

JANUARY 22-26, 2024



THE MCNAIR WAAG

Monday Jan 22	Tuesday Jan 23	Wednesday Jan 24	Thursday Jan 25	Friday Jan 26
Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Staff Preparation Day for Semester 2
Dry Grad Committee Meeting 8:00pm on Teams	Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (8:30-11:30)	<i>World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture</i> <i>Bell Let's Talk Day</i>	Last Day of Semester 1 Classes McNair Open House & Program Planning Information Session <i>Mahayana New Year (Buddhism)</i>	No Scheduled Classes Core Competency Reflections Due School Scholarship Application Available <i>Jan 27: Int'l Holocaust Remembrance Day</i>
<i>Jan 21 Lincoln Alexander Day</i>				

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment (Jan 23)

All grade 10 students will be writing the grade 10 Provincial Literacy Assessment on Tuesday from 8:30-11:30am. Students are asked to be at school by 8:15 so that they can be logged in and ready to begin promptly at 8:30am. More information including a link to a practice assessment can be found [on our website](#).

Core Competency Reflections (Due Jan 26)

All McNair students are required to complete an online form to self-assess their Core Competencies and set some goals for the coming term. More information about this process can be found [on our website](#). To access the online form for students, [click here](#) (NOTE: students must log in with their SD38/Microsoft account to access the form).

Open House (Jan 25)

6:00-7:00pm Grade 7 Parents (Includes: Mini School)
7:00-8:00pm Open House/Semester 2 Meet the Teacher
8:00-9:00pm Grades 8 to 11 Program Planning:
Room 115: Current Grades 8 – 9
Library: Current Grades 10 – 11

We are excited to welcome the entire McNair community to our open house event on Thursday. This year's celebration marks the 50th anniversary of McNair's first graduating class. In addition to our open house, the evening will begin with an important information session for parents of grade seven students. This session will be an introduction of what to expect in the transition to high school and grade eight as well as information about our mini school program. Following the open house, McNair's counselling team will offer information about program planning and course selection for parents of current McNair students.

Social Media Awareness Family Sessions

Safer Schools Together, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, is offering "Social Media Awareness" family sessions. These sessions are designed to support families and caregivers navigate the digital world. Dates, times and information to register can be found in the registration link. [Click here to register](#).

REDI Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

– **Parent Webinars**. Richmond parents and caregivers are invited to a Zoom webinar on REDI – *Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion*. This initial 60-minute session is designed to help participants understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, diversity, equity and inclusion Please go [here](#) for registration details Two repeat sessions in January. **Registration required.**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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
- Feb 1-29 Black History Month
- Feb 7 Collaboration Day
Learning Updates Published on MyEdBC
- Feb 10 *Lunar New Year (Buddhism)*
Moose Hide Campaign
- Feb 14 *Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)*
Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
Nat'l Day of Action to Honour Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Trans and 2- Spirited
- Feb 15 *Nirvana Day (Buddhism)*
- Feb 16 Pro-D Day (No classes in session)
- Feb 19 BC Family Day (School closed)

Dry Grad Committee Parent Meeting: Monday, January 22 at 8 PM

Parents of Grade 12s, please join at 8 PM on MS Teams: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Parents of all grades are welcome to attend; it is especially important that parents of grads participate as preparations are being made to give the Class of 2024 a wonderful and memorable event.

Lincoln Alexander Day (Jan 21)

The birthday of Honourable Lincoln Alexander has been recognized across Canada since 2015. He was a pioneer in the fight for racial equity in Canada. Alexander's legacy is marked by many firsts as the first Black Member of Parliament, Cabinet minister, and Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture (Jan 24)

A day to celebrate and highlight the contributions of the many vibrant cultures of the African continent and the African people around the world, as well as their role in driving sustainable development, dialogue, and peace.

Bell Let's Talk Day (Jan 24)

A day to encourage people to have important and open conversations about mental health. [Click here](#) for info.

Mahayana New Year (Buddhism – Jan 25)

The celebration of Buddhist new year rituals on the first full moon of January month according to Georgian calendar.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jan 27)

The anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. This day of remembrance was established to honor the six million Jews and millions of other victims of the Holocaust and Nazism. The United Nations calls on individuals to hold memorial services and undertake educational initiatives to learn more and help prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future.

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