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# McNair Secondary

## June 2018 Newsletter

*Home of the Marlins and a great place to learn... since 1974.*

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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... 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 8<sup>th</sup>** at the **South Delta Baptist Church**. We recognized almost 200 graduates and distributed over 75 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 6<sup>th</sup>** and on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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, a pie in the face game, plus a dunk tank (Mr. Chan, Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Leslie were among the staff to get soaked). It was truly a fun way to end the school year.

On **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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 2018-19 another great year full of memories and connections that contribute to the already strong reputation of Matthew McNair Secondary. 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 4<sup>th</sup>**! --Mr. Jason Leslie

### 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 **10** staff members who are off to pursue other opportunities: **Tara Azadmard, Gary Chan, Jonas Dy, Kayo Kang, Stephen Ng, and David Quach**. We also want to say **Thank-You** to **Mr. Michael Jaswal**, who has served as Vice Principal at McNair for the past four years. His dedication and kindness will be missed, but we wish him well in his new

role as Vice Principal at Cambie. Each of the staff leaving us will be missed and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours! We also had three retirements, and it is with heavy hearts that we wish **Mr. Mark Juvelin, Mr. Marc Alexis and Mrs. Catherine Liu** all the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Each of these staff members have made an incredible impact on this school and will be fondly remembered and missed by all who were fortunate enough to know them. Best of luck and we wish all of you well in the future.



## Report Cards and Yearbooks

Report  
Cards

The **Final Report Cards** for Semester Two was published to the **Parent Portal** on **Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. All parents were sent instructions for how to access these online accounts, and we will no longer be printing Report Cards. If you were unable to access your account, please send an email to [mcnair@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mcnair@sd38.bc.ca) and describe the issue you are having. We will attempt to resolve the problem as quickly as possible so you are able to access your child's Student Records and Report Cards online through the Portal. All families were sent login information, including usernames and passwords. You should be able to access the Parent Portal through the link: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>

Yearbooks were distributed on **Friday, June 22, 2018** for all students. If you did not get yours, it is because you owe students fees and can pay Mrs. Yee (Business Assistant) and pick up your yearbook once the bills have been settled.



## Grade 12 Convocation – June 8, 2018

**Congratulations to the Grad class of 2018.** This year's ceremony was a great event, highlighted by **76 scholarships** and the presentation of **almost 200 Graduates**. The South Delta Baptist Church was full with well over **1100** Graduates, presenters and staff as well as family and guests. An amazing number of staff and students worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything go smoothly, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Ms. Holden and the Band and Choir performed exceptionally well, and **Chelsie Bradley, Francis Naluz and Jacquelynne Coles** spoke passionately to their fellow graduates as Prophet, 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.



## Marlinaires – WE Walk for Water:

Thank you all for your help with the fundraising portion to *WE Walk for Water*! The Marlinaires' final campaign collected **\$328.45** over six Silent Reading periods, giving 13 people in Kenya clean water for life.



Many thanks especially to **Stephen Ng** and his period 2 class for collecting the most money (\$52.65), with **Kate Sookocheff**'s class coming in a close second at \$47.70. We could not have done this without you!



**Marlinaires** students rallied outside the school on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at lunch to promote the cause. We got a lot of honks and our students ended our year on a high note!

**Thamali Samarasinghe** joins the exec team next year, alongside co-presidents **Isabella DeConti** and **Eilat Marom**. A huge thank you goes to **Aly Williams** who led the club this year!



The Marlinaires wanted to thank all staff for your tireless support of our efforts. You help McNair be the caring community that it is!

## Theatre:

The Theatre Department has just had their annual clean-up, BBQ and wall signing to cap off another awesome year. Here is a quick re-cap of what happened in the Theatre for the school year 2017-2018.



1. **October: Annual Haunted House** – this event was a project of the Stagecraft 11/12 classes and the Acting 12 class. Over 500 people screamed their way through the Haunted House in just over 3 hours!
2. **November:** Auditions for the production of **IL Campiello**, directed by **Mr. Marco Soriano**.
3. **December:** The Stagecraft 11/12 classes built an impressive Italian Piazza for the production of **IL Campiello** based on a design by **McNair Alumnus Erin Kleuth-Tasaka** and the technical direction of **Mrs Theresa Watts**.
4. **March:** The performance of **IL Campiello**.  
**Drama 10 clowns** descended on the hallways.

5. **April:** The Stagecraft students crewed the **Mini School Arts Nights. Comedia Del Arte** Acting 11 students performed in the halls at lunch.
6. **June:** Directing and Scriptwriting 12 students presented their work at lunch time in the theatre. **4 original films and 1 One Act Play.**  
**Valedictory:** The Theatre Department gave out 7 scholarships to very deserving theatre students. Congratulations to Olivia Reid-Friesen, Chelsie Bradley, Marley Joseph, Holly Clark, Elisha Thorsen, Kiersten Clow and Riley Yodogawa.

Over the summer the theatre is getting a much needed renovation. The District will be replacing the current stage floor and laying a new one to be in place for September.

Next year's major production will be *The Wizard of Oz*. The Theatre Department is excited to bring this classic to life and are currently working with a very talented production crew to lay the ground work for next year. Auditions will be in the fall. We plan on collaborating with several elementary schools on this production. Should be exciting!



We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable summer and gets ready to make their way down **The Yellow Brick Road**.

## 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), and a good showing from our **Badminton team**. We also had the return of the **McNair/McRoberts 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 June 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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. **High School Athletics are a great way to make connections and memories that will last a lifetime!**



## Summer Job? Full-Time Employment after High School?

- View the **Service Canada website for Students/Youth** at: [http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml?sc\\_youth\\_youth](http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml?sc_youth_youth)
- 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.
- **WorkBC Richmond Avia:** <http://www.aviaemployment.ca/>

## Awards Ceremony:

On **Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we hosted our Annual **Awards Ceremonies**, to celebrate the impressive accomplishments of our student body in the areas on Academics, Athletics, Service and Fine and Performing Arts. Our students once again did themselves and our school very proud and we honoured and celebrated their successes. We had 3 different and very well-attended ceremonies for each grade in the Large Gym. It was great to have such a turn-out of students and parents.

Special thanks must go out to Mrs. Ten-Pow and Mrs. Watts and a host of others for all the work that went into organizing this ceremony and of course, special congratulations to all of our winners!



## Late Returns in September:

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. 5, 2018** and **ON or BEFORE Sept. 12, 2018**. 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 10, 2018**.

## Flex Time for 2018-19:

McNair's experiment with **Flex Time** has gone exceedingly well as students have utilized the time very effectively and seen a reduction in their stress levels and home, while hopefully seeing an increase in their achievement levels. The feedback from a student and staff survey told us students wanted to continue with the practice next year, and even increase it! So starting in the second week of September, we will be having Flex Time, where students get to take ownership of their learning and see any teacher they feel they need help from, twice per week, every **Tuesday and Thursday**. The Flex Time is 40 minutes in length (from 9:33-10:13) and is a time for students to get extra help, make up any missed tests or assignments, pursue an area of passion or work on group assignments. We hope the students continue to use it wisely and encourage any parents who have questions about how this time is benefitting their child to please contact the school.



## Grade 8 Retreat and Big Buddies:

On **September 20 and 21** we will welcome all of our youngest students to Matthew McNair at a fun overnight **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 over two days to make connections and get to know one another as the **Grads of 2023**. We have not yet finalized the activities we will be engaged in, but may include a trip to **ScienceWorld**, plus a fun day at the **Richmond Olympic Oval** followed by a BBQ and **new this year will be an overnight stay** with fun activities at McNair. Once we have details finalized and the associated costs figured out (it is likely to cost approximately **\$75 per student** and will include a t-shirt), we will send you that information in the summer email. 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 2018-19. Students were given a preliminary Timetable, 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 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 challenging. 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.

## Marlin Mania:

Congratulations to **Mrs. Blair** and all Members of **Student Council** who planned and organized the second Marlin Mania carnival! On **Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 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, food-trucks, popcorn and drinks) and try to dunk some of the staff in the **Dunk Tank**. Special thanks to **Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Chan and Mr. Leslie** for getting soaked, as well as several staff (including **Mr. Stack, Mr. Chan and Ms. Gingrich** for agreeing to participate in **Pie in the Face!** It was a great way to end another successful year at McNair, and Student Council intends to grow this tradition, making it even bigger next year!



## Provincial Exam Results:

All of our students taking English 12 and the Grad Numeracy Assessment 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!!

## Summer School:

While summer School has already begun, below are some instructions for students who may need to take some courses to catch up over the summer. Please read carefully and if this applies to you, act quickly!!!

 <b>RICHMOND</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38	<small>RICHMOND CONTINUING EDUCATION School District No. 38 (Richmond) 7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3 Tel. 604.668.6123 - RCE@ed38.bc.ca</small>	
<b>Academic Completion Summer School 2018</b>		
<small>Academic Completion 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 September and June. Upon satisfactory completion of this program, students will be granted a passing school mark (C-) only.</small>		
<b>Courses:</b>	English 8, 9, 10, 11 Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 Math 8 & Math 9	
	Science 8, 9, 10 Social Studies 9, 10, 11	
<b>Dates &amp; Times:</b>	Wednesday, July 4 - Tuesday, July 31, Monday to Friday Block One ☐ 8:45 am - 10:45 am Block Two ☐ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	
<b>Location:</b>	Palmer Secondary School, 8160 St. Albans Road, Richmond	
<b>Course Costs:</b>	\$50 Textbook deposit; tuition fees apply to international or non-BC students	
<b>Attendance:</b>	300% attendance is expected.	
<b>Enrollment:</b>	Low enrollments may result in course cancellations.	
<b>REGISTRATION PROCEDURES</b>		
<small>Although spaces/seats are limited, we will do our best to accommodate your request.</small>		
<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION</b> ☐ <a href="http://www.RichmondCE.ca">www.RichmondCE.ca</a>		
<small>If you do not have a Continuing Education online account, please create one before online registration begins. If you have one already, there is no need to create another account. If you are not sure if you have an account, please phone Continuing Education, 604.668.6123.</small>		
<b>COURSES</b>	<b>ONLINE OPENS @ 3:30 pm</b>	<b>ONLINE CLOSES @ 11:59 pm</b>
all Academic Remedial Courses	Wednesday, June 27	Monday, July 2
<b>IN PERSON REGISTRATION</b>		
<b>Thursday, June 28, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>		
School District Administration Building, 7811 Granville Avenue Continuing Education, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited seats; subject to availability; we will do our best to accommodate your request.</li> <li>• Bring your most recent report card.</li> <li>• If you attend a semestered school, please bring final January report card as well.</li> </ul>		
<small>Richmond Continuing Education • <a href="http://www.RichmondCE.ca">www.RichmondCE.ca</a> ☐ Learn with us!</small>		

## Dates for September:

<i>September 3</i>	<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>September 4</i>	<i>First Day Homerooms and Assemblies</i>
<i>Sept 4-7</i>	<i>Homeroom to start day</i>	<i>September 5</i>	<i>First Regular Day of class</i>
<i>Sept 6-10</i>	<i>Mini School to Strathcona</i>	<i>September 11</i>	<i>PAC Meeting (7 PM)</i>
<i>Sept 20-21</i>	<i>Grade 8 Retreat</i>	<i>September 20</i>	<i>Meet the Teacher (6:45 PM)</i>
<i>September 21</i>	<i>Pro-D Day</i>	<i>September 26</i>	<i>Photo Day</i>
<i>September 27</i>	<i>Terry Fox Run</i>	<i>September 27</i>	<i>Grad Boat Cruise (6 PM)</i>

## August Mail-out and Back to School Info:

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 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as the 2018-19 school calendar. The August email out, when sent, will 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 McNair website for more information.

## Yearbook:

The **Matthew McNair Yearbook** is a very important tradition, and this year was another great one! We gave out the yearbooks on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to all students who had ordered one and had cleared their accounts of any debts. The yearbooks theme for 2018 was "*Super-Heroes*" and the book had a super-hero in a cape on the cover. **Mr. Sangha** and the students did an excellent job with the Yearbook and they need to be commended. This was the first year of offering the Yearbook as an on-line course and **Mr. Sangha** and his crew of dedicated students did a marvelous job of capturing memories of the last year. Next year, **Mr. Sangha** will again be offering an on-line course for the **Yearbook**, so if you are interested in being a photographer or contributor, please sign up!

## Textbooks:

Students who have outstanding fees did not receive their yearbook and the debt they owe will remain on the account next year. 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 and the book was scanned out to them. 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. Parents will be required to pay for lost or damaged textbooks. It is important to emphasize that students are required to hand in the same textbook that they started with. We do not wish to unfairly charge someone for a missing textbook that they were 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**. This can occur over the summer.

## Happy Summer!:

*All the very best to the Grads of 2018!!*

*We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone back at McNair on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>!*

*Enjoy a rejuvenating holiday!*



## Career Planning:

Check out [www.SD38careercentre.weebly.com](http://www.SD38careercentre.weebly.com)

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to visit this site for post-secondary information. In addition to this website, starting September, grades 10, 11 and 12 will receive emails from the career advisor regarding post-secondary information in an effort to ensure students are receiving university and college updates.

### **PARENTS**

If you would like to receive the same information via email as your students, please email Linda Hudson [lhudson@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lhudson@sd38.bc.ca) to be added to the list.

Post-secondary information is also available on Ms Hudson's Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/MsHudsonCareerCentreNews](https://www.facebook.com/MsHudsonCareerCentreNews)

Students are encouraged to drop in to see Ms Hudson, the Career Advisor, in the Career Centre Mon – Fri from 11:15 to 3:15.

**Offers of Admission:** Grade 12 students who have applied to a university/college for entry in September should check their institution's secured student website/portal for new messages. These sites contain important details regarding transcript submission, self-reporting, admission offers, course pre-requisites, registration, deadline dates, contact information, grades, etc.

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

**Applying for a Student Loan?** 2018 Student Aid BC Applications open in June. The process for applying for a student loan has changed. Students are encouraged to visit the Student Aid BC website now and view the step-by-step instructions on how to apply through this new process: <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/how-to-apply>

### **Reminders to Grade 11s**

If planning to attend a USA post-secondary institution after graduation, students should ensure they are familiar with, and have met all the admission requirements. Many USA institutions begin accepting applications as early as September of the grade 12 year.

### **Attention Grade 10 & 11s**

Now is the time to begin considering your career path possibilities. Get involved in leadership, volunteering and work opportunities. These opportunities also count towards scholarships.

### **Helpful Links:**

**Volunteer Opportunities** – Richmond Cares Richmond Gives (RCRG) - All Richmond students should contact this group to access student volunteer and leadership opportunities:  
<https://www.rcrg.org/WhatWeDo/RCRGPrograms>

Contact: 604.279.7020, Location: #190 – 7000 Minoru Blvd. Richmond, BC

### **Service Canada Youth & Student Employment:**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/jobs/opportunities/student.html>

### **Events and New Programs**

The University of Alberta New Student Orientation 2018 is happening on August 31 and September 3/18 Registration is now open!

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/events/orientation/>

### **New Entrepreneurship Leadership Course for High School Students Gives University Credits**

SFU's Beedie School of Business has announced a unique agreement with Youth Entrepreneurship Leadership Launchpad (YELL) to give high-school students who complete the YELL entrepreneurship program university course credit at the school. YELL will be taught at Richmond High Mondays 3:45-6:00. Register at RVS - [rvs.sd38.bc.ca](http://rvs.sd38.bc.ca)

<http://beedie.sfu.ca/ideas/2018/05/sfu-beedie-to-offer-credit-to-high-school-students-completing-youth-entrepreneurship-program/>

### **SFU's new Sustainable Energy Engineering (SEE) Program**

Applications open in Fall 2018!

This program will be the first of its kind in Western Canada, providing students with an interdisciplinary learning environment that will prepare them to become global leaders in clean technology. Students will have access to brand new facilities through a state-of-the-art building that is currently under construction at SFU's Surrey campus.

#### **Application Details**

Students who are planning to start their SFU studies in Fall 2019 can apply directly to SEE. Current post-secondary students or students planning to begin their post-secondary studies this year will have the option of transferring into the second year of SEE in Fall 2019.

#### **Students Can Still Apply!**

#### **Kwantlen Polytechnique University**

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

Course Planning & Registration Assistance – Have an offer now what? Check out the New Students website for next steps: <http://www.kpu.ca/advising/new-students>

KPU Summer Orientation – Sessions offered at all three campuses throughout the summer for domestic as well as international students and their families. For more information and to register: <http://www.kpu.ca/orientation>

#### **Last Minute Applications at the University of Regina**

Most programs (excluding Nursing) are still accepting applications! Plus, if you apply before June 30th, you will be automatically considered for various entrance scholarships. <https://urconnected.uregina.ca/apply/apply-now.ezc>

#### **Langara College**

*Course Planning Sessions* For new Arts and Science Transfer Applicants.

The Langara Counselling Department requires that new Arts and Science students attend a Course Planning Session before receiving individual assistance. See website for the next available session: <http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/counselling/workshops-info-sessions/course-planning-sessions.html>

- Langara Course Registration. In early June, students should check their "MyLangara" Account for a message providing course registration dates.

- Langara Registration Helpline 604-323-5595 - The Langara Registration Helpline assists students if they have problems adding or dropping classes, signing in to register for courses, and any other registration-specific queries. Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

#### **Richmond Virtual School**

Summer Registration is open. Details at: <http://rvs.sd38.bc.ca/>

#### **Richmond School District Continuing Education - SUMMER LEARNING 2018**

Is now accepting applications for; Academic Full Credit Courses, Academic Completion Courses (previously known as Academic Remedial), Summer Camps and Enrichment Programs. Details available at: <http://ce.sd38.bc.ca/summer-learning-2018>

## 2018-19 School Calendar:

<b>MATTHEW MCNAIR SECONDARY SCHOOL 2018/2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR</b>	
New Student Orientation	Wednesday August 29
Schools Open-HRs and Assemblies	Tuesday September 4
First Day of Semester 1 Classes	Wednesday September 5
Grade 8 Retreat	September 20 to September 21
Meet the Teacher Night (Semester 1)	Thursday September 20
<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Friday September 21</b>
School Photos	Wednesday September 26
Terry Fox Run	Thursday, September 27
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday October 3</b>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 8
School Photo Retakes	Thursday October 18
<b>Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)</b>	<b>Friday October 19</b>
<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Friday, November 2</b>
Daylight Savings ends	Sunday, November 4
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday November 7</b>
Take Your Kids to Work Day (Gr. 9s)	Wednesday November 7
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday November 9
Remembrance Day	Saturday November 11 – <b>No school-Monday November 12</b>
Report Cards issued	Thursday, November 15
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm)	Wednesday November 21
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm & 6 – 8 pm)	Thursday November 22
<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Friday November 23</b>
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday December 5</b>
Graduation Portrait Sessions	December 10 to December 15
Last day before holidays-Breakfast with Santa	Friday, December 21
Winter Vacation Period	December 24 to January 4
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	Monday January 7
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday January 9</b>
Provincial Exams	January 21-25
<b>Open House and Program Planning Information Night</b>	<b>Thursday, January 24</b>
Semester Turn-Around Day	Monday, January 28
<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 29</b>
First Day of Semester 2	Wednesday January 30
Lunar New Year-Year of the Pig	Tuesday, February 5
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday February 6</b>
<b>Report Cards Issued (Semester 1 – Final)</b>	<b>Thursday February 7</b>
<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Friday February 15</b>
BC Family Day	Monday February 18
Pink Shirt Day-Anti-Bullying	Wednesday, February 27
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday March 6</b>
Spring Vacation Period	March 18 to March 29
Collaboration Day	Wednesday April 3
<b>Report Cards Issued (Semester 2: Term 1)</b>	<b>Thursday April 18</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Friday April 19</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b>	<b>Monday April 22</b>
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm)	Wednesday April 24
Parent Teacher Conferences (2 – 4 pm & 6 – 8 pm)	Thursday April 25
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday May 1</b>
Daylight Savings begins	Sunday, May 10
<b>Non-Instructional Day (District Wide)</b>	<b>Friday May 17</b>
Victoria Day	Monday May 20
<b>Collaboration Day</b>	<b>Wednesday June 5</b>
Valedictory	Friday, June 7
Provincial Exams	June 25-26
Last Day of Semester 2	Thursday June 27
Final Report Cards Issued	Thursday June 27