

McNair Secondary

April 2023

Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

We can feel a shift in the energy of the school as the weather gets warmer and the days longer. The McNair community is immersed in Spring activities and all the planning and programs that come as we head towards the end of another school year.

As the weather warms up and the days grow longer, students are reminded to stay focused and to continue working towards their educational goals for this year. Semester Two Report Cards and Parent Teacher interviews have recently taken place and with the finish line in sight, the pressure and the excitement will build. Our Grade 12 students completed their Capstone Presentations that mark one of the final graduation requirements of their high school career.

We are heading into the season of AP exams, field trips and graduation activities. It is sure to be a fun-filled time, but it will also be stressful as our students try to balance all that is going on in their lives. Please try to support them in their work and keep them focused on their overall well-being: eating properly, exercising, sleeping and maintaining a healthy balance. Enjoy, stay focused and continue to do your best!

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

May 1-31	Asian Heritage Month, Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
May 3	Collaboration Day (late start 9:55am)
May 3	AP English Exam (Block A & B)
May 5	Asian Heritage Month, Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
May 1-31	Dutch Heritage Day, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
May 8	AP Calculus Exam (Block A, B, C)
May 9-12	Mini 11 – Juan de Fuca Hike
May 9-12	Mini 10 – Bamfield Trip
May 14	Mother's Day
May 17-25	Social Justice NYC Trip
May 17	Immunization Clinic
May 17-19	Mini 8 – Galiano Trip
May 19	Pro-D Day (school closed)
May 22	Victoria Day (school closed)
May 25	PAC Meeting (7pm virtual)
May 26	Buddha's Birthday (Buddhism)
May 30-Jun 2	Mini 12 – Tofino Trip

Semester 2 Mid-term Report Cards

The **Semester 2 Mid-term Report Cards** were published on **Friday, April 14th**. 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.schoolcashonline.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, May 25th, 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**

Letter from McNair Dry Grad Committee 2023

A Night to Remember

Planning for 2023 Dry Grad activities in McNair is underway. Our dedicated team of volunteers is determined to make this year's event a night to remember! We invite all parents, families, and community members to help host a safe celebration to help our graduate students spend a memorable night after their prom party. This would be the last time they would see each other before they dispersed into their adult college lives. As parents of Grade 12, we want to give them the best night in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. The night offers fun activities, entertainment, food, and music to draw youth to an event where they can have the time of their lives without risking their lives or indulging in unsafe activities after their graduation party. **McNair Dry Grad will be on June 26, 11 pm at McNair Secondary right after the prom. THE DRY GRAD EVENT IS FULLY FUNDED AND ORGANIZED BY PARENT VOLUNTEERS.** Therefore, we need the participation and involvement of all parents.

You can help as follows:

- Buy your Dry Grad tickets as soon as possible. **Please note:** Only the students who have purchased the Dry After Grad tickets will be boarding the bus that brings them back to McNair Secondary School for the Dry Grad Party. **The Dry After Grad (DAG) party ticket is available on school cash online to purchase.** Please buy them as soon as possible, so we have a head count and some funds available for planning the activities.
- Due to very high inflation and soaring prices, we desperately need donations. You can donate online at <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/27280/125/false/true>, making sure to indicate that your donation is for McNair Dry Grad 2023. We are grateful to parents, grandparents, and family members who have been making donations for the dry grad party. Every donation counts, and no donation is small. You can also request tax receipts online when donating.

- Support the fundraisers we are organizing: **Spring plant sales, First aid and safety supply sales, FlipGive, and bottle drive.** The information is attached for your review.
- We are looking for volunteers with great people skills to help recruit and organize Grade 11 or other parent volunteers who can provide onsite support during the event.
- We need help filling the prize table with gifts to give away to Grade 12 students during the Dry Grad party!

We aim to raise \$25,000 through various events, fundraising initiatives, corporate sponsorship, and in-kind donation requests. If you are connected to a business in Richmond or know of community partners who might be interested in supporting the McNair Dry Grad 2023 Celebration, please feel free to connect with our committee anytime. Your workplace, neighborhood businesses, and community centers may donate towards McNair Dry Grad party with cash, gift baskets, gift certificates, etc.

We recognize the years of hard work our graduates have put into completing their high school education and want to mark this important milestone by hosting an amazing graduation celebration. If you have any questions about the Dry Grad or offer help in any of the above areas, please get in touch with McNairSD38PAC@gmail.com

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. Round 2 Late Transfer Application** period began on March 1st and the deadline will be on Friday, **May 12th, 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 Friday, **May 26th, 2023** via email. If parents wish to submit a transfer complaint, they can do so by submitting a completed Transfer Complaint Form and submit by June 2nd, 2023. 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/cvfb01c/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/cvfb01c/Pages/default.aspx#/) for updates and post-secondary and scholarship information.

Eco-Marlins & Marlinares – Earth Day Event

Eco-Marlins and Marlinares teamed up with the Surfrider Foundation on Earth Day (Saturday, April 22nd) to help clean up Garry Point Park and River. Joined by UBC teacher candidate Emmanuel Thillaiampalam, Eco-Marlins and Marlinares members and execs spent 2.5 hours in the cold weather cleaning up the 75-acre park and marsh. McNair Marlins were the last group of student volunteers to leave. Congratulations to Finn Booth who won the Surfrider's contest for the most cigarette butts collected! Together, our students continually give back to the community. Way to go!



Left to Right: *Caeli Yamanaka, Amali Samarasinghe, Yusuf Savory, Matthew Tan, Anthony Yuen, Richard Cheng, Nicholas Carl Chan*



Left to Right: *Finn Booth, Richard Cheng, Anthony Yuen, Matthew Tan, Yusuf Savory, Caeli Yamanaka, Amali Samarasinghe, Nicholas Carl Chan*

McNair Music

On Monday, April 24th the McNair Music Program was delighted to host the **Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy** in our theatre. They put on an outstanding show for our students.



Upcoming we have **Music In Our Schools** where we will have an opportunity to hear our feeder schools perform for us and us for them. The performance is on **May 9th at Gateway Theatre** and our Junior Band and Jazz Combo will be playing. After that we will turn our focus to our **June 8th Spring Concert** with all of our groups.

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

Most students should have received their letters of acceptance and should be diligent in watching for correspondence from their schools regarding any documents required, housing etc.

Students Transcripts Service (STS). Students should have completed this.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

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.

Career Programs

Youth Train in Trades - (tuition covered + earn high school and industry/post-secondary credits)

Professional Cook Level 1 - Taught by "our" Red Seal VCC Chef Andy Hajek at Richmond Secondary (open to current grades 10/11's)

<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/ace-it/professional-cook-1>

Plumbing Foundation - Taught by "our" Red Seal Plumbing instructor Raven Hillenbrand at Palmer Secondary (open to current grades 10/11's)

<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/ace-it/plumbing>

Other Trades programs held full-time at our specified partner school (typically semester 2). Take a look at our brochure for our complete list. These are only open to current grade 11's. Please note: ELECTRICAL is FULL

<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/sites/careerprograms/files/Career%20Programs%20brochure%202022-23.pdf>

Manufacturing & Engineering Co-op (MEC) - Held second semester at Burnett Secondary (open to current grades 10/11's); students take Engineering 11, Skills Exploration 11/12, Work Experience 12 and have an option to take an industry certification with ManufacturingBC/Northwest Skills Institute.

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

Student Loans

The **earliest** you can apply for full-time student loans is when applications for the pcoming program year are made available to the public, usually in **early June**. You do not have to be accepted into your study program before applying for student assistance, but you will not receive any money until your school confirms you are enrolled in full-time studies and your study period has begun.

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

Scholarships

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

Other Websites

https://yconic.com/?redirect_from=studentawards

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<https://scholartree.ca/>

Many scholarships have been emailed to students during the last week of April. It is impossible to include all of them in this document so please visit the calendar to find more:

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

MAY 15/23 - Richmond Chamber of Commerce's Carol Young Scholarship Deadline

This is a \$2,500 scholarship awarded to a School District 38 student graduating in 2023. [Carol Young Scholarship Program 2023.pdf](#)

MAY 15/23 - AbbVie IBD Scholarship 8:59 PM PST Deadline

Crohn's and Colitis Canada's AbbVie IBD Scholarship Program supports students in achieving their academic goals while they make a lasting and meaningful difference in their communities. For application requirements and to apply: https://crohnsandcolitis.ca/Support-for-You/IBD-Scholarships?gclid=CjwKCAjw16OiBhA2EiwAuUwWZaCWtR2aqjvUmhpTvAN7hUXVB6yhyg1ufvtJrDFgoFmlkX9krFxxoChJsQAvD_BwE

MAY 15/23 - BC Hockey 2023 Scholarship Application Deadline

Scholarships will be awarded to BC Hockey registered members who apply and who best combine the qualifications required To apply : <https://www.bchockey.net/applications/scholarship-application>

MAY 15/23 - Lotus Light Charity Scholarship deadline to apply (\$500)

Applicants will be assessed on scholastic record and community volunteer involvement.

Application: <http://vllcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-LLCS-Scholarship-Application-Checklist.pdf>

MAY 19/23 - 2023 Hebden Bursary Award Deadline

The Jim Hebden Chemistry Bursary will be awarded to a student who has performed service for their school and/or community while maintaining the grades in science that are necessary for success in post-secondary education. For more information and to apply go to: <https://westerncampus.ca/exclusive-to-wcr/hebden-chemistry/>

MAY 19/23 - 2023 IODE British Columbia Arts Award deadline to apply

Application: https://www.iode.ca/uploads/3/1/6/6/31662709/iode_british_columbia_special_arts_award_2023_fillable_application.pdf

MAY 22/23 - The 26th Jean Lumb Award 8:59 PM PST Deadline

To find out more information go to: https://jeanlumbfoundation.ca/?page_id=6749

Apply here: https://jeanlumbfoundation.ca/?page_id=7597

MAY 25/23 - The Orville Erickson Memorial Scholarships Deadline

For more information and to apply go to: <https://cwf-fcf.org/en/about-cwf/funding/scholarships/>

MAY 26/23 - Rene Savenye Scholarship

<https://bcnature.org/scholarships/>

MAY 26/23 - Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko Scholarship Deadline

<http://ivanfranko.ca/about-us/youth-scholarships/>

Please email us at info@ivanfranko.ca if applicants have questions about this scholarship opportunity.

MAY 31/23 - ABCDE Student Scholarship Deadline

<http://www.bcdramateachers.com/abcde-student-scholarship.html>

MAY 31/23 - Grace Family Network Foundation Scholarship

<http://www.gfnf.org/>

May 31/23 - Architecture Intensive Scholarship Deadline 11:59PM PST

The Architecture Summer Intensive is a one-week enriched all-day program for teens ages 15-19 who are interested in the unique opportunity to work with leading architects while developing their portfolio and applied art practice. August 2023 exact dates to be announced shortly. 10:00 am-5:00 pm. For info and details go to:

<https://www.artsumbrella.com/programs/art/scholarship-programs/architecture-summer-teen-intensive/>

MAY 31/23 - Italian Cultural Centre Scholarship Deadline

For details go to: <https://italianculturalcentre.ca/school/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/09/ICCS-Scholarship-Application-2018.jpg> For application go to: <https://italianculturalcentre.ca/school/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2017/09/ICCS-Scholarship-Application-20181.jpg>

MAY 31/23 - MADD Canada Youth Bursary Fund Deadline to Apply.

For details and to apply, see https://madd.ca/pages/programs/victim-survivor-services/youth-bursary-fund/?gclid=CjwKCAiAzp6eBhByEiwA_gGq5JTz98nMSv3qQGnKE8EWszXHV-xzZzEP0enLE-X09D7Wgqb5p6E7ABoCnFQQA_vD_BwE

MAY 31/23 - Mainstage Scholarships For High School Drama Students deadline to apply

For more information on the scholarship, please contact the Theatre BC Office. To apply for the scholarships, please fill out the form below and mail or fax to the Theatre BC Office:

[MAINSTAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM](#)

MAY 31/23 - RRCF Rudder Reid Charitable Foundation Scholarship Deadline to Apply

For complete details and to apply, visit: <https://scholartree.ca/scholarship/scholarship/aOnuYltqf>

MAY 31/23 - THE Jessie Richardson Sid Williams Memorial Scholarships deadline to apply.

Applicants or their parent(s), must be current members of Theatre BC.

To apply for either the Jessie Richardson Scholarship or the Sid Williams Memorial Scholarship please fill out the form below and mail or fax to the Theatre BC Office

[JESSIE RICHARDSON & SID WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM.](#)

MAY 31/23 - Tony Marzitelli Memorial Scholarship Fund Deadline.

For details and application go to: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18957/tony-marzitelli-memorial-scholarship-fund>

MAY 31/23 - Luke Santi Memorial Award 8:59 PM PST Deadline

Before you begin your application, please review the full program description and eligibility information: https://apply.perimeterinstitute.ca/prog/2023_luke_santi_memorial_award/

JUN 15/23 - Confratellanza Scholarship Deadline to Apply

For complete details and to apply, visit: <https://confratellanza.com/scholarship-application/>

JUN 15/23 - Tessa Beauchamp Scholarship Deadline

Applicants can email, mail or fax their completed applications to the Scholarship committee. For application go to: <https://tessabeauchamp.org/scholarships-awards/scholarships/bc-graduation>

Mail: Tessa Beauchamp Scholarship Committee

16193 88th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. V4N 1G3

Fax: 604-583-4795

Email: tessa23foundation@gmail.com

JUN 30/23 - Metal Supermarkets Trade School Scholarships

\$2,500 to 4 Trade School Students

To apply go to: <https://www.metalsupermarkets.com/trade-school-scholarship/>

JUN 30/23 - APEGBC (Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of BC) Scholarship Deadline

For more information & application form visit: <https://www.egbc.ca/Registration/Programs-Resources/Student-Program/Scholarships/High-School-Scholarships>

JUN 30/23 - BC Electrical Association Scholarships and Bursaries Deadline.

For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.bcea.bc.ca/content.asp?contentid=165>

JUN 30/23 - The Charles Labatiuk Scholarship Award Deadline 2:00 pm PDT

To apply: <https://naturecanada.ca/about/our-people/awards-scholarships/charles-labatiuk-scholarship/>

Upcoming Dates and Events For Grade 10-12 Students**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

SFU Recording of the APR 4/23 #Know Your SFU Virtual Series webinar for new students who were not able to attend the online event.

Info is provided on what to expect - upcoming sessions/in-person events for new students, how to access academic advising, getting to know the campus, housing/residence, and the HIVE Program

which will place students in a small group with other new undergraduate students from the same Faculty. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTC_yPayKn8

MAY 4/23 at 4 PM KPU Next Steps Online Information Workshop

May 16/23 at noon

May 24/23 at 5pm

Attend this important online workshop to learn more about:

- navigating KPU's Online Self-Service portal
- how/when to submit important documents, like transcripts or portfolios
- how to check your application status
- important dates/deadlines that you need to be aware of
- how to use the academic calendar
- how to plan your classes
- how and when to meet with an Academic Advisor
- scholarships/awards

For details and to register, visit: <https://www.kpu.ca/info-sessions/future-students/next-steps/may-2023>

MAY 8/23 - Scotiabank STRIVE Program - deadline to apply

Take a 100 Level Arts Course at KPU Richmond through the Richmond SD38 STRIVE Program.

This is a "Fee- and Tuition-Free" course with no interview required.

- The program is open to **current Grade 10 and 11's**
- This is a university-transferable course
- All SD38 STRIVE students are in the same pre-selected course
- A class ambassador/tutor, will be available to support students
- A maximum of 30 students in a class

Program runs January - April 2024

For courses available as well as the application

visit: <https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/kpu->

MAY 17/23 - JIBC Law` Enforcement Info Session

During the session, students will discover what it takes to pursue a law enforcement or public safety career. They will learn about the education, applied skills, and specialized knowledge required to become a superior candidate in the recruiting process. Location: Justice Institute of British Columbia (in the Theatre) 715 McBride Boulevard New Westminster, BC Register

at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/law-enforcement-studies-diploma-lesd-info-session-tickets-601590442207>

MAY 23/23 - Link38 - deadline to apply

Eligibility

- Current Grade 11's only.
- An extensive application - make sure the application is completed; otherwise, it will be not be accepted

About the Program

- Students select course they want to take from the list found in the application
- Classes are composed of students and adults from many areas
- 20 students in a class
- Some courses are in-person and some are on-line - specified in the application- program runs September to December 2023

For course selection and application:

<https://careerprograms.sd38.bc.ca/programs/link38>

MAY 23, 25 and June 20/23 at 5 PM Douglas College Online Program Information Sessions via Zoom

Douglas College Advisors will be hosting sessions with information on programs, admission requirements, how/when to apply, and more!

Commerce and Business, Health Sciences, Nursing, Humanities and Social Sciences programs, etc. will be covered.

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