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Collaboration Day (classes begin at 9:55am)	Flex Time All students attend Block D Classes Earthquake & Evacuation Drill (Block B -10:30am)	Flex Time (Begins: Sign-up required) Mini School Meeting	Flex Time (Sign-up required) Meet the Teacher Night	Grade 8 Literacy Assessment																																																																																																						
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Crocs & Slides	McNair Merch	Grade 7 Hoodies	Jersey Day	Pyjamas & Plushies																																																																																																						

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

The Power of Partnership: Parents and Teachers United for Student Success

It's no surprise to anyone: parents and teachers share a common purpose—they want children to thrive. At the heart of every classroom and every home is a deep commitment to helping students succeed, not just academically, but as confident, capable individuals.

“Meet the Teacher” is more than a calendar event. It's the first step in building a meaningful partnership between educators and families—a partnership rooted in trust, shared goals, and mutual respect. When teachers reach out to parents as collaborators in the learning process, the impact is profound. Parents feel empowered to support their children's growth, and teachers feel supported in their mission to inspire and guide.

When families are informed and included, they become active participants in their child's education. They reinforce learning at home, celebrate progress, and help students stay focused and motivated. Together, teachers and parents create a learning environment that extends beyond the classroom—one that nurtures curiosity, resilience, and achievement.

But the greatest beneficiaries of this partnership are the students. They flourish when surrounded by adults who believe in them, encourage them, and hold them accountable. They gain confidence knowing they have a team—at school and at home—working together to help them reach their potential. When we move forward together, success becomes not just possible, but inevitable.

Creating a culture of family engagement takes intention, effort, and care. But the rewards are immeasurable. These partnerships build strong, inclusive school communities where every student is seen, supported, and given the opportunity to succeed—not just today, but for the future they are preparing to shape. **At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Meet the Teacher Night September 18, 2025

6:30 pm	McNair's School Story - Large Gym
6:50 pm	Welcoming remarks in the Large Gym
7pm - 8pm	Parents/Guardians meet their child's Teacher

Parent Schedule for Meet the Teacher 7pm to 8pm

Block A	7:00pm	7:08pm	A personalized Meet the Teacher schedule will be emailed to all parents prior to our Meet the Teacher Night.
Block B	7:12pm	7:20pm	
Block C	7:24pm	7:32pm	
Block D	7:36pm	7:44pm	
Off Timetable	7:48pm	7:56pm	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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)
Oct 1	McNair Clubs Day
Oct 6	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Oct 6	Staff Meeting (after school)
Oct 7	Health & Safety Meeting
Oct 8	Ed Fac Meeting
Oct 9	School Based Team Meeting
Oct 10	Informal Learning Updates due by 8:00am
Oct 13	Thanksgiving-School Closed
Oct 15	Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
Oct 15	Mini School Meeting
Oct 16	Grad Autumn Gala

Collaboration Day

The first Collaboration Day of the 2025–26 school year will take place on **Monday, September 15th**. On this day, students will begin their first class at **9:55am** to allow time for staff collaboration. While students enjoy the extra morning downtime, teachers will be rolling up their sleeves and diving into collaborative planning sessions designed to spark new ideas and strengthen student learning.

Marlin Mania Clubs Day - October 1st

On October 1st, 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 (September 25th) to confirm their participation. Please see Mr. Jaswal if you have questions.

McNair Flex Time (Sign-up is required)

Each day, we allocate instructional time for “self-directed” personalized learning. During Flex Time, students engage in independent learning and pursue their learning with the support and mentorship of teachers. This approach empowers students with choice and ownership of their learning, while our staff members facilitate a supportive learning environment.

First Safety Drills on September 16th

Safety is a shared responsibility, and at McNair Secondary, we are committed to ensuring that every student and staff member is prepared to respond calmly and effectively in the event of an emergency. Our drills include for earthquake preparedness, as well as fire and lockdown drills. These exercises build confidence, reduce panic, and reinforce a strong culture of safety and readiness.