

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU for joining us at the first PAC meeting in Sep 2022. You can find the minutes posted on the Facebook page of McNair PAC <https://www.facebook.com/groups/231812398863620>

As you all know that dry after-grad (DAG) party is one of the major events for Grade 12 students that requires significant planning with parents. Therefore, we are making small adjustments to our future PAC meetings, so it is easier for parents involved in DAG 2023 planning to meet.

Starting Oct 2022, we will hold PAC meeting immediately followed by the DAG planning committee meeting as follows:

PAC meeting: 7 pm-7:40 pm

DAG Planning Committee meeting: 7:45 pm -8:15 pm.

It will be the same day, with the same zoom meeting link to avoid duplication of efforts. We hope this will help us to focus on the PAC agenda in the first half and the DAG agenda in the second half.

Occasionally, we will also hold in-person meetings in the school to help get an idea of the space for the party. We will keep you informed as it goes.

DRY-GRAD PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking enthusiastic and committed parent volunteers from all grades to help plan the DAG party. We all want to give a memorable party to our graduating students, but as you may know, it needs a lot of planning, and volunteering. We ask parents of all grades (especially Grade 12, 11, 10) and Grade 12 Grad council to join the DAG committee and help. We also welcome all Grade 12 students to join us to lead some of the fundraising initiatives proposed by the DAG committee. Grade 12 students can also help us decide on the theme for the DAG party.

How you can help/contribute to planning the event?

An online shopping fundraiser called FlipGive has been set up to start earning money for dry-grad 2023. The group is called **McNair Secondary Grad 2023** and you can sign up with this link:

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=BZKTHJ>

We request everyone to join this team using the link provided above, and our team earns cash back on every purchase each of us makes using the FlipGive app/browser. All you need to do is shop online with brands you already love, like Starbucks gift cards, Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Freshco and many more.

Keep an eye on the additional bonus each one of us can earn for the team (\$5 or more) the first time making a purchase (as long as the purchase is made within 10 days of signing up).

Other ideas to help DAG party:

1. Direct donation for the Dry Grad Party
2. Helping with specific areas: Food/drinks, decorations, security during the Dry-Grad event, photo booth, any other activities etc.
3. Fundraising ideas: please share and use any of your contacts, or businesses who could help with donations, sponsorships, and funding.
4. Ideas of activities for the night which may be budget-friendly, especially for parents who have been involved in previous year's Dry Grad meetings, please share your experience, knowledge

Approx. funds needed for a good Dry Grad party are in the range of 15-20K. We would love to start early to distribute the workload and be prepared with sufficient funds in time.

FACEBOOK PAGE

We invite you all to join the Facebook page for McNair PAC to engage in conversations with other parents, give suggestions, ask questions or simply network with other parents of McNair students. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/231812398863620>

Sincerely,

McNair PAC Executive Board