

September 30 – October 4, 2024

Monday Sept 30	Tuesday Oct 1	Wednesday Oct 2	Thursday Oct 3	Friday Oct 4
(School Closed)	Day 2	Day 1 Collaboration Day	Day 2	Day 1
National Holiday for Truth and Reconciliation	Block A 8:30 9:40	Collaboration 8:30 9:50	Block A 8:30 9:40	Block A 8:30 9:40
	Flex Time Sign-in 9:45 10:20	Block A 9:55 10:55	Flex Time Sign-in 9:45 10:20	Flex Time Sign-in 9:45 10:20
	Block B 10:25 11:35	Block B 11:00 12:00	Block B 10:25 11:35	Block B 10:25 11:35
	Break 11:35 11:50	Break 12:00 12:15	Break 11:35 11:50	Break 11:35 11:50
	Block C 11:55 1:05	Block C 12:20 1:20	Block C 11:55 1:05	Block C 11:55 1:05
	Lunch 1:05 1:45	Lunch 1:20 1:55	Lunch 1:05 1:45	Lunch 1:05 1:45
	Block D 1:50 3:00	Block D 2:00 3:00 (Classes begin at 9:55am)	Block D 1:50 3:00	Block D 1:50 3:00
	Grad Boat Cruise 6:30pm – 9:30pm Board @ 6pm	Rosh Hashana Oct. 2-4 (Judaism)	Navaratri Oct. 3-12 (Hinduism)	Loon Lake Music Trip (Oct 4 – 6) World Teacher Day Saturday, October 5
Student Elections: Campaign Week				

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
“Teaching is not a service, profession, or a job. It is a pillar of society.”
Unknown

A good teacher is a philosopher. They understand that teaching can be conceptual and intellectual, abstract and concrete, or creative and sequential. Every day is different and rewarding. They love that they can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a lifelong passion for reading, writing, exploring, and learning.

Teaching is about young people and the future that we want to build together. Teaching is framed through the idea that if teachers share their knowledge and skills, they can draw out the potential of another, and tomorrow will be better than today because the next generation, will be smarter, more knowledgeable, and more skillful.

Teaching is about much more than content. Teachers know their work is about hearts, minds, the past, the future, cause and effect...it is about whatever they can imagine. For teachers, teaching and learning are living life, constantly growing, and developing.

As we celebrate World Teacher Day on October 5th, we honour people who have not only bestowed wisdom upon us but also draw out our potential. It is the supreme art of teaching that awakens joy in creative expression and knowledge. There is no career more important than teaching because teachers model care, empathy, passion, fun, love, and so much more every day and with every student, without fail.

Teaching is an art; it is difficult and challenging at the best of times. Sadly, the regard we have for teachers is a lost tradition. It is true that, in some respect, everyone is a teacher; some just commit a lifetime to this noble pursuit that teaches all other professions.

At McNair, we “Champion students and their learning.”

Extra-curricular school life: Clubs and Teams

A lot of renewed energy has returned to our building through passionate participation with various Clubs and Sports teams. Teachers and parents, please encourage all students to get involved in school life by joining a team and / or a club.

Marlin Mania Clubs Day - October 8th

All clubs will have the opportunity to showcase their club at tables in the main hallway. Clubs may have posters and demonstrations to recruit new members. Club leaders will receive an email after the Club submission due date (Oct. 1).

McNair 2025 Dry Grad - 50/50 Draw

Dry grad will be selling 50/50 draw tickets. If you would like to purchase tickets, [please click here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 5	World Teacher Day
Oct 7	Staff Meeting at 3:05pm (McNair Library)
Oct 8	Marlin Mania- Clubs Day
Oct 8	Dry Grad Meeting for parents at 7pm (McNair Library)
Oct 9	Ed Fac Meeting at Lunch (Room 100)
Oct 10	SBT Meeting at Lunch (Conference Room)
Oct 11	Informal Learning Updates due at 8am (Main office)
Oct 14	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
Oct 16	Informal Learning Updates emailed home
Oct 19	BC Elections (Small Gym)
Oct 21	SCC (Small Gym)
Oct 23	School Photo Retakes
Oct 24	SBT Meeting at Lunch (Conference Room)
Oct 25	Professional Development Day -PSA (School Closed)
Oct 29	Safety Drill @ 9:55am
Oct 30	Haunted House
Oct 31	Halloween

Communicating Student Learning

Student progress information will be communicated to parents in various ways this year. For each subject, students will receive an informal update (interim report), learning update report (midterm) at the mid-point of the semester, and a summary of learning (final report card) at the end of the Semester. These progress updates will include information about the learning progress to date and feedback that will aid in improving a student’s performance, as well as comments about a student’s work habits and engagement. The first communication will be Learning Updates, which will be sent home on October 16, 2024.

Learning Updates Timeline

1. Interim Reports due at 8am on Friday, October 11
2. Interim Reports reviewed by administration and counselling department October 11-16
3. Interim Reports will be emailed home on Wednesday, October 16

Student Council Campaigns and Elections

All candidates have been emailed with instructions for campaign posters and speeches. **Speeches** be on **Oct. 9th & 10th** with **voting taking place Oct. 11th–15th**.

Please see Ms. Lacoumentas if you have any questions.

Grad Boat Cruise

The grad boat cruise is Tuesday, October 1st. Grads board at 6pm and cruise from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Please be at Bayshore West Marina, 450 Denman Street, Vancouver at 6pm. Dress is smart casual, dress warm. **Reminder:** The boat will not wait for latecomers – the boat departs at 6:30pm SHARP. The boat returns at the dock for 9:30pm.