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SCC Meeting Room 100 (Lunch)	Wear Pink on Tomorrow	Pink Shirt Day (ACT)  Be Safe, Be Kind, Be You	The Lightning Thief The Percy Jackson Musical March 2-6 @7pm Purchase your Tickets by emailing Ms. Zanikos mzanikos@sd38.bc.ca	Informal Learning Updates Due at 8am Grade 12 Students Purchase your Dry Grad Tickets Past Due Textbook Return to the Library																																																																																																			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Reminder: Online Course Selection Closes on February 25, 2026 </div>		CBC Presentation 10:30am-11:30am (Library)																																																																																																					

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
Why Pink Shirts? In 2007, two classmates in Nova Scotia saw a fellow student being bullied for wearing a “pink shirt,” so they decided to take a stand against the bully. They wore pink shirts to school the next day and started a worldwide movement.

Regardless of the amount of bullying people have been exposed to, they remember it. The science of the brain tells us that an individual is more likely to remember bad events with greater detail than good ones. The areas of the brain responsible for the formation of memories are triggered and have increased activity when individuals experience fear or sadness.

Memories of bullying are preserved in greater detail than happy or neutral memories. We have all done thousands of things the “right way,” but we remember the few things we did wrong so much more easily because of the way the human brain has evolved. As such, the consequences of bullying are significant and can have lasting impacts. Therefore, it does not matter if an individual thinks bullying is wrong. What matters is when you see bullying, you stand up and try to put an end to it, each and every time you see it, read it, hear it, because even one episode of bullying can last a lifetime.

Helping a child stop their bullying, helping a bullied child find closure, helping a child acknowledge what happened, and helping a child focus on taking care of themselves and growing as a person - these are the goals of Pink Shirt Day. If you turn and look the other way when someone needs help, you might as well be the bully too. The strong stand up for others. Educators, students, and parents stand up for others. We all wear pink.

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

Communicating Student Learning

Semester 2 student progress will be communicated with parents on March 3rd. For each subject, all students will be given an Informal Learning Update Report, that include learning progress to date, as well as comments about a student’s work habits and engagement.

Informal Learning Update Timeline

February 25-27	Teachers prepare Learning Updates
February 27	Learning Update Files due by 8am
March 2	Admin Review Learning Update Reports
March 3	Learning Update Reports emailed home

One of the most impactful approaches we can take is to stay present with students—seeing who they are today while supporting who they can become tomorrow. When educators and parents hold high expectations and pair them with genuine, in-the-moment encouragement, students are more likely to engage, take risks, and rise to challenges. This mindset extends beyond academic achievement; it nurtures confidence, resilience, and habits that support lifelong learning.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
Apr 20	SCC Meeting
Apr 22	Learning Updates Published on MyEdBC P-T Conf. Bookings Open Grad Boat Cruise
Apr 23	Numeracy 10 Graduation Assessment
Apr 24	Pro-D Day
Apr 29	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm) Early Dismissal
Apr 30	Parent-Teacher Conferences (2-4pm & 5-7pm) Early Dismissal

Program Planning Timeline

The [Program Planning](#) process for the 2026-26 school year is underway. All course requests must be entered online through MyEducation BC. Online Course Selection close on February 25th.

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

At McNair, we encourage students to take full, in-person course loads that is broad, well-balanced, and aligned with their long-term goals. We support students in exploring their passions and strengths while remaining open to new opportunities that challenge them intellectually and creatively. Our aim is to help every learner build a diverse skill set, discover new interests, and develop the confidence to thrive in an ever-changing world.

High expectations aren’t about perfection. They’re about being fully present with each learner and sending a clear message: “I see your strengths, I believe in your growth, and I’m here to support you every step of the way.”