

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

8:44 am – First Class

11:29-12:11 – Lunch

2:55 – Dismissal

Tuesday & Thursday

8:44 – First Class

11:09-11:49 – Lunch

3:00 – Dismissal

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the last month our school community has been extremely busy. The Remembrance Day Assemblies were outstanding, thanks to the excellent work done by Fine Arts department, led by **Ms. Kim Grant** our dance teacher **Ms. Lois Brown Evans** and our drama teacher **Ms. Elisa Mcrae**. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a Great Spirit Week.

We were extremely pleased with our Parent Teacher Interviews. Over 550 parents attended and had excellent conversations with teachers. Parents, please continue to communicate with your child the importance of staying focused on learning. Also, please continue to stay in touch with your child's teachers; we want to work with you to support your child's achievement.

In athletics we were very successful in all areas. Our cross country team members qualified for the provincial championships. **Hailey Bryant** won a gold medal and set a new record in swimming at the BC's. Our volleyball teams played extremely well during the Fraser Valley's, our Sr. Boys Football team made the playoffs again and this weekend our Jr. Boys football team will play for the provincial championship. Well done everyone!

As we move into December I would like to thank our school community on how supportive everyone has been in the configuration process. I believe we have given our students the ability to design an educational plan to fit their needs. I am hopeful that as we move into the New Year that we continue to ensure high levels of learning for all. Happy holidays every one

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal

IMPORTANT WEATHER INFORMATION

School Closures due to weather

As the air begins to chill, we are reminded that winter will soon be here as will inclement weather conditions.

For information on school closures follow the School District website:

www.mpsd.ca

- Select the tab across the top - "Schools";

- Select - "Unscheduled School Closures" (Found on the left sidebar).

Once there, a list of radio stations is provided. Parents, students and staff can register directly on thatpage to sign up for Snow Closures Email List.

A quick and easy way for notification to be received directly.



COUNSELLING OFFICE MESSAGE

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12s - PSI's (Post-Secondary Institutions)

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 Institution.

Students must complete the PSI Selections form by **May 1st** in order to have interim transcript information forwarded to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the OUAC institutions (Section 1) in early May.

Note: Students who select University of Alberta and/or University of Calgary in Section 3 will also have their interim transcript provided to this PSI.

If students select BC Electronic PSIs and/or OUAC by May 1, their transcript information will also be forwarded automatically in late July.

In addition to selecting Section 1 of the PSI form, students may make a maximum of 6 more selections from Sections 2 and 3. There is no fee for these selections. Note: Students should not select PSIs from these sections unless they are actually applying to these institutions. Students may make additional selections at any time before the July 15 deadline. Students are not able to delete their selections once they have been submitted.

Students SHOULD complete this process even if they have not decided on which Post-Secondary Institution they plan to attend.

Go to the following link, click "ENTER", 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 M. Arends (A-J), L. Dickinson (K-Pe), C. Love (Ph-Z & Int'l), J. Shaw (Aboriginal), or Mrs. Janzen (Career Advisor).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all grade 12 students MSS now has a scholarship information website! Google (or other search engine) mssscholarshipinfo.weebly.com . The site will be updated periodically so remember to check often. You can find the updated date at the bottom of the homepage. Students are encouraged to drop by Ms. Evans in room 103 and sign up for the email list and you will be notified of upcoming scholarship tutorials and when new scholarship information becomes available.



SIWAL SI'WES ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

What a busy month here in the Aboriginal Department. November has come and gone! Our students had the opportunity to attend a trip to UBC and the Museum of Anthropology where they had a guided tour of the UBC campus which turned out to be amazing. It was a chance for our students to see what life is like on a busy university campus. Then in the afternoon we had a guided educational tour of the museum of Anthropology. What an amazing place, the students learned about Aboriginal culture, history and had a chance to interact with some artifacts. It was a great experience for all. Then the next week was our Leadership conference in Langley at Newlands gold club. This was a three day conference about how our students can become leaders in their community, school and personal life. It was a fun three days filled with great learning opportunities. Our students are busy every Tuesday and Thursday noon hour with Art Club, please come out if you are interested. Our next field trip is planned for Dec.4th to Xa:ytem, a cultural and historical learning opportunity. Remember if you have any concerns or questions please contact our Aboriginal Liaisons Tracy Carr, Connie Moojelski, and Joanne Lindall.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

We are currently accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring “home away from home” for our elementary and secondary International students. Student placements can range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more. These paid positions are a wonderful way to learn about another culture and to share Canada with students from another country. *Most International students are looking for a host family that includes Mom and Dad, as well as school-age children.*

If you are interested in hosting students, please apply on-line: www.studyinmission.ca

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form
- Our office will contact you to follow up

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See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2015 - 2016 Year at a Glance

December 12, 2015	Leadership Christmas Dinner
December 14, 2015	Football Banquet
December 16, 2015	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 21, 2015 - Jan.1, 2016	Winter Break
January 4, 2016	School Re-opens
January 25-28, 2016	Exam Week, classes not in session
January 29, 2016	Turn Around day - no classes
February 1, 2016	Term 3, Semester2 begin
February 8, 2016	Family Day – no classes
February 11, 2016	Report Cards
March 14 – 24, 2016	Spring Break
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
March 28, 2016	Easter Monday
April 15, 2016	Term 3 ends - 11:30 dismissal
April 18, 2016	Term 4 begins
April 28, 2016	Spring Break Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 29, 2016	Non Instructional Day – no classes
May 14, 2016	Prom
May 18, 2016	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
May 20, 2016	Non Instructional Day – No Classes
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day
June 17, 2016	Last Day of Classes
June 20 – 27, 2016	Exams
June 25, 2016	Commencement
June 30, 2016	Administrative Day

PAC MESSAGE

The November PAC Meeting decided where our Gaming Money would be distributed. We would like to thank those teachers that took the time and presented their requests to our membership. There is no meeting in December due to the Holidays and our next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2016. We wish everyone a happy and safe very Merry Christmas!

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now **until the end of January** for just \$50.00. Following that, the cost goes up to \$55.00. The Yearbook class is working hard to produce another great edition!

