

November 25 – November 29, 2024



THE MCNAIR WAAC

Monday Nov 25	Tuesday Nov 26	Wednesday Nov 27	Thursday Nov 28	Friday Nov 29																																																																																	
Professional Development Day (School Closed to Students) Pro-D Day Schedule 8:30am Light Breakfast 9am Connection to Story & Place 10:45am Richmond Nature Park 12:30pm Lunch 1:30pm Department & Collaboration Time 1:30pm Culture Club Meeting	Day 2 Pep Rally Bell Schedule <table border="1"> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:30</td><td>9:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>9:30</td><td>10:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Break</td><td>10:25</td><td>10:40</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>10:45</td><td>11:40</td></tr> <tr><td>Lunch</td><td>11:40</td><td>12:20</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>12:25</td><td>1:20</td></tr> <tr><td>Pep Rally</td><td>1:20</td><td>3:00</td></tr> </table> Sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences Closes @ 12pm VCH Immunization Clinic (Gr. 9) Pep Rally and Basketball Home Opener	Block A	8:30	9:25	Block B	9:30	10:25	Break	10:25	10:40	Block C	10:45	11:40	Lunch	11:40	12:20	Block D	12:25	1:20	Pep Rally	1:20	3:00	Day 1 Early Dismissal @ 12:50pm PT Conference Day Schedule <table border="1"> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:30</td><td>9:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>9:30</td><td>10:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Break</td><td>10:25</td><td>10:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>10:55</td><td>11:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>11:55</td><td>12:50</td></tr> <tr><td>PTC</td><td>2:00</td><td>4:00</td></tr> </table> Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)	Block A	8:30	9:25	Block B	9:30	10:25	Break	10:25	10:50	Block C	10:55	11:50	Block D	11:55	12:50	PTC	2:00	4:00	Day 2 Early Dismissal @ 12:50pm PT Conference Day Schedule <table border="1"> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:30</td><td>9:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>9:30</td><td>10:25</td></tr> <tr><td>Break</td><td>10:25</td><td>10:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>10:55</td><td>11:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>11:55</td><td>12:50</td></tr> <tr><td>PTC</td><td>2:00</td><td>4:00</td></tr> <tr><td>PTC</td><td>5:00</td><td>7:00</td></tr> </table> Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 5-7pm) PAC Meeting @ 7pm (McNair Library)	Block A	8:30	9:25	Block B	9:30	10:25	Break	10:25	10:50	Block C	10:55	11:50	Block D	11:55	12:50	PTC	2:00	4:00	PTC	5:00	7:00	Day 1 <table border="1"> <tr><td>Block A</td><td>8:30</td><td>9:40</td></tr> <tr><td>Flex Time Sign-in</td><td>9:45</td><td>10:20</td></tr> <tr><td>Block B</td><td>10:25</td><td>11:35</td></tr> <tr><td>Break</td><td>11:35</td><td>11:50</td></tr> <tr><td>Block C</td><td>11:55</td><td>1:05</td></tr> <tr><td>Lunch</td><td>1:05</td><td>1:45</td></tr> <tr><td>Block D</td><td>1:50</td><td>3:00</td></tr> </table> Pointsettia Order Pick Up 12 – 5pm Conference Room	Block A	8:30	9:40	Flex Time Sign-in	9:45	10:20	Block B	10:25	11:35	Break	11:35	11:50	Block C	11:55	1:05	Lunch	1:05	1:45	Block D	1:50	3:00
Block A	8:30	9:25																																																																																			
Block B	9:30	10:25																																																																																			
Break	10:25	10:40																																																																																			
Block C	10:45	11:40																																																																																			
Lunch	11:40	12:20																																																																																			
Block D	12:25	1:20																																																																																			
Pep Rally	1:20	3:00																																																																																			
Block A	8:30	9:25																																																																																			
Block B	9:30	10:25																																																																																			
Break	10:25	10:50																																																																																			
Block C	10:55	11:50																																																																																			
Block D	11:55	12:50																																																																																			
PTC	2:00	4:00																																																																																			
Block A	8:30	9:25																																																																																			
Block B	9:30	10:25																																																																																			
Break	10:25	10:50																																																																																			
Block C	10:55	11:50																																																																																			
Block D	11:55	12:50																																																																																			
PTC	2:00	4:00																																																																																			
PTC	5:00	7:00																																																																																			
Block A	8:30	9:40																																																																																			
Flex Time Sign-in	9:45	10:20																																																																																			
Block B	10:25	11:35																																																																																			
Break	11:35	11:50																																																																																			
Block C	11:55	1:05																																																																																			
Lunch	1:05	1:45																																																																																			
Block D	1:50	3:00																																																																																			

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!

“Coming together is a beginning: keeping together is progress; working together is success.”
Henry Ford

With *Parent-Teacher Conferences* fast approaching on November 27th and 28th, we are reminded that education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Education begins at home, with parents recognizing that they are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their children are well-educated. We work together to achieve this goal of educating the young, and we stand together in setting high expectations, and making every effort to ensure that every child is given an opportunity to reach their potential. A great way to synchronize our efforts between home and school is to take advantage of *Parent-Teacher Conferences*. When parents and teachers work together, the impact on student progress can be significant. This parent-teacher partnership, like any other, won't work without communication.

Report cards typically don't provide a complete picture of a student's progress: more is required. At McNair, parents are encouraged to advocate for their child, help them set goals, and, most importantly, be knowledgeable about what is happening at McNair and in their child's education. We encourage parents to introduce themselves to the teacher. We encourage open communication between parents and teachers because it will benefit the student and aid the learning process.

We know that parents have key insights about their child's strengths and weaknesses. They can often help provide context to classroom concerns. Invest time in parent-teacher communication, and the payoff will be greater student success.

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

Parent Teacher Virtual/ In-person Conferences

Conferences will be held on November 27th and 28th. All conferences will be held in person or virtually through MS Teams. All teachers will be on site at McNair during their online or in-person conferences. Parents have been able to sign-up for PT Conferences since November 20, 2024, when Learning Updates were published to MyEd BC. We are using an [online sign-up site](#), and [parent instructions](#) have been posted on the McNair's website. Students are welcome to join parents during the Parent Teacher Conference, if they like.

Semester 1 Midterm Learning Update Timeline

November 20	Learning Updates published to MyEdBC. Parent-Teacher Conference Bookings Open
November 27-28	Parent-Teacher Conferences

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec 2 Staff Meeting (after school)
- Dec 4 Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
- Dec 4 Mini School Potluck
- Dec 5 Winter Concert
- Dec 5 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
- Dec 11 Ed Fac Meeting (at lunch)
- Dec 11 Lockdown Drill (Lunch-1:35pm)
- Dec 16 SCC Meeting (at lunch)
- Dec 16 At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Due (3:00pm)
- Dec 18 At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Emailed Home
- Dec 18 Mini School Meeting (at lunch)
- Dec 18 Staff Winter Luncheon
- Dec 19 Locker Clean Up
- Dec 20 Last Day of Classes before Break
- Dec 20 Santa/Winter Breakfast all students and staff welcome
- Dec 20 Turn off/unplug electronics before break
- Dec 23 Winter Break

Staff: Helping a Student Who Is Struggling Academically:

1. Get the student's parents involved early. Call home if a student is not succeeding and make another call home when the student shows improvement. *“Challenge: send a personal email home for each struggling student.”*
2. Try to meet “one on one” with each student who is struggling in your class to develop a learning plan.
3. Provide opportunities for students to self-reflect on their experiences in class. Ask them, “What can they do to improve?”
4. Ask both students and parents how you can help.
5. Look for underlying problems (such as learning gaps or misunderstandings) in the student's learning.

Follow up with other teachers, counsellors, and administrators to gain a better understanding of each struggling student.

Parents: Preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Before the conference: Ask your child about how they feel about their school and classes. Ask your child if there is anything they wish for you to talk about with their teacher. Make a list of topics. Prepare questions to ask the teacher (i.e. Does my child have good work habits? Does my child participate in class? Is my child happy in class? How can I help?).

During the Conference: Ask the most important questions first. Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand. Make a follow-up plan with the teacher. End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.

After the Conference: Talk about the conference with your child. Talk about the positive points and be direct about concerns. Share the plan you and the teacher created and that you will keep in touch with the teacher.