

September 8 – September 12, 2025

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

As educators, it is our responsibility to listen, learn, and lead within our school community. At McNair Secondary, fostering a culture that values the voices of all who call this school home—including students, teachers, families, and community members—is essential to building an inclusive and representative educational environment.

Teacher, student, and family voice refers to the meaningful ways in which stakeholders can participate in and influence educational decisions, both directly and indirectly. When these voices are actively incorporated, we create a foundation of equity and cultivate culturally responsive classrooms that expand access, opportunity, and success—particularly for students who have been historically marginalized within the education system.

Culturally responsive teaching integrates students' lived experiences, learning styles, and prior knowledge into instructional practices, making learning more relevant and effective. Beyond the classroom, stakeholder voice can shape broader school operations, from leadership decisions to school-wide initiatives. Within classrooms, it can involve gathering feedback on teaching practices or co-creating learning experiences with students and families.

By embracing and amplifying the voices of teachers, students, and families, we deepen our understanding of the diverse cultural, economic, and geographic backgrounds that shape our community. This inclusive approach strengthens our ability to serve all learners and ensures that McNair remains a place where every voice matters. **Championing Students and Their Learning**

McNair Flex Time starts September 9th

During Flex Time, we allocate instructional time for “self-directed” personalized learning. Students engage in independent learning and pursue their goals 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.

Signing up for Flex Time is required

Sign-up information for Flex Time will be provided during Flex this week. Students will attend classes as indicated above for this week, where teachers will share more information regarding expectations for the use of their classroom during Flex. Monday's Flex will begin with a brief virtual assembly to review school-wide procedures and expectations for Flex Time.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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)
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 Meeting
Oct 10	Informal Learning Updates due by 8:00am

Meet the Teacher Night September 18, 2024 @ 7pm

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

GRAD FEST – Friday, September 12th at lunch (Large Gym)

Grad Fest is the first kickoff event for our Grads of 2025. They will meet to receive t-shirts and lunch while Grad Council conducts fun activities. Teachers are invited to join as students will be signing their shirts and love to have teachers sign as well.

Course Changes deadline September 8th @ 5pm

Deadline for students requesting a course change is September 8th.

Attendance

Please take daily attendance on MyEd. MyEd is a live data base, and attendance needs to be taken on-time and accurately every class so that parents can be alerted of unexcused absences.

	Attendance Due	Absent Alert Sent home
First Block	9am	By noon
Collaboration Days	10am	6pm
Last Block	2:15pm	6pm

If attendance is not posted on time, Ms. Johal will alert teachers.

McNair Clubs Day

Applications opens Monday Sept 8 at 9am, closes Sept. 25 at 3pm.