

McNair Secondary

September 2022

Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Welcome Back!

We are now one month into the **2022-23 school year** and we are off to a great start! We hope all students are now feeling comfortable with their timetables and courses and we continue to work to find teachers to fill some positions. The first month of school is always a blur and this year was no different. Students and staff quickly got involved in several excellent events, and among the highlights were: **The Mini-School Strathcona trip, the Grade 8 Activity Day and trip to Lucky 9 Lanes bowling, a very successful Meet the Teacher night, an inspiring Terry Fox Run, and our first Grad event of the year, a Boat Cruise on September 21st.** We have also enjoyed a host of great learning activities in and outside of our classrooms. Each of these events was enjoyed by those who attended or participated, and are a sign of great things to come this year!

Students at McNair continue to impress with their selfless acts of kindness and caring and they should all be commended for being so respectful of the school and one another. Similarly, our staff have enjoyed a very good start and are setting a great example for our students to follow.

We want to encourage all parents to stay involved in your child's education and to connect with the teachers at McNair. We welcome your input and feedback and want to continue to make connections with you to better support your child.

We are off to a great start, Marlins. Let's keep it up and have a great October!

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

Sep 30-Oct 2	Loon Lake Music Retreat
Oct 5	World Teacher's Day
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
Oct 14	Semester 1 Interim Reports emailed home
Oct 20-23	Leadership Conference
Oct 20	PAC Meeting (7pm – Virtual)
Oct 21	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Oct 26	School Photo Retakes
Oct 28	Haunted House
Oct 31	Halloween

Semester 1 Interim Report

Parents are reminded that all McNair students will be emailed their **Semester 1 Interim Report** on **Friday, October 14th**. Parents are asked to read and discuss the information on the Report with their child. If they have more questions, parents can phone the school or email teachers directly – all contact information is available on the school website.



School Cash Online

Please remember to sign up with School Cash Online if you haven't already done so! Having an account will keep you informed as you will receive notifications about fees or opportunities to purchase items for your child. You may choose to pay online by credit card or if you prefer, you may choose to pay in person by cash or cheque. You can sign up using this link: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com>



Please contact the Business Assistant at myee@sd38.bc.ca should you have any questions.

PAC and Dry After Grad Meeting

Our Parent Advisory group meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next PAC meeting will be at **7:00 PM on Thursday, October 20th** and followed by the Dry After Grad meeting. Come join us as we get acquainted, learn about the school and set our goals for this year. ***New Members Welcome!***



Meeting Link:

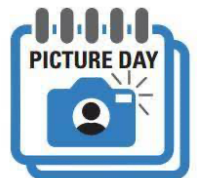
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88280186114?pwd=Zk0ydHZtd3ZuNGNzZFRMldacXZIQT09>

Meeting ID: **882 8018 6114**

Passcode: **096317**

School Photo Retakes and Grad Photos

McNair had its school photographs on Wednesday, September 28th. This photo will be used on student Go-Cards and parents will have the option to purchase packages of the photos. Please visit https://artona.com/student_requests/digit_code for photo viewing and order. Photo retake day will be on **Wednesday, October 26th**, for anyone unhappy with their photo or for those who were absent on the first day.



Formal Graduation Photos will also be taken by **Artona** and they will be bringing a trailer to the school parking lot **November 27th-December 3rd**. Graduates will have to make an appointment at <https://artona.com/schools/MCNA>, dress the part and be **ready to take the photo that parents will want to buy and is used on the Graduation Composite**. For more information, please go to the **Artona** website at: <https://artona.com>.

Student Accounts (MS Teams and MyEdBC)

All McNair Secondary students have been issued credentials to access SD38 district accounts for **MS Teams** and **MyEducation BC**. Students will have received an email from the school district providing them with a new student login name (username) to access computer labs, Office 365, and Microsoft Teams. (Note: MyEducation BC login information remains unchanged.). It is very important that all McNair students have access to these digital platforms and tools. For MS Teams, please contact any subject teacher for username and password reset. If you have difficulty logging in to MyEducation BC website, please contact the office for password reset.

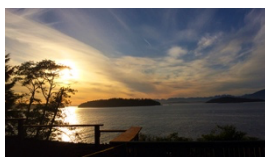
- **MS Teams** is the communication and collaboration platform that many RHS teachers will use for class communication, sharing class materials and resources, video conferencing, collaborative work, and file storage. Students will have access to the Office Apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, etc.) while at school and at home, and will be provided with secure personal file storage within OneDrive.

- **MyEducation BC** is the platform students and parents use to access schedules, attendance, report cards, transcript information, and much more. Students and parent each have an account with their own login credentials.

Grad 2023 – Post-Secondary & Career Advice

Please remember to visit Ms. Hudson's website at [https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/=) for updates and post-secondary and scholarship information.

Mini School Strathcona Trip



Mini School students had a wonderful experience in the Strathcona trip during September 8-12. For more pictures of the trip, please go visit <https://mcnairminischool.wordpress.com/>.



Terry Fox Run

McNair Secondary School once again honoured a great Canadian hero by participating in the Terry Fox Run last Tuesday, September 27th. Terry Fox was an 18-year-old student at SFU when he lost his leg to cancer. He decided to raise awareness and funds by running across Canada, the equivalent of a full marathon a day, on one leg. His Marathon of Hope covered over 3,000 miles when he had to stop as the cancer returned. Terry Fox passed away at the age of 22, yet his remarkable story continues to inspire Canada and the world. All students and staff travelled through our neighbourhood and were running or walking together on September 27th. Students from our Athletic Council collected money and students were asked to bring a small donation, if they were able. All proceeds raised by the school will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation to support ongoing cancer research. Learn more at: <http://www.terryfox.org>.



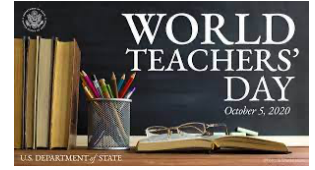
Grade 8 Activity Day

On September 29th, McNair's Leadership 11/12 students welcomed the **Grade 8 class (in 5 years-time, the Grads of 2027)**, the newest Marlins, to our school. We set up a **full day of fun activities** where students coming from several different Elementary schools got to interact with each other and get to know one another better. The **activities** included a trip to Lucky 9 Lanes Bowling and enjoyed some team-building games **and early dinner from food truck**. A great time was had by all, as the Leadership students did a good job in coordinating our Grade 8's and our newest Marlins started to become the Grad class of 2027! Way to go, Marlins and thank you to our Leadership class!



World Teacher's Day (Oct 5)

The United Nations celebrates World Teachers' Day on October 5 each year. At McNair Secondary, we recognize that our staff members are dedicated and caring people and our teachers are especially thoughtful and skilled professionals. Through their daily work of teaching, leading, mentoring, supporting, encouraging and inspiring, our staff make a tremendous contribution to the growth and development of all McNair students. We encourage students and parents to take a moment to say thank you to teachers and educators who have and are making a positive difference in your life!



McNair Theatre

It is great to be back and the theatre is buzzing in anticipation of our yearly **haunted house** which will be taking place on **Friday, October 28th**. The Stage Craft classes, under the direction of Ms. Holden and Mr. Wallace, will join forces with Mr. Soriano's Acting 11/12 students to bring this **spooktacular** must-see event to the staff and students of McNair.



Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming **Spring Production**.

Teen Mental Health

Anxiety, depression and other mental disorders can affect between 15% - 20% of adolescents at some point during their teen years. Good mental health is more than just a lack of mental illness, however, as life is full of ups and downs and having the knowledge and strategies to cope with stressors can be effective in preventing a mental disorder from occurring during adolescence or later in life. Please be sure to communicate with your child about how they are feeling and if you need some help, please contact our Counsellors. Being a teenager has never been filled with more pressure and we need to be aware of the signals if our kids are struggling.



Learning Centre Help

McNair is continuing with its Learning Resource Centre model. Students are now welcome to attend the **Resource centre on a drop-in basis during class time**, provided they have permission from their classroom teacher. Any student who is in need of some extra assistance in a subject area may come to the Resource Centre to get assistance from the teachers in the room. Similarly, we have also created an opportunity for students to access this assistance at lunch and after school. **Mr. McLellan** is a Math/Science specialist, is available to help students during our **lunch hour two days per week or until about 3:45 afterschool three days per week**. If your child can benefit from this extra assistance, please remind them to advocate for themselves and take advantage of this tremendous support. It is open to all students and if you want to know if your child is utilizing it, we have a check in and check out system that tracks who is accessing the system. If interested, please check with Mr. McLellan to see which days he will be available at lunch, and which days after school.

Career Centre

Visit the Career Centre

<https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx>

The Home Page that opens first when the link is clicked on, shows all upcoming Info Sessions.

Other Useful Websites

- My Blueprint (myblueprint.ca/sd38) is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future.

- Education Planner: educationplannerbc.ca - is an education planning tool that provides students with clear, reliable and detailed information on BC post-secondary education and applying. Log on and create an account.
- Industry Training Authority (Trades & Apprenticeships): www.itabc.ca

GRADE 12s

Student Transcripts Service (STS)

Grade 12 students should set this up ASAP. That way, one step in the post-secondary application is completed. The STS is an online application for students to view marks, scholarships, transcripts and have transcripts sent automatically to post-secondary institutions and third parties.

To access the service, visit the Ministry of Education's *Order Transcripts and Certificates* website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates> Follow the instructions found there.

Most applications at colleges and universities are now open or opening very soon. Students either apply directly to the school or use a Provincial post-secondary application service. (Note: Most institutions use an application service; otherwise, it will be clearly indicated on their website.) Students need their 9-digit P.E.N. number and must pay by credit card.

- Apply to B.C. Institutions (colleges & university): <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/>
- Apply to Alberta Institutions (colleges & university): <https://www.applyalberta.ca/pub/>
- Apply to Ontario Universities: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-105/>
- (BC students must use this online application service to apply to ALL Ontario universities – opens late Sept) Students should apply to U of T during the first week of November
- Apply to Ontario Colleges: <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/apply>
- All Other Institutions: Varies – please check their website

DEADLINES

Please note that limited enrolment in programs at KPU and other colleges may have specific deadlines or may be based on a first-come first-served basis. Check the specific schools for this information.

UBC

Dec 1/22 – Early scholarship deadline for Centennial Scholar's Entrance Award and Beyond Tomorrow Scholar's Award (for students who identify as black Canadian) Scholarship and UBC application are due at this time – check to see if a separate application is required

Jan 15/23 – application deadline

Feb 1/23 – Deadline to complete an online course that is to be used in the admission calculation

Feb 15/23 – Deadline to submit English Language Admission Standard (ELAS)

Langara

Students interested in the Bachelor of Business Administration and Business diploma or Diploma in Applied Science for Engineering programs have separate application deadlines. Check the program website for dates.

SFU

Dec 15/22 – High school undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship Application deadline

Jan 31/23 – application deadline and deadline to submit scholarship supporting documents

Self-reporting portal opens Jan 4/23 closes March 31/23

UVIC

Jan 31/23 – application deadline

STUDENT AID

Applications usually open in early June.

For details visit: <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/how-to-apply>

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NOTE

For a more comprehensive list, visit:

[https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/=](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/)

OCT 12/22 - Loran Scholar Award 5PM PST deadline to apply

<https://loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar>

OCT 20/22 (11:59 EDT) – UofT National Scholarship Program Deadline

<https://future.utoronto.ca/national-scholarship/about/>

OCT 31/22 - Horatio Alger Scholarship Application

For details and to apply: <https://horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships/about-our-scholarships-programs/provincial-programs/>

NOV 15/22 - TD Scholarships for Community Leadership Scholarship Deadline

To apply go to: <https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians/>

DEC 1/22 - UBC Presidential Scholars Award Deadline

Details at: <https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/presidential-scholars/>

DEC 1/22 - UBC Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Program for Black Canadian Students Award Deadline

More details at: <https://you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/scholarships-awards-canadian-students/beyond-tomorrow/>

DEC 1/22 - UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Award Deadline

The Centennial Scholars Entrance Award is separate from the [Presidential Scholars Award](#). You are eligible to apply for both awards, provided you meet the criteria.

DEC 1/22 - Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Deadline to Apply (Applications open NOV 1/22)

For complete details visit: <https://terryfoxawards.ca/applicant-information/>

DEC 15/22 - SFU Entrance Scholarship

Scholarships are available to domestic and international high school students admitted for the fall term to an undergraduate degree in any faculty.

Admission Requirement: Applicants must have grades in the 90% range in courses required for their selected program or 31 IB points (excluding predicted bonus points).

See website for more details and how to apply:

<http://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid/entrance/highschool.html>

JAN 12/22 - University of Alberta Application-based Entrance Scholarships Deadline

<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tuition-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards>

Jan 18/23 (noon) - Schulich Leader Scholarships In-school nomination deadline

<https://schulichleaders.com/>

JAN 18/23 (noon) - (in-school nomination deadline) Cmolik Foundation Scholarship

<https://www.thecmolikfoundation.com>

JAN 31 of each year - DB Perks & Lifesaving Society Scholarships Deadline

<https://www.lifesaving.bc.ca/db-perks-scholarship>

JAN 31 of each year - The TEAL Charitable Foundation (TCF)

https://www.bctéal.org/award_scholarship/david-c-lam-ell-scholarship/

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more upcoming events visit [https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

UBC Recorded Info Session

This links students to a previously recorded info session that they can listen to at any time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtacAgo15Ao&ab_channel=UBCProspectiveUndergraduates

Canadian Universities Events

Approximately 50 universities from across Canada participate in this event to offer students one-to-one engagement with university representatives. Students can also elect to participate in the event virtually if they so wish. This event is very worthwhile for all future students. The following are dates and times when this event is being offered:

OCT 6/22 - Canadian Universities Event (CUE) in person

6:00-8:30 pm

at Westfield Country Club in Surrey

To register: <https://cuebc.org/register/>

OCT 11/22 - Canadian Universities Event (CUE) in person

6:30 - 9:00pm

at Delta Burnaby Hotel in Burnaby

To register: <https://cuebc.org/register/>

OCT 26/22 from 10-11:30am - PSBC at McNair

PSBC exists solely to provide students and high school counsellors in BC with information about options in the public post-secondary education. For over 40 years the program has co-ordinated a fall schedule of visits to BC high schools to provide Grade 11 and 12 students and high school counsellors with updated information from member institutions to assist them with planning for post-secondary study.

NOV 7/22 - Richmond RCMP Youth Academy 3PM deadline to apply (Must be in the hands of your High School Counsellor or Career Information Advisor)

Program runs Thursday, February 16 – Monday, February 20, 2023

(Graduation Ceremony Tuesday, February 21, 2023)

The Richmond RCMP Youth Academy is designed for the participation of 32 SD38 high school students currently in grades 10-12 who are interested in police work as a possible future career. The Richmond SD38 Career Programs Office has engaged in a partnership with the Richmond RCMP to provide this unique opportunity.

DEC 7/22 6:00-8:00 pm PST - Canadian Universities Event (CUE) virtual

6:00-8:00 pm PST

More information to come, when available.

JAN 19/23 - Canadian Universities Event (CUE) virtual

6:00-8:00 pm PST

More information to come, when available.