



École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary

NEWSLETTER

April, 2025

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UPCOMING DATES:

March 31: First Day of School after Spring Break
 April 3: Autism Presentation Gr 8 & 9
 April 3: Jazz Night Concert
 April 9: DAG Meeting 6pm
 April 9: PAC Meeting 7pm
 April 9-10: GLA 12
 April 10: Concours & French Festival
 April 11: Freezie Fridays Begins
 April 16: S2 Term 1 Learning Update Published on MyEd
 April 18: Good Friday (School Closed)
 April 21: Easter Monday (School Closed)
 April 22: Mid-Semester Block Rotation
 April 23: Grade 12 CLC (PLT)
 April 23: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Alternate Schedule
 April 24: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Alternate Schedule
 April 25: Freezie Fridays

Principal's Message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, filled with time to recharge and connect with family and friends. As we step into April, we look forward to a busy and exciting month ahead.

This month our students will be engaging in a variety of important academic and extracurricular activities. Graduation assessments will take place for our grade 12 students as they write the GLA 12. Report cards will also be sent home, offering students and parents a snapshot of student progress as we move into the final stretch of the school year.

We are especially excited to celebrate French language learning and culture through our annual French Festival and Concours d'Art Oratoire, where students will showcase their public speaking skills in French. Music will also fill our school this month as our talented students take the stage for the Jazz Fest.

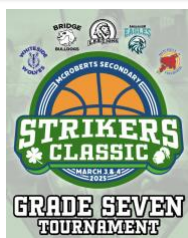
With so much happening, we encourage families to stay connected by checking our website, newsletters and emails for details on upcoming events. We look forward to a fantastic month together.

Ms. Vaughan

March in Review

GRADE 7 CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On March 3rd and March 4th we were joined by our Family of Schools for the annual Grade 7 Strikers Classic Basketball Tournament. Thank you to Mr. Haigh and Mr. Cook and all our elementary colleagues for helping to put on a great event.



NOTORIOUS DANCE COMPETITION

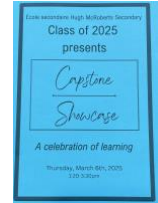


On March 7th we hosted the annual Notorious Dance Competition for 2025. Teams from across the lower mainland joined together to share their love of dance. This event embodied the spirit of teamwork, collaboration and commitment.

Congratulations to all teams for their incredible performances. A special congratulations to McRoberts Duos Gabby & Saleena, and Nikita & Ellen for placing Second and Third place respectively in the Duos/Trios category.

CAPSTONE SHOWCASE

Congratulations to our Grade 12 students who completed their Capstone Project, displayed at our Capstone Showcase on March 6th. This was a true celebration of learning. We are so proud of our students who displayed such creativity and hard work.



MCROBERTS JAZZ BAND SURREY JAZZ FESTIVAL



At the end of February our McRoberts Jazz Band was at the Surrey Jazz Festival. They performed incredibly well against 23 other bands in their division. Their performances earned them the “Outstanding Performance” Award as the top band of the festival in the Junior/Senior division! They were also honoured with an invitation to perform at the festival’s Showcase Event

In addition to the band’s success, Grade 12 trumpeter Aiden Gervacio was granted the festival’s “Outstanding Senior Trumpet Player” award, accompanied by a \$1000 scholarship.

Congratulations to Aiden and the McRoberts Jazz Band, and thank you to our talented music teacher Mr. Naso for his incredible teaching and mentorship as he led our McRoberts Strikers to their incredible musical accomplishments!

Looking Forward: APRIL, 2025

RICHMOND JAZZ FESTIVAL

SD38 presents *Jazz Night*, featuring secondary school jazz bands from across the Richmond School District on April 3, 2025 at 6:00pm in the McRoberts Secondary Gym. Hope to see you there!



IMMUNIZATIONS

We are seeing a rise of measles and pertussis (whooping cough) both globally and locally. A reminder to families to get your vaccinations updated.

To check Immunization records, visit Health Gateway, or scan this QR code.

Check a Record.



To book an appointment to update your child's immunization, visit <https://www.vch.ca/en/services/immunization-clinics> or scan this QR code to find the closest public health clinic (for infants and children) or pharmacy (for ages 4 years and older).

Book an Appointment



CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE & FRENCH FESTIVAL APRIL 10

Concours d'Art Oratoire is a district-level competition for students in grades 6-12, to practice and strengthen their French oral-communication skills. This annual competition is hosted by Canadian Parents for French, and McRoberts is proud to host this event for the third year in a row.

On the same evening, we are excited to also host the third annual Festival Culturel Francophone. This festival is open to all ages, and all levels of French. Admission is free. Activities include Malicounda Drumming, Loco Beat Afro Dance, a Photo Booth, a Crêpe Workshop, Food Trucks, Live Music and More!

RSVP by April 4:

[CLICK HERE](#)



GRAD ASSESSMENTS

Our Grade 12 students will be writing the Grad Literacy Assessment (GLA) on April 9 & 10. Details will be emailed directly to students, including their scheduled writing date and time.

Parents and students can find more details about the grad assessments, including practice assessments on the Ministry's website under 'Provincial Assessments' at: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/>

BLOCK ROTATION

On Tuesday, April 22nd 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
12:50-1:35 Lunch	12:50-1:35 Lunch	1:05-3:00 A	1:05-3:00 D	12:50-1:35 Lunch
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S2 REPORT CARDS

We will be posting digital Semester 2 Term 1 Learning Updates in MyEd Parent Portal accounts on **Wednesday, April 16th 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 Wednesday, April 16th are official Learning Updates.

Please note: **Any information that is posted before Wednesday, April 16th 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. 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 2 will take place on Wednesday, April 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00pm and 6:00 – 8:00pm and on Thursday, April 24th 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 in Semester 1. Further instructions regarding the online booking system will be emailed to families by Friday, April 18th.

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.

In order to accommodate conferences, there will be an alternate bell schedule on both days:

8:30 – 10:10 – PLT
 10:10 – 10:20 – Break
 10:20 – 11:35 – Period 1
 11:35 – 11:45 – Break
 11:45 – 1:00 – Period 2

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 for our April PAC meeting on April 9th 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.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with DAG. Please consider helping out with this important event. It can only run with parent help! If you can help, please fill out this form: [DAG 25 Parent Volunteer Registration](#)

FUNDRAISING

FREEZIE FRIDAYS ARE BACK!

Starting April 11th, our PAC will be selling Freezies at lunch on most Fridays in April and May. Students are encouraged to come to the foyer to get their \$2 Freezies!

DAG SPRING PURDYS SALE

Easter is not too far away and the Dry After Grad committee is offering Purdy's chocolates as a fundraising event!

Please use the link below to place your order by Monday April 7th. Order pick up will be in the foyer on Thursday April 17th over the lunch period (from 12:15-1:00) and after school (from 3:00-3:30).

LINK:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2133382-128502>

Thank you for supporting the graduating class of 2025!



DAG BOTTLE DEPOSIT FUNDRAISER

A reminder that we are running our bottle deposit to fundraise for the 2025 Dry Grad account!

Simply go to any bottle depot that has Return-it Express (Ironwood location has it!) and find the printer, type in 604-379-4151 to print the QR code label for your clear or blue bag of bottles, stick the label on the bag and drop the bag in the receptacle. The bottle depot sorts them and puts the funds into the account!

Any questions, please email hmsdrygrad2025@gmail.com

GRAD FAMILY FUN NIGHT!



DAG has organized a fun family evening on Friday April 11, 2025, at Stanley's Sports Bar and Grill. Located in the Richmond Ice Centre 14140 Triangle Road. For only \$25.00 includes tax per person you get a beef burger, chips and a beverage (beer or house wine or pop or coffee). Chicken and veggie burgers are available at an additional charge. Ordering off the menu is optional at your cost. There will also be a 50/50 draw, lots of great Silent Auction Items, a Twoonie Toss for kids and much more. Proceeds raised will go directly to the Dry Grad Fund.

Below is the link to purchase your tickets for the Family Friendly Fundraiser! Let's work together to make our event special for the Graduates!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Gu8g-o5Jc2zUV8uWRdP3qeyRXaXQILFp3jizHuSHaE/edit>

GRAD EVENTS & DEADLINES

VALEDICTORY: Round 1 of ticket sales for additional tickets opens April 1st. Families can buy up to 2 additional tickets in this round on Cash Online. Round 1 closes on April 8th.

GRAD DINNER DANCE: Tickets for our Grade 12 Dinner Dance will be on sale from April 7 - 28.

DRY AFTER GRAD: Tickets for our Dry After Grad will be on sale later this spring. More information will be communicated via email soon.

PERSONAL LEARNING TIME

PLT provides opportunities for students to gain a deeper appreciation of the importance of self-care, to become more self-aware and provide opportunities to make connections between their physical and mental health. The school is open to all students during PLT time, and teachers are onsite. During PLT, students have access to teachers and departments and a place/space to engage in their learning individually or collaboratively. The library will always remain open to any student wishing for support.

Please see our website for more information about PLT: [McRoberts PLT](#)

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.