



Matthew McNair Secondary School  
9500 No. 4 Road, Richmond, BC V7A 2Y9 (604)668-6575

September 11, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students,

**RE: Grade 8 Activity Day on Thursday, September 20-21 (Morning), 2023**

We hope our Grade 8 Students are off to a strong start and are ready for an exciting year at **Matthew McNair Secondary School**. We have a great school with an amazing student body who want to learn, develop quality relationships and make positive contributions to our community.

We hope that families are receiving the Parent WAAG (Week-at-a-Glance) and are visiting the McNair website for information about our school. We are sending this communication to our Grade 8 families regarding the **Grade 8 Connections Days** on **Wednesday, September 20 and the morning of Thursday, September 21**.

The purpose of this time is to establish a cohesive grade group of students who will learn and grow throughout their 5 years together. Activities will be centered around building community and creating and strengthening connections.

The cost for the Activity Day is **\$45 per student** (payable through School Cash Online. Instructions on how to sign up are on the school website). The fee will help cover bus transportation, bowling, lunch on Wednesday, breakfast on Thursday, a McNair tee-shirt as well as other materials for the day's activities. ***If the amount is a challenge for your family, please contact the school by phone to speak with Ms. Ten-Pow, or email [dten-pow@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:dten-pow@sd38.bc.ca) – we would like ALL our Grade 8 students to be able to participate!*** The **timeline for the days** is as follows:

**Wednesday, September 20**

- 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM: Meet in Block A class for attendance and instructions
- 9:45 AM – NOON: Travel by Bus to Lucky Nine Lanes Bowling and return to school for lunch
- 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM: Lunch provided
- 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM: School Based Activities

**Thursday, September 21**

- 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM: Meet in Block A class for attendance and instructions
- 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Breakfast (provided) and Self-Reflection Activity

Please sign and then have your child **return the attached Field Trip Consent Form**. Forms must be dropped off at the main office by **Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

We also request that the **fee of \$45** be paid through School Cash Online at <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com> **no later than Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at **604-668-6575**. We are looking forward to a great day for all our Grade 8s.

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**FIELD TRIP CONSENT FORM**  
**for Participation in a One Day Low-Risk Field Trip**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student #/Division # \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Destination and Date of Field Trip: Lucky Nine Lanes Bowling – Wednesday, September 20, 2023

**Parents/Guardians Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk**

- I accept the mode of transportation for this activity.
- I accept the risks/hazards inherent in the program/activity(ies) and understand and acknowledge that my child may be involved in an accident and may suffer personal and potentially serious injury arising from my child's participation.
- My child will abide by the District Code of Conduct (as attached) during all phases of this program/activity. This includes expectations, directions and instructions from the staff and/or service providers, administrators, instructors, and supervisors. In the event my child fails to abide by these expectations, disciplinary action may include my child being excluded from further participation or that I be contacted to pick up my child (unless I have specified other transport arrangements) and I will be responsible for any costs associated to send my child home.
- I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to inform the Teacher of any medical/health concerns that may affect my child's participation.
- I consent that the Board, through its employees, agents and officers, may secure such emergency medical services and advice as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services and advice.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in this field trip.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact #'s (home, work, cell): \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Commitment to Safety, District Code of Conduct and Acknowledgement of Risk**

- I will participate in this activity to the best of my abilities.
- I will behave safely and will wear appropriate clothing and use appropriate equipment on this field trip.
- I have been briefed by my teacher on the elements of risk and dangers involved and the precautions that are to be taken.
- I will abide by the District Code of Conduct, school rules, and expectations set out by the sponsor teacher and supervisors during the field trip.
- I will report any safety, medical or health Issue or Injury to the Sponsor Teacher.

Student Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

**As we learn and work together, we will...**

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4** Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5** Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.



Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct  
is available online at:  
[sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)

