



MATTHEW MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's message:

Hard to believe that it is already the end of June and another school year has blown by... Having completed my third year at this amazing school, I continue to be impressed by all the good that I see around our community. I would like to thank all of the fantastic staff who work so hard and make this school such an enjoyable place to be. The parent community also should be recognized for all they do to support the school and our students. And of course, I must thank all the students who make the McNair community so welcoming and caring. We have aspiring actors, athletes, musicians, trades-people, scholars, volunteers and community-minded citizens, and all of them bring such incredible enthusiasm and genuine spirit to the school. I can't thank them enough for all that they have done and continue to do to make the reputation of this school so strong.

The last month of the school year is full of highlights, including our Commencement ceremony on Friday, June 9th at the South Delta Baptist Church. We recognized almost 200 graduates and distributed over 85 scholarships. What a great class who did themselves very proud all year long and especially at our fantastic ceremony!

We also hosted our School Music Concert on June 6th and on June 28th Student Council hosted another *Marlin Madness Carnival* event where we had fun in the back field including yearbook signing, food, inflatable games and Bubble Soccer, plus a dunk tank (Mr. Alexis, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Dhaliwal and Mr. Leslie were among the staff to get soaked). It was truly a fun way to end the school year.

On June 27th, our Graduates enjoyed their Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad party. Memories that are sure to last a lifetime. Special thanks must go out to all the staff and parents who made both events happen so successfully.

I want to once again thank all of our students, staff, parents and community members who have made 2017-18 another great year full of memories and connections that contribute to the already strong reputation of Matthew McNair. I continue to be amazed at the quality of people in this school and want to thank them for all they have done in this community and for making everyone at McNair feel welcomed. You are truly a tremendous group!

In closing, I would like to wish every member of our school community a safe and happy summer! To the graduates leaving us, best wishes for what is sure to be an exciting and prosperous future. To the staff who have retired or are changing roles, thank you and good luck, and to the students and staff who will return to McNair in September, enjoy a restful and fun-filled summer. We look forward to seeing you again on September 5th! *--Mr. Jason Leslie*

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Report Cards and Yearbooks

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Report Cards and Yearbooks were distributed on Thursday, June 29th, 2017 for all students. If you did not get yours, it is because you owe fees and can pay Mrs. Yee (Business Assistant) and pick up your Yearbook once the bills have been settled. We will not be mailing home Report Cards, so please come to pick them up this summer from the front office.

**Grade 12 Convocation - June 9, 2017**

Congratulations to the Grad class of 2017. This year's ceremony was a great event, highlighted by over 85 scholarships and the presentation of almost 200 Graduates. The South Delta Baptist Church was full with all the Grads, over 75 presenters and staff and more than 900 family and guests. An amazing number of staff and students worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything go smoothly, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Mrs. Berman and the Choir performed exceptionally well, and **Talvinder Jagde, Graham Lynn, Maxim Viel** and **Cameron Sihoe** spoke passionately to their fellow graduates as *Prophet, Historian, Poet and Valedictorian*, respectively. We were able to honour each of the Graduates as they crossed the stage with dignity, respect and grace. It was a truly memorable evening!



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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. 15, 2017.**

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 July 7, 2017.**

Back to school Information:

Just a reminder to all students to **CHECK THE WEBSITE** in mid to late-August for information about the return to school. We will start with Homeroom classes for fee collection and locker distribution as well as Grade assemblies on **Tuesday, September 5th**, and all students will receive a letter about what to expect during the first week of school. We want you to enjoy a restful and fun-filled summer, and that you come back ready for your best year yet!!!

RISP Homestay Host**Important Information Regarding Textbooks**

Students who have outstanding fees will not receive their yearbook until their fees are paid. During the first week of the semester, your sons and daughters were issued textbooks by their teachers. It is the student's responsibility to take good care of all textbooks that he or she were issued. At the time the textbook was issued, the number and condition was recorded. At the end of the semester, students are expected to return the textbook that they were issued, in good condition.

Textbooks are very expensive and parents should be aware that students should have the number that they were issued, not simply a textbook that they may have. They will be required to pay for lost or damaged textbooks at the end of the year. It is important to emphasize that students are required to hand in the textbook that they started with. We do not wish to unfairly charge someone for a missing textbook that they are unable to return because someone else has it. Students who have lost or damaged their textbooks were given assessments, which must be paid by ASAP to the **Business Assistant, Mrs. Yee.**

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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September 2017 Dates:

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| September 4 | <i>Labour Day</i> | September 5 | First Day Homerooms and Assemblies |
| Sept 5-8 | Homeroom to start day all week | September 6 | First Regular Day of class |
| Sept 7-11 | Mini School to Strathcona | September 12 | PAC Meeting (7 PM) |
| Sept 19-20 | Grade 8 Retreat | September 20 | Meet the Teacher (6:45 PM) |
| September 22 | Professional Development Day | September 26 | CUE University Info night (McMath 7 PM) |
| September 27 | Photo Day | September 28 | Terry Fox Run |
| September 28 | Grad Boat Cruise (6 PM) | | |

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Marlin Mania:

Congratulations to **Mrs. Blair** and all Members of **Student Council** who planned and organized the second Marlin Mania carnival! On **Wednesday, June 28th**, students went to their Homeroom to get their yearbooks, and then all staff and students came out to the back field for a "Carnival". Hundreds of students stuck around to sign yearbooks, share some laughs and stories, enjoy some games (**Bubble Soccer, Wipe-Out, Inflatable Obstacle course and the RCMP Drunk Goggles**), food (pizza, popcorn and drinks) and try to dunk some of the staff in the **Dunk Tank**. Special thanks to **Mr. Dhaliwal, Mr. Alexis, Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Leslie** for getting soaked! It was a great way to end another successful year at McNair, and Student Council intends to grow this tradition, making it even bigger in year three!

**A Fond Farewell**

Each year we say thank you and goodbye to staff who are leaving our organization for a variety of reasons. This year we recognized 15 staff members who are off to pursue other opportunities: **Kamal Ansari, Brian Barenscott, Rosa Becerril, Amber Challand, Sean Corcoran, Fred Dietrich, Aaron Dodd, Judith Donald, Lena Hoy, Jessica Russell, Vincent Tam, Amanda Wu, Wan-Chih Yang and Valerie Zaitseff**. You will all be missed and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours! We had only one retirement, and it is with heavy hearts that we wish **Mrs. Jan Berman** all the best as she begins the next chapter of her life. She has made an incredible impact on this school and will be fondly remembered and missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. Best of luck and we wish all of you well in the future.

**Grade 8 Retreat and Big Buddies**

On **September 19 and 20** we will welcome all of our youngest students to Matthew McNair at a fun Richmond-based **Grade 8 Retreat**. We will have our Leadership Senior Mentors contact our Grade 8 students over the summer to remind them of the schedule for the first few days and to welcome them to our school. Then in mid-September, Mentors and Staff will take the students out of school for two days to make connections and get to know one another as the **Grads of 2022**. We have not yet finalized the activities we will be engaged in, but they will include a trip to **ScienceWorld**, plus a fun day at the **Richmond Olympic Oval** followed by a BBQ and fun activities back at McNair. Once we have details finalized and the associated costs figured out (it is likely to cost approximately **\$50 per student** and will include a t-shirt), we will send you that information in the summer mail-out. We are very much looking forward to meeting our newest Marlins and will do everything in our power to make them feel welcome.

Timetabling:

As we do every year, we will spend several hours over the summer preparing our schedule for 2017-18. Students were given a list of courses they have signed up for, and they had an opportunity to request some changes for next year. Please be reminded that making changes in September will be increasingly difficult, in part because the Counsellors will be very busy, but also because the timetable will be very tight. We have some new rules in place regarding class sizes and composition, and with all of the new students arriving at McNair over the summer, making changes to timetables in September will be very difficult. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the very complicated process of completing timetables for all students. If you have a concern, please try to set up an appointment with your Counsellor in late-August or early-September, but keep in mind that they each have over 400 students to try to help.

Provincial Exam Results

All of our students taking English 12 can check to see how they did at: <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>. The results are usually posted in mid-August. Good luck. We are confident you did well!!

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Awards Ceremonies



On **June 26th** we held four Grade Assemblies to recognize our Grade 8-12 students who excelled in the areas of Service, Performing Arts, Athletics and Academics. Several parents attended and we were able to see an astonishing number of student come to the stage, having achieved some remarkable things this past year. Special congratulations to all the recipients and to **Mrs. Ten-Pow** and her panel of committed teachers who put the ceremony together. Of special note, we included students who won an Honour Roll and Work Habits certificate were included in the ceremony, and had in excess of 200 student cross the stage at each ceremony. *Well done, Marlins!*

New Curriculum:

The Revised British Columbia Curriculum is in full swing for our Grade 8 and 9 classes. The Grade 10-12 students will get an opportunity to use much of the revised material in their courses in the 2017-18 school year, with full implementation expected for the 2018-19 school year. At McNair we are already utilizing the strategies suggested in the revisions, and supplied parents with **Student Self-Assessment Reflections** from our Grade 8 and 9 students in the **Core Competencies** with the year-end Report Card. For more information about the **New Curriculum and Project-Based Learning**, please look at these websites:

- <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>
- <http://www.edutopia.org/video/5-keys-rigorous-project-based-learning>

August Mail-Out

Parents are urged to check the Matthew McNair Secondary School website at: <http://mcnair.sd38.bc.ca> in the beginning and middle of August for updates on School Start-up on Tuesday, September 5th, as well as the 2017-18 school calendar. The August mail out, when delivered, should include a welcome back letter, instructions for the first day as well as other information, including a letter for Grade 8's about the Grade 8 Retreat. Please check the website for more information.



Athletics

Congratulations to all of our McNair Marlins who represented themselves and the school so proudly during this school year. In the Spring season, which just ended, we had a strong showing from our **Grade 8, 9 and 10 boys volleyball teams**, a very good season from our **Track and Field team** (even having a couple of athletes qualify and participate in the Provincial Championships), a return to the ranks of **Badminton** with a very strong team (congratulations to **Jackson Yang** for coaching and winning the Richmond Singles title). We also had the return of the **McNair Boys Rugby team**, and of course, our always strong **Senior Girls Soccer team** enjoyed another successful season, coming just short of qualifying for the Provincial Championships. Thanks to all the athletes and the coaches and sponsors who made the seasons possible. We also need to thank **Mr. Dhaliwal and Mr. Sangra plus the Athletic Council** who hosted a very successful **Athletic Awards Banquet on May 29th**. Almost 200 athletes, coaches and parents attended, and we were able to recognize each team for their success, giving out individual awards to members on each team. Way to go, Marlins! A reminder that in September, the seasons of play start right away, and athletes looking to participate in **Grade 8-12 Girls Volleyball, Senior Boys Volleyball, Senior Boys Soccer, and Swimming** should be listening to announcements and turning up for try-outs.

McNair 2017 Yearbook

The **Matthew McNair Yearbook** is a very important tradition, and this year was no exception. We gave out the yearbooks on June 28th to all students who had ordered one and had cleared their accounts of any debts. The yearbooks theme for 2017 was **"Throwback 90's"** and the book had a photo of a cassette tape on the cover. The students did an excellent job with the Yearbook and they need to be commended. **Sayyeda Mulla and Josh Freeland**, led a group of talented volunteers in creating the book and much thanks go out to each of the people we put in countless hours (**Sayyeda** herself put in over **500 hours** putting the book together)! There was no Teacher-Sponsor of the book this year, so that made it even more challenging than normal, so thanks again to the group who worked so hard. Next year, **Mr. Sangha** will be offering an on-line course for the creation of the **Yearbook**, so if you are interested in being a photographer or contributor, please sign up!

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Career:

Check out the website: SD38careercentre.weebly.com for Post-Secondary Information.

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

Looking for a Summer Job?

- View the Service Canada website for Students/Youth at:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/youth.html>

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

Not too late to apply to Douglas College! Visit douglascollege.ca/programs
KPU is still accepting applications for Fall 2017: kpu.ca/apply

Registration at Various Universities/Colleges

KPU

Once accepted, the next step is Registration. Read the information here:

<http://www.kpu.ca/registration/howto>

If students wish to book an appointment with an advisor for assistance, instructions on how to book can be found here:

<http://www.kpu.ca/advising/contact-us/drop-in>

UBC 2017

Students who have accepted their offer of admission to UBC will have received an email specifying their course registration date and time for the 2017 Winter (Fall) Session. This information is also available in the students' service center accounts at:
<https://ssc.adm.ubc.ca/sscportal/>

UVic

Accepted your offer now what? Visit the following websites for detailed instructions on what to do next.

Find information on specific entrance tests, selecting courses, structuring your schedule and planning your degree. Access Registration 101 tutorials and sign up for UVic's new student orientation event.

<http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/new-students/index.php>

Everything you need to know about course registration:

<http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/index.php>

Program Planning Sheets - Specific requirements for undergraduate degree programs:

<http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/planning/program-outlines/index.php>

Connect with an academic advisor: <https://www.uvic.ca/services/advising/>

Up-Coming Events**Langara Course Planning Sessions For New and Prospective Arts & Science Students**

This 90-minute session is designed to help students understand university transfer and entrance requirements. The advisors will also discuss prerequisites, diagnostic tests and course registration.

* Note - Sessions are offered year-round at Langara. Due to high demand for one-on-one appointments, Langara Advisors require that you attend a course planning session before receiving individual assistance. As appointments are limited, they strongly recommend you start your educational planning early. You do not need to pre-register for these sessions, however, it is a good idea to arrive early as seating is limited.

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For further questions contact: I t(N) Simon Chow

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Career:**Date/Time/Room**

Jul 5, 2017 4:00-5:30 pm B023

Jul 11, 2017 4:00-5:30 pm B023

Jul 20, 2017 4:00-5:30 pm B023

<http://langara.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html>

Canadian Armed Forces Summer Information Sessions

These sessions are every second Thursday evening starting at 6 PM at our office located at 620 Royal Ave, New Westminster, BC

13 Jul - General Information Session

27 Jul - Paid Education Options

10 Aug - Diversity and Women in the CAF

For further questions contact: Lt(N) Simon Chow

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Are You Going to Capilano University in September?

Info sessions: July 15, Aug 1 and Aug 24

For more info and to RSVP, visit: <http://www.capilanou.ca/News.aspx?id=19327368210>

Police Officer Information Sessions 2017

Interested applicants for Police Officer, Jail Guard, Community Safety Officer and Traffic Authority positions are invited to attend an Information Session with recruiting staff.

Session date(s):

- July 8
- August 12
- September 9
- October 14
- November 18
- December 9

Information Sessions are held at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Justice Institute of B.C. Police Academy. The JIBC is located at 715 McBride Boulevard in New Westminster.

For more information, visit: <http://vancouver.ca/police/recruiting/police-officers/information-sessions.html>

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**MATTHEW MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL 2017/2018 SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

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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 (Pro-D) | 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 (Province Wide Pro D) | 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 (Curriculum Implementation 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 | Monday January 8 |
| Collaboration Day | Wednesday January 10 |
| Provincial Exams | January 22-26 |
| Semester Turn-Around Day | Monday, January 29 |
| Non-Instructional Day (School Based Pro D) | 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 (District Wide Pro D) | 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 4 |
| 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 (School Based Pro D) | Friday, April 27 |
| Collaboration Day | Wednesday May 2 |
| Non-Instructional Day (District Wide Pro D) | 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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