

McNair Secondary

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Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

We are approaching the half-way point of first semester and it has been good to see the McNair community engaged and fully immersed in the life and learning of the school. McNair continues to be a positive and lively place to work and study. Highlights from October included: Interim Reports being sent home, a wonderful Thanksgiving Long Weekend, our World-Famous Haunted House and the great energy being displayed by our Athletics Teams.

November promises to be another rewarding and busy month: Mid-Semester Report Cards published, Ministry GLA written, Leadership students share our meaningful Remembrance Day Ceremony, Parent-Teacher Conferences scheduled and our clubs serving the school community.

Each day McNair continues to show care for each other--from a simple greeting in the hallway to working with a classmate to complete homework. We also thank you for your continued diligence in taking care of your health especially as we head into the cold and flu season. We have much to be grateful for here at this amazing school and we appreciate all your efforts.

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

Nov 2	Collaboration Day (late start 9:55am)
Nov 2	Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov 3	Literacy 12 Grad Assessment (8:30-11:30am)
Nov 5-11	<i>Veterans' Week</i>
Nov 8	<i>Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikhism)</i>
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (school closed)
Nov 14	Immunization Clinic
Nov 16	Senior Math Contest
Nov 17	PAC Meeting (7pm – Virtual)
Nov 17	Mid-Term Report Cards published on MyEd (Semester 1 Term 1)
Nov 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) – Early Dismissal
Nov 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm, 6-8pm) – Early Dismissal
Nov 25	Pro-D Day (school closed)
Nov 27-Dec 3	Grad Portrait Sessions

Semester 1 Term 1 Report Cards

Parents are reminded that all McNair students can view their **Semester 1 Term 1 Report Cards** on **Thursday, Nov 17th**. Parents are asked to read and discuss the information on the Report Cards 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.



Yearbook and 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.

Our **Yearbook Team** is madly working away at producing a full and fun keepsake. **The price will be \$49 each.** Please purchase a copy **before February 15, 2023 (Deadline)** to guarantee a copy and pay on School Cash Online. **Please note: If you do not purchase one before the said date, you will NOT be able to purchase one later as we will not order extra copies.**

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, November 17th** 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=Zk0ydHZtd3ZuNGNzZFRMdldacXZIQT09>

Meeting ID: **882 8018 6114**

Passcode: **096317**

Grad Portrait Sessions

Formal Graduation Portrait sessions will begin on **November 27th until December 3rd**.

Artona 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/programs/graduation>, 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 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.

McNair Theatre

Congratulations to the **Stagecraft 11/12 students** under the direction of **Ms. Holden and Mr. Wallace** and the **Acting 11/12 students** under the direction of **Mr. Soriano** for putting on yet another greatly **successful spooktackular Haunted House on October 28th**. Many hours of design and construction go into this project and our theatre department has done McNair proud!



Also, stay tuned for more information about our upcoming **Spring Production**.

McNair Music

Any students who want to order McNair Music clothing this year, please see Ms. Holden for the order form. Payment and forms for the orders are due **November 24th, 2022**.



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

Richmond RCMP Youth Academy

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.

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#/=)

NOV 15/22 - In-school nomination deadline for the Lester B Pearson U of T International Scholarship

There are 37 scholarships awarded to outstanding International students who have demonstrated exceptional academics, leadership, creativity and are leaders in their school.

To apply, Students must first follow the steps required to be nominated by your school. (Contact your school scholarship representative for details) fill in a nomination form and submit it by Nov. 15. Students should have applied to their U of T Program by Nov 7 via OUAC. Once the application for nomination has been approved, that student then completes the Lester B Pearson application and submits it to U of T by January 17/23.

<https://future.utoronto.ca/pearson/about/#about>

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

See website for more details and how to apply:

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

JAN 12/23 - 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.themolikfoundation.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=TtacAgol5Ao&ab_channel=UBCProspectiveUndergraduates

NOV 7/22 – University of Toronto Early Application Deadline Recommended for BC Students:
<https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates/>

NOV 9/22 – Langara's Photography, Journalism, Design, Fine Arts, Film, and Theatre Programs Open House 2–6pm in the A Building Foyer! To register: <https://langara.ca/news-and-events/creative-arts-and-industries/index.html>

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:

NOV 16/22 from 6:30 PM - 8 PM DISCOVER UBC'S OKANAGAN CAMPUS INFORMATION SESSION

Location: Abbotsford: Clarion Conference Centre
 Register now, spaces are limited!
<https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events>

NOV 17/22 – Adulting 101: The Gustavson School of Business at UVic virtual presentation on "Personal finance for students preparing for college & university 6:00 pm (PST)
 To register go to: <https://www.uvic.ca/gustavson/undergraduate/future/info-sessions-workshops/index.php>

NOV 19/22 – Explore CAPU Open House 1:00 - 4:00

Explore CapU you will:
 Discover 100+ programs and tour our beautiful campus;
 Learn about financial aid and entrance awards options;
 Participate in our Film and Animation open house and visit our studios; and
 Connect with faculty, peers and current students. To register go
 to: <https://www.capilanou.ca/programs--courses/get-started/visit-capu/explore-capu-open-house/>

NOV 19/22 – Okanagan On-campus UBC Engineering Open House

Sign up on-line at: <https://engineering.ubc.ca/openhouse>

NOV 22/22 – Entrepreneurship 101: The Gustavson School of Business at UVic virtual presentation on what makes a good side-hustle? 6:00 pm (PST)

The Gustavson School of Business at UVic invites all students, grade 9-12 to join a free entrepreneurship workshop and allows students to test drive what it's like to be in a UVIC Business classroom. This workshop is being led by Entrepreneurship faculty members Brock Smith and Claudia Smith and will give you a taste of Gustavson and entrepreneurship through a fun and engaging session. To register go to: <https://www.uvic.ca/gustavson/undergraduate/future/info-sessions-workshops/index.php>

NOV 26/22 – Explore UVic. The University of Victoria is hosting an Open House for High School Students who may be interested in attending the university. Come Enjoy campus tours, Explore

UVCic Explorations, sample lectures, student panels and an information fair. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.uvic.ca/explore>

DEC 3/22 – Dalhousie University Virtual Open House

Register here:

https://www.dal.ca/admissions/open_house/halifax2/register.html

DEC 5/22 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time - SHAD Canada Program - deadline to apply

The SHAD program has changed its format! It is being offered in person and virtually. This program is targeted to Grades 10 and 11 students.

SHADONCAMPUS

Would you like to spend July on a university campus? Our tried and true live-in program of 40 years on campus offers an entire month of immersive STEAM & entrepreneurship programming at one of 19 pan-Canadian universities tailored to the excellence of the campus, faculty, labs and local culture.

ShadAnywhere

Don't wish to be tied to a physical space this summer? This format is powered by Athabasca University, giving students the Shad experience anywhere they have a digital connection. For the third year, Shad will take its hands-on experience digitally. Students can collaborate with a like-minded community, dive into hands-on STEAM learning and social innovation, and even join virtual excursions.

Details:

https://www.shad.ca/apply/?utm_source=Social&utm_medium=Eblast&utm_campaign=Shad2023Launch

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

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More information to come, when available.

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

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