

September 1 – September 5, 2025

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	New Staff Orientation @ 2pm in Library		Mini School Strathcona Trip (Sept 4-8)																																																																

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

Welcome to a new school year at McNair Secondary!

As we begin this exciting journey together, we embrace the theme *McNair CARES*—a reminder that our community is built on **Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Empathy, and Service**. These values guide how we learn, how we support one another, and how we grow as individuals and as a school.

Learning is not confined to classrooms or textbooks—it's a lifelong process. *"The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."* At McNair, we believe every day is a new beginning, a chance to explore ideas, challenge perspectives, and build a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

There is no end to learning; rather, there are many beginnings. The search for knowledge is an infinite journey. What we currently know is merely a framework that helps us predict events and understand our actions. Each of us sees the world through our own lens, but there is no "one true knowledge." We can always seek new perspectives and reshape our understanding—day by day, year by year—if we continue to learn.

As individuals and as a society, we are constantly challenged to discover, question, and grow. Competing ideas and unknowns push us to build and rebuild our worldviews. Fortunately, we have the ability to learn more, reflect deeply, and evolve. This process never stops.

This year, let's champion curiosity, celebrate growth, and support each other in becoming thoughtful, informed, and caring citizens. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're so glad you're here. ***Championing 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 9	Health & Safety Meeting
Sept 9	Flex Time (Block A Classes)
Sept 10	Flex Time (Block B Classes)
Sept 10	Ed Fac Meeting
Sept 11	Flex Time (Block C Classes)
Sept 11	School Based Team Meeting
Sept 12	Grad Fest @ Lunch
Sept 15	Collaboration Day (classes begin at 9:55am)
Sept 16	Flex Time (Block D Classes)
Sept 16	Earthquake & Evacuation Drill (Block B - 10:30am)
Sept 17	Flex Time (Begins: Sign-up required)
Sept 17	Mini School Meeting
Sept 18	Meet the Teacher Night
Sept 19	Grade 8 Literacy Assessment
Sept 22	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
Sept 23	SCC Meeting
Sept 24	School Photo Day
Sept 25	Terry Fox Run
Sept 25	School Based Team Meeting
Sept 26	Grade 8 Connections Day
Sept 29	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*

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

8:30 am	Morning 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
1:00pm	Grade 11-12 Student Orientation & Homeroom
2:00pm	Orientation for Staff New to Building