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<p>Learning Completion Plans Due (3:00 pm)</p> <p>SCC Meeting</p> <p>Voting Begins Valedictory Class Speaker (Grade 12s only)</p> <p>Student Council Videos played in Block B</p>	<p>SD38 Indigenous Achievement Ceremony (Large Gym @ 5pm)</p> <p>VCH Immunization Clinic</p>	<p>Learning Completion Plans Emailed Home</p>	<p>Vote for Valedictory Class Speaker (Grade 12s only)</p>	<p>Voting Endings Valedictory Class Speaker (Grade 12s only)</p>																																																																																																			
<p>May 26-28 Gr. 10 Mini - Egmont</p>			<p>May 27-29 Gr. 12 Mini – Squamish</p>																																																																																																				

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
Remember, you've been criticizing yourself for years, and it hasn't worked. Try approving of yourself and see what happens."
Louise L. Hay

We all experience setbacks, and our students are no exception. In fact, they may encounter them more frequently as they are constantly being assessed while they grow and develop. In response, students often become defensive and blame others, or more commonly, turn inward and blame themselves. While blaming others may relieve responsibility, it limits learning. Blaming oneself, on the other hand, can lead to an overly harsh view of one's abilities, undermining confidence, motivation, and growth.

What if, instead, we encouraged students to treat themselves as they would a friend in a similar situation—with kindness, understanding, and encouragement? This approach, known as self-compassion, supports learning and resilience. Research shows that self-compassion enhances performance in many areas, from academics to athletics.

Self-compassion fosters personal growth by helping students respond to challenges in three ways: being kind rather than critical of themselves, recognizing that setbacks are a shared human experience, and maintaining balance when facing difficult emotions—acknowledging them without letting them take over.

Encouraging self-compassion is not about inflating one's abilities, but about avoiding defeatist thinking and helping students see themselves more accurately, with both honesty and kindness.
Championing Students and Their Learning

Awards Ceremony: On June 19th, we will have an Awards Ceremony in the Gym during the school day for grades 8-12. Families are encouraged to attend to celebrate their student.
Athletic Banquet: On Wednesday, June 3rd, there will be an Athletics Banquet to recognize McNair's student athletes. Families are encouraged to attend this to celebrate student athletes.

Vote for Valedictory Grad Speaker for the Class of 2026
 The Valedictory Grad Speaker for the Class of 2026—is a student who will capture the voice, journey, and spirit of this graduating class. The speaker, selected by Grade 12 students, will represent their peers at the graduation ceremony and help mark this important milestone. Each student had the opportunity to nominate themselves or a classmate, and with nominations now closed as of last Friday, we are moving into the voting phase. Only Grade 12 students are eligible to vote, and ballots can be cast in the main office. This is a chance to recognize a peer who will inspire, unite, and leave a lasting message for the Class of 2026.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jun 1	Staff Meeting (after school)
Jun 3	Athletic Banquet Health & Safety Meeting
Jun 4	Spring Music Concert School Based Team Meeting
Jun 8-11	Senior Directing Projects
Jun 10	Ed Fac Meeting
Jun 12	Suggested Marks Cutoff Valedictory Rehearsal
Jun 15	Valedictory Ceremony (7:00 pm - UBC Chan Centre) SCC Meeting
Jun 17	Mini School Meeting Mini School Farewell
Jun 18	Locker Clean Out School Based Team Meeting
Jun 19	Last Day of Semester 2 Classes Awards Ceremony and School Carnival
Jun 22-24	Learning Completion Day
Jun 22	Learning Updates Due (8:00am - Firm Deadline)
Jun 23	Graduation Dinner Dance & Dry After Grad
Jun 25	Final Summary of Learning Published on MyEdBC
Jun 26	Administrative Day Last Day for Staff Staff Luncheon 11am Turn off/unplug all electronics before break

Grade 12 Graduation Timeline

Rehearsal and Grad BBQ	June 12th
Valedictory Ceremony at UBC @ 7pm	June 15 th
Last Day of Classes at McNair	June 19 th
Red Carpet at McNair (Gym)	June 23 @ 4pm
Dry Grad Celebration at McNair	June 23 @ 11pm

Learning Completion Plan - May 27, 2026
 A small number of students will be getting Learning Completion Plans this week. The purpose of these plan is to support the successful completion of course requirements by providing clear expectations and structured support. The student will focus on completing outstanding assignments and demonstrating required learning outcomes within an established timeline.

Regular check-ins will be scheduled to monitor progress, provide feedback, and address any challenges. The student will be encouraged to seek help when needed and make use of available supports such as teacher guidance, peer collaboration, and available resources.

By following this plan, the goal is to ensure the student demonstrates understanding of key concepts and successfully completes the course with confidence.