

McNair Secondary

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Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

As we come to the end of May and enter the final month of the school year, the excitement and weariness will increase for all in the McNair community. The exciting busyness of school life continues while **Awards Celebrations** and **Graduation Events** are just around the corner! It is a very hectic time of year, and students and parents are reminded to keep their lives balanced and healthy. Studies are important, and all the final exams, assignments and projects due will bring some stress. Be sure to get lots of sleep, eat properly and get some exercise; take good care of your overall well-being. If you stay organized, you will be much more able to enjoy all the important year end activities.

Highlights of the past month include the field trips for various classes our student have been able to participate in. Our Senior Boys' Rugby Team qualified for Provincials – something that has not happened in over 30 years! We are very excited for this team and wish them great success. The Grads of 2023 now get to enjoy the **Commencement Ceremony (June 9th at Bethany Baptist in Hamilton)**. Still to come is the **Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad party on June 26th**.

Our **Awards Ceremonies** are scheduled for the morning of **Friday, June 23rd** (Grades 11-12 at 8:30 AM and Grades 8-10 at 10:40 AM), where we will recognize the achievements of so many of our students. The Awards Ceremonies will be followed in the afternoon by **Yearbook distribution** (students should ensure that all fees are paid and that all textbooks and library books are returned so they can receive their Yearbook) and our **Year End Carnival**. Please be reminded that all these activities take preparation and energy to plan; so, we appreciate the efforts of so many of our staff who take the time and give of themselves to make these days memorable for our students.

Report Cards will be published to the **MyEd Parent Portal on June 29th** so please ensure you have access to retrieve your child's report card. Information about MyEd Parent Login is available on the McNair school website.

It has been another great month at the home of the Marlins and we are eagerly anticipating the last few important events of the year.

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

May 30-Jun 2	Mini 12 – Tofino Trip
Jun 1-30	National Indigenous History Month, Italian Heritage Month, Filipino Heritage Month, Portuguese Heritage Month, Pride Season
Jun 8	Spring Concert
Jun 9	Valedictory 2023 (Bethany Baptist Church – 6pm)
Jun 16	Mini Grad Farewell (Block D at Theatre)
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Jun 22	PAC Meeting (7pm virtual)
Jun 22	Locker Clean-up

Jun 23	Yearbook Distribution
Jun 23	Last Day of Regular Classes
Jun 26	Grad 2023 Dinner Dance & Dry Grad
Jun 27-28	“I” Removal
Jun 29	Semester 2 Final Report Cards published
Jun 30	Administrative Day (school closed)

Semester 2 Final Report Cards

The **Semester 2 Final Report Cards** will be published on **Thursday, June 29th**. 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 **LAST PAC meeting** will be at **7:00 PM on Thursday, June 22nd, 2023** and followed by the last Dry After Grad meeting. *New Members Welcome!*



Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88280186114?pwd=Zk0ydHZtd3ZuNGNzZFRMdldacXZIQT09>

Meeting ID: **882 8018 6114**

Passcode: **096317**

Dry After Grad (DAG) – Volunteers Urgently Needed

Monday, June 26, 2023

The DAG event is a parent-led committee of Grade 12 parents who are working effortlessly to organize the Dry After Grad event being held on Monday, June 26th from 11:00pm-5:30am. This safe alcohol and drug/vape free event is a celebration filled with professionally hired entertainment, music, popular games and will include free food, and prize draws!. Although, the McNair DAG event is planned by the Grade 12 parents, the actual event is traditionally run by Grades 10 and 11 parent/caregiver volunteers. Parents this year are finding it difficult recruit volunteers. **If you would like to see this event continue, please contact mcnairsd38pac@gmail.com**, this is a great glimpse of what future grads will experience the night of their graduation!



We are calling ALL parents who are willing to help! Please contact us asap to fill the positions available:

- **Event Hosts** (shifts are available between 11:00pm Jun 26 through to 5:00am Jun 27)
- **Bus chaperones** (ride the Coach bus to the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel downtown Vancouver)
- **Decoration take-down** (Sat/Sun before the even - date tbc)
- **Women's/men's change room**

- **Bag checks** (time tbc)
- **Food**

IMPORTANT: This is a strictly enforced, non alcohol and drug/vape free environment and there will be no in and out privileges.

Dry Grad event tickets are only available for purchase along with the Dinner Dance tickets. Thank you in advance for your support and contribution to the 2023 graduates and DAG event. If you are able to help out, please email mcnairsd38pac@gmail.com

Grad 2023 Dinner/Dance – Parent Volunteers Needed

DINNER/DANCE JUNE 26, 2023 - TRANSPORTATION, BAG DROP OFF AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All Grade 12 grads who have purchased tickets to the Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad event will be required to drop off a bag containing a change of clothes (*subject to bag search*) prior to loading the Coach buses to the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. Date and time(s) will be provided by email.

Dry After Grad – Online Silent Auction Fundraiser

10 DAY “ONLINE SILENT AUCTION” FUNDRAISER to support the 2023 McNair Dry After Grad event. **Bidding starts June 5, 2023 to June 15, 2023.** Share this link with your family and friends! <https://www.32auctions.com/McNairDAG2023>. Cash, Cheques and E-transfer payments only. Thank you very much to our sponsors! **Auction items are still being accepted until June 3, if you would like to donate, please email mcnairsd38pac@gmail.com to make arrangements.**

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.

Library

Reminder to all students: All library books are due back by **Monday June 12th** at the latest.

- For books that have been outstanding as of May 31st, we will waive any fines when we get the book(s) back.
- If books are NOT returned, we will have to mark them as Lost, and charge you the replacement cost.

Please try to return them, as you do not want to stand in the long lineup at the end of the year. Thank you!

Library Book Returns



McNair Music

The Music Department has had a busy month of May. We hosted the **'Music In Our Schools'** concert at Gateway theatre for our feeder schools where our Junior Band performed very well under the direction of our Teacher Candidate from UBC, Mr. Ha. At the end of the month, our String Ensemble and Jazz Band visited all 5 of our feeder schools to perform over two days. It has been exciting to see the enthusiasm of the upcoming musicians in the elementary schools. The Music Department's **Spring Concert** will be **June 8th** and tickets will be available from Ms. Holden before June 2nd.





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.

McNair Theatre

Although it feels like the years is quickly coming to a close, the theatre is still buzzing with rehearsals and preparations for our Directing and Scriptwriting 12 final productions. These one-act shows are the culmination of a semester of hard work for our students.

Theatre McNair proudly presents:

The Forces of Light
by David Ives
directed by Daniel Marte
at lunch on June 14th

and

A Ringing in My Ears
by Debra Brunch
directed by Nimera Janmohamed
at lunch on June 15th

both shows take place in the theatre and admission is free!

Theatre McNair is also very proud to announce that **next years' Spring Production** will be (cue drumroll)... **The Addams Family – The Musical!**



Stay tuned for more information!

McNair Athletics

The McNair Senior Boys Rugby Team recently qualified for the provincial championships for the first time since 1991. The boys ended their season undefeated at home and with a 10 win and 2 loss record overall. Coaches Mr. Banks and Mr. Wallace are optimistic about the team's chances of having success at tournament and are proud of the hard work and dedication displayed since training began in snowy February. Go Marlins!



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

Students should know what school they will be attending in the fall and be monitoring correspondence from their institutions regarding any documents required such as 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>

Students should have completed the TOEFL and/or the IELTS by now if they had been required to do so.

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>

Check out this website

<http://youth.itabc.ca/trade-finder/>

Ever Wondered What a Green Job Is?

Find out if a career in green jobs is for you and take the quiz now at: <https://pltcanda.org/en/green-jobs-quiz/>

Student Loans

Student loan applications will be available early June/23. Students do not have to be accepted into their study program before applying for student assistance, but will not receive any money until the school confirms enrolment in full-time studies and the study period has begun.

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

Jobs and Volunteer Positions

<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/youth>

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/ca/en-ca/careers.html>

McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Jobs

<https://www.mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/ca/designer-outlet-vancouver/whats-on/career/>

Alliance for Arts Job Board Special Events Volunteers at Steveston Heritage Sites

<https://stevestonheritage.ca/visit/britannia-shipyards-national-historic-site/join-us/volunteer/>

Scholarships

For more scholarships: <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#/=>

JUN 8/23 - The Bayer Crop Science Opportunity Scholarship Deadline Selection will be made by an independent panel.

Preference will be given to two (2) applicants of Canadian indigenous heritage. For more information on eligibility and to apply go to: <https://www.cropsscience.bayer.ca/en/Our-Company/ScholarshipInformation#tabs-1>

[more details»](#) [copy to](#)

JUN 9/23 - Digital Games Scholarship Deadline

The scholarship is open to candidates who demonstrate a passion for digital games and have applied to a full-time program in Canada. \$12,500 is available to support students during the first year of studies. The award is renewable for the duration of your program provided applicants receive an average grade of 75% in each year of study. For more information and how to apply go to:

<https://www.spinmastercareers.com/global/be/digital-games-scholarship>

JUN 9/23 - Doctors of BC Scholarship Award Deadline.

For more than 20 years, Doctors of BC have presented two \$1,000 scholarship awards to deserving children of members in good standing who are enrolled in post-secondary education.

For more information and to submit application go to: <https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/about-us/awards-scholarships/doctors-bc-scholarship-awards>

JUN 14/23 by 8:59 PM PST - Valour Canada History and Heritage Scholarship Deadline to Apply

The following three items are required:

1. A one or two paragraph introductory document that explains why you chose to apply for Valour Canada's History and Heritage Scholarship.
2. A typed essay (with title page)
3. A 3-5-minute YouTube-compatible video.

For complete details on how to apply, visit: <https://valourcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-23-VCHHS-Info.pdf>

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 15/23 - Lucille Harkness Memorial Bursary Deadline

An annual bursary of \$500 is available to the chosen recipient who plans to pursue their studies at a community college, university or equivalent educational institution in British Columbia. To apply

go to: <https://www.vancitycommunityfoundation.ca/give/donor-advised-funds/lucille-harkness-memorial-scholarship-fund>

JUN 19/23 - The BIGSUN Scholarships (\$500) Deadline

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. In order to do our part we are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in or the capacity in which they participate. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.

Please send us a short essay (500 - 1,000 words) answering the following questions:

How did your participation in sports during your high school years influence you?

To apply: <https://bigsunathletics.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/>

JUN 30/23 - Cecil Ash Memorial Scholarship Deadline

Open to all graduating (Grade 12) B.C. Secondary School students with Trinidad and Tobagonian family background.

For application: <https://www.ttesbc.org/social-services/scholarships/>

JUN 30/23 - HerbaLand Sustainable Lifestyle Challenge Deadline

The Sustainable Lifestyle Challenge is designed for high school and university students who are interested in promoting sustainable living practices and encourage others to do the same. All you have to do is to demonstrate your habits and behaviors that promote sustainability, reduce waste, and conserve natural resources. The Challenge: Film yourself talking about you how you live a sustainable lifestyle, why it's important, and what sort of social/environmental impact you're creating. Submission Format: Video

Eligibility: Participants must 1) be a current high school, undergraduate or graduate student OR 2) have graduated from an undergraduate degree-granting institution within the last two years.

Teams will be judged by board of HerbaLand executives and sustainability experts.

1st place \$3,000 2nd place \$2,000 3rd place \$1,000

Send all submissions to j.hueller@herbaland.ca

JUN 30/23 - Scouts Canada Foundation Scholarship Deadline

For more information and to apply go to: <https://www.scouts.ca/programs/scholarships.html>

JULY 5/23 - 4-H Canada Leadership Excellence Awards of Distinction (L.E.A.D) 8:59 PM PST Deadline.

For the application and guidelines go to: <https://4-h-canada.ca/scholarships>

JULY 7/23 - Canadian Federation of Independent Groceries National Scholarship Program Deadline

Submit an essay or a video for the National Scholarship Awards. Only complete applications containing full and accurate information will be considered. Plagiarism is an infringement of copyright laws. All essays must be properly referenced.

To apply go to: <https://cfig.ca/national-scholarship/>

JULY 15/23 - Looking Glass Foundation For Eating Disorders Reflections Scholarship Deadline

Applicants are invited to complete an application package and can visit <https://www.lookingglassbc.com/programs/scholarships/> for full details. *Please read through the eligibility criteria as well as required documents prior to applying.

JUL 19/23 - The Novus Biologicals Scholarship - deadline to apply

This scholarship is awarded to one student twice each year in the Fall & Spring semesters. For more information, visit: <https://www.novusbio.com/scholarship-program.html>

JULY 28/23 - The Sangra Family Scholarship 4 PM Deadline

Created to support students entering Langara College directly out of high school.

<https://langara.ca/student-services/financial-aid/scholarships/entrance.html>

AUG 15/23 - ASTTBC High School Bursary 6:00 PM PST Deadline.

For details on eligible programs and application go to: <https://asttbc.org/public/bursary-application/>

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

JUN 7/23 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, visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/health-unit-coordinator/>

JUN 7/23 4-5 PM - VCC Computer Systems Technology Diploma Program Online Information Session

In this two-year Diploma program students will build skills in web/mobile app development, programming and solving computer-related issues while launching a career developing software.

Attend the online session to learn more. VCC Advisors will be available to follow up with any questions you may have.

To register, visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/computer-systems-technology/>

For CST Diploma program details, visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/programs/computer-systems-technology/>

JUN 14/23 from 4:30 pm-9 pm Experience CapU Information Event for Newly Admitted Students and JUN 17/23 from 9am to 3pm

Kick-start your journey as a first-year student by registering for Experience CapU today! Learn about selecting/registering for courses, financial aid opportunities and student support services and connect with current and future CapU students.

To register: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/new-students/experience-capu/>

JUN 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>