

October 12 – October 16, 2026

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Mini School Meeting (at lunch Room 136)	Ed Fac Meeting @Lunch Room 100	Beyond the Blues Mental Health Fair @Lunch	Informal Learning Updates Due at 8:00am (sent home on October 21)																																																																																		
		Grad Autumn Gala 6:30pm to 9:30pm Metro Hall, New Westminister																																																																																			
		PAC Meeting 7pm (Teams – Online)																																																																																			

Marlin Strong: Every student, every day, whatever it takes!
 “Gratitude turns what we have into enough.” — Anonymous

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude in our daily lives. Gratitude is more than simply saying "thank you." It is a mindset that encourages us to recognize the people, opportunities, and experiences that help us grow.

In schools, gratitude plays a powerful role in supporting both learning and well-being.

Research consistently shows that students who practice gratitude tend to be more optimistic, resilient, and engaged in their learning. When students take time to appreciate their progress, the support of their teachers, and the encouragement of their families and friends, they develop a stronger sense of belonging and purpose. Gratitude helps shift attention away from what is lacking and toward what is possible, creating the conditions for confidence and perseverance to flourish.

Learning is rarely a straight path. Every student encounters challenges, setbacks, and moments of uncertainty. Gratitude does not eliminate these difficulties, but it helps students approach them with perspective. A grateful learner is more likely to recognize mistakes as opportunities to learn, value the guidance of others, and remain motivated when the work becomes difficult. In this way, gratitude strengthens the growth mindset that is essential for long-term success.

As educators and parents, we also benefit from practicing gratitude. Taking time to acknowledge the efforts of students, colleagues, and families helps build stronger relationships and a more positive school community. Gratitude reminds us that education is a shared journey, supported by the contributions of many people working together toward a common goal.

Let us pause to reflect on the people who inspire us, support us, and help us become better versions of ourselves. Let us be thankful for the opportunity to learn, to grow, and to contribute to our community. Gratitude does not simply make us feel good—it helps us learn better, connect more deeply, and approach each day with greater purpose.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of reflection, appreciation, and renewal for all members of the McNair community. **At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Need extra help? *Flex Time* is great way to get extra learning support for all students in all subject areas. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this time. Students select or a teacher a student attend their Flex Time class. Attendance is taken and reported back to parents.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 19	SCC Meeting
Oct 20	UBC Teacher Tour
Oct 21	S1 Informal Learning Updates Emailed Home
Oct 22	SBT Meeting
Oct 23	Pro-D Day (Provincial Specialist Day/PSA)
Oct 26	UBC Short Practicum (2 Weeks)
Oct 27	Hold & Secure, Lockdown & Evacuation Drill (During Flex)
Oct 28	International Student Student Lunch
Oct 29	Haunted House
Oct 30	Halloween Celebrations
Nov 2	Staff Meeting
Nov 3	Health and Safety Lunch
Nov 4	Take Your Kids to Work Day (Grade 9)
Nov 4	Literacy 12 Graduation Assessment
Nov 5	School Based Team Meeting
Nov 6	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:51am)
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 10	Grade 7 Volleyball Jamboree 3:30pm
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (School Closed)
Nov 13	S1 Learning Updates Due at 8:00am
Nov 16	SCC Meeting
Nov 18	S1 Learning Updates Published at 3:00pm on MyEd BC
Nov 18	Parent Teacher Conferences Bookings Open
Nov 19	Earthquake and Evacuation Drill (Block A)
Nov 19	SBT Meeting

Communicating Student Learning – Learning Updates

All students and parents will receive an Informal Learning Update with brief information from each teacher on October 21. These updates are an opportunity for parents to see the progress their students have made in each course. Equally important, Learning Updates are an opportunity for students to review their goals and even set new goals if they are not meeting their expectations. At McNair, our staff continues to challenge students to set high expectations for themselves and to demonstrate determination in striving for these goals. Setting goals is a good way to help students to reflect on what is important to them, clear their minds, and focus on what type of student they want to be.

Learning Updates Timeline

October 21	Interim Reports sent home
Nov. 21	Semester 1 Term 1 Learning Updates Published
Nov. 25 & 26	Parent Conferences 2-4pm & 5-7pm(26 th only)

Autumn Gala: Senior Formal for Graduates

The Autumn Gala is Thursday, October 15th from 6:30pm -9:30pm at the Metro Hall in New Westminster. Grads and invited guests will attend an evening of fun, food, dancing, and socializing. Please see Grad Council and Ms. Bovey if you have questions. It is not too late to purchase your tickets online. Hope to see all the Grads there.