

October 5 – October 9, 2026

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Staff Meeting (after school)	Grade 12 Post-Secondary Meeting at Flextime (Theatre)	McNair Clubs Day (Lunch Time)	School Based Team Meeting at Lunch (Conference Room)	Grade 8 Connections Day (Olympic Oval)																																																																																																			
Staff Soup Day at Lunch (Conference Room)	Health & Safety Meeting at Lunch (Conference Room)		Grade 12 Information Night 7pm (Online Teams)	Preparing Informal Learning Updates (due Oct.16)																																																																																																			
World Teacher Day October 5, 2026	Go Card Distribution (Homeroom Blk D @ 2:55pm)		Grade 12 Information Night <u>Online (on Teams)</u> @7pm	Reminder: Thanksgiving on Monday, October 12, 2026 (School Closed)																																																																																																			

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

Teaching is not a service, profession, or a job. It is a pillar of society. — Unknown

Teaching is not merely the transmission of knowledge—it is the quiet architecture of possibility. A great teacher is a philosopher and a guide, navigating the abstract and the concrete, the creative and the methodical. Each day brings new questions, new challenges, and new joys. In every lesson, they plant seeds of curiosity, compassion, and courage.

To teach is to believe in the future. It is to see potential where others see uncertainty, and to nurture it with patience and care. When teachers share their wisdom, they do more than educate—they elevate. They shape minds that will build a better tomorrow: more thoughtful, more skilled, more just.

Teaching is not confined to content. It is a living dialogue between past and future, heart and mind, cause and effect. It is imagination in motion. For teachers, learning is life—ever evolving, ever expanding.

On **October 5th**, we honour those who awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. Teachers model empathy, resilience, and wonder. They do not just teach—they transform. Though the reverence for teaching may have waned, its impact remains profound. Every profession begins with a teacher. And some choose to dedicate their lives to this noble calling.

Teaching is not easy. It is demanding, intricate, and deeply human. But it is also sacred. And on this day, we celebrate those who carry its torch—with grace, with grit, and with boundless heart. **At McNair we champion students and their learning.**

Grade 12 Info Night: On October 8th, we will be having our virtual Grade 12 Parent Info Night. This session is meant to provide parents of Grade 12 students with more information on the graduation requirements and post-secondary options. This will be online at 7pm to 8pm. [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

Grade 8 Connections Day

On Friday, all grade 8 students will participate in a fun and interactive day with their peers. Grade 8 students will receive a McNair t-shirt and lunch will be provided. The goal of this day is for students to get to know each other, their teachers, and the school. Activities will be run by our Leadership students and McNair staff. The goal of the day is to foster a strong sense of community and connection amongst our students.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 12	Thanksgiving-School Closed
Oct 14	Ed Fac Meeting
Oct 15	Beyond the Blues Mental Health Fair
Oct 15	Grad Autumn Gala
Oct 16	Informal Learning Updates Due at 8:00am
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

Marlin Mania Clubs Day - October 7th

On October 7th, all clubs will have the opportunity to showcase their club at tables in the main hallway. Clubs may have posters and demonstrations to recruit new members. Club leaders will receive an email on October 5th to confirm their participation. Club leaders will setup during block C for Clubs Day at Lunch Time in the main hallway. Please see Mr. Yip or Mr. Jaswal if you have questions.

Communicating Student Learning

Student progress information will be communicated to parents in various ways this year. For each subject, students will receive an informal update (interim report), learning update report (midterm) at the mid-point of the semester, and a summary of learning (final report card) at the end of the Semester. These progress updates will include information about the learning progress to date and feedback that will aid in improving a student's performance, as well as comments about a student's work habits and engagement. The first communication will be Informal Learning Updates, which will be sent home on October 16, 2026.