McNair Secondary November/December 2022 Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

November was another fantastic month at Matthew McNair Secondary School. We observed an incredibly powerful and meaningful Remembrance Day Ceremony with incredible work by our Leadership and Music students; there is awesome talent at McNair. We held the Literacy Grad Assessment and the Senior Math Contest. Midterm Semester 1 Report cards were published and Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled.

The school also conducted Social Media Presentations for all grades and an evening on-line session for parents. The student sessions (by Safer Schools Together) covered how to be a good digital citizen as well as the criminal consequences of cyberbullying. The parent portion also addressed prominent concerns that currently surround students' use of social media platforms and smartphones.

December saw basketball begin in full swing! Marlinaires also collected and donated wrapped shoeboxes filled with necessities for children at the Singing Frogs Aboriginal Head Start Preschool – another McNair tradition. We also enjoyed a few festivities before the holidays. Our Music program showcased students' amazing musical abilities in a Winter Holiday Concert. We were also able to gather for Breakfast with Santa on the last day before the break. We have a wonderful community here at McNair!

We now get to enjoy two weeks of restoration and celebration. Please be sure to rest and rejuvenate over the break; we all need to take some time for ourselves and our families. Please enjoy a safe and happy holiday season with your loved ones. We look forward to reconnecting with you on January 3, 2023.

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow Principal

Important Dates

Hannukah (Judaism)
Winter Vacation (school closed)
Christmas Eve
Christmas (Christianity)
Boxing Day
New Year's Day
Tamil Heritage Month
Schools Reopen
Collaboration Day (late start 9:55am)
PAC Meeting (7pm Virtual)
GLA 10
GLA 12 (Catch Up Only)
Open House / Showcase Night / Program Planning
Semester Turn Around Day (no school)
Pro-D Day (no school)
First Day of Semester 2

Semester 1 Term 1 Report Cards

Parents students can view their Semester 1 Term 1 Report Cards on MyEdBC at https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/. 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.schoolcashonline.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 15th, 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, January 19th, 2023 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=Zk0ydHZtd3ZuNGNzZFRMdldacXZlQT09

Meeting ID: 882 8018 6114

Passcode: 096317

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/cvfbo1e/Pages/default.aspx#/= for updates and post-secondary and scholarship information.

Pep Rally (Dec 6)

What a wonderful way to ignite enthusiasm for our basketball season! Thank you to our awesome musicians and the great work of Ms. Bateman and her team of students, and as always Mr. Dhaliwal was the entertaining MC.



Mini School Potluck

Mini School hosted the annual Potluck event on Wednesday, December 7th. Organized by the Mini 11 students, the event sought to bring people back since the pandemic began with good food, great company, and group performances. All Mini students contributed towards the creation of five themed baskets for silent auction





and raffle. Proceeds for the night, totaling \$2327.25, exceeded our wildest expectations, with the fundraised amount earmarked for charity. Thank you to everyone involved! The Mini 11 students wish to extend a sincere thank you to all students, parents, and staff who made Potluck the success it was! Until next year, folks!

Marlinaires - Holiday Shoebox



With the help of staff and the general school community, Marlinaires spearheaded the annual holiday shoebox campaign by donating everyday supplies like stationery, hygiene products, and winter necessities. 40 boys and girls from Singing Frog Aboriginal Head Start Preschool received a box on Thursday, December 15th. The Marlinaires

exec team would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ms. Ozla, Ms. Renay, Ms. Kim, Ms. Ao, Ms. Ten-Pow, Ms. Watson, and Ms. Yee for their continued support, and a very special thank you to Mr. Sangra, Mr. Dhillon, the senior boys basketball team, Ms. Jenna's work experience class, Mr. Wolfe's science class, and the IA program! The holiday shoebox campaign can only exist with support by our parents, staff, and students, and we are grateful for the outpouring of support year after year.



Season's Greetings from Theatre McNair!

Although we are approaching the end of the year, it is a time of new beginnings for the theatre. We are currently in the process of finalizing the cast of our Spring Production of Carlo Goldoni's

hilarious farce, **The Servant of Two Masters**. We will hit the ground running with rehearsals in January. Continuing our longstanding tradition of bringing on industry professionals to work with our students, we are thrilled to have the incredible theatre artist Susan Bertoia collaborating on this production. With decades of experience as a theatre creator, teacher and commedia dell'arte expert, Susan is sure to elevate the performances of all involved. Your kids are in for a real treat! We look forward to sharing this show with you **February 27th to March 3rd, 2023**. Stay tuned for more information!



McNair Music

The McNair Music Department has had a busy December with a number of performances. The **Winter Concert** was on December 8th at the Theresa Watts Theatre at McNair. Our groups all played very well and were proud to share their



Ensemble also played for the student body on the 13th at lunch. After the Winter Break we will shift focus to our upcoming spring festivals.





learning with our community. The Jazz Band played for the **Pep Rally** at the school. They also performed at the **Winter festivities at Aberdeen Mall** on December 12th. Our String



The McNair Band also provided the students and staff wonderful Christmas tunes during **Breakfast With Santa** and lunch time on Dec 16th.

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/cvfbo1e/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 (<u>myblueprint.ca/sd38</u>) 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.

Applications at colleges and universities are open.

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

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

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

Self-Reporting Dates For BC Institutions

SFU – Self-reporting portal opens Jan 3/23 closes Mar 31/23

Beedie Business—deadline to self-report Feb 7/23 as well as the deadline to submit the supplemental application https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied/fall.html

UBC – No longer require students to self-report directly. However students must have completed their STS forms by Jan 31 for UBC to gain permission to access marks from the BC Ministry of Education.

UVic - Feb 15/23 - March 15/23 - (In order to be considered for UVic's entrance scholarships based on marks alone, students must self-report their Grade 12. Students can self-report only once. https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/admissions/how-to-apply/self-report-your-grades/index.php

STUDENT AID

Applications usually open in early June.

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

SCHOLORSHIPS TO NOTE

For a more comprehensive list, visit:

https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfbo1e/Pages/Scholarships.aspx#/=

DEC 31/22 - January Marie Lapuz Youth Leadership Award

https://januaryfilm.com/youthaward/#apply

JAN 4/23 - Arts Umbrella Scholarship Deadline

This Arts Umbrella Scholarship is for students keen to stretch their artistic boundaries with an intensive, mentor-based media arts learning experience. Full scholarships are awarded to all accepted students who are accepted on the basis of their application materials and computer skills. A commitment to actively participate for the duration of the program is required.

2023 PROGRAM DETAILS

Full scholarship available for artists ages 15-19

15-weeks, 2023 dates February 5 to June 4, 2023, Sundays 1:30-3:30pm

Concludes with a showcase of work in June 2023

Applications and portfolios deadline: Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Scholarship value: \$700 Fee: Paid by full scholarship

https://www.artsumbrella.com/programs/art/scholarship-programs/ea-teen-animation-

scholarship/

JAN 6/23 - Mini Med School Scholarships deadline

Intended to provide funding to support post- secondary studies for well-motivated students with records of exceptional academic achievement.

Funded by BC Children's Hospital For information and application go

to: https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=E394YXLAKY

JAN 10/23 - SPEATBC Scholarship Deadline

Will be awarding five scholarships this year for students in a technical Engineering related field of study. The scholarships will be for a value of \$1000 each. The selection criteria will be as follows: One scholarship will be awarded to each of:

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP – a high school student (grade 12) or recent graduate (within 2 years) planning on pursuing post-secondary studies upon graduation in an engineering or technology related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC

POST SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP – a post-secondary student enrolled in an engineering or technology related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC

WOMAN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP – a woman student enrolled in an engineering or technology related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC

NEW IMMIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP – a new immigrant (max. of 2 years since arrival in Canada) pursuing post-secondary studies in an engineering or technology related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC

NEW – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – an international student studying in Canada with a valid Student Visa enrolled in or pursuing an engineering or technology related field of study at a recognized university, college, or technical school in BC. To apply go to: https://speatbc.org/scholarship/

JAN. 12/23 9:00 am. - Application Deadline. The Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Program https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/BeedieLuminaries/

JAN 12/23 - University of Alberta Application-based Entrance Scholarships Deadline https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tuition-and-scholarships/scholarships-and-awards

JAN 12/23 (9am PST) - Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Application Closes - More details and how to apply at: https://beedieluminaries.ca/

JAN 15/23 - Rene Savenye Scholarship Deadline

In accordance with our mandate, Sikh Heritage BC has established five scholarships of \$1,500 to provide funding for post-secondary education. These scholarships are available to BC high school students that are attending a Post-Secondary Institute in September 2023 regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or status in Canada.

To apply, download and complete the fillable PDF application form https://www.sikhheritagebc.ca/scholarships

JAN 15/23 - SFU Uggla Family Scholarship Deadline

The scholarship program supports 10 exceptional students per year to study at SFU who may not otherwise be able to afford a university education. The Uggla Family Scholarship was made possible by a visionary commitment from SFU alumnus and business leader Lance Uggla (BBA '85) and his family. For application go to: https://www.sfu.ca/uggla-family-scholars/application-information.html

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 19/23 - The BC Excellence Scholarship In-School Nomination Deadline

Note: Students may apply for both the BC Excellence scholarship and the <u>Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship</u> but they can only be awarded one. Students must be nominated by their secondary school to qualify for this scholarship and each school may nominate one student only. For information go to: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships

JAN 20/23 - Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation John Evans Engineering

Entrance Award Applications
will be accepted until 8:59 pm PST
AMEC Master Engineering Scholarship Checklist.pdf

JAN 20/23 - Courage To Come Back Award Nomination Deadline (school nomination is not required, anyone can nominate)

For complete details visit: https://www.coastmentalhealth.com/courage-to-come-back/ Nomination Information: https://couragetocomeback.ca/nominations-frequently-asked-questions/

Questions? Contact Coast Mental Health Foundation at courage@coastmentalhealth.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.bcteal.org/award_scholarship/david-c-lam-ell-scholarship/

JAN 31/23 5:00PM - \$5,000 Langara International Entrance Award Deadline

https://langara.ca/student-services/financial-aid/bursaries/international-entrance-awards.html?utm_source=Email_marketing&utm_campaign=Tuesday_May_17_2022&cmp=1&utm_medium=HTMLEmail_

FEB 1/23 - Kin Canada Bursaries deadline

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Complete all sections of the current application form. Applications will not be eligible if emailed or mailed directly to Kin Canada or if submitted more than once. If you have questions about the application, visit www.kincanada.ca, call 1-800-PICK KIN (742-5546) or email bursary@kincanada.ca. For application go to: https://form.jotform.com/kincanada/kin-canada-bursaries

FEB 1/23 - Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship Deadline

The SME Education Foundation inspires, prepares and supports the next generation of manufacturing and engineering talent through its Student Summit event series, SME PRIME® (Partnership Response In Manufacturing Education) initiative and Student Scholarship program. In the past two years, the Foundation awarded a record number of scholarships to women and minorities as part of a new <u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity and Inclusion initiative</u>.

Applications are accepted from November 1 – February 1. We encourage you to <u>apply now</u>.

FEB 7/23 - SFU Beedie Business & Sustainable Engineering Applicants Deadline to Self-Report: https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied/fall.html

FEB 7/23 - McGill Major Entrance Scholarship Application Deadline.

To determine if you qualify, see: https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships/criteria. A separate application is required that must be submitted after submitting your application for admission. This single entrance scholarship application is used for consideration for all major entrance awards listed in the Undergraduate Scholarships & Awards Calendar. Complete details can be found at:

https://www.mcgill.ca/studentaid/scholarships-aid/future-undergrads/entrance-scholarships

FEB 14/23 - Violet Richardson Award Deadline to Apply

For more info go to: https://soroptimistvancouver.org/violet-richardson-award/

FEB 15/23 - The Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Online Application

Due By 2:59pm PST

Does not require a nomination.

For more information and how to apply go to: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more upcoming events visit https://portal.sda.gov/

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

University of Toronto Info Sessions

- DEC 19/22 Ask U of T at 5 PM PT https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/portal/webcasts?id=3073e451-4995-479b-abd2-cde6b4624fe3&utm_campaign=discover&utm_medium=web&utm_source=osr
- DEC 20/22 Ask U of T at 5 AM PT https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/portal/webcasts?id=679de742-1c6e-4b5a-8156-55462a0e1ea0&utm_campaign=discover&utm_medium=web&utm_source=osr

Career in Trades Online Sessions

- JAN 4/23 SD38 Career In Trades Online Sessions on Zoom
 Grade 9-12 Students Learn About Dual Credit Programs Free Tuition offered at SD38, 3-4 pm
 - Take a trade apprenticeship and get certified while in High School Ask any questions you may have about SD38 program opportunities available to students in the district.
 - For zoom link https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/parents
- JAN 14 & 18/23 from 3-4 PM SD38 Career In Trades Online Zoom Q&A Drop In Series for Students in Grades 9-11 Parents are welcome!

 For details, visit: https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/students If you'd like to join the Zoom Meeting, details can be found on the Slat Board by the Career Office in the Counselling Area, or you may email the Career Programs Office (careerprograms@sd38.bc.ca) one or more days in advance so they can email you the Zoom link information.

- **JAN 25/23** Trades Training and Apprenticeship Programs offered at SD38 for students Grade 9-11 Virtual Session 6:30-7:30
 - SD38 Parents are invited to attend the session.
 - For zoom meeting log in check out: https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/parents
- FEB 1 & 15/23 from 3-4 PM SD38 Career In Trades Online Zoom Q&A Drop In Series for Students in Grades 9-11 Parents are welcome!

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JAN 4/23, JAN 5/23 JAN 10/23, JAN 11/23 from 4-5:30 PM UBC Online Application Webinar for Grade 12 Students

For details and to register: https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/event-details?eventId=a0IJQ000000RvDVYA0

JAN 5/23 4:30-5:30 PM - SFU Future Student Online Information Session: Learn About Applied Sciences

Visit: https://events.sfu.ca/event/31983-future-student-information-session-learn-about

JAN 12/23 - University of Toronto deadline to apply for most direct entry undergraduate programs. More information on deadlines found here: https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates/

For early consideration, we recommend that you submit your application (OUAC 105, U of T International, Internal, and Part-time application) by November 7, 2022, and submit your supporting documents as soon as possible thereafter.

JAN 15/23 - Emily Application and Document Deadline - All application materials, including portfolio, must be submitted by midnight Pacific Standard

Time.: https://www.ecuad.ca/admissions/application-info/undergraduate-applications/how-to-apply

JAN 15/23 - UBC Final application deadline to apply for Winter Session start Sept 2023: https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/dates-deadlines/

JAN 17/23 - KPU Creates at the Surrey Campus 3:30 - 5:30 pm

To register: https://www.kpu.ca/kpu-creates?cldee=VgjDDxAXG11PyBOqMGDGSGiMXPcPLd2P6dCUGZ 7sW5H3p7m3iC-EG8Bwk1q10S&recipientid=contact-9ddbb529e0f7ea11a815000d3a0c8c6d-36b258c76469414bae859c2450753ca5&esid=9c228e7d-d574-ed11-81ac-0022483d006e

JAN 17/23 7-9 PM - UVIC Online Parent Night!

For details and to register: https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/events/index.php

JAN 19/23 from 5-6 PM - BCIT Security Technician Program Online Information Session For admission requirements and program details, visit: https://www.bcit.ca/programs/security-systems-technician-certificate-full-time-2915cert/#entry

If you think this program might be of interest to you, attend the online information session to learn more! Tor register: https://www.bcit.ca/event/security-systems-technician-online-info-session/

JAN 19/23 - Canadian Universities Event (CUE) virtual 6:00-8:00 pm PST

Canadian Universities Event

Approximately 50 universities from across Canada participate in this event to offer students one-to-one engagement with university representatives

JAN 25/23 5-6 PM - Discover UVic Online Event

To register for the online event, visit:

https://my.uvic.ca/RecruitNewWFE/Events/EventDetails?eventId=30519377-9b75-ed11-9112-00505695aa57