

October 6 – October 10, 2025

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Collaboration Day (classes begin at 9:55am) Staff Soup Day at Lunch (Conference Room) Staff Meeting at 3pm (Library) World Teacher Day October 5, 2025	Health & Safety Meeting at Lunch (Conference Room)	Ed Fac Meeting at Lunch (Room 100)	Grade 12 Capstone Meeting at Flextime (Theatre) School Based Team Meeting at Lunch (Conference Room)	Informal Learning Updates due by 8:00am Reminder: Thanksgiving on Monday, October 13, 2025 (School Closed)																																																																																																						

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

Teaching is not a service, profession, or a job. It is a pillar of society. — Unknown

Teaching is not merely the transmission of knowledge—it is the quiet architecture of possibility. A great teacher is a philosopher and a guide, navigating the abstract and the concrete, the creative and the methodical. Each day brings new questions, new challenges, and new joys. In every lesson, they plant seeds of curiosity, compassion, and courage.

To teach is to believe in the future. It is to see potential where others see uncertainty, and to nurture it with patience and care. When teachers share their wisdom, they do more than educate—they elevate. They shape minds that will build a better tomorrow: more thoughtful, more skilled, more just.

Teaching is not confined to content. It is a living dialogue between past and future, heart and mind, cause and effect. It is imagination in motion. For teachers, learning is life—ever evolving, ever expanding.

On **October 5th**, we honour those who awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. Teachers model empathy, resilience, and wonder. They do not just teach—they transform. Though the reverence for teaching may have waned, its impact remains profound. Every profession begins with a teacher. And some choose to dedicate their lives to this noble calling.

Teaching is not easy. It is demanding, intricate, and deeply human. But it is also sacred. And on this day, we celebrate those who carry its torch—with grace, with grit, and with boundless heart. **At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Autumn Gala: Senior Formal for Graduates

The Autumn Gala is taking place on Thursday, October 16th from 6:30pm -9:30pm at the The Metro Hall in New Westminster. Grads and invited guests will attend an evening of fun, food, dancing, and socializing. Deadline to purchase tickets is October 10th. Please purchase tickets on SchoolCashOnline. Please see grad Council and Ms. Iversen if you have questions. Hope to see all the Grads there.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 13 Thanksgiving - School Closed
 Oct 15 Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
 Oct 15 Mini School Meeting
 Oct 16 Grad Autumn Gala
 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 9:50am
 Oct 30 School Photo Retakes 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

Communicating Student Learning

Student progress information will be communicated to parents in various ways this year. For each subject, students will receive an informal update (interim report), learning update report (midterm) at the mid-point of the semester, and a summary of learning (final report card) at the end of the Semester.

These progress updates will include information about the learning progress to date and feedback that will aid in improving a student's performance, as well as comments about a student's work habits and engagement. The first communication will be Informal Learning Updates, which will be sent home on October 15, 2025.

Learning Updates Timeline

October 3-10	Teachers prepare Interim Report Cards
October 10	Interim files due by 8am
October 11-14	Admin & Counsellors review Interim Reports
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)