



École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary

NEWSLETTER

December, 2024

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UPCOMING DATES:

- Dec 2: Pro-D Day, School Closed
- Dec 12: At-Risk Interims Published
- Dec 12: Winter Music Concert
- Dec 19: Locker Clean-Out
- Dec 20: Holiday Breakfast
- Dec 20: Last Day Before Break
Early Dismissal
- Dec 21 – Jan 5: Winter Holiday
School Closed
- Jan 6: First Day Back to School
- Jan 7 – 14: Grad Photos
By Appointment
- Jan 8: DAG Meeting
- Jan 8: PAC Meeting
- Jan 15: LTF & GNA 10
- Jan 16: GNA 10
- Jan 24: Last Day of Semester 1
- Jan 27: Pro-D Day, School Closed
- Jan 28: Semester Turn Around Day
No Classes
- Jan 29: First Day of Semester 2

Principal's Message

As November comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many meaningful events and activities that made this month so impactful for our school community.

We began the month by coming together for Remembrance Day, a solemn occasion to honour those who served and continue to serve for the freedoms we cherish. Our students demonstrated maturity and respect during our assemblies. Moments like this remind us of the importance of fostering gratitude and understanding in our young learners.

We were excited to welcome our families at our Parent-Teacher Conferences, an invaluable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school. These conversations allowed us to celebrate student successes and set goals for continued growth.

Throughout the month, our students continued to shine in both academics and extracurricular activities. Whether it was participating in team sports, engaging in classroom projects, or contributing to our ongoing community initiatives, their enthusiasm and dedication have been inspiring.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. Your partnership is key to creating a positive and enriching experience for all students.

Ms. Vaughan

November in Review

Diwali Celebration

We were excited to host our second annual Diwali Celebration on November 1st! Diwali is the Festival of Lights, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Celebrations included delicious samosas, henna art, and music.

A huge thank you to Ms. Tamana, Mr. Bains, Ms. Swali and Ms. Romas for helping to organize this event, and to our students who helped make this event so special.



McRoberts Athletics



We are so proud of our student athletes for their hard work this fall season!

- South Fraser Senior Boys Soccer AA: First Place
- South Fraser Boys Swimming: 3rd Place in the Province for Boys 200m Freestyle Relay
- South Fraser Boys Swimming: Overall Champs
- Boys Soccer: 12th place in the Provincials
- South Fraser Junior Girls Volleyball: 3rd place

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8th honoured those who have served and continue to serve in times of both peace and war. We also commemorated National Indigenous Veterans Day to honour the First Nations, Métis and Inuit people of Canada who have a long and proud tradition of military service to our country,



Seniors Brunch

Our Human Services 11 students organized an incredible Seniors Brunch for our South Arm neighbours, reminding us of the deep value of relationships. Congratulations to our students who put their hearts into planning every detail, and to Ms. Matheos for her leadership. Thank you to our honoured guests for their wisdom and for sharing their stories.



Strikers Palooza

McRoberts has talent!

Our Student Council hosted our first ever Striker-Palooza, a music festival for McRoberts independent bands to showcase their music. We were treated to everything from Jazz to contemporary, with solo artists and bands. Our K-Pop Dance Team also shared a performance with the crowd. A special thank you to Mr. Naso, Mr. Bains, Mr. Shum and our Student Council leaders for their organization and support of our young talent.



Looking Forward: December, 2024

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. **We will not have a December meeting, but please join us for our January meeting, on Wednesday, January 8th at 7pm in the library.**

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 their next meeting on Wednesday, **January 8th 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.

LOST & FOUND

We will put items in the Lost and Found out on tables in the foyer starting the week of December 9th. Students who have lost anything (water bottles, clothing, books etc.) are encouraged to check those tables before going on break. Items that are not claimed before break will be donated to local charities.

AT-RISK INTERIMS

A learning update for students who are experiencing challenges in their courses and/or who are at risk of not successfully completing their course(s) will be published on December 12th. This report is emailed directly to parents and students. If you do not receive this learning update, do not be alarmed, as only select students will receive this report.

We hope that students and families will review the report together to discuss and set up a plan with their teachers to work on the required focus areas.

As always, if you have questions about your child's learning progress, you are encouraged to contact our teachers by email. Email contact information can be found on our school website.

GRADE 8 / MENTOR MEETING

On Thursday, December 5th, our Grade 8s will be meeting with their Mentors for a morning of fun activities, and discussions around what it means to be a Striker, as well as Core Competencies reflections and goals. Groups for Thursday's event will be posted this week outside the office.

LOCKER CLEAN-OUT

Our pre-holidays locker clean-out will take place at 2:45pm on Thursday, December 19th. Students are reminded to take any clothing/laundry home for the holidays, and to ensure there are no library books or any food left in their lockers over break.

WINTER CONCERT

All families are invited to our annual Winter Concert, taking place in the Old Gym on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00pm.

GRAD EVENTS & DEADLINES

GRAD WINTER FORMAL: Tickets for the February 13th Winter Formal are on sale now until December 12th. Tickets are \$75 and available on Cash Online.

GRAD PHOTOS: Grads can sign up now for their Grad Photos and Friendship Photos with Artona at: www.artona.com
Grad Photos take place from January 7 – 14, 2025 by appointment only in a mobile studio in the McRoberts parking lot.

GRAD GOWN SIZING: Grads need to fill out their Grad Gown Sizing form by Friday, December 13th. Forms were emailed to students in November.

VALEDICTORY TICKETS: Valedictory ticket sales begin next week. Please see your email for more details.

For any questions or concerns about Grad Events, please contact Ms. Vaughan.

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HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

ALTERNATE BELL SCHEDULE

We will be hosting our annual student HOLIDAY BREAKFAST, organized by our Human Services 12 students on December 20th at 7:30am in the New Gym. This fun event includes a light breakfast, and fun entertainment. Tickets are on sale now on Cash Online, and close on Sunday, December 8th, or when sold out. Don't be disappointed! Buy your ticket today!

Alternate Bell Schedule for December 20th:

Dec 20th Revised Bell Schedule:

Holiday Breakfast for those with tickets	7:30 – 8:55am
Block B:	9:00 – 9:50
Block A:	9:55-10:45
Break :	10:45-11:00
Block D:	11:00-11:50
Lunch :	11:50 – 12:35
Block C:	12:35 – 1:25. (Early Dismissal)

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.