of your family and your student will come to know each other in depth. Our Homestay program is the ideal setting for this type of experience.

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

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**Career:**

Richmond Dist. Career Center News: <http://public.sd38.bc.ca/~cnews>

Remember to check the following website for Upcoming Events and Scholarship Information

<http://sd38careercentre.weebly.com/>

Grade 12's:

Most university application deadlines have passed but there is still time to apply to a number of institutions. Book an appointment with Ms. Hudson if you require assistance.

Make sure you have filled-in your PSI Selections On-line form. If you have not already done so, see your Counsellor or Career Advisor ASAP. Students must fill in this form for transcript information to be sent to BC post-secondary institutions applied to. Visit: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/welcome>.

If this is not done, students will have to submit a certified copy of transcripts to the post-secondary school.

Accepted Your Offer of Admission - Now What?

Make sure you follow your post-secondary school's instructions exactly and pay your deposit to confirm acceptance.

Many colleges and universities offer workshops for new students addressing the following topics:

- ~ First year course planning
- ~ Registration "how-to"
- ~ Tips for success
- ~ Campus Services

Post-Secondary Course Registration Dates - Students should check their college/university student account to find out the date and time they can begin registering for courses.

Student Loans

Early June 2017 Student Aid BC Applications Open. Determine whether you are eligible for student financial assistance, then find out how to apply for and receive your student loan. Visit: <https://studentaidbc.ca/>

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Career (continued)**KPU:**

Course Planning and Registration Assistance

KPU's academic advisors and the Future Students' Office will be hosting drop-in hours for new students to get one-on-one academic advising and registration assistance. Go see the advisors on campus if you need help! Registration assistance is available at the following locations:

KPU Surrey - Main Bldg. Room 160, Tues. & Thurs. 1:00pm - 4:00pm

KPU Langley - Student enrollment Services Office, We. 1:00pm - 3:00pm

KPU Richmond - Room 1560, Mon. & Fri. 1:00pm-3:30pm

Check out the New Students website for Next Steps: <http://www.kpu.ca/advising/new-students>

NOTE Last appointment: at 3:45 pm at KPU Surrey, 3:15pm at the Richmond campus and 2:45pm at KPU Langley.

Still Accepting Applications @ KPU ~ Fall 2017

All KPU open intake programs are still taking applications until August 1st, and some of their limited intake program have extended their deadlines past the early application deadline. More information at <http://www.kpu.ca/admission/deadlines-extended>

KPU Summer Orientation

Family Orientation Schedule for New Students and Parents:

KPU Langley: June 20, evening

KPU Richmond: June 21, evening

KPU Surrey: June 27, evening

General New Student Orientation (Domestic and International):

KPU Langley: August 29

KPU Richmond: August 30

KPU Surrey: August 31,

International Student Orientation (International & Exchange Only):

KPU Richmond: September 1

KPU Surrey: September 1

For more information and to register: <http://www.kpu.ca/orientation>

LANGARA:

Langara Course Planning for New & Prospective Arts and Science Students

Due to high demand for one-on-one appointments, Counsellors at Langara require that students attend a course planning session before receiving individual assistance. See website for up-coming sessions: www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html

Mid-JUN to End-AUG - Langara Course Registration. In early June, students should check their "MyLangara" Account for course registration dates.

Langara Registration Helpline 604-323-5595 -. Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

UBC, SFU, UVIC

Early - Mid June - registration/enrolment date information sent to students

Upcoming Events:

Richmond Virtual School Summer Registration is open - Registration details at: <http://ce.sd38.bc.ca/>

Richmond School District Continuing Education - SUMMER LEARNING 2017 Academic Full Credit Courses on-line - details for Summer Learning are available at: <http://ce.sd38.bc.ca/>

Academic Remedial-Review Summer School 2017 registration-- Academic Remedial-Review Summer School is an optional 4-week program designed for school-age secondary students who obtained school/class marks between 35%-55% or incomplete in a standard course between Sept and June. Upon satisfactory completion of this program, students will be granted a passing school mark (C-) only.

Looking for a Summer Job?

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2. WorkBC Richmond Avia: <http://www.aviaemployment.ca/>

Grades 10-11 Students:

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Calendar for 2017-2018:

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New Student Orientation	Wednesday August 30
Schools Open	Tuesday September 5
First Day of Semester 1 Classes	Wednesday September 6
Grade 8 Retreat	September 18 to September 20
Meet the Teacher Night (Semester 1)	Wednesday September 20
Non-Instructional Day	Friday September 22
School Photos	Wednesday September 27
Collaboration Day	Wednesday October 4
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 9
School Photo Retakes	Thursday October 18
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday October 20
Collaboration Day	Wednesday November 1
Take Your Kids to Work Day (Gr. 9s)	Wednesday November 1
Report Cards Issued (Semester 1: Term 1)	Thursday November 9
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday November 10
Remembrance Day	Saturday November 11-- No school-Monday November 13
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm)	Wednesday November 15
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm & 6 – 8 pm)	Thursday November 16
Non-Instructional Day	Friday November 24
Collaboration Day	Wednesday December 6
Graduation Portrait Sessions	December 10 to December 14
Winter Vacation Period	December 25 to January 5
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Tuesday January 9
Collaboration Day	Wednesday January 10
Provincial Exams	January 22-26
Semester Turn-Around Day	Monday, January 29
Non-Instructional Day	Tuesday, January 30
First Day of Semester 2	Wednesday January 31
Report Cards Issued (Semester 1 – Final)	Thursday February 1
Collaboration Day	Wednesday February 7
BC Family Day	Monday February 12
Non-Instructional Day	Friday February 23
Collaboration Day	Wednesday March 7
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 to March 29
Good Friday	Friday March 30
Easter Monday	Monday April 2
Schools Reopen	Tuesday April 3
Collaboration Day	Wednesday April 5
Report Cards Issued (Semester 2: Term 1)	Thursday April 19
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm)	Wednesday April 25
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm & 6 – 8 pm)	Thursday April 26
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, April 27
Collaboration Day	Wednesday May 2
Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)	Friday May 18
Victoria Day	Monday May 21
Collaboration Day	Wednesday June 6
Valedictory	Friday, June 8
Provincial Exams	June 25-28
Last Day of Semester 2	Thursday June 28
Final Report Cards Issued	Thursday June 28
Schools Close	Friday June 29

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