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Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
“And then she realized that a fresh start was hers for the taking, that she could be the woman she’s always seen on the distant horizon—her future self. One step at a time. Starting today.”

Did you feel it? Did you feel the burst of energy and excitement on January 28th as we started a new semester? The second semester provides a fresh start for all of us - students, teachers, and parents alike. The slate is clean and the old has been replaced with the new. It feels akin to the first day of school with new classes, new classmates – a potential catalyst for incredible change. It can motivate you to accomplish tasks, drop habits that weren’t serving you, cultivate new habits aligned with your goals and values, and take meaningful steps toward becoming your best self.

However, too often, we don’t recognize our fresh starts, especially the small ones, for the power they possess. We gloss over them, underutilizing what could otherwise be a force for good in our lives - an opportunity to define ourselves as students and educators.

The key is to mindfully capitalize on this burst of energy in-order to really make a fresh start. That way when your energy eventually wanes, as it usually does when you are in the middle of the semester, you will have derived all the benefits possible from that fresh start. This is because you have established new positive habits, set new goals, and most importantly, evolved into your best self.

As the second semester begins, don’t look back. Look forward and be the student, classmate, friend, child, etc., that you want to be. Harness the energy that derives from a fresh start and forge new and better habits.

Setting new goals for the 2nd Semester

As we enter the second half of school calendar and Semester 2, all students have the opportunity to set new goals. We continue to challenge students to set high expectations for themselves and then to demonstrate determination in striving for these goals. One goal that we continue to focus on for all students is arriving to class on time and prepared. Please help us reinforce this goal so we can start off this new semester with success!

Choosing courses for 2025/26: “What is your mindset?”

At McNair, during course selection and timetable building, we encourage students to take *full*, in-person course loads that are broad and well-balanced. Certainly, we encourage our students to follow their passions and strengths. We also want our students to be open to the notion of improving their stretches and tapping into other parts of their brain and body, including their creative and kinesthetic sides.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb 12 Program Planning Information Assemblies (grade 8-11)
- Feb 12 Ed Fac Meeting (lunch)
- Feb 14 Professional Development Day
- Feb 17 BC Family Day (School Closed)
- Feb 19 Mini School Meeting (lunch)
- Feb 20 SBT Meeting (lunch)
- Feb 23 Deadline for Online Course Request Entry
- Feb 24 SCC Meeting (lunch)
- Feb 26 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 26 Grade 9-11 Math Contests
- Feb 28 Informal Learning Updates Due 8:00am
- Mar 3 Spring Drama Production (Mar 3-7)
- Mar 3 Staff Meeting (after school)
- Mar 4 Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
- Mar 5 Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55am)
- Mar 6 SBT Meeting (at lunch)
- Mar 10 Elementary Basketball Tournament (Mar 10-11)
- Mar 12 Mini School Meeting (at lunch)
- Mar 12 Ed Fac Meeting (after school)
- Mar 13 Locker Clean Up
- Mar 14 Last Day of Classes before Break
- Mar 14 Turn off/unplug electronics before break
- Mar 17-28 Spring Break
- Mar 31 First Day of Classes after Break
- Mar 31 SCC Meeting (at lunch)

Communicating Student Learning

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1 courses will be published in MyEd BC on February 5th. Please ensure you have access to [MyEd BC](#). Also, before we turn our attention to Semester 2 classes, please take a moment to reflect on learning and teaching that has occurred in Semester 1. For teachers and students, this is an opportunity to celebrate their successes, learning, hard work, and determination.

Summary of Learning Timeline – Semester 1 Final

Jan 31- Feb 4	Admin/counselling review of all learning updates
February 5	Semester 1 Summary of Learning published MyEdBC

McNair Secondary School’s Open House – February 6, 2025

Please join us for McNair’s Open House and Meet the Teacher Night. This is an opportunity for teachers and parents to develop a partnership, share the teacher’s pedagogy, develop a better understanding of the curriculum that will be covered in each course and the expectations the teacher has for students, as well as seeing some of the amazing things students are doing and learning at McNair. Everyone is welcome.

Grade 7 Parent Information	6:00pm	7:00pm
Mini School Information	6:30pm	7:00pm
Open House & Meet the Teacher	7:00pm	8:00pm
Program Planning Current Gr. 8 to 11	8:00pm	9:00pm