



École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary

NEWSLETTER

November 2024

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Upcoming Dates:

- Nov 6: Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Nov 6: Grade 12 CLC (PLT)
- Nov 8: Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day – School Closed
- Nov 12: Mid-Semester Block Rotation
- Nov 13: Collaboration Time
- Nov 13: DAG Meeting 6pm
- Nov 13: PAC Meeting 7pm
- Nov. 14: In & Out Schools Presentation - Grade 8 PLT
- Nov 14: S1 Term 1 Report Cards Published
- Nov 18: Post-Secondary Fair
- Nov 20: In & Out Schools Presentation – Grade 9 PLT
- Nov 20: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 21: In & Out Schools Presentation – Grade 11/12 PLT
- Nov 21: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 27: In & Out Schools Presentation – Grade 10 PLT
- Nov 27: Seniors' Brunch
- Nov 28: Drama Production
- Nov. 29: Drama Production

Principal's Message

Reflecting on the past month, October was filled with enriching activities and learning experiences that brought our school community together in meaningful ways. From energetic sports events to the creative spirit of Halloween, students showed their school spirit. Thank you to everyone who helped foster a spirit of inclusivity and understanding throughout the month.

As we look forward to November, our focus continues to be on academic growth and community. The upcoming month brings the mid-term reporting period, a key milestone in the school year. Students are encouraged to reach out for extra support and make use of PLT if needed. In addition, we're excited to host our first Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conversations are valuable opportunities to discuss students' progress, celebrate achievements, and set goals for continued growth. We encourage all families to attend and take part in their child's learning journey. November also brings Remembrance Day – a solemn time for us to honour and reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedoms.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, let's keep building a positive and inclusive learning environment as we move forward through the school. year.

Ms. Vaughan

Looking Forward: November 2024



TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

This year, Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTWD), for grade 9 students across Canada, is being held on **Wednesday, November 6th, 2024.**

The Students Commission of Canada has provided material and activities to support this day. There is virtual content including pre-recorded and live content, to appeal to diverse student interests. We encourage grade 9s and their families to visit *The Students Commission of Canada* website and register for more information:

<https://www.studentscommission.ca/en>

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2024



Our Remembrance Day ceremonies will take place on **Friday, November 8th.** The theme of this year's ceremonies is *What is Remembered, Lives ...*. In order to accommodate the ceremonies, we will have an alternate bell schedule.

School will be closed on Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th. Please take time for a moment of silence on November 11th in memory of those who served our country.

NOV 8 BELL SCHEDULE

- 8:30 – 9:35 (Block A)
- 9:40 – 10:45 (Ceremony 1/Block B1)
- 10:45 – 11:00 (Break)
- 11:00 – 12:05 (Ceremony 2/Block B2)
- 12:05 – 12:50 (Lunch)
- 12:50 – 1:50 (Block C)
- 1:55 – 3:00 (Block D)

CORE COMPETENCIES REFLECTIONS

All students must complete and submit their first self-reflection through online submission by Tuesday, Nov 5 at 4:00 PM.

Students are expected to answer each question honestly and to the best of their abilities. The submission should not take longer than 30 minutes, but students can take as much time as they need to complete the submission. At the end of the survey, ensure that you click 'submit' where you will see a message to indicate that you have completed the online form.

If you need to refer to the information provided during class, [click here](#) to view the video presentation.

This information is also posted on the school website ([Homepage > Students > Core Competencies](#)).

MID-SEMESTER BLOCK ROTATION

On Tuesday, November 12th we will have our mid-semester block rotation. The new rotation will be as below:

HMS WEEKLY SCHEDULE				
ROTATION 2				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:30-9:50 B	8:30-9:50 B	8:30-10:10 PLT	8:30-10:10 PLT	8:30-9:50 B
9:55-11:15 A	9:55-11:15 A	10:20-12:15 B	10:20-12:15 C	9:55-11:15 A
11:30-12:50 D	11:30-12:50 D	12:15-1:00 Lunch	12:15-1:00 Lunch	11:30-12:50 D
1:40-3:00 C	1:40-3:00 C	1:05-3:00 A	1:05-3:00 D	1:40-3:00 C

PAC

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meets on the second Wednesday of the month. All parents are encouraged to join. This is a great way for parents to get involved in the school, learn more about how the school runs and what our students are learning, as well as supports that are in place for parents and families. **Please join us at our third PAC meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm in the library.**

SAFETY DRILLS

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. To ensure we are ready in case of an emergency, whether it be an earthquake, lockdown, or other emergency, we practice every year to ensure we are ready in case of any emergency. This month we will practice a drop/cover/hold on & evacuation drill.

COLLABORATION TIME

On 8 days this year, all McRoberts staff will engage in Collaboration Time in lieu of PLT. On these days staff collaborates on various planning and activities to improve learning experiences for our students. While teachers are not available for one-on-one assistance with students during Collaboration Time, students are welcome to work independently or with peers in the school. We will have Collaboration Time on November 13.

SEMESTER 1 TERM 1 REPORTING

We will be posting digital Semester 1 Term 1 Learning Updates in MyEd Parent Portal accounts on **Thursday, November 14th after 4:00 PM**. There will be an email notification from MyEd to notify you that Learning Updates have been published.

To view the document in your MyEd account, select the 'Pages' top tab and on the right side of the page you can find the PDF Learning Update under 'Published Reports'. Only published reports on Thursday, November 14th are official Learning Updates.

Please note: **Any information that is posted before Thursday, November 14th is not finalized.**

It is recommended that you save the document immediately as the Learning Update is only posted on the Parent Portal for a limited time.

To access the Parent Portal, please go to <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>. Instructions for logging in to the Parent Portal is on the McRoberts Website under the 'Parents' top tab. You can [click here](#) for the direct link for instructions and to request assistance with logins. Please take the time now to log into the Parent Portal to ensure that you have access. Learning Updates are posted on the MyEdBC Portal and Core Competencies Reflections are sent by email as an attachment. We encourage families to view reports through the MyEd portal, but printed copies of Learning Updates are available upon request by contacting the office.

If you have issues getting into your account, please complete the request form on our school website or by [clicking here](#).

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Semester 1 will take place on Wednesday, November 20th from 2:00 – 4:00pm and 6:00 – 8:00pm and on Thursday, November 21st from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in-person. Appointments can be made using the online booking system (School Appointments), which was used before at McRoberts. Further instructions regarding the online booking system will be provided on Friday, November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the school (microberts@sd38.bc.ca)

As always, if you have questions for your classroom teacher(s) please email them directly.

DRY AFTER GRAD (DAG)

What is Dry After Grad? DAG is a special all-night event crafted to provide our graduating class with a safe and inclusive environment, free from the influences of drugs or alcohol. The goal is to create lasting memories through a mix of engaging activities, games, and delicious food for our graduates. This event happens right after the Grad Dinner Dance and lasts until 5:00am the next day.

Are you interested in helping with Dry After Grad? Or learning about the process? The Dry After Grad Parent Committee is holding a meeting on Wednesday, **November 13th at 6pm**, just before the PAC meeting. All parents are invited, regardless of what grade your student is in. Please join us in the McRoberts library to learn more about what is involved in organizing this important grad event.

WE SCARE HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

Our Interact Club is running a Holiday Food Drive until Tuesday, November 12th. All proceeds go to the Richmond Food Bank to support families in need. Students can bring donations to their block A class. Please send your kids with donations this week!

ATHLETICS POINSETTIAS FUNDRAISER

Support our McRoberts Athletics program by purchasing beautiful poinsettias for the holiday season! Choose from three options to brighten your home or office, or to gift to friends and family: Classic 6" Red, Giant 14" Red, or Decorated 6" Red in a designer pot.

Your support helps fund important programs and events for our student athletes. Order deadline is Nov. 19, and pickup is at school on Dec. 4. Go to Cash Online for ordering. Thank you for your support!

PAC PURDYS CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

The McRoberts PAC is teaming up with Purdys Chocolates to fundraise for student scholarships. From now until Dec 2, you can order Purdys following the steps below. Treats will be available to pick up on Friday, Dec 13 and Monday, Dec 16 during lunch hour (12:50 – 1:35PM) and after school (3:00 – 4:00PM).

What you'll need to order:

1. Our campaign number: 77970
2. Go to our fundraising website: fundraising.purdys.com/1986654-121425
3. Fill out your info (Name, phone number, and email address)
4. Click "Join Campaign"
5. Order your heart's content!

Stay Connected!

Please stay connected and informed. Much of our communication happens via email, so please make sure we have updated email information, and check your email regularly for school updates. Please also check our website <https://mcroberts.sd38.bc.ca/> on a weekly basis, and read the *Strikers Weekly* for important information about the week ahead. You can also follow us on [Instagram](#) at [hugh_mcroberts](#).

Learning Together Achieving Our Dreams **McRoberts Mission Statement**

McRoberts is a bilingual school where staff, students, and parents learn together in an environment of trust, support, and mutual respect. Our purpose is to enable all learners to develop their potential, prepare for the future, and achieve their dreams.