THE MCNAIR WAAG

November 9 – November 13, 2026

Monday Nov 9	Tuesday Nov 10	Wednesday Nov 11	Thursday Nov 12	Friday Nov 13
Day 2	**Day 1**	**Remembrance Day (School Closed)**	**Day 2**	**Day 1**
Block A 8:30 9:51 **Block B** 9:54 11:15 **Break** 11:15 11:25 **Block C** 11:30 12:51 **Lunch** 12:51 1:36 **Block D** 1:39 3:00	**Block A** 8:30 9:30 **Block B** 9:35 10:45 **Ceremony** 10:45 11:45 **Break** 11:45 12:00 **Block C** 12:05 1:05 **Lunch** 1:05 1:50 **Block D** 1:55 3:00		**Block A** 8:30 9:41 **Flex Time** 9:44 10:24 **Block B** 10:29 11:40 **Break** 11:40 11:50 **Block C** 11:55 1:06 **Lunch** 1:06 1:46 **Block D** 1:49 3:00	**Block A** 8:30 9:51 **Block B** 9:54 11:15 **Break** 11:15 11:25 **Block C** 11:30 12:51 **Lunch** 12:51 1:36 **Block D** 1:39 3:00
Marlinaires' Food Drive November 5th to 20th (Collect in Bock B)	**Remembrance Day Ceremony** (Block B – 10:45am)			**Semster 1 Term 1 Learning Updates** (Due at 8:00am)

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

"Connectedness has the power to counterbalance adversity."
Dr. B. D. Perry

Life is filled with challenges, and every person will face moments of adversity. Difficult experiences can shape us, but they do not have to define us. Often, it is through hardship that we discover resilience, compassion, and strength we never knew we possessed.

The stories we reflect upon during Remembrance Day teach us an important lesson: hope grows through connection. During times of uncertainty and struggle, people leaned on one another, supported their communities, and found strength in shared purpose. Those connections helped them persevere and continue forward.

Research continues to show that meaningful relationships are one of the greatest protective factors for well-being. The quality of our connections matters more than the quantity. Feeling seen, heard, valued, and included creates a sense of belonging that nurtures hope. When students and staff experience authentic connection, they are better equipped to navigate challenges, embrace opportunities, and flourish.

At McNair, our theme of Hope reminds us that every day is an opportunity to support one another and strengthen our community. Hope is found in a kind word, a helping hand, a shared conversation, or simply knowing that someone cares. It grows when we come together, celebrate our diverse experiences, and create spaces where everyone feels they belong.

As we honour Remembrance Day, let us remember not only the sacrifices of the past but also the responsibility we share in the present. By fostering connection, compassion, and understanding, we keep hope alive for ourselves and for one another.
Together, we can face challenges with courage, embrace the future with optimism, and continue building a community where hope thrives.

Remembrance Day Ceremony On November 10th, we remember those who volunteered, sacrificed, served, fought, and died for our freedom. We thank them, and we salute them for their sacrifice. Those who sacrificed greatly for our freedoms must always be remembered. It is our responsibility to honour them with our own commitment to peace, kindness, and respect for all. We ask all students: "What sacrifices do you make for others?" What sacrifices will you be remembered for? Will you be remembered for standing up for those who are being marginalized or mistreated and those who are experiencing racism and inequality? The ceremony will be during B Block at 10:45am.
LEST WE FORGET

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
Nov 23	Vaccination Clinic – Grade 9 Immunization
Nov 24	Parent Teacher Conferences Sign-up closes 12PM
Nov 25	Grade 7 Volleyball Jamboree 3pm
Nov 25	Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4PM) Early Dismissal
Nov 26	Parent Teacher Conferences (2-4 & 5-7PM) Early Dismissal
Nov 27	Pro-D Day
Nov 30	Pep Rally and Basketball Home Opener
Dec 1	Health and Safety Meeting
Dec 3	SBT Meeting
Dec 4	Collaboration Day (Classes begin at 9:51am)
Dec 7	Staff Meeting
Dec 9	Lockdown Drill (Lunch)
Dec 9	Ed Fac Meeting
Dec 10	Winter Conference
Dec 11	Staff Luncheon
Dec 14	SCC Meeting
Dec 14	At-Risk Learning Updates Due at 8am
Dec 16	At Risk Learning Completion Plans Emailed Home
Dec 17	SBT Meeting
Dec 18	Last day of Classes before Winter Break
Dec 18	Turn off/unplug electronics before break
Dec 18	Holiday Breakfast

Preparing for Midterm Learning Updates (Report Cards)
A reminder to parents and legal guardians that Semester 1 midterm learning updates (report cards) will be published online on the MyEducation BC Portal on Wednesday, November 18th. We encourage parents to sit down with their teen and review this report looking at it in its entirety. Pay attention to learning achievement, as well as attendance and teacher comments. Celebrate the successes and discuss student plans for areas that may need some continued growth and improvement. If you have any questions, phone the school, email teachers directly or sign up for a parent-teacher conference.

Semester 1 Midterm Learning Update Timeline

November 2–13	Teachers prepare marks/comments for entry in MyEdBC and review verification reports
November 13	All marks/comments posted in MyEdBC by 8am Modified Supplemental Reports due to office
November 13–17	Admin/counselling review all report cards
November 18	Attachments due to office
November 18	Learning Updates published to student & parent MyEdBC. Parent-Teacher Conference Bookings Open
November 25-26	Parent-Teacher Conferences