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# 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.



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 continues to take on new projects such as Hockey Day in Canada and the annual Andrew Burke hockey game.

The basketball season is winding down and what a year it has been. Our Senior Girls qualified for the Fraser Valleys as well as the grade 9 team. The Sr. boys varsity basketball team won the Fraser Valleys and will make their way to the provincial tournament ranked number one. Our Ski and Snowboard teams had another great season: two girls qualified for the provincial championships.

Yes, Mission Secondary School is a happening place. We have much to be proud of as a school. We continue our strong tradition of excellence on 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

## 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. Especially for students pursuing the Trades

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

## School Closures / 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](http://www.mpsd.ca) for up-to-date information on school closures.



## CAREER CENTRE NEWS

### Grade 12's

- It's time to apply to universities and colleges NOW.
- No idea what you're going to do in September? Sign up for an appointment with Mrs. Janzen to discuss your options.
- Remember to apply for Scholarships and Bursaries

### Upcoming Events for Grade 11 & 12's

March 1	<b>Study and Go Abroad Fair:</b> *Study *Travel *Work *Volunteer Vancouver Convention Centre *Info on bulletin board Admission is free 3 – 7 pm Free seminars starting at 2:00
March 10	<b>Capilano U's NEW Bosa Centre for Film &amp; Animation OPEN HOUSE</b> 10:00 am – 4:00 pm For more info: <a href="http://capilanou.ca/film">capilanou.ca/film</a>
March 16 & 17	<b>TWU Preview Weekend</b> See <a href="http://www.tuw.ca/undergraduate/visit">www.tuw.ca/undergraduate/visit</a> for more details
March 19 – 23	<b>TRU's Spring Break Experience</b> Check out <a href="http://www.tru.ca/springbreak">www.tru.ca/springbreak</a> for more information
March 31	<b>Kwantlen Polytechnic U's OPEN HOUSE</b> 11 am til 3 pm; Surrey Campus, 12666 72 <sup>nd</sup> Ave Check out: <a href="http://www.kwantlen.ca/openhouse">www.kwantlen.ca/openhouse</a>
March 31	<b>University of Alberta Registration 101 Workshop</b> 10 – 6; Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver RSVP: <a href="http://www.ualberta.ca/reg101">www.ualberta.ca/reg101</a> to reserve a seat
April 19	<b>LPI Test @ HPSS</b> 12:15 – 3:00 pm All Gr. 12 students who need to write this exam should register by April 10 at: <a href="http://www.lpittest.ca">www.lpittest.ca</a> Not sure if you need to write it? Check with Mrs. Janzen
April 13 & 14	<b>BCIT OPEN HOUSE</b> – Mrs. Janzen will be organizing a field trip to this event on April 13



*The Career Centre has a Facebook page!*

Search for **Mission Career Centre** and "Like" the page to receive information and opportunities that will help you prepare for life after high school.

Need advice or help regarding post-secondary programs/schools, careers, resumes, interview skills, or course planning for next year? Come by the Career Centre.

Parents are welcome to call or email and make an appointment to meet with me anytime.

Linda Janzen, Career Advisor  
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**iBelong!**

Visit the new L'Arche  
Canada website on  
**FRIENDSHIP** for young  
people with intellectual  
disabilities!

<http://www.ibelong.ca>

Please Spread the Word about this New Site!



### Music Notes

The Music Department  
Presents  
Spring Fling Concert  
Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
Clarke Foundation  
Theatre  
Tickets \$5 for adults, \$2  
for students, \$1 for  
children under 6.



## 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, 2012**.

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student>

(Notice "[https](https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student)" 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.



Mission Secondary is in need of a pair of crutches. If you have a pair that you would like to donate to the school please contact the Grad Program office at 604-826-8431 or drop off at the main office. Thank you.

## Programming 2012 - 2013 Update

Counselors have commenced programming sessions in English 11, Planning 10, and English 8 classes. Students are selecting courses for next year and we are encouraging them to share their course choices with parents/guardians, our career advisor, teachers and counselors in order to ensure courses selected satisfy graduation requirements, personal interests, career goals, and admission requirements to post-secondary institutions. Counselors will continue this process in February & March for the remaining students in all grades. Please contact your student's counselor if you need additional information on any aspect of Programming 2012-2013.



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**ÉLAGE DIOUF** (Senegal/QC) - in French & English - Rock your socks off to one of the finest performers of contemporary African music today.

**LITTLE RED & THE SEA WOLF** (BC) - Board the Aquabus for a seafaring new twist on Little Red Riding Hood.

**A LA BELLE ÉTOILE/UNDER THE STARS** (QC) - in French or English - Hansel & Gretel brought elegantly to life with puppetry & ingenious staging.

**THE HAPPY PRINCE** (Taiwan) - in Mandarin and English - Oscar Wilde's whimsical adventure delightfully portrayed by marionettes.

**THE ITCH OF THE GOLDEN NIT** (UK) - A delightfully funny & award-winning animated film made with kids, for kids.

School Tickets NOW ON SALE! - Tickets only \$9 / \$11

See 2 shows for only \$20 (all tickets plus H.S.T.)

Get 1 FREE TICKET for every 20 purchased!

School ticket price is valid for groups of 10 or more.

Two show discount valid for same day, same person only.

Show tickets include FREE access to all site activities!

For more information or to place your order:

online: [www.childrensfestival.ca](http://www.childrensfestival.ca)

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See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

**Drama News**



Pictured above are the auditioning hopefuls for our upcoming annual Shakespearean production, 'The Winter's Tale' (May 3, -5<sup>th</sup> & 10-12<sup>th</sup>). What a fabulous turnout with some truly memorable performances. Audition panel crew included both the Principal, Mr. Pearce and the Vice-Principal, Mr. Cyr, English teacher Ms. Macaulay, Art & Textile teacher Mrs. Yannacopoulos, Middle School teacher Ms. Brown-Evans, set designer and publicity/ graphic artist David Evans, acting coach Tara Anderson, and Drama teacher Mrs. Brown. Run-through was on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and rehearsals began in earnest Tuesday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. We're working hard towards the final product and really hope to see you there in May when the production goes up over two weeks for community audiences. Bravo everyone!

**Mission Hillstompers**

**Heritage to Hatzic  
5k & 10k walk/run  
Sunday, April 1, 2012  
Heritage Park Secondary School  
33700 Prentis Ave  
9:00 a.m.  
To Register  
604-826-4721  
[www.missionhillstomp.com](http://www.missionhillstomp.com)**

Register by February 19, 2012 for a chance to win an iPad 2



**School Calendar**

March 16, 2012	Last day before Spring Break
March 19 – 23, 2012	Spring Break
March 26, 2012	School Reopens
April 6, 2012	Good Friday, No Classes
April 9, 2012	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 13, 2012	Term 3, Rotation 3 Ends, 1/2 Day Assessment
April 16, 2012	Term 4, Rotation 4 Begins
April 26, 2012	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for pickup
April 27, 2012	Non Instructional Day, No Classes Report Cards Available for pick up
May 18, 2012	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 21, 2012	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 25, 2012	Prom & Dry Grad
June 7, 2012	Commencement
June 15, 2012	Last Day of Classes
June 18 – 20, 2012	School Exams
June 20 – 28, 2012	Provincial Exams
June 28, 2012	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 29, 2012	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 29, 2012	Administrative Day