



DECEMBER 18 - 22, 2023

Monday Dec 18	Tuesday Dec 19	Wednesday Dec 20	Thursday Dec 21	Friday Dec 22
Day 2 SCC Meeting (Lunch)	Day 1	Day 2 At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Sent Home by Email	Day 1 <i>Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)</i> Locker Clean Up	Day 2 Alternate Bell Schedule Holiday Breakfast Hoe Down
Dec 24 <i>Quviasukvik (Inuit, until Jan 7)</i> <i>Christmas Eve (Christianity)</i> Dec 25 – Christmas (Christianity) <i>Dec 26 – Kwanzaa (until Jan 1)</i>				

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Lost and Found Items

Lost and Found items will be laid out on the tables outside of Student Study Center this week. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity after.

At-Risk Learning Plans (emailed Dec 20)

With the end of Semester 1 approaching, teachers will be providing students who are at risk of not completing the learning standards of a course with a plan outlining the steps that need to be taken. These plans will be sent to students and parents on December 20th. For any questions regarding these plans, parents should reach out directly to the subject teachers. Please [see our website](#) for teacher email addresses.

Locker Clean-Up (Dec 21)

Students will be provided with time to clean up their lockers **at the end of Flex Time** on Thursday Dec 21.

Holiday Breakfast & Hoedown (Dec 22)

Student Council has been hard at work planning our annual Holiday Breakfast! We will have an alternate bell schedule for the day with a later start to block A and an extended lunch to accommodate these McNair traditions.

	Start	End
Holiday Breakfast	8:00 am	9:25 am
Block A	9:30 am	10:30 am
Block B	10:35 am	11:35 am
Break	11:35 am	11:50 am
Block C	11:55 am	12:55 pm
Lunch & Hoedown	12:55 pm	1:55 pm
Block D	2:00 pm	3:00 pm

We hope that all members of the McNair community have an opportunity to relax, rest, reconnect, and have some fun on this well-deserved break. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year!

Wishing you all a wonderful winter holiday!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec 22 Last Day of Classes before Break
- Jan 1 *New Year's Day*
Tamil Heritage Month
Ochetookeskaw - Kissing Hand - Hand Shaking Day (Metis)
- Jan 8 First Day of Classes after Winter Break
- Jan 10 Collaboration Day
- Jan 14 *Maghi (Sikhism)*
- Jan 15 *Black Excellence Day*
- Jan 16-21 Grad Photo Appointments
- Jan 17 *Raoul Wallenberg Day*
Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash (Sikhism)

Winter Solstice (Dec 21)

The shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. This date is celebrated by, and has significance to, multiple cultures and religions.

Quviasukvik (Inuit – Dec 24-Jan 7)

Inuit winter feast and festival observed by the Inuit, Yupik, Aleut, Chukchi, Iñupiat, and NunatuKavut. Celebrates the coming year and placates the roaming spirits for good luck in the year to come.

Christmas Eve/Christmas (Christianity – Dec 24/25)

A Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been observed as a cultural and secular holiday by Christians and non-Christians.

Kwanzaa (Dec 26-Jan 1)

Kwanzaa is an African-American cultural holiday that has been adopted around the world including in Canada to celebrate African family, community and culture.

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