THE MCNAIR WAAG

November 24 – November 28, 2025

Monday Nov 24	Tuesday Nov 25	Wednesday Nov 26	Thursday Nov 27	Friday Nov 28
Day 2 Block A 8:30 9:50 Block B 9:55 11:15 Break 11:15 11:25 Block C 11:30 12:50 Lunch 12:50 1:35 Block D 1:40 3:00 **VCH Immunization Clinic**	**Day 1** Block A 8:30 9:42 Flex Time 9:47 10:19 Block B 10:24 11:36 Break 11:36 11:46 Block C 11:51 1:03 Lunch 1:03 1:43 Block D 1:48 3:00	**Day 2** **PT Conference Day Schedule** Block A 8:30 9:25 Block B 9:30 10:25 Break 10:25 10:50 Block C 10:55 11:50 Block D 11:55 12:50 PTC 2:00 4:00 **Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm)** **Early Dismissal**	**Day 1** **PT Conference Day Schedule** Block A 8:30 9:25 Block B 9:30 10:25 Break 10:25 10:50 Block C 10:55 11:50 Block D 11:55 12:50 PTC 2:00 4:00 **Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 5-7pm)** **Early Dismissal**	**Pro-D Day** **8:30am – Welcome** **9:00am – UBC Geering Up (classroom challenge)** **11:15am - Interdisciplinary Planning** **12pm – Lunch** **1pm – Department Meetings**

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
"Coming together is a beginning: keeping together is progress; working together is success." *Henry Ford*

As we approach Parent-Teacher Conferences on **November 26th and 27th**, we are reminded that education is a shared responsibility—between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and supportive parents with high expectations.

Learning begins at home. Parents play a vital role in ensuring their children receive the best education possible. By working together, we can help every student reach their full potential.

One of the most effective ways to strengthen this partnership is through Parent-Teacher Conferences. When parents and teachers communicate openly, the impact on student success is significant. Report cards alone don't tell the whole story.

At McNair, we encourage parents to: 1) advocate for their child, 2) help set meaningful goals, and stay informed about what's happening at school. Introduce yourself to your child's teacher and share your insights. Parents often provide valuable context about a student's strengths and challenges. Investing time in these conversations pays off with greater student achievement.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are more than a meeting—they are an opportunity to build trust, share perspectives, and create a roadmap for success. When home and school work in harmony, students feel supported and empowered to reach their highest potential.

Let's work together to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive! **At McNair we *champion students & their learning*.**

Staff: Helping a Student Who Is Struggling Academically:

1. Get the student's parents involved early. Call home if a student is not succeeding and make another call home when the student shows improvement. *"Challenge: send a personal email home for each struggling student."*
2. Try to meet "one on one" with each student who is struggling in your class to develop a learning plan.
3. Provide opportunities for students to self-reflect on their experiences in class. Ask them, "What can they do to improve?"
4. Ask both students and parents how you can help.
5. Look for underlying problems (such as learning gaps or misunderstandings) in the student's learning.

Follow up with other teachers, counsellors, and administrators to gain a better understanding of each struggling student.

Basketball Home Opener and Pep Rally
Get ready to cheer! The Senior Girls and Boys Basketball Home Opener is on December 2, 2025. To kick things off, the Athletic Council will host an Pep Rally during Block C, introducing all our teams and players. In the evening, let's pack the gym, show our school spirit, and support our athletes as they start the season strong!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec 1	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Dec 1	Staff Meeting (after school)
Dec 2	Health & Safety Meeting Pep Rally and Basketball Home Opener
Dec 3	Mini School Potluck
Dec 4	Winter Music Concert
Dec 4	School Based Team Meeting
Dec 10	Ed Fac Meeting
Dec 10	Lockdown Drill (Lunch - 1:35pm)
Dec 15	At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Due (3:00 pm)
Dec 15	SCC Meeting
Dec 17	At-Risk Learning Completion Plans Emailed Home
Dec 17	Mini School Meeting
Dec 18	Locker Clean Up
Dec 19	Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break
Jan 5	School re-opens after Winter Break
Jan 6	Health & Safety Meeting
Jan 8	School Based Team Meeting
Jan 12	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
Jan 14	Career Programs Assembly - Block B (Grade 10/11 Students) Ed Fac Meeting
Jan 16-20	Artona Grad Photo Sessions *All grade 12s **must book appointments** online at artona.com*
Jan 19	SCC Meeting
Jan 21	Literacy 10 Graduation Assessment Mini School Meeting
Jan 22	Evacuation Drill (Block C - 12:00pm) School Based Team Meeting
Jan 23	Last Day of Semester 1 Classes Suggested Marks Cutoff
Jan 26	Learning Completion Day - No scheduled classes
Jan 27	First Day of Semester 2 Classes
Jan 30	Semester 1 Summary of Learning Due 8:00am

Parent Teacher Virtual/ In-person Conferences
Conferences will be held on November 26th and 27th. All teachers will be on site at McNair during their online or in-person conferences. Last day to sign-up for conferences is November 25th. Students are welcome to join parents during the PT Conferences. **All parent-teacher conferences must be booked online.**

Parents: Preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Before the conference: Ask your child about how they feel about their school and classes. Ask your child if there is anything they wish for you to talk about with their teacher. Make a list of topics. Prepare questions to ask the teacher (i.e. Does my child have good work habits? Does my child participate in class? Is my child happy in class? How can I help?).

During the Conference: Ask the most important questions first. Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand. Make a follow-up plan with the teacher. End the meeting on time. Other parents will probably have a conference after yours.

After the Conference: Talk about the conference with your child. Talk about the positive points and be direct about concerns. Share the plan you and the teacher created and that you will keep in touch with the teacher.