

McNair Secondary

June 2023

Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

It is the end of June and another school year has flown by! We very much appreciate the amazing McNair Staff who work so hard to make this school such an incredibly caring place to learn. We are grateful to our McNair Parents/Guardians who support the school and our students; your generosity and understanding significantly contribute to a community school. We are also extremely thankful to all the students who positively participate to create a culture that is authentic and compassionate. We have aspiring actors, athletes, musicians, trades people, scholars, volunteers and community-minded citizens who all bring incredible enthusiasm and genuine spirit to this place.

The last month of the school year is full of highlights. We hosted our School Music Concert on June 8th. Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 9th in Hamilton at Bethany Baptist Church honoured over 150 graduates and over 65 scholarship recipients. It was a joyous ceremony recognizing a memorable Grad Class. On June 23rd, we held our Award Ceremonies, distributed Yearbooks and Student Council hosted another Marlin Year-End Carnival with games and a food truck. On June 26th, our Graduates enjoyed their Dinner/Dance and Dry After Grad party. The year is filled with fond memories. We, again, thank all the staff and parents who contribute to the success of our school.

We wish every member of our school community a safe and happy summer! To the graduates leaving us: best wishes for what is sure to be an exciting and prosperous future. To the staff who have retired or are changing roles: thank you and best wishes for your next chapter. To the students and staff who will return to McNair in two months: we look forward to a fresh start on September 5th!

Ms. Debbie Ten-Pow
Principal

Important Dates

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| Jul 1 | Canada Day (school closed) |
| Aug 7 | BC Day (school closed) |
| Sep 5 | First Day of School |
| Sep 6 | First Day of Semester 1 Classes |

Semester 2 Final Report Cards

The **Semester 2 Final Report Cards** was 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.



Grade 12 Convocation (June 9)

Congratulations to the Grad class of 2023. This year's ceremony was a great event, highlighted by the presentation of over 150 Graduates. The Bethany Baptist Church was full Graduates, presenters and staff as well as family and guests. An amazing number of staff and students worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make everything go smoothly, and everyone enjoyed themselves. McNair Band performed exceptionally well. We were able to honour each of the Graduates as they crossed the stage with dignity, respect and grace. It was a truly memorable evening.



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.

Canadian Scholastic Achievement League's Grade 8 Scholastic Challenge 2023 Results

Something to Celebrate!!!

McNair's Grade 8 class of 2022-2023 continued our twenty-one year tradition of participating in the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League's Grade 8 Scholastic Challenge 2023. Earlier this spring approximately 5000 knowledgeable Grade 8s from all parts of Canada competed. The challenge consisted of 100 questions on a wide variety of topics that must be completed within 60 minutes.

This year's top national score was an outstanding 91% and the national average was 50%. Ninety-seven McNair Grade 8s participated and 38 of our students scored at the national average or better. **Our McNair School Champions are Jenna Bevan and Daphne Yuen** who both scored 73%. Second, and also tied with a score of 66%, are **Joshua Chow and Charlie Ford**, and third is **Brianna Apreutesei** with 65%.

The other students who scored at the national average and above were Max Adewole, Chloe Hinz, Ally Karim, Zoey Galicia, Adrianna Sicinski, Nathania Falmarin, Nathan Chan, Kyllie Bagtilay, Kaleah Branner, Parker Castillo, Owen Leclerc, Cadence Tchao, Aryan Sharma, Aneil Heir, Fatema Idrees, Mitchell Thomas, Audrey Masecampo, Madison Lee, Sahib Nijjar, Tasneem Hawari, Eshman Barha, Thomas Peng, Katie Nevins, Samira Sandhu, Abbas Walji, Jake Nevins, Neesha Bahia, Caylee Lopez, Kate Black, Essac Mohammed, and Kaylee Thanh, Audrey Wenglowski, and Cheryl Shibu.

The presentation of the medals for the School Champions and the Certificates of Merit presented to the other 36 students achieving the national average and above will be made during the awards ceremony in June. Special thanks to our Principal Ms. Ten-Pow for her annual support.

McNair Marlinaire

McNair students give back to our community! Marlinaires, the school's social responsibility club, fundraised year-round for Covenant House Vancouver. Through lunch and concessions sales, Marlinaires worked tirelessly to **fundraise \$1498.72** to support youth issues like substance use, mental health, and homelessness. Especial thanks go to co-presidents **Jiya Nota** and **Amali Samarasinghe**, vice-president **Caeli Yamanaka**, and fundraising execs **Ali Safdari** and **Ezra Shirshac**. Thank you to all staff, students, and parents who supported us directly and indirectly.



McNair Music

Our music program has had a busy end of year, with the Spring Concert in the theatre on June 8th and then the jazz band performing as part of our Valedictory Ceremony on June 9th. Some of our ensembles were delighted to share their music in the hallways of McNair in the last weeks of school as well. We now look forward to next year, our first important date being our **Loon Lake Retreat**, October 27th-29th, 2023.



We are also excited to share that two of our students, **Anthony Yuen** on piano and **Elijah Morrison** on trumpet have been accepted into the **Provincial Honour Ensembles for 2023**. Auditions are held provincially and only 4 trumpet players and 2 or 3 pianists from the entire province.



McNair Theatre

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!

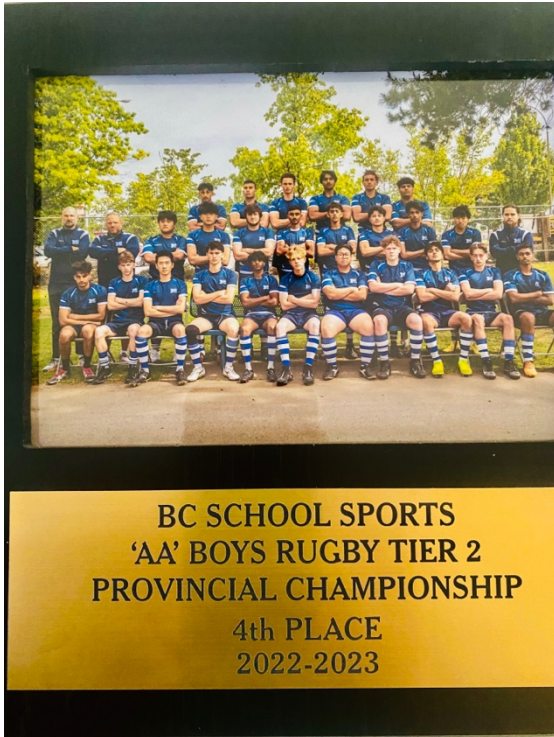


McNair Athletics

TRACK & FIELD: Congratulations to our three Marlin athletes who qualified for the Provincials in Track and Field: **Oscar Ford**, **Tre Graff** (right in the picture), and **Madison Lee** (left in the picture). All three of them represented McNair with pride, and although they didn't bring home any medals this year against some incredibly tough competition, they have many years of high school left to work towards their goals!



RUGBY: The **Senior Boys rugby team** completed a hugely successful campaign last week finishing **4th place** in AA, tier 2, the **best rugby season in McNair history**. The boys finished with a 11-4 record on the season and played their hearts out in the Provincial semi-final against D.W. Poppy, coming up a bit short, but fighting valiantly until the last whistle. **Standouts on this year's team** were **Maeson and Dallin Westerlund, Billy Preibisch, David Norena, Carson Leong, Kevin Bhangoo, Elijah Morrison, and Jeremy Yuen.**



Student's Athletic Achievement

McNair Student **Fatema Mustafa Idrees** off to Karate Canada's National Championships this July 2023! All the Best Fatema!

Two-year Karate B.C. Team member Grade 8 student Fatema Mustafa Idrees recently won both a **team gold medal** and an **individual bronze medal** in Kumite (sparring) Karate at the B.C. Winter Games held this past March 2023 in Vernon, BC. Fatema's next competition will be this July 2023 at Karate Canada's National Championships in Laval, Quebec. Medalling here would advance Fatema to both The Pan American Games this October 2023 in Mexico and secure her a spot on the Team Canada. McNair wishes Fatema the very best at her upcoming competitions! Go Fatema Go!



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

All the best to you in your future education endeavours. Remember, the going will get tough. But don't give up – take it one step at a time and you WILL succeed!

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>

For those students returning next year – think about what you want to do in the future. Perhaps consider a trade!

Check out this website

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

Interest Tests

Discover what kinds of jobs would be a good fit for you. Visit WorkBC.

<https://careerdiscoveryquizzes.workbc.ca/>

My Blueprint and Education Planner (mentioned above) are also excellent resources to assist students in their career exploration.

Ever Wondered What a Green Job Is?

Take the quiz now at: <https://pltcanda.org/en/green-jobs-quiz/>

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#/=](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/>

As it is impossible to include all scholarships in this document, 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#/)

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>

JUL 27/23 - Johnson Inc. Scholarship Program Deadline to Apply

This year Johnson Inc will award 50 scholarships valued at \$1,000 each to students attending a Canadian post-secondary this coming fall. Applicants must belong in at least one category as outlined on the application form.

A completed application must be submitted by the deadline date and must include a transcript for the period of September 2021 to December 2022. Please see the https://portal.scholarshippartners.ca/welcome/Johnsoninsurance_en/ and Scholarship Program Guidelines to find the full requirements and submission instructions.

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/>

AUG31/23 - Arctic Physical Therapy Scholarship 8:59 PM PST Deadline

Scholarship value \$500. To be eligible for the Arctic Physical Therapy scholarship a student must:

Be attending college or university no later than January of 2024.

Be attending college or university on a full-time basis by January of 2024.

Have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or greater during their last academic year.

Be a U.S. or Canadian resident.

Submit answers to the essay questions.*Note that you can be enrolled in any field of study.

To apply: https://physicaltherapyfairbanks.com/physical_therapy_fairbanks.php

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

JUL 6/23 at 11:59 pm - Jump Start UBC - Deadline to register

Registration for Jump Start UBC Vancouver is now open. If you're entering first year at UBC Vancouver and coming directly from high school, you'll want to register for Jump Start. The multi-day program is designed to give you a first look at university life, let you meet your

professors and academic community, and help you make your first friends at UBC Vancouver!
For more details: <https://you.ubc.ca/jump-start-vancouver/>

JUL 12/23 from 5-6 PM JIBC Law Enforcement Diploma Online Information Session

For program details, visit: www.jibc.ca/lesd

For online information session details, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/law-enforcement-studies-diploma-lesd-virtual-info-session-tickets-601594694927>

JUL 12/23 from 3-4 PM VCC CAD and BIM (Drafting) Program Online Information Session via Zoom

BC's growing construction and architecture sector is in need of certified architectural technicians, civil/structural technicians, and steel detailing technicians.

VCC's CAD and BIM (Drafting) programs teach students the latest CAD and BIM software, as well as the important critical thinking skills needed to succeed as a technician.

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

To register for the info session, visit: <https://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/cad-and-bim-drafting/>

JUL 15/23 from 9 AM-12 PM JIBC Firefighting Certificate (FFTC) Program Hands-On Information Session at the Maple Ridge Campus

To learn more about a career in Fire Service, you are invited to the Fire Fighting Technologies Certificate Hands-On Information Session at the JIBC world-class training facility!

Participants must be 18 years of age or older. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee. To register, visit: <https://www.jibc.ca/event/firefighting-hands-info-session-july-15>

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2023

'CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES'



FAMILIES - ACTIVITIES

**JULY 11TH TO AUGUST 3RD - TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
TOMSETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

- July 11 – “Let's connect, share and celebrate”
- July 13 – “Creative ways to communicate”
- July 18- “School Culture”
- July 20 – “Online Games”
- July 25 – “Music around the world”
- July 27 – “Reuse-Reduce-Recycle”
- August 01- “Exploring Mindfulness Around the World”
- August 03 – “Cultural Fair”

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - HIGH SCHOOL

- July 19 - Improv Games + Field Trip
- July 26 - Improv Games+ Youth hang out

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

**TO
REGISTER**

CLICK HERE

OR



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School Calendar 2023-2024

September 2023

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| Mon | 4 | Labour Day |
| Tue | 5 | First Day of School |
| Wed | 6 | First Day of Semester 1 Classes |
| Wed | 20-21 | Grade 8 Retreat |
| Thu | 21 | Meet the Teacher Night |
| Fri | 22 | Pro-D Day |
| Thu | 28 | Grad Boat Cruise |
| Sat | 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation |

October 2023

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| Mon | 2 | Day in Lieu of Holiday (School Closed) |
| Mon | 9 | Thanksgiving (School Closed) |
| Tue | 17 | Informal Learning Update (Interim Reports) Emailed Home |
| Wed | 18 | PSBC (Post-Secondary Institution) Fair 10:30am - 12:00pm |
| Thu | 19 | Leadership Conference (Oct 19-23) |
| Fri | 20 | Pro-D Day |
| Fri | 27 | Loon Lake Music Trip (Oct 27-29) |
| Mon | 30 | Haunted House |

November 2023

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| Wed | 1 | Take Our Kids to Work Day |
| Sat | 11 | Remembrance Day |
| Mon | 13 | Day in Lieu of Holiday (School Closed) |
| Wed | 15 | Senior Math Contest Immunization Clinic |
| Mon | 20 | Pro-D Day |
| Wed | 22 | Written Learning Update (Report Cards) Published on MyEdBC |
| Mon | 27 | Basketball Home Opener and Pep Rally |
| Wed | 29 | Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) Early Dismissal |
| Thu | 30 | Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 6-8pm) Early Dismissal |

December 2023

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| Thu | 7 | Winter Concert |
| Fri | 22 | Last Day of Classes before Break |
| Mon | 25 | Winter Break (Dec 25 – Jan 5) Christmas Day (Christianity) |
| Tue | 26 | Boxing Day |

January 2024

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| Mon | 1 | New Year's Day |
| Mon | 8 | First Day of Classes after Break |
| Tue | 16 | Grad Sessions (Photos): Jan. 16 - 21 |
| Thu | 25 | Last Day of Semester 1 Classes |
| Fri | 26 | Teacher Preparation Day for Semester 2 No scheduled classes |
| Mon | 29 | Pro-D |
| Tue | 30 | First Day of Semester 2 Classes |

February 2024

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| Wed | 7 | Summary of Learning (Report Cards) Published on MyEdBC |
| Thu | 15 | Winter Formal |
| Fri | 16 | Pro-D |
| Mon | 19 | BC Family Day (School Closed) |
| Mon | 26 | Theatre Production May 26 – 29 (Matinees only) |
| Wed | 28 | Theatre Production (Matinees only) PCF Math Contests |
| Thu | 29 | Theatre Production (Matinees only) |

March 2024

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| Mon | 4 | Elementary Basketball Tournament Theatre Production Mar 4 – 8 (Matinees and Evening shows) |
| Tue | 5 | Elementary Basketball Tournament Theatre Production (Matinees and Evening shows) |
| Wed | 6 | Informal Learning Update (Interim Reports) Emailed Home |
| Fri | 15 | Spring Break Mar 15 - 29 Day in Lieu of Holiday (School Closed) |
| Fri | 29 | Good Friday (Christianity) |
| Sun | 31 | Easter (Christianity) |

April 2024

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| Mon | 1 | Easter Monday (School Closed) |
| Wed | 3 | Euclid Math Contest |
| Wed | 24 | Written Learning Update (Report Cards) Published on MyEdBC |

May 2024

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| Wed | 1 | Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) Early Dismissal |
| Thu | 2 | Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 6-8pm) Early Dismissal |
| Wed | 8 | Juan de Fuca Mini 11 Field Trip (May 7 - 10) |
| Wed | 15 | Immunization Clinic |
| Fri | 17 | Pro-D |
| Mon | 20 | Victoria Day (School Closed) |

June 2024

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| Thu | 6 | Spring Concert |
| Fri | 21 | Last Day of Regular Classes |
| Mon | 24 | Learning Completion Days (June 24 – 26) |
| Mon | 24 | Grad Dinner Dance |
| Thu | 27 | Summary of Learning (Report Cards) Published on MyEdBC |
| Fri | 28 | Admin Day |