

December 8 – December 12, 2025

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<div>Student Council's Candy Cane Cuties Sales Dec. 8th to 17th</div>	<div>Grade 8 and 9 Basketball Tournament</div>	<div>Grade 8 and 9 Basketball Tournament</div>	<div>Grade 8 and 9 Basketball Tournament</div> <div>Grad Council's Movie Night (Small Gym 5:30pm)</div> <div>McNair PAC Meeting Teams 7pm</div>	<div>Staff Luncheon (Library)</div> <div>Spirit Week December 15th to 19th</div>																																																																																																			

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

"There is no separation of mind and emotions; emotions, thinking, and learning are all linked." Eric Jensen.

Typically, the last couple of weeks of the school year before winter break are filled with fun and excitement. This winter, we will try to infuse our school with joy and happiness because learning involves emotion.

We know that learning is optimized in safe, caring, inclusive environments that offer challenges and opportunities for growth. The brain's neural pathways grow stronger when the learner experiences increasing levels of intrinsic motivation. Actively participating in the school's culture builds this motivation.

Emotions impact brain responses and memory formation; we tend to remember emotionally charged events better than boring ones. We are excited that this school year, we have the opportunity to celebrate Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, and other occasions in our own special ways at McNair.

It is incumbent upon all adults to find a way to celebrate because it is important for young people and their continued development to be physically, emotionally, socially, and academically engaged: enjoying school, community, and family life. **At McNair, we "Champion students and their learning."**

Marlin Year-End Extravaganza hosted by Student Council

Student Council will host a year-end extravaganza that includes: Santa breakfast, line dancing, and a sing along, on Friday, December 19, 2025 starting @8:30am in the Large Gym. All Students are welcome and there is no charge for the breakfast, as all food is prepared by students and staff. Please join the fun! There will be games, cookie decorating, and prizes. Happy Holidays everyone!

Candy Cane Cuties

Stuco is selling candy canes for \$1 to celebrate the holidays. Students may purchase a candy cane and include a personalized message for their friends and / or teachers. The last day to purchase is December 17th. The Candy Canes will be distributed on December 18th.

Spirit Week – December 15th to 19th

There is an exciting week ahead at McNair Secondary School, last week of school for 2025 will be Spirit Week organized by Student Council. We encourage everyone to dig through their closets and come up with something to wear for spirit week. Demonstrate your school spirit and help build the positive atmosphere that will lead to, not only a happier school, but also a more productive learning environment.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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 <i>All grade 12s must book appointments online at artona.com</i>
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
Feb 2	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am) Staff Meeting (after school)
Feb 3	Health & Safety Meeting
Feb 4	Semester 1 Summary of Learning Published on MyEdBC
Feb 5	School Based Team Meeting

Students with Emerging or Insufficient Evidence

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1 will occur in late January 2025. On December 17, 2025, a small number of our students will receive an "Incomplete Learning Report / Plan." because they are not yet meeting expectation in their courses and are at risk of not completing the Learning Standards by the end of the semester. These plans will detail the learning that must be demonstrated to successfully meet the Learning Standards for the course. The reports/plans will be emailed home on December 17th with the expectation that students will engage in the necessary steps to improve their standing.

Supporting Struggling Students

- Connect with all those that support the student
- Communicate promptly when challenges arise and celebrate progress together
- Provide individual support.. meet one-on-one to create simple, achievable learning plans
- Encourage Reflection
- Collaborate.. involve teachers, parents and students
- Find root causes..address learning gaps or external factors, and share insights with teachers, counselors, and administrators.