

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

Monday - Friday

8:44 am – First Class

11:28-12:10 – Lunch

2:58 – Dismissal

Bussing:

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. There is a late bus Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25pm, taking students to Hatzic, Middle, then east or west from there

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. Mier. 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. Our homeless dinner was a huge success with the leadership classes serving over 150 meals to our less fortunate. Thanks to Mike Schneider and his team of volunteers. Our Christmas concert, dance performance and play were huge successes over the past week. Finally I am hopeful that as we enter the holiday break that we take time with our family and enjoy a well-deserved break. Happy holidays everyone.

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 that page to sign up for [Snow Closures Email List](#).

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



A big **thank you** once again to our MSS staff for all the donations toward the Christmas Cheer draw.

Congratulations to our student winners!

To all the rest of our students,

we wish you all the love, joy, and peace your hearts can hold.

May your season be safe and warm and surrounded by loved ones.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Sr. Girls Volleyball team qualified for the BC Provincial Championships for the first time in 30 years. The girls competed hard and finished 13th. Congratulations to all the players.

Team members are:

Sydney Steeg, Dawson Chalifoux, Maddison Parkhill, Morgen Likness, Bree Phelps, Makenzie Rourke, Ashley Bains, JoJo Calverley, Rachael Mason, Katelyn Bligh, Kristen McBride, Felicitas Von Braunmuhl

Manager: Jessie O'Neill

Coached by Andrew Hale and Tim McBride

Junior girls and Senior boys volleyball teams both qualified for the Fraser Valley Volleyball championships this Fall.

A special thank you to all our coaches who ran teams for MSS this fall:

Mrs. Windt – Junior Girls Volleyball

Leah Mckenzie and Ron Maclean –Sr Boys Volleyball

Lorraine Mar -junior boys Volleyball

Ray Jung – Junior Boys Football

Garrin Mang - – Junior Boys Football

Eugene Sepke – Junior Boys Football

Bill Fletcher – Junior Boys Football

Don Barden – Junior Boys Football

Randy Huth – Senior Boys Football

Kevin Watrin – Senior Boys Football

Brent Thompson – Senior Boys Football

Mike Schneider – Senior Boys Football

Ross Hyde – Senior Boys Football

Kevin Gill – Senior Boys Football

Samantha Janes – Swim Team

Elaine Kristianson – Cross Country

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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MSS Career Center News

Career advisor appointments increased substantially during the last quarter of the year. Students continue to provide positive feedback on the approaches taken with their Career Decision and Exploration needs.

The opportunity to meet with academic advisors during an onsite visit from UVF was well received with many students being successful with their post-secondary education applications.



Students who have not experienced a career advising appointment should contact Miss Flood the Career Advisor in the Counselling Center in the New Year. An opportunity to schedule an appointment before first class and after school is always an option in order to not miss classes. Parents are also welcomed to make appointments to review career decision making processes and resources that can help them help their son or daughter(s).

Women in Trades and Technology (WITT) Trades Talk Forum

February 16, 2017 : Clark Theatre
Sponsor(s): Riverside College, ITA, IBEW
Times to be determined.
There will evening hours for parents/students
For more information or to sign up see MSS Career Center

Regional Skills Competition

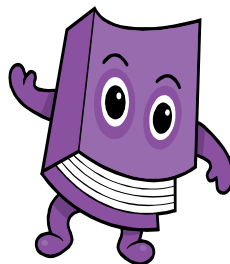
March 2nd, 2017
Abbotsford TRADEX
Bus Times to be determined
Sign up at MSS Career Center
SkillsCanada.bc.ca/competitions/regional-competitions/

Skills Canada Competition

April 5th, 2017
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Martin Nguyen's Dancers



Emily Ferri's Squirrel

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!

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<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2016/2017 Calendar

Dec. 16, 2016	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3, 2017	Schools Reopen
Jan. 18, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 23 - 26, 2017	School Exams
Jan. 24 – 25, 2017	Provincial Exams
Jan. 27, 2017	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Jan. 30, 2017	Term 3, Semester 2 begins
Feb. 9, 2017	Semester 1 Report Cards
Feb. 13, 2017	Family Day
Feb. 15, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 17, 2017	Provincial Pro-Development Day
Feb. 24, 2017 (Elementary)	½ Day Assessment
Mar. 10, 2017 (Elementary)	Parent/Teacher Conf.
Mar. 13 – 24, 2017	Spring Break
Mar. 27, 2017	School Reopens
April 13, 2017	½ Day Assessment (Middle & Sec.)
April 14, 2017	Good Friday
April 17, 2017	Easter Monday
April 18, 2017	Term 4 begins
April 19, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 27, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Middle & Sec.)
April 28, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 17, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 19, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
June 14, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 16, 2017	Last Day of Classes
June 19-21, 2017	Class Final Exams
June 22, 2017	Commencement Rehearsal
June 23 & 26, 2017	Provincial Exams
June 24, 2017	Commencement
June 29, 2017	Last Day of School for students