

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## School Hours

8:44 am – Warning Bell  
8:47 – 10:04 - First class  
10:10 – 11:27 – Second class  
11:27 – 12:10 – Lunch  
12:10 pm – Warning Bell  
12:16 – 1:33 – Third Class  
1:39 – 2:55 – Fourth class

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. The office is open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April was another busy month for students and staff of Mission Secondary. Our Grads have been very active with fundraising in preparation for our Prom and Dry Grad evening, May 22, 2015 at Swan-E-Set Golf and Country Club. The Dry Grad committee has been working extremely hard, and everybody is looking forward to this special event. Many parents attended our parent teacher interviews which took place on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you did not get a chance to come in, report cards have now been sent home with students and you can still make an appointment to see a teacher.

The Fine Arts department is also very busy. Mrs. Brown and the Theatre Production class are preparing for our Annual Shakespearean production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Students and staff in our Fine Arts and Applied Skills departments are working hard and I had the opportunity to attend the Cupcake wars and be one of the judges and it was so much fun. The Track and Field team is doing exceptionally well with over fifty athletes competing in various events. Our own Alexia Seal will leave this week with Team Canada to the World Championships for Wrestling. Great work Alexia and good luck!

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

## Are You Missing a Pair of Glasses?

There are many prescription eyeglasses that have been handed in to the office. Please come and check them out if you are missing yours!



## **CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

The year is winding down very quickly and soon our Grade 12's will be off to new adventures and opportunities. The Career Centre will be open until the final week of classes for students to drop by or to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Janzen.

**Grade 12's going to UFV in September:** Need help selecting courses for September? Still have some unanswered questions about going to UFV next year? **UFV Educational Advisors** will be at the school for individual 15 minute appointments between 11:00 am & 1:00 pm on **Friday, May 8**. Sign up for an appointment on the form posted on Mrs. Janzen's office door.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

***Envision Twilight Concerts in the Park at Fraser River Heritage Park***

Volunteers are needed throughout the summer on Wednesdays & Fridays from 6 – 8 pm.

You can help out only once or as often as you like. No experience needed, we offer free training and have fun doing it! To volunteer, contact Kathleen MacKillop at [kxx2@telus.net](mailto:kxx2@telus.net)

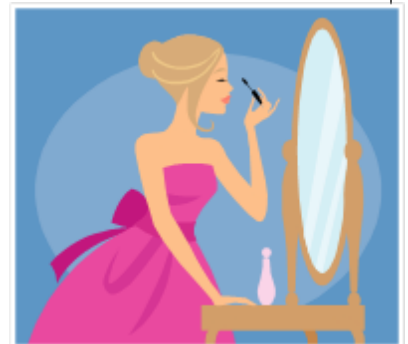
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## **TALIA'S CLOSET**

Are you **graduating** this year and do you need **HELP** with gowns or beauty related services??

Talia's Closet is a program run by the Youth Resource Centre and Abbotsford Community Services to assist graduates in celebrating their success by easing the monetary stress associated with graduation.

Students will need to take a form stating that they are graduating this year to Talia's Closet. Please see Cyndi McLachlan or your counsellor for this form and more information on the program.



Students may contact Cyndi McLachlan if they need help with suits, dresses, hair, etc.

## **MSS Aboriginal Department**

### **Mission International Student Program:**

The Mission School District International Student Program is currently looking for nurturing host families to provide a welcoming “home away from home” for our visiting elementary and secondary students. These paid positions are a wonderful opportunity to share your heart and your home as well as our great Canadian culture with young visitors from around the world. Student placements range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more.

We invite you to complete our On-line Application Form to become a host family and be a part of our exciting International Student program. Please complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form and we will be happy to contact you for a follow up home visit.

Go to: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Homestay; New Host Families; Click On-line Application Form.

For more information, please call the International Program Office: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336

### **Bus Transportation Registration for 2015 – 16**

Families are advised that registration of students for bus transportation for the 2015-16 school year will run from **May 4th through June 30th, 2015**. In order to ride a district school bus, all new and returning riders must complete a registration form each year.

Registration can be initiated by using our online bus registration form, or in person at the School District Office at 33046 Fourth Ave., during regular business hours (8:00am – 4:00pm M-F). Please note, registration is not considered complete until full payment is received. If you are using the online form, you have the option of either making payment over the phone (604.826.6286 ext. 3246), or coming into the office to make your payment.

Students who qualify to use district transportation services, but have not registered by June 30th, or are cross boundary students, are not guaranteed transportation as it will depend on availability of service. Any registrations received after the June 30th deadline will incur a **20% surcharge**.

This month we hosted our Family Schools Dinner here at MSS and it was well received by all. Thank you to all the Families that attended. The students appreciated the recognition. It was also a time to celebrate the Gr.12's who will be continuing on to post-secondary. We wish them much success.

We also honoured one of our own, Janice Hawk, who retired earlier this year. She was an inspiration to all our Staff and students, and will be dearly missed. A big congratulations to Tamara Sykes-Yarwood, Ryan Talbot, and Tina Pesek for receiving the Siwal Si'wes Scholarships to further their education. Good luck next year in your post-secondary programs.

On April 22, 2015, we had a special guest speaker and workshops from Phil Boyte called “Breaking Down the Walls”. One hundred and fifty students from all the high schools gathered together for activities and small workshops learning about barriers at school. This workshop was to help with the transition that will be taking place next year. It was a fun day for all and all the students got to share personal stories and meet new students from other schools.

Note to parents with students who are struggling or need extra help with a class. There is tutoring after school from 3 pm to 4 pm from Monday to Thursday. Please contact Tracy Carr, Aboriginal Liaison Worker or Jody Shaw, School Counsellor..



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See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>



**2014 - 2015 Year at a Glance**

May 1, 2015	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 15, 2015	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 18, 2015	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 22, 2015	Prom & Dry Grad
June 11, 2015	Commencement
June 18, 2015	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 18-25, 2015	Provincial Exams
June 22-24, 2015	School Exams
June 26, 2015	Administrative Day/Report Card Pick-up
June 29, 2015	Report Cards Available 8 am – 4 pm

**Thank you to the following Dry Grad Supporters who have contributed thus far and the list is still continuing:**

Black Bond Books	Boston Pizza
Cal & Sharon Crawford	Canadian Martial Arts Academy
Canadian Tire	Casa del Sol
Crystal Nails Salon & Spa	District of Mission
Earthtacular Rock And Gems	Eleni's Restaurant
Envision Financial	First Choice Haircutters
Garrin & Shantelle Mang	Gold Bin
Goody Too Shoes	Hairformers Salon
Hi N Lo Dollar Mart	Jodway Law Corp
Johnston Meier Insurance	Landmark Realty
Lordco Auto Parts	MacDonald & Spicer Notaries
Magnolias on Main	Mission Community Foundation
Pete's Place Pizza	Prominence Nail Design
Redemption Salon	Rempel Mechanical Services
Rex Cox Men's Wear	Ridge Meadows Flames Jr. Hockey
SassaFrass Spa	Save-On-Foods
Sew in Style	Shopper's Drug Mart
Starbucks	Sue's Copy Place
Swing Optical	Vancity
Walmart	Wentings Cycle and Mountain Shop
ZZ Cuts	

**Please note that community members are continuing with their support. The list will be finalized at the end of May.**

**GRAD INFO**

**Prom at Swan-E-Set Golf(6 pm–12 am)**

Date: May 22, 2015  
Cost: \$100 per ticket  
Guest Approval: Apr 20-May 8  
Tickets on Sale: Apr 22-May 15

**Dry Grad(1 am-5 am)**

Date: May 23, 2015  
Cost: \$20 per ticket  
Tickets on Sale: Apr 22-May 15

**Grad Tea and Social at MSS**

Date: May 22, 2015  
Time: 3:45-5:00 pm  
Cost: Free

**Commencement**

Date: June 11, 2015  
Cost: Free(3 per student)  
Available: June 1, 2015  
Extra Tickets Sign-up: Starts June 8 @ 8am  
Extra Tickets Pick-up: June 11 @ 3pm