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Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Christmas break is just one day away, where has the time gone? The month of December has been extremely busy as usual for Mission Secondary. Students and staff have been so engaged in teaching and learning throughout the past three months that we, as a school, were able to celebrate outstanding report cards at Parent/Teacher interviews. We had over five hundred report cards picked up and the interview process went very smoothly.

December was a busy month with a Christmas Concert, a Grade 12 Scholarship meeting and parent's dinner, a Football Banquet, and an outstanding play put on by the Drama students.

Finally, I would like to thank our entire staff for all their hard work during the last four months. We are making a difference in children's lives.

I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday. Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal



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.

Scholarship Information

Grade 12 students should be coming to the counselling office to see what is available in the way of Scholarships and Bursaries as there is a lot of post secondary money available.

Please feel welcome to drop in and speak to **Ms. Francis** about all of the fantastic opportunities.

Mission Community Foundation Award applications are now available, please submit no later than February 25th 2010.

School Closures for Bad Weather

In case of school closures due to inclement weather, the information will be broadcast on the radio stations as early as possible in the morning of the closures. Please listen to **STAR FM107.1, CKNW AM980, CKWX AM1130**, or check the district website www.mpsd.ca for up-to-date information on school closures.

Christmas Thanks

For a number of years, the staff at MSS have been entering names into the Christmas Cheer Draw. The staff have chosen students whom have been coping with a recent personal, family, or financial crisis. This year, we awarded over 20 prizes. Thank you to MSS Staff for donating their pocket change over the past few weeks, and to **Judi, H. Grimson, J. Heron, L. Janzen, C. Love & J. Pearce** for their extra donations. Special thanks to: Lanka Jewellers, EV Logistics (Perishables) Social Committee as well as **J. Shaw & B. Kremyr**, for providing our grand prize Christmas packages. We wish all of you extra Christmas Cheer for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

How Did We Get Here?



The Journey Through: Complex Developmental Behaviours & Related Disorders

Free Parent Education Group

Group held every **Monday evening** for 8 weeks

January 11 - March 1, 2010
6:30 - 9:00 pm.

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre
Plaza 154 location - #105 - 32868
Ventura Ave
Abbotsford
604-852-2686 ext 246

Group held every **Wednesday morning** for 8 weeks

January 13 - March 3, 2010
9:30 am to Noon.

Fraser Valley Child Development
Centre
#4 - 7337 Welton St., Mission
(Between First and Second, behind the old Post
Office)
604-820-9536 ext 0

Understanding ... Management ... Support



Registration is required - Space is limited
Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

Light Snack Provided

Presented by:

Drama News

Congratulations on another wonderful performance by the Drama students of MSS. The production of '*The Importance of Being Earnest*' a classic social satire and comedy by Oscar Wilde, wraps up on Thursday, Dec 17th. MSS theatre Department went on a field trip to UFV's production of '*Schoolhouse*' on Nov 17th wherein three alumni, Cassie Penner, Jen Gertz and Renée Reeve, recently graduated from our very own Theatre Department, appeared.



Above: Zac Pognuyev as John Worthing and Alex Rake as Algernon Moncrieff, from the Drama performance '*The Importance of Being Earnest*'
Below: Eden Toth as Cecil Cardew and Melanie Moreau as Gwendolen Fairfax.



Congratulations to the following Football Award winners:

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Junior Varsity</u>	<u>Gr. 8</u>
Outstanding Offensive Linesman	Logan MacLeod	Zac Chamberland / Tom Clarkson	Aaron Van Stigt
Outstanding Defensive Linesman	Dylan Duncan	Alex McCall	Darius Mavis
Outstanding Offensive Player	Blake Schaufelberger	Rhys Parry	Wayde Carpenter
Outstanding Defensive Player	Dylan Duncan	Arel Corder	Brad Atkinson
Outstanding Special Teams Player	Kyle Albertini	Dalton Alarie	Izzy Cummings
Most Inspirational Player	Joe DiGuistini / Corbin Thacker	Eric DiGuistini	Quentin Rowson
Most Improved Player	Matt Robertson	Dalton Alaire	Jimmy Deol / Brian Mtambo
Most Valuable Player	Kyle Albertini	Brody Scharfe	Evan Horton

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See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

School Calendar

Dec. 16,17	Drama performance: 'The Importance of Being Earnest'
December 18	Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 4	School reopens
January 20	7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting in Library
January 22	Term 2 ends
Jan 25 - 29	Provincial Exams
February 1	Semester 2, Term 3 Begins
February 19	District Professional Day – no classes
March 5	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 15	School Reopens
April 2	Good Friday – no classes
April 5	Easter Monday – no classes



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, 2010**. Students who don't complete this task may be in danger of losing their admission status at the Post Secondary Institution.

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student>
(Notice "https" above.)

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.

PAC News

A Very Merry Christmas to everyone involved at making Mission Secondary School a wonderful place for our teenagers to learn! Thank you for all your time and effort.

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, January 20th, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Have a safe, and wonderful holiday, and Happy New Year!

MSS Parent Advisory Committee

Notice to Grade 10, 11 & 12 Students

Semester 2 Starts on February 1, 2010

Students in grades 10, 11, and 12 on a semester timetable are required to take four courses per semester. The eight courses were selected at the beginning of the school year. The start-up of the second semester is **NOT** an opportunity to make course changes. Students will commence the second semester with the remaining four courses as indicated on their timetable at the beginning of the school year in September 2009.

Information Meeting on ADHD

Supporting Children Living with ADHD

Tuesday, January 12th 7 – 9pm

Heritage Park Secondary School Cafetorium.

Presentation by professionals to learn supports available for parents & children living with ADHD.