

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe the first month of the New Year has come to an end and semester one is complete for our senior students (grade 10 through grade 12). During our first semester we had so many successes, from our drama and music departments to our sports teams and all other extra curricular events. Mission Secondary is a wonderful place to be.

I wish the remaining months of the school year be marked with academic success for all students at Mission Secondary School. Staff is working hard to ensure student success for all students. However, this success will not be positive without the concerned and continued efforts of students, parents and the school staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time regarding your child's progress. Our classroom teachers are the best source of information regarding specific subjects; however, our counselling staff and administration are always available to assist with concerns of a general or overall nature.

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.



Drama News

We are auditioning for this year's Shakespearean selection, 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' February 2nd at the 3pm bell. This play is about two young men who are players and who get 'outed' by the women in their lives. All interested parties are welcome to audition. Pieces and scripts are available in the school library.

Grade 9 drama students are working on a famous Canadian written piece about the struggles encountered by new immigrants when coming to our country. Told from a high school student's perspective, 'New Canadian Kid', will be up for audience in March, the date will be announced as we approach the final production.

We are planning a field trip to Vancouver's Opera April 22nd to see the famous 'Figaro' by Mozart. This will be the only opera we visit this year and well worth the visit. Ticket price is \$25 and can be given to either Ms Macaulay or Mrs. Brown-Evans.

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**.

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.

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.

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Grade 12's

- It's time to apply to universities and colleges NOW
- The deadline to apply to UFV, for some programs, is January 31st
- Remember to apply for Scholarships and Bursaries ☺

There will be a newsletter included with all Grade 12 report cards with important information regarding applying to post-secondary institutions and preparing for next year.

Upcoming Events for Grade 11 & 12's

January 31	UFV Early Application Deadline
February 3	MSS Scholarship Team Event 4:00 – 8:30 pm (Workshop, dinner, bowling) Team member's parents are invited for dinner at 5:30; student's permission form is due Mon. Feb. 1 st
Feb 5, Mar 26, Apr 9	TWU Campus Visit Dates See www.tuw.ca/undergraduate/visit for more details
February 23	UFV Campus Tour and Info Session, 8:50 – 11:45 am Sign up in the Career Centre
February 28	BC Universities' Early Application Deadline
March 19	JIBC Showcase Open House Field Trip Sign up in the Career Centre

The Career Centre is open from 8:15 – 3:30 every day and I am available to talk with students about post-secondary programs/schools, careers, resumes, interview skills, and course planning for next year. Parents are welcome to call and make an appointment to meet with me anytime.

Linda Janzen, Career Advisor

Study Support

Lunchtime Study Support, in room 217, is a place for students to find academic support during the lunch period. Any student in the school may use this quiet and supportive environment as a place to complete homework, obtain help with study skills and organization, or review lessons.

Report Cards

Mission Secondary report cards for term 2 will be available for pick up from the office on **Friday, February 12th** from 9 am until 3:30 p.m. Parents or guardians only can pick up report cards, they will not be given to students.

Whistler 2010 The Mission Edition



MSS skiers and snowboarder have had another dominant season in the Fraser Valley high school winter sports as seen at the Fraser Valley Zone Finals on Wednesday, January 20th.

Our girls snowboard team won the zone finals thanks to the impeccable performances of **Tessa McKamey** and **Kara Upton**. Tessa won GOLD and Kara came in fifth to cinch the title. **Jasslyn Hodgins**, a regular, couldn't make it on Wednesday but her impact will be felt at Rossland, Red Mountain ski hill where we will be for the Provincial Finals.

The girls ski team did not repeat as the valley champions but there were significant signs of it happening again soon. **Natasha Crick** won individual GOLD in the Slalom and SILVER in the Giant Slalom, picking up from her sister Erica, who came back to help us out at Blackcomb today. Other individual accomplishments were **Mariah Hunter** and **Liz Janze** who both came in the top 10 for slalom and giant slalom. They have shown the kind of competitive drive that makes for winners, and we hope to see even greater results next season.

Alex Janze and **Logan Bryan**, boys new to the ski team this year, placed in the top 20 in both slalom and GS. With some more new blood next year we might have a boys team to rival the girls.

The boys snowboard team, not to be out done, brought home some hardware as well as qualified for the Provincial Finals in Rossland. **Dylan Anderson** won an individual BRONZE in a tight contest, just 1/10th of a second ahead of **Jason Leiva** who came in fourth. **Brandon Hawkins** also placed in the top 10. The other boarders, **Luuk Leenders** and **Phil Dombrowski**, International students from the Netherlands and Germany respectively, had a great showing and brought a real maturity to our team.

Jake McCulloch, **Zane Cowan**, **Robert Grootendorst**, **Josh Touwslager**, and **Elliott Goodier** continued their successful regular season and all of these young men combined to bring our team to within 3 points of a valley title. That second place qualifies the boys to go to Rossland in March. That's two years in a row!

Great job guys.

We need to mention **Katie Hamilton** and **Howard Roblee** who were regulars all season but could not make it to the finals.

As sponsors of the team, who put our two bits in now and then, we just want to say what an honour it is to be associated with such a fine group of kids. The officials at the GMC Race centre at Blackcomb consistently pointed out the sportsmanship and respect our kids have for them and the other racers. It makes the job easy for us.

The great support from the administration at MSS; **Mr Pearce**, **Ms Dempster**, and **Mrs Heron** make our program work. Parental support has been amazing and it has been fun to have parents see the hard work and talent Mission possesses. A huge amount of credit goes to the hard work put in by the coaches, **Peter Anderson**, and **Timo Itkonen**.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

School Calendar

Jan 25 - 29	Provincial Exams
February 1	Semester 2, Term 3 Begins
February 12	Report cards available for pick up
February 19	District Professional Day – no classes
March 5	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 14	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 15	School Reopens
April 2	Good Friday – no classes
April 5	Easter Monday – no classes

To Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 and 10 Students:

Preparations for the 2010-2011 school year are underway at Mission Secondary School.

Students have some very important decisions to make in regard to their Grade 10 and 11 school years.

Graduation requirements,
Work Experience Programs,
Secondary School Apprenticeship Programs,
NEW Math 10 courses,
Summit Learning Courses,
Leadership at MSS

To this end we've planned an evening information meeting for you and your son/daughter to attend on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Mission Secondary School.

Please join us at MSS for this important meeting.

Sincerely,

MSS Administration

J. Pearce, Principal
M. Dempster, VP
J. Heron, VP

MSS Counsellors

Mr. Love	Grade 12 and International Students
Ms. Francis	Grade 10 and 11 Students
Mr. Greenshields	Grade 8 and 9 Students
Ms. Shaw	Aboriginal and AVID Students

Programming 2010 - 2011 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 for the remaining students in all grades.

Please contact your student's counselor if you need additional information on any aspect of Programming 2010-2011.

Sports News

Come out and play Canada's National Summer Sport! 2010 Box Lacrosse Registration

Saturday, January 30th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2nd 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mission Leisure Centre

For further information go to

missionminorlacrosse.com

or call Lori (registrar) at 604-826-4465

Fun for boys and girls ages 4 – 16 years

