

September 2 – 6, 2024



THE MCNAIR WAAG

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<i>Labour Day (School Closed)</i>	School Opens Welcome Back all students & families Staff Meeting @ 8:15am in Library Student Orientations Gr 8: 10am Gr. 9-10: 11:30am Gr. 11-12: 1:00pm Reminder: No school bus service from Hamilton	Day 1 First Day of Classes Alternate Bell Schedule <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Homeroom</td><td>8:30</td><td>8:45</td></tr> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:50</td><td>10:05</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>10:10</td><td>11:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Break</td><td>11:25</td><td>11:40</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>11:45</td><td>1:00</td></tr> <tr><td>Lunch</td><td>1:00</td><td>1:40</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>1:45</td><td>3:00</td></tr> </table> School Bus Service from Hamilton Starts Change Request Form Please complete form to make changes to student schedule	Homeroom	8:30	8:45	Block A	8:50	10:05	Block B	10:10	11:25	Break	11:25	11:40	Block C	11:45	1:00	Lunch	1:00	1:40	Block D	1:45	3:00	Day 2 No Flex Time Alternate Bell Schedule <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Homeroom</td><td>8:30</td><td>8:35</td></tr> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:40</td><td>10:00</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>10:05</td><td>11:20</td></tr> <tr><td>Recess</td><td>11:20</td><td>11:30</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>11:35</td><td>12:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Lunch</td><td>12:50</td><td>1:35</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>1:40</td><td>3:00</td></tr> </table> Mini School Strathcona Trip Departs (Sep 5th-9th)	Homeroom	8:30	8:35	Block A	8:40	10:00	Block B	10:05	11:20	Recess	11:20	11:30	Block C	11:35	12:50	Lunch	12:50	1:35	Block D	1:40	3:00	Day 1 No Flex Time Alternate Bell Schedule <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Homeroom</td><td>8:30</td><td>8:35</td></tr> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:40</td><td>10:00</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>10:05</td><td>11:20</td></tr> <tr><td>Recess</td><td>11:20</td><td>11:30</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>11:35</td><td>12:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Lunch</td><td>12:50</td><td>1:35</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>1:40</td><td>3:00</td></tr> </table> Mini School Strathcona Trip (Sep 5th-9th) Change Request Form deadline September 9th	Homeroom	8:30	8:35	Block A	8:40	10:00	Block B	10:05	11:20	Recess	11:20	11:30	Block C	11:35	12:50	Lunch	12:50	1:35	Block D	1:40	3:00
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Welcome Back to School

Every student, every day, whatever it takes!

Every child deserves a “champion,” someone who will advocate for and promote a child’s unique abilities and skills. A champion is someone who will never give up on the child, someone who understands that through the power of their advocacy and mentorship, they can help a child reach and even exceed their biological potential.

The champion has unwavering hope and faith in the child in both good times and bad. The “champion” helps fuel a child’s desire to be the best they can be. For the child, regardless of circumstances, what they see in the eye of their “champion” is somebody who believes in them. It does not matter if the “champion” is a teacher, parent, or friend.

The child’s abilities and successes are not a reflection of the “champion,” but rather of the opportunities afforded to the child. As such, the champion’s focus is on the willful creation of a world with infinite challenges and opportunities that lead to infinite possibilities for personal growth, self-expression, and success.

Being a child’s “champion” is not an intuitive task. Praising and supporting a child are only the initial steps. Activating motivation, effective communication, and encouraging emotional intelligence are vital to success. To acquire the capacity to mentor in these areas requires education, reflection, and continued development.

A person who “champions” a child resembles air in a room they go unnoticed most of the time, but they are absolutely necessary for a child. “Champions” should go to the extent of harboring an irrational faith in a child, in their ability, their capacity, and their potential. If the child starts to believe this about themselves, they will become what they believe. **At McNair, we “Champion students and their learning.”**

Attendance – First Week

It is very important that we have accurate attendance records as early as possible so that we can confirm who is attending/not attending for this year. Please review the attendance information in the start-up procedures document and send homeroom attendance to the office as early as possible.

Student attendance for all classes should be entered directly into MyEd beginning Wednesday morning. If a student is not on your MyEd list, please ask them to follow their printed schedule or see their counsellor if they believe they should be in your class. For any issues with your MyEd attendance, please see Ian.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 3	McNair Opens (First Day for Staff and Students)
Sept 4	First day of instruction for Semester 1
Sept 5	Mini School Strathcona Trip (Sep 5th-9th)
Sept 9	First day of Flex Time(Personalized Learning Time)
Sept 11	Collaboration Day
Sept 19	Meet the Teacher Night
Sept 20	Pro-D Day (School Closed to Students)
Sept 23	Terry Fox Run
Sept 24	The Other People Assemblies
Sept 25	Student Photo Day
Sept 25	Grade 8 Day “Making Connections”
Sept 26	Grade 8 Day “Making Connections”
Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School Closed)

Course Changes

On Wednesday, the counsellors will be seeing students with **incomplete timetables only during the period that is empty.** Students wishing to request a change can submit their request through a webform. There is a QR code posted on the counselling centre door and window. *Students should continue to attend the classes on their printed schedules until they receive a new schedule from their counsellor.*

And suddenly you know: It’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.

First Day Grade Assemblies

- Gr 8:** Assembly at **10:00 AM** in Large Gym, Homeroom to follow
- Gr 9-10:** Assembly at **11:30 AM** in Large Gym, Homeroom to follow
- Gr 11-12:** Assembly at **1:00 PM** in Large Gym, Homeroom to follow

Mini School Assembly: 11:00 - 11:30 AM

****Mini School students are also expected to attend their Grade Assembly at the appropriate time listed above****

First Day Schedule

- 8:00am School Opens
- 8:15 am Staff Meeting (Health & Safety Orientation)
- 10:00am Grade 8 Student Orientation & Homeroom
- 11:00am Mini School Orientation Assembly
- 11:30am Grade 9-10 Student Orientation & Homeroom
- 12:15pm Staff Lunch – Grab and Go
- 1:00pm Grade 11-12 Student Orientation & Homeroom