

Mission Secondary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of April was extremely busy for students and staff of Mission Secondary. Our Grads are busy with fundraising in preparation for our Prom and Dry Grad evening, May 20th, 2011 at Swan-E-Set Golf and Country Club. Our Dry Grad committee has been working extremely hard to raise funds for the Dry Grad event and I know it will be a huge success.

The French Immersion students performed very well in a public speaking competition. Some of our grade 12 students were interviewed for Mission Foundation scholarships and I know they did extremely well. This year we will have thirty students write Advanced Placement exams starting the week of May 2nd. Our staff has worked long hours preparing these students to write the exams and I would like to give a big thanks to the staff for giving up their time to run extra tutorials for the students. The grade seven and eight transition program kicked off with a barbeque followed by an afternoon of information workshops. It was a huge success and a job well done by everyone involved.

The Fine Arts department is also very busy. Ms. Brown Evans and the Theatre Production class are preparing for our Annual Shakespearean production. Please come out and support our actors and actresses.

Finally, with the arrival of better weather, we will all need to encourage our students to stay focused, complete their homework and have a great fourth term.

Sincerely,
Jim Pearce

Principal

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Upcoming Events

Parent/Teacher Interviews
3:30pm - 6:00pm
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Thurs, April 29th

Non-Instruction Day
Friday April 30th

Pro-D Day
Friday, May 20th

Prom & Dry Grad
Friday, May 20th

Commencement
Thursday, June 2nd
7:00pm
Clarke Theatre

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12s

Post Secondary Institutions (PSIs)

ALL Grade 12 students who are planning to attend a Post Secondary Institution (University, College, etc.) after grade 12 **MUST** arrange for their final transcript to be accessible by the Post Secondary Institutions. This "online" process **MUST** be completed by the end of **April 30**. Students who don't complete this task may be in danger of losing their admission status at the Post Secondary Institution. Students **MUST** complete this process **NOW** even if they have not decided on which Post Secondary Institution they plan to attend.

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student>

You will require your **STUDENT PEN NUMBER** which is printed on each report card - upper left corner.

Need help....? See Mr. Love, Mrs. Shaw, or Mrs. Janzen.

Music Notes

Two Roadrunner music ensembles travelled to Seattle on April 8th - 10th to participate in the Seattle Heritage Music Festival and came home with some major bling! Concert band came home yielding a fantastic gold award (the only concert band at the festival), and jazz band came home with a silver, 2nd place ranking (out of four ensembles)! There was some stiff competition as the groups were up against some hugely funded 2A and 3A schools. We were also the only Canadian school in the competition.

Our school also won the prestigious "Spirit of Seattle" award, which is not given out at every festival. It goes to the school that best represents its school and community, and in our case, country!! The students should be extremely proud of the work they did and how they conducted themselves the entire weekend. The awards will be on display in the school, so please stop on by and check them out!

A huge thank-you goes out to our chaperone team "The Misschaps" who spent their weekend on minimal sleep and with some very energetic teenagers! "My hands are high, my feet are low!"

WAY TO GO, ROADRUNNER MUSICIANS!!!

Our year end department concert will take place on Wednesday, May 25th, 2011, 7:00 pm at the Clarke Foundation Theatre. This will be the last concert for the entire department.

The final notes for the department will be played by the jazz band, which will be performing on Friday, June 10th at the Envision Twilight Concert in the Park. Come on out and support our students!

See you at the concerts!



Counselling Corner

Resources for students and parents are available from Mission Secondary Counselors for a number of areas of concern. For example, I have recently received a manual and work book on coping with a range of stress-based challenges or "Dragons" such as perfectionism, phobias, OCD, panic attacks and shyness. The manual and workbook educate the reader about how to self-assess and then guides them to design a coping program for their own specific needs. For example: Tools such as scheduling, overcoming procrastination, mental imagery, self-talk, mental rehearsal, exercise and laughter are a few tools for dealing with problems. In recognizing that each of us has very different strengths and weaknesses, the workbook encourages the reader to honor their uniqueness and to design a strong coping plan specifically for their personal success.

Please feel free to contact me anytime for a meeting and/or a copy of this resource on "Taming Dragons".



I am currently writing about ADD & ADHD, and I will have something for you to read on this topic in the next newsletter. If you are interested in sharing your child's experience with or observations on these diagnoses, please contact me at your leisure.

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Career Center News

1. Grade 12's - it's not too late to apply to most colleges and universities. But you should do it NOW!
2. PSI - Grade 12's who have applied to a post-secondary institution MUST register immediately in order for the college or university to have access to their marks in May:
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/
3. Grade 11's can apply to Thompson Rivers University between May 1st & June 15th for Fall 2012 entry. Students with a B average, based on English 11 and three additional academic courses, will be awarded Advanced Priority Registration for their selection of courses for Fall 2012-Winter 2013 semesters. Wouldn't it be great to be accepted into university while you're still in Grade 11? Check out TRU's website to apply: http://www.tru.ca/new_students/grade11earlyapp.html
4. Volunteers are needed for the BC Ukrainian Cultural Festival at Heritage Park Centre on Saturday, May 7th. This is a great way for students to get their Graduation Transition Volunteer Requirement. Sign up in the Career Centre or email Mrs. Janzen (see below).
5. Going to look for a summer job in the food industry? Getting the FoodSafe certificate may improve your chances of being hired. The FOODSAFE Level 1 course is available online at www.openschool.bc.ca/foodsafe/infopage.html

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Yearbooks	School Calendar
<p>Yearbooks are still available for sale at the office for \$50.</p> <p>Don't miss out on your chance to get the MSS 2010/11 Yearbook.</p> <p>Sales are limited in June; don't wait.....buy now.</p>	<p>April 28 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30pm - 6:00pm & 6:30pm - 9:00pm</p> <p>April 29 Non-Instructional Day - No Classes</p> <p>May 20 Non-Instructional Day - No Classes</p> <p> Prom & Dry Grad</p> <p>May 23 Victoria Day - No Classes</p> <p>June 2 Commencement - Clarke Theatre</p> <p>June 17 Last Day of Classes</p>



Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice held their annual Coffee House Concert on April 6. This year we raised over \$ 850 to support the prevention of Child and Youth Sex Trafficking. The concert presented amazingly talented youth from Mission Secondary and from the community of Mission. A huge Thank-you to those artists who performed at the concert and to Ms. Grant who took care of the sound system.

Mission Secondary's Coffee House Concert focuses on Global issues and to date Mission Secondary's Restorative Justice has raised funds to build a well in India, helped orphans in Africa who have lost their parents to Aids and last year's initiative was to support those harmed in the Haiti earthquake, especially children in an orphanage school. Ms. Shaw's class would also like to thank all who assisted us in setting up and taking down our coffee house. See you next year.