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Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
“And then she realized that a fresh start was hers for the taking, that she could be the woman she’s always seen on the distant horizon—her future self. One step at a time. Starting today.”

Did you feel it—the surge of energy and excitement on January 27th as we launched into a brand-new semester? The start of second semester offers a clean slate for all of us—students, teachers, and parents.

Everything old fades into the background, replaced by new possibilities. In many ways, it feels like the very first day of school again: new classes, new classmates, and a renewed sense of purpose that can spark meaningful change.

This moment has the power to motivate us—to tackle tasks we’ve put off, let go of habits that no longer serve us, build new routines that align with our goals, and take intentional steps toward becoming our best selves.

Yet too often, we overlook these fresh starts, especially the small ones, not realizing how powerful they can be. We rush past them and miss the opportunity to redefine ourselves as learners and educators.

The key is to mindfully harness this burst of energy so that your fresh start truly takes root. That way, when motivation naturally dips later in the semester, you’ll already have benefitted from the momentum of these early weeks—you’ll have established positive habits, set meaningful goals, and grown into a stronger version of yourself.

As we begin the second semester, resist the urge to look back. Look ahead. Be the student, classmate, friend, and person you aspire to be. Embrace the momentum of a fresh start, and use it to build new and better habits.

At McNair, we “Champion students and their learning.”

Setting new goals for the 2nd Semester

As we enter the second half of school calendar and Semester 2, all students have the opportunity to set new goals. We continue to challenge students to set high expectations for themselves and then to demonstrate determination in striving for these goals. One goal that we continue to focus on for all students is arriving to class on time and prepared. Please help us reinforce this goal so we can start off this new semester with success!

Communicating Student Learning

Final evaluations of student learning for Semester 1 courses will be published in MyEd BC on February 4th. Please ensure you have access to [MyEd BC](#). As we turn our attention to Semester 2 classes, please take a moment to reflect on learning. For teachers and students, this is an opportunity to celebrate their successes, learning, hard work, and determination.

Summary of Learning Timeline – Semester 1 Final

Jan 30 - Feb 3	Admin/counselling review of all learning updates
February 4	Semester 1 Summary Learning published MyEdBC

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 11	SD38 Student Voice Forum
	Ed Fac Meeting
Feb 12	McNair Open House
Feb 13	Pro-D Day
Feb 16	BC Family Day - School Closed
Feb 18	Mini School Meeting
Feb 19	School Based Team Meeting
Feb 23	SCC Meeting
Feb 25	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 27	Informal Learning Updates Due 8:00am
Mar 2	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
	Staff Meeting (after school)
Mar 2-6	Spring Drama Production
Mar 3	Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
Mar 9-10	Elementary Basketball Tournament
Mar 13	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
Mar 16-27	Spring Break
Mar 30	First Day of Classes after Spring Break
	SCC Meeting
Apr 2	School Based Team Meeting
Apr 3	Good Friday - School Closed
Apr 6	Easter Monday - School Closed
Apr 7	Grade 12 Mini Food Bank Experience
	Health & Safety Meeting
Apr 8	Ed Fac Meeting
Apr 10	Suggested Marks Cutoff
Apr 13	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:55 am)
	Staff Meeting (after school)
Apr 14	Grade 12 Mini Food Bank Experience
Apr 15	Mini School Meeting
	Evacuation Drill (Block B - 10:30am)
Apr 16	School Based Team Meeting
Apr 17	Learning Updates Due 8:00am
	Grade 8 Reading Assessment

McNair Secondary School’s Open House – February 12, 2026

Please join us for McNair’s Open House and Meet the Teacher Night. This is an opportunity for teachers and parents to develop a partnership, share the teacher’s pedagogy, develop a better understanding of the curriculum that will be covered in each course and the expectations the teacher has for students, as well as seeing some of the amazing things students are doing and learning at McNair. Everyone is welcome.

Grade 7 Parent Information	6:00pm	7:00pm
Mini School Information	6:30pm	7:00pm
Open House & Meet the Teacher	7:00pm	8:00pm
Program Planning Current Gr. 8 to 11	8:00pm	9:00pm

Choosing courses for 2026/27: “What is your mindset?”

In a couple, students will start selecting their 2026-2027 courses, we encourage students to take *full*, in-person course loads that are broad and well-balanced. Certainly, we encourage our students to follow their passions and strengths. We also want our students to be open to new experiences, learning, and accessing parts of their brain and body, including their creative and kinesthetic sides.