



# JANUARY 8 - 12, 2024

Monday Jan 8	Tuesday Jan 9	Wednesday Jan 10	Thursday Jan 11	Friday Jan 12
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 1</b>
First Day of Classes after Break		<b>Collaboration Day</b> Classes start at 9:55am	“Snow Ball” Grad Winter Formal 6:30-9:30pm Heritage Hall	January is Tamil Heritage Month

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Welcome Back!**

We hope everyone is returning to school relaxed and refreshed after a well-deserved break. We want to wish the entire McNair community all the best for a happy and healthy new year!

**“Snow Ball” Grad Winter Formal (Jan 11)**

When: January 11th  
Where: Heritage Hall (3102 Main Street, Vancouver)  
Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm  
Ticket Price: \$65 (purchase on school cash online)  
Ticket deadline extended to January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**End of Semester – Reminders**

With just three short weeks left in Semester 1, we want to remind all students of the importance of this time. Many classes have final projects and final assessments and it is important that all students stay organized, put in their best effort, and remain focused during this final push to complete their learning.

**New Year’s Day (Jan 1)**

The first day of the year according to the Gregorian Calendar. Most New Year’s festivities begin on December 31 (New Year’s Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1. Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year’s foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.

**Tamil Heritage Month (Jan 1-31)**

A month to celebrate the rich heritage and contributions of Tamil people in Canada.

**Ochetookeskaw (Metis – Jan 1)**

Also known as Kissing day or Handshaking Day. A Métis day of celebration derived from the custom of visiting everyone in the community and bringing in the New Year with the shaking of hands and kissing.

**World Braille Day (Jan 4)**

A day to celebrate Braille and what it means for the human rights of people who are blind or partially sighted.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 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)*
- Jan 18 *Lockdown Drill - 1:35pm (Lunch 10-12 min)*
- Jan 21 *Lincoln Alexander Day*
- Jan 24 *World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture*
- Jan 25 *Last Day of Semester 1 Classes*  
*Open House: Meet the Teacher Semester 2 and Program Planning Info Night*  
*Mahayana New Year (Buddhism)*  
*SBT Meeting (lunch)*
- Jan 26 *Staff Preparation Day for Semester 2*  
*No Scheduled Classes*
- Jan 27 *International Holocaust Remembrance Day*
- Jan 29 *Pro-D Day*  
*National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia*
- Jan 30 *First Day of Semester 2 Classes*



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