

October 28 – November 1, 2024



THE MCNAIR WAG

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Grade 12 TVR Assembly @ 9:45am	Safety Drill @ 9:55am Lit/Num Lunch & Learn(137)	Haunted House 2024 Block B, C, Break and Lunch (Cost \$2)	Halloween Fashion Show @Lunch (Main Hallway)	Diwali Celebration @Break and Lunch																																																																																																									
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Cross & Slides	Jersey Day	Dress for Fall	Halloween Costumes	PJ Friday																																																																																																									

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
"The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice."
Peggy O'Mara

What an individual believes about themselves shapes their existence. What an individual believes about themselves is influenced by many factors. One of the key influencers is an individual's inner voice. An "inner voice" represents the cumulative of all the people who have influenced an individual from birth onwards. As teachers and parents, the way we communicate with our children becomes their inner voice. Speak to children with kindness and compassion, and their inner voice will in turn speak to them with kindness and compassion. Speak to children with anger and indifference, and their inner voice will speak to them with anger and indifference. Speak to children about their strengths, and their inner voice will speak to them about their strengths and not their weaknesses. Their inner voice will speak to them about never giving up and always trying their best if that is how the adults in their life speak to them. The inner voice is so important: "It is designed to be our superhero, that fights big and small battles." It is hard to fight any battles when we don't believe in ourselves. It is hard to fight any battles, big or small, when one's inner voice says, "you are not capable, the storm is too big, the task is too difficult, and you are too weak."

If you want your student/child to develop a strong inner voice, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others. Let them hear all the things they are doing right. Let them hear how proud you are of them. Let them hear the positive messages so that for a lifetime their inner voice reminds them of all they are capable of. Let them hear the positive so that when they are alone and the "storm" is building, without the presence of their parents and teachers, their inner voice reminds them of how deeply you believe in them, how much you care about them, and how profoundly you love them.
At McNair, we "Champion students and their learning."

Autumn Gala: Senior Winter Formal
 The Autumn Gala is taking place on Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30pm -9:30pm at the Heritage Hall in Vancouver. Grads and invited guests will attend an evening of fun, food, dancing, and socializing. Deadline to purchase tickets is November 15th. Please purchase tickets on SchoolCashOnline (starting soon).

Poinsettia Fundraiser deadline is Friday, November 15th
 Please visit our fundraising website and select from a variety of flowers and arrangements: Poinsettias (red and white), Indoor Tropical Planter, Holiday Wreath, Succulent Bowl, Hanging Greenery Bough, and Outdoor Greenery Arrangement
Pick at McNair on Friday, November 29th.
 Go to: mcnairfundraiser.growingsmilesfundraising.com

- DATES TO REMEMBER:**
- Nov 4 Staff Meeting (after school)
 - Nov 5 Grad Assessment – Literacy 12
 - Nov 6 Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
 - Nov 6 Grade 9: Take Our Kids to Work Day
 - Nov 7 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
 - Nov 8 Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - Nov 11 Remembrance Day (school closed)
 - Nov 13 Ed Fac Meeting (at lunch)
 - Nov 13 Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math Contest
 - Nov 15 Learning Updates Due 8:00am
 - Nov 18 SCC Meeting (at lunch)
 - Nov 20 Learning Updates published on MyEd BC
 - Nov 20 Autumn Gala: Winter Formal @ 6pm (Heritage Hall)
 - Nov 21 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
 - Nov 22 Earthquake and Evacuation Drill @ 9:30am
 - Nov 25 Professional Development Day
 - Nov 26 VCH Immunization Clinic (Gr. 9)
 - Nov 26 Pep Rally and Basketball Home Opener
 - Nov 27 Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) Early Dismissal
 - Nov 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) Early Dismissal

Grade 12 Student Transcript Verification (TVR) Review
 All grade 12 students will receive their course credit transcript verification forms on Monday, October 28th. This is an opportunity for students to ensure their credits and marks are correct before sending them to Post-Secondary institutions.

Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment
 On November 5th, all grade 12 students will be writing their Literacy 12 Assessment. The assessment will begin at 8:30am on Tuesday. Students will receive confirmation of their assessment room later this week and should report to their room by 8:15am. The staff invigilation schedule has been posted on Teams.

Take Our Kids To Work Day
 The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Students Commission of Canada, business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in this initiative which supports students as they begin to identify and develop personal interests, passions and competencies. On **November 6, 2024**, Gr. 9 students in Richmond will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. **Students are asked to return [the permission form](#) to the school office no later than Friday, November 1st.**

Haunted House 2024
 Theatre McNair is proud to announce the return of our annual Halloween tradition, on Wednesday October 30th. The Haunted House is a longstanding McNair tradition and always provides some excellent scares.. Admission is \$2 collected at the door. Teachers can book their classes during blocks B or C, and open to all students during break and lunch. First come, first served!