

# Mission Secondary School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

February was an extremely busy month for the entire Mission Secondary community. We have so many fine programs in our school and I continue to see so much dedication from students and staff to continue to build excellence in all areas of the school. Throughout this newsletter you will recognize our students demonstrating superior work in our classrooms, on our stage, and on our athletic teams.

Our theatre production classes have now completed their auditions for the traditional Shakespeare production in May. Our music department continues to raise money for their festivals. Sitting in on choir rehearsal the other day was an excellent experience; the students in that field are truly dedicated individuals.

In the area of academics, our senior students completed their provincial exams and we are anticipating great results. Grade 12 students are collecting information for their submission of applications for scholarships. We are celebrating Black History Month and our leadership group has taken on the project called Rice Raiser, a program that supports our local Food Bank.

The basketball season is winding down and what a year it has been. Our Senior Girls and boys teams are in the Fraser Valley Championships. Our Jr Boys basketball team made it to the regional tournament and had a great season. Our Ski and Snowboard teams had another outstanding season: the Girls Snowboard team won the Fraser Valley Crown.

Yes, Mission Secondary is a happening place. We have much to be proud of as a school. We continue our strong tradition of excellence in academics, fine arts and performing arts, athletics, applied skills and leadership.

Thanks to all our students, parents, and staff for their continued support.

Jim Pearce

Principal

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## Upcoming Events

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dry Grad**  
**Burger & Beverage**  
Mission Springs  
5:30 - 8:00  
Tickets are \$15

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Andrew Burke**  
**Memorial Hockey**  
**Game**  
1:30 pm Mission  
Leisure Center

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Break**

### 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.

## Aboriginal News

### Aboriginal Employment & Career Fair - Building a Healthy Future

Thirty-six Mission Secondary students from Grade 9 to 12 attended the Aboriginal Employment and Career Fair in Chilliwack on February 4th and visited Post-Secondary booths presented by Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia (Native Indian Teacher Program), University of the Fraser Valley, Langara College, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology; and a number of employer booths from Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Vancouver Police Department, Statistics Canada, Van City, TD Trust; as well as organization booths from the Pacific Salmon Commission, Applied Science Technologist & Technicians of BC, the Construction Specialized Workers Union.

Students were accompanied by Aboriginal Counselor, Jody Shaw; Aboriginal Liaison Worker, Fran Croteau; Aboriginal Coordinator, Erica Jurgens; District Career Advisor, Linda Janzen and alumni students Trent Geiger and Amy Parker. Parents and students are welcome to contact us with any questions regarding post-secondary options for our students.

Linda Janzen is the District Career Advisor and can help students and parents with the following:

- Course Selection/Planning for the following school year
- Post-secondary Programs
- Post-secondary Schools
- Career Options
- Resume Writing
- Interview Skills

Parents and students can contact Linda with questions or to book an appointment through: the Grad Program School Office - 604 826 8431; via e-mail - [linda.janzen@mpsd.ca](mailto:linda.janzen@mpsd.ca); or by calling her cell -604-302-5314.

Thank you to Sto:lo Nation for coordinating this event and to Siwal Si'wes for providing the bussing to and from the event.

Congratulations to Taran Humphrey who won the X-Box 360!!

## Music Notes

A huge THANK YOU to all families who supported the music department's Heavy Metal Bottle Drive! With your support, our students were able to raise over \$1200 towards their music trip to Seattle this April!

The music department will be having another Heavy Metal Bottle Drive on Saturday, March 12th. Any family who wishes to donate bottles or metal goods are welcome to stop by the school Saturday between 9 am and noon, or can contact Ms. Grant at [kim.grant@mpsd.ca](mailto:kim.grant@mpsd.ca) to arrange alternate drop off times. With thanks in advance for your continued support! Not a music parent? NO PROBLEM! We'll still take your donations!!

We are looking for...

- Soda cans/bottles
- Soup cans, tuna cans, cans from vegetables etc...
- Old Barbeques
- Old pots and pans
- Old electrical wires
- Power cords/extension cords
- Plumbing fixtures
- Small appliances
- Tea light - aluminum bases
- Clean pie plates/lasagna trays
- Old cutlery
- Christmas lights
- Faucets
- Pipes
- Kitchen utensils
- Aluminum siding
- Stainless steel travel mugs/water bottles
- Old tin cans.....copper, aluminum, brass, steel & chrome anything!



## Drama News

Auditions for this year's Shakespearean production, 'The Merchant of Venice' took place on Feb 8th. The casting hopefuls seen here brought positive energy, finesse and dynamic interpretations of their chosen characters to the stage. We are thrilled to be able to give everyone a part in this year's production which takes place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in our very own studio theatre. Tickets will be available at the next parent/teacher night on April 28th and thereafter from either the school office or the Drama Portable. Get yours early!

We are so very grateful to our fabulous audition panel seen here who took their private time to join in the process: Sammie Reeve (alumnus 2009, stage manager), Courtney Sheppard (alumnus 2010, assistant director), Linda Miller (resident casting advisor), Gai Brown-Evans (director), Pat Macaulay (literary advisor), Kim Larson (alumnus 2005, acting coach), Helen Yannacopoulos (costumier), and Dave Evans (photographer, publicity, set designer).



## Ski Team

The Mission Secondary School Alpine team competed at the Fraser Valley Ski and Snowboard Championships last Thursday, Feb 10. The Girl's Ski Team came out of it with a 1st Place and another banner for the school. Notable on the team was Natasha Crick who came first overall individually. Natasha's gold along with Katja Kreuger's 6th, Mariah Hunter's 7th, Liz Janze's 8th, Christy Hunter's 14th, and Samantha Horacsek's 15th, all combined to give the girls sweet reward for their hard work and training at Hemlock Resort this season.

The Boys' Ski Team did well coming in fourth place with only three racers, Virgil Hirtz 13th, Connor Brisson 24th, and Alex Janze 30th. Logan Bryan and Leon Baecker did not make the race and we can only imagine our placing if they had made it.

The Boys' Snowboard team, which won the banner last year tied for second. Howard Roblee was seventh, Elliot Goodier 17th, Jason Leiva 21st, Cody Sharp 22nd, and Ian Crawford placed 29th; a great job, considering the Heritage Woods Secondary juggernaut that took the top six places.

Thanks to Keith Hunter for his time and assistance all season. The staff at Hemlock Resort for the great training: Stewart, Evan, and Benji, were excellent. Thanks also to the parents who got the kids up to the 5 am mornings.



Gold Medal Winner  
Natasha Crick (left)

←

Girls' Ski racing team -  
Fraser Valley champs  
(right)→





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*“Everybody’s best  
 builds success.”*

**We’re on the Web!**  
<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

**Thompson Rivers University  
 Spring Break 2011**

Bring your family & friends  
 and spend a day on campus.

*Each day one Spring Break  
 visitor will win a \$150 tuition  
 bursary prize from TRU!*

Email [kking@tru.ca](mailto:kking@tru.ca) for more  
 information

**School Calendar**

March 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 18	Last day of classes before Spring Break
Mar 21-25	Spring Break
March 28	School Reopens
April 15	½ Day Assessment
April 22	Good Friday - no classes
April 25	Easter Monday - no classes
April 28	Parent Teacher Interviews
April 29	Non-Instructional Day - No Classes



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Soapbox Derby
- Sports Car Club of BC
- Mission Hill Stomp Run

Get your 30 Hrs. needed for  
 graduation!! Check the school  
 bulletin board for more  
 information.

*Spring Break  
 Campus Tours  
 available at most  
 colleges &  
 universities*

*Plan to attend one  
 at your school of  
 choice*

