

October 13 – October 17, 2025

Monday Oct 13	Tuesday Oct 14	Wednesday Oct 15	Thursday Oct 16	Friday Oct 17					
Thanksgiving (School Closed)	Day 2		Day 2		Day 1				
	Block A	8:30	9:42	Block A	8:30	9:42	Block A	8:30	9:50
	Flex Time	9:47	10:19	Flex Time	9:47	10:19	Block B	9:55	11:15
	Block B	10:24	11:36	Block B	10:24	11:36	Break	11:15	11:25
	Break	11:36	11:46	Break	11:36	11:46	Block C	11:30	12:50
	Block C	11:51	1:03	Block C	11:51	1:03	Lunch	12:50	1:35
	Lunch	1:03	1:43	Lunch	1:03	1:43	Block D	1:40	3:00
	Block D	1:48	3:00	Block D	1:48	3:00			
	UBC Teacher Candidates Visit 11:30am to 2:30pm		Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home		Grad Autumn Gala 6:30pm to 9:30pm Metro Hall, New Westminister				
	Mini School Meeting (at lunch)								

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

“Assessments are critical in the learning process. Without them, teachers and students would never know when to move onto the next subject, or how to help students.” — *Unknown*

The Power of Assessment: Nurturing Growth Through Reflection. As we approach the first progress report of the year, we are reminded—both as educators and parents—that belief in one’s ability is a powerful predictor of success. Students who feel confident in their capacity to learn are more likely to engage deeply, persevere through challenges, and remain open to future growth. Interim reports, or Learning Updates as we call them, should serve to support this confidence—not diminish it.

True self-confidence is not built through inflated praise or exaggerated achievement. It grows when students see their strengths clearly, recognize the obstacles they’ve overcome, and are guided toward meaningful next steps. Resilient learners understand that setbacks are part of the journey. They rise, reflect, and try again—each time stronger and more prepared. This mindset fosters not only academic success but lifelong adaptability.

When communicating student progress, it is essential to distinguish between a lack of ability and a lack of belief. Research shows that students who struggle with self-confidence often possess the same potential as their peers—they simply don’t see it in themselves. This internal doubt can become a barrier to participation and risk-taking, reinforcing a cycle of disengagement. For these learners, Learning Updates must be crafted with care, ensuring they do not reinforce feelings of inadequacy but instead highlight growth and possibility.

Progress reports should do more than reflect achievement—they should inspire it. They are an opportunity to affirm what has been learned, to set new goals, and to encourage the next steps on each student’s unique path. When thoughtfully written, they become a bridge between where a student is and where they are capable of going.

Let us use this moment to uplift, to guide, and to remind every learner: your potential is real, your growth is visible, and your journey is just beginning. **At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Need extra help?

Flex Time is great way to get extra learning support for all students in all subject areas. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this time. Students must sign-up, or teachers and parents can also request students attend Flex Time in their room. Attendance is taken and reported back to parents every Friday.

McNair Tutoring Club provides free tutoring to students in academic subject areas. We have a large group peer tutors who are available to help. To request and arrange tutoring, send an email to mcnairtutors@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 20	SCC Meeting
Oct 23	School Based Team Meeting
Oct 24	Pro-D Day - Provincial PSA Day
Oct 24-26	Loon Lake Music Retreat
Oct 28	Hold & Secure, Lockdown, & Evacuation Drill (Flex - 9:50am)
Oct 30	School Photo Retakes
Oct 30	Haunted House
Nov 3	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Nov 3	Staff Meeting (after school)
Nov 4	Health & Safety Meeting
Nov 5	Take Our Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov 5	Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment
Nov 6	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 7	Suggested Marks Cutoff
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - School Closed
Nov 12	Ed Fac Meeting
Nov 14	Learning Updates Due 8:00am
Nov 17	SCC Meeting
Nov 19	Learning Updates Published on MyEdBC
Nov 19	Parent-Teacher Conference Bookings Open
Nov 19	Mini School Meeting
Nov 20	Earthquake & Evacuation Drill (Block A - 9:15am)
Nov 20	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 21	Post-Secondary Fair (9:30-11:30)
Nov 24	Pep Rally and Basketball Home Opener
Nov 24	VCH Immunization Clinic
Nov 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)
Nov 26	Early Dismissal
Nov 27	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 5-7pm)
Nov 27	Early Dismissal
Nov 28	Pro-D Day

Communicating Student Learning – Learning Updates

All students and parents will receive an Informal Learning Update with brief information from each teacher on October 15. These updates are an opportunity for parents to see the progress their students have made in each course. Equally important, Learning Updates are an opportunity for students to review their goals and even set new goals if they are not meeting their expectations. At McNair, our staff continues to challenge students to set high expectations for themselves and to demonstrate determination in striving for these goals. Setting goals is a good way to help students to reflect on what is important to them, clear their minds, and focus on what type of student they want to be.

Learning Updates Timeline

October 15	Interim Reports emailed home
November 14	Semester 1 Term 1 Learning Updates
November 26 & 27	Parent Conferences 2-4pm & 6-8pm(27 th only)

Autumn Gala: Senior Formal for Graduates

The Autumn Gala is Thursday, October 16th from 6:30pm -9:30pm at the The Metro Hall in New Westminister. Grads and invited guests will attend an evening of fun, food, dancing, and socializing. Please see grad Council and Ms. Iversen if you have questions. Hope to see all the Grads there.