

McNair Secondary

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Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

Semester 2 is in full swing and even with the recent snowfall, there is the anticipation of Spring around the corner. Final Report Cards were published for Semester 1 and we had a smooth start to this new term.

Our attention has quickly turned to Program Planning for September 2023. We had grade assemblies on February 9 with counsellors and students where much information was shared about course selection. Hopefully, your child has engaged in conversations at home around their classes for next year. Most students have entered their selections and once that is done and we have course tallies, we will look to prepare and build a timetable. It is important that students choose wisely because once the numbers are in and the timetable is built, it is extremely difficult to turn around and make changes. If students have questions, they should see their counsellor.

McNair hosted the Grade 9 Boys' Basketball championships in early February. The Senior Boys are headed to the South Frasers. Our Senior Girls finished third in Richmond. The girls are ranked the #1 seed from Richmond for the Tier 2 AA South Fraser Championships taking place in Surrey at Johnston Heights.

At the BC School Wrestling Championship this month, two athletes represented McNair: Riley Jhuty and Carson Lungall. Carson won his division: 38 kg. Out of 20 athletes, Riley placed 3rd at 57 kg. With just two athletes competing, McNair also placed 9th overall. Congratulations!

Math Contests were written this month. In the past, our students have had a good showing and we, once again, have great expectations.

McNair's Jazz Band will be performing at a Jazz Showcase concert. The concert comes after participating in Richmond's first Jazz Festival event that offered two full days of jazz performances by Secondary School Jazz ensembles and personalized clinics for each group.

The school is buzzing with theatrical energy as our talented drama students have been preparing the play *One Man, Two Bosses*. It is always an amazing week of theatre.

There are lots of exciting things going on at McNair. We are proud for all our students who are working hard in their second semester studies and representing our school in so many positive ways.

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

Feb 27-Feb 3	Theatre Production (7:00pm)
Mar 1	Collaboration Day (late start 9:55am)
Mar 1-31	Irish Heritage Month
Mar 7-8	Elementary Basketball Tournament

Mar 8	Holi (Hinduism)
Mar 8	International Women's Day
Mar 8	Mini School – Cypress Ski Trip
Mar 8	erage Parent Sessions on Establishing Respectful Relationships and Consent
Mar 10	Semester 2 Interim Reports emailed home
Mar 13-24	Spring Break (school closed)
Mar 22	Ramadan begins
Mar 27	Schools Reopen
Mar 30	PAC Meeting (7pm virtual)
Mar 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility

Semester 1 Final Report Cards

The **Semester 2 Interim Reports** will be emailed home on **Friday, March 10th**. Parents are asked to read and discuss the information on the interim 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, March 30th, 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=Zk0ydHZtd3ZuNGNzZFRMdldacXZIQT09>

Meeting ID: **882 8018 6114**

Passcode: **096317**

Transfers

Richmond students wishing to transfer to a non-catchment school must apply by filling out a Transfer Application form (see <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/transfer-applications>). The form must be submitted to the **requested school** beginning Monday, **February 6th, 2023**. The deadline for **Round 1 school transfer applications** was on Thursday, **February 28th, 2023**. Applications received at the requested school may be approved to attend, based on the criteria established by the Richmond School District (published on the form). **Transfer decisions** will be communicated to parents/legal guardians on Tuesday, **March 7th, 2023** via email. If parents wish to submit a transfer complaint, they can do so by submitting a completed Transfer Complaint Form. Details can be found in the district website at <https://sd38.bc.ca>.



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

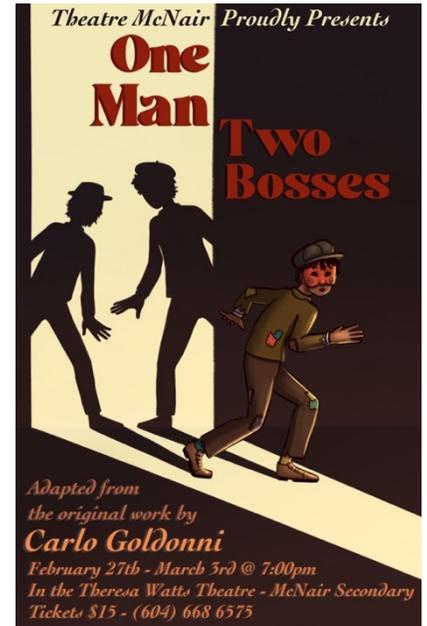
Please remember to visit Ms. Hudson's website at [https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01e/Pages/default.aspx#/=) for updates and post-secondary and scholarship information.

Theatre McNair

The theatre is buzzing with rehearsals and set construction in preparation for our Spring Production! Thanks to Ms. Holden and Mr. Wallace for their amazing leadership!

Theatre McNair proudly presents:
ONE MAN, TWO BOSSES.

With set design by the amazing Theresa Watts and Commedia training by the brilliant Susan Bertoia, this show is sure to be a spectacular hit. Adapted from the Commedia Dell'Arte classic *A Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni, and set in old-world Venice, this uproarious, fast paced, masked, Italian comedy is brimming with mistaken identities, saucy romance, crossed paths and hilarious pandemonium. We run **February 27th to March 3rd** at 7:00pm here at McNair in the Theresa Watts Theatre. **Ticket is \$15 each.** Please contact Ms. Zanikos at mzanikos@sd38.bc.ca for ticket purchase.



McNair Music

The last week of February and the first week of March is a very busy time this year for our Music Department. Our Jazz Band was performing at the Envisions Surrey Jazz Festival on February 24th and supporting our rep band musicians in the evening, Anthony Yuen and Elijah Morrison. The following Monday, **February 27th through March 1st** the Junior and Intermediate Bands are heading to **Penticton** to take part in the **Okanagan Music Festival** and stopping in Abbotsford to collaborate with some other bands there. On **March 2nd**, the Jazz Band is performing yet again, this time at the **Richmond Jazz Festival** hosted at Hugh Boyd. We have an adjudicated performance in the late afternoon and then are part of the



Richmond Jazz Nite festivities in the evening. **All are welcome** to attend the concert that starts at **7:00m** at **Boyd**.

Senior Ensemble students should have or soon will be receiving information regarding our Edmonton Tour taking place in April.

Athletics

Great news for McNair as two of our students did extremely great in the recent Wrestling Provincials. **Carson Lungull** won his division, 38 kg while **Riley Jhuty** placed 3rd at 57 kg out of 20 participants. McNair Secondary placed 9th for boys in all schools with just two athletes in the provincials. Again, congratulations to Carson and Riley!



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

Offers of Admission: Grade 12 students who have applied to a university/college for entry in September are reminded to check the institution's secured student service (student account) website/portal for new messages regularly. Many sites require students to use the Identification Number that was noted on their confirmation letter along with a password. These sites contain important details regarding: transcript submission, self-reporting, admission offers, course prerequisites, registration, deadline dates, contact information, grades

Student Transcripts Service (STS)

Students must register with STS in order to for the post-secondary schools they are applying to, to access their marks. Students need their PEN number to register.

To access the service, visit the Ministry of Education's *Order Transcripts and Certificates* website at www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca and follow the instructions found there.

1. **Register for a BCeID** (a BC Government account that provides you with access to B.C. Government online services)
2. **Register for the Student Transcript Service** using your BCeID
3. **Log in** to your Student Transcripts Service using your BCeID.
4. **Follow the steps in order to have transcripts sent electronically to post-secondary institutions.**

***Note:** Some Post-secondary institutions may require your grade information earlier than available through this process. Ensure you are familiar with each institution's requirements regarding grade submission

Register to write the TOEFL and/or the IELTS required to do so. Many universities recommend you submit your results early. Contact the Career Centre or the individual post-secondary institutions you are applying to for requirements, exemptions and how to register.

DOCUMENTS DEADLINES

Many universities & colleges require additional information such as transcripts or supplemental applications or profiles, this is called a "document deadline". This is separate from the application deadline and varies depending on the institution. Please check each institution's website for details.

For all schools - Be sure to check:

- application deadlines
- scholarship deadlines
- housing and document deadlines

Deadline dates vary so check carefully!

Self-Reporting Dates For BC Institutions

Students may log-in to their university account and report their interim marks for the following BC institutions:

SFU – Self-reporting portal opens **JAN 3/23** closes **MAR 31/23**

Self reporting for Beedie Business– **FEB 7/23** as well as the deadline to submit the supplemental application <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied/fall.html>

MAR 31/23 - SFU Deadline to change program choices:

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/applied/change-program/highschool/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 - MAR 15/23 - (In order to be considered for UVic's entrance scholarships based on marks alone, students must **self-report** their Grade 12 marks, no separate application is required. <https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/admissions/how-to-apply/self-report-your-grades/index.php>
There are also scholarships that have other criteria;

CapU – Self-reporting no longer required, but students need to complete STS forms.

Langara College – no self-reporting - students should attend an information session on programs that are of interest. <http://langara.ca/news-and-events/information-sessions/index.html>

SCHOLARSHIPS TO NOTE

For more scholarships, please visit:

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

MAR 13/23 - RE/MAX 2021 Quest for Excellence Scholarship – Deadline to apply

<https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/?rmxv=1660084042>

Questions: questforexcellence@remax.ca

MAR 15/23 - The Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program Deadline

For complete details and application go to: <http://leonardfnd.org/apply/>

MAR 15/23 - UVic Entrance Scholarships Based on Admission Average (No Application Required) Deadline –

To be automatically considered for an entrance scholarship based on admission average a current Grade 12 Canadian secondary students, ***including international students*** completing a Canadian secondary school diploma and students who are an accelerated entry, **MUST** self-report their grade 12 marks by March 15th. Students completing an International Baccalaureate Diploma can also self-report their IB marks. For details visit: <https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/entrance-scholarships/apply/index.php>

MAR 17/23 - The BCEIA Student Scholarship Program Deadline

Awards scholarships to one secondary student and one post-secondary student pursuing Environmental Studies. Completed scholarship applications must be received via email to scholarship@bceia.com

Scholarships will be awarded in May 2023.

Entry Requirements:

Completed application form with all required information. Please follow the submission instructions: [Download the application form for high school students](#)

For more information go to: <https://bceia.com/2022/10/09/bceia-student-scholarships-2023/>

MAR 17/23 John Evans Engineering Entrance Award 8:59 PST

Deadline: <https://www.cemf.ca/en/john-evans-engineering-entrance-award>

MAR 31/23 BC HYDRO POWER PIONEERS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD DEADLINE TO APPLY

<https://www.powerpioneers.com/making-a-difference/bc-hydro-power-pioneers-community-service-award/>

MAR 31/23 at 4 PM Douglas College Entrance Awards & Scholarships Deadline to Apply

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/financial-planning/financial-aid/entrance-awards-scholarships>

MAR 31/23 8:59 pm Kochhar & Co Scholarship Deadline to Apply

Criteria: A Canadian high school graduate, attending college or university on a part or full-time basis in any field of study starting fall 2023 and has achieved a GPA 2.5 in grade 12. Must submit an essay. Visit [link](#) for application.

APR 1/23 National Education Scholarship For Air Cadets Deadline

<https://aircadetleague.com/acc64-2023-post-secondary-scholarships-application-form/>

APR 1/23 The Lutz/Lutes Family Scholarship Deadline:

<https://lutzmtnheritage.ca/news-events/scholarships/>

Download your [application form](#)

APR 14/23 (1:30 pm) - 2023 CUPE 716 Scholarship Application deadline-

<https://cupe716.ca/news/2023-scholarship-application-information/>

APR 15/23 10 Words or Less Scholarship - deadline to apply:

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10257/10-words-or-less-scholarship>

APR 15/23 - Douglas College Entrance Scholarships & Awards Deadline

Students must be graduating high school and attending Douglas in the Fall. For more details and the specific criteria of each of these awards visit: douglascollege.ca/finaid

APR 15/23 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes Deadline to apply - \$10,000 - 25 Awards

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13584/gloria-barron-prize-for-young-heroes>

APR 15/23 Mission Orthodontics Scholarship Deadline to Apply

[GO TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

APR 15/23 SCOTIA BANK SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE TO APPLY

<https://blog.myblueprint.ca/scotiabank-x-myblueprint-2023-scholarships-apply-now-b3f59324363d>

To apply, go to myBlueprint: <http://education.myblueprint.ca/scotia/>

APR 15/23 University of Waterloo Entrance Awards Application for Black and Indigenous

https://uwaterloo.ca/forms/undergraduate-studies/application-entrance-awards-designated-black-students?utm_source=Guidance+Counsellors+-+Canadian&utm_campaign=d4a823942d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_01_30_06_49_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0-f41de41fa8-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

APR 18/23 Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundations Scholarship 2022 deadline

For application go to: <http://futureaces.org/scholarship/>

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES for Grade 10-12 Students

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

MAR 1/23 Grade 9-12 Students Learn About Dual Credit Programs - Free Tuition offered at

SD38, 3- 4 pm. For zoom link <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/parents>

MAR 7/23 from 5-6 PM JIBC Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies BLES Program Online Information Session

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bachelor-of-law-enforcement-studies-bles-virtual-info-session-tickets-482573920587>

MAR 13-23/2023 Spring Break at Corpus Christi & St. Mark's College Applications are still open! (Transfer to UBC, etc.)

Registration and schedules will be posted on our website at <https://corpuschristi.ca/corpus-christi-events/>

MAR 16/23 at 5 PM Douglas College Virtual Online Program Information Sessions

For details and to register, visit: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information->

[sessions?fbclid=IwAR1nkYHEABL4gpVtPt3mm7QuD1LHx906is9QO2L_6lTkQ83X_ngiyPjKI_WY](https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/explore-douglas/information-sessions?fbclid=IwAR1nkYHEABL4gpVtPt3mm7QuD1LHx906is9QO2L_6lTkQ83X_ngiyPjKI_WY)

MAR 21/23 from 6-7 PM Langara Theatre Arts Program Online Information Session

Register to learn more about the program, the audition process, and how to apply:

<https://langara.ca/studio-58/how-to-apply/information-sessions.html>

MAR 22/23 (Wed) Elevate Aviation Day For Girls in Vancouver, BC.

Come learn about the exciting world of aviation open to women and girls. For Information see: <https://elevateaviation.ca/programs/tours/>

MAR 30/23 Manufacturing & Engineering CO-OP (MEC) - deadline to apply

Open to: Current Grades 10 and 11's to apply (to take in grade 11 or 12)

Applications: Due March 30th, 2023

Applicants will be invited to an interview in the early Spring

The MEC Program:

- Second semester of gr 11/12 @ Burnett Secondary (**First intake will be February 2024**)
- Runs first three blocks of the day, with students returning to home school for last block (for schools with rotating last block, students will need to move to Burnett for all of semester 2)
- Students take three courses (12 credits): Engineering 11, Skills Exploration 11/12 and Work Experience 12A

Students will gain experience with local manufacturing organizations

Optional: Earn online industry certificate(s) via Northwest Skills Institute (Student pays significantly discounted tuition, which MAY be further subsidized)

Optional Northwest Skills Institute online certificates include:

- *Drafting and CAD Technician*
- *Mechatronics & Industrial Automation Technician*
- *CNC Lathe Production Technician*
- *Advanced Manufacturing Technician*
- *CNC Machining Centre Production Technician*
- *Composites Manufacturing & Repair Technician*

For more information: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/manufacturing-engineering-mec-co-op>

Apply here: [SD38 MEC Program Application.pdf](#)

APR 5/23 from 3-4 PM VCC Health Unit Coordinators Program Online Information Sessions

For program details, visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/programs/health-unit-coordinator/>

To register to attend the online information session, visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/health-unit-coordinator/>

APR 15/23 TACTICAL DAY WITH ABBOTSFORD FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES 0900-1600 Abbotsford, BC

Each eligible woman or girl desiring to attend an Operation: Minimum Age - 16 Years, no maximum age. To register go to: <https://www.achieveyourself.ca/thisisyou.html>