



École Secondaire Hugh McRoberts Secondary

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES:

- March 1: Round 2 Transfer Applications Open
- March 3 & 4: Grade 7 Basketball Tournament
- March 5: Math 8/9 Entrance Exam
- March 6: Capstone Showcase
- March 6: Semester 2 Interims Published
- March 7: Notorious Dance Competition
- March 9: Daylight Savings Time
- March 10: Round 1 Applications Decisions Communicated
- March 14: Locker Clean Out
- March 14: Last Day of School before Spring Break
- March 15 – 30: Spring Break, School Closed
- March 31: First Day of School after Spring Break

Principal's Message

March is a short month for school, but the next two weeks before Spring Break will be busy for our McRoberts Strikers.

March kicks off with the Grade 7 Basketball Tournament, when we will welcome future students from all our elementary family of schools into our building for the first time. This tournament is not just about basketball – it's an opportunity for our incoming students to connect with our school community and begin their transition with a sense of belonging. We look forward to cheering them on!

At the other end of the journey, our Grade 12 students are preparing for their Capstone Showcase. This is a significant milestone where our grads will showcase their learning with their final Capstone projects. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

As we approach Spring Break, I want to take a moment to thank our students, staff, and families for their dedication and support. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break filled with rest, renewal, and time with loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in April, ready for the final stretch of the school year.

Ms. Vaughan

February in Review

Grade 8 Days Part 2

We opened Semester 2 with our second round of Grade 8 Days. Our Grade 8 Mentors and teachers organized a great day at the Richmond Oval, which included ice skating, wheelchair basketball, a rock-climbing wall and more. A big thank you to Mr. McBurney for all his work making this event happen for our Grade 8 students.



Grade 12 Winter Formal



Our Grade 12s had a great time at Winter Formal. They enjoyed a delicious buffet and an evening of dancing at the Riverside Banquet Hall.

Pink Shirt Day

On February 26th we celebrated **Pink Shirt Day**. Pink Shirt Day started as an act of solidarity against homophobia and is now a global movement against all forms of prejudice. Thank you to our community for wearing pink in support of this important day.



World Hijab Day

Thank you to our students who organized an information booth with free pins for students to help celebrate World Hijab Day, raising awareness and understanding of the hijab and its significance for Muslims in our community and around the world.



Senior Girls Basketball

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Basketball Team who finished second in the South Frasers Regional Tournament after a tremendous season! Thank you to our coach, Alex Baker for giving her time and energy to our players.



Looking Forward: MARCH, 2025

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 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. An email will go out to parents asking for volunteers. 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](#)

NOTORIOUS DANCE COMPETITION

We look forward to our annual Notorious Dance Competition on Friday, March 7th. This popular event is SOLD OUT! Only ticket holders will be granted access. Best of luck to all the participating teams, especially our very own McRoberts Dance Team!

GRADE 7 STRIKERS CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

We look forward to welcoming our Family of Schools Grade 7 students for our annual tournament on Monday March 3rd and Tuesday March 4th. This will be our first opportunity to welcome our incoming grade 8 students to our community, and we look forward to a great event!

SEMESTER 2 INTERIMS

Semester 2 Interims will be published via email on Thursday, March 6th at 4:00pm. Please check your email for your child's Interim. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teachers by email.

CAPSTONE SHOWCASE

We look forward to viewing our Grade 12 Capstone Projects on Thursday, March 6th. We will have an alternate bell schedule to accommodate viewing of our student projects.

Capstone Showcase Alternate Schedule – Mar 6:

Block D (8:30 – 10:25)

Break (10:25-10:40)

Block C (10:40-12:35)

Lunch (12:35-1:20)

PLT/Showcase (1:20-3:00)

FUNDRAISING

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! Details below.

Any questions, please email hmsdrygrad2025@gmail.com

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](#)

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.

GRAD DINNER DANCE: Tickets for our Dinner Dance will be on sale in April, after Spring Break. More information will be communicated in April.

DRY AFTER GRAD: Tickets for our Dry After Grad will be on sale in April, after Spring Break. More information will be communicated in April

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.