

# Mission Secondary School Newsletter

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## Principal's News

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that the first month of the New Year has come to an end and semester one is complete for our senior students (grade 11 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 extracurricular 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 counseling staff and administration are always available to assist with concerns of a general or overall nature.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce  
Principal

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### Upcoming Events

Jan 24 - 28  
School / Provincial Exams  
Grade 11/12s

Jan 31  
**Semester 2 starts**  
Grades 11/12s  
**Term 3 starts**  
Grade 8/9/10

Feb 11  
Report Card  
Pickup

Feb 21  
Pro-D Day

## IMPORTANT - Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale for **\$50.00**

If you purchase your Yearbook before **February 25<sup>th</sup>** you'll be eligible to go into a **draw to receive your Yearbook for free.**

Do not wait until June to purchase your Yearbook as the number is limited and the price increases to \$55.00!!

Make sure you pre-purchase your Yearbook to ensure you'll get one in June and be eligible for the "free draw". Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive your 2010/2011 MSS edition.

## Aboriginal News

### Grade 12 Aboriginal Students

BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarship Applications are available online: google "BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarships" or pick up a copy of the application from Mrs. Shaw at the Middle School Counselling Room, or from Fran or Erica in the Aboriginal Room (113). The application deadline is between January 24 - April 15, 2011.

### Career Fair Field Trip Opportunity

There is a Career Fair opportunity for Aboriginal Students on February 4th in Chilliwack. This is a free event offering career booths, guest speakers, and employer booths. Door prizes include a Play Station 3, IPOD Touch, DSI, DVD Player, Digital Camera. There will be traditional opening and closing ceremonies and lunch is included. Siwal Si'wes is providing bussing transportation to and from the event. Interested students please contact Mrs. Shaw at the Middle School Counselling Room, or Fran or Erica in the Aboriginal Room (113) for permission forms.

### BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program

Mission Secondary is participating in the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program. Our school will be receiving bi-weekly deliveries of ready-to-eat BC grown fruits and vegetables beginning January 25th. This is a universal delivery program open to all students and staff who wish to sample some of our BC produce. Drop-in stations will be set up in the Grad Program Counselling Room, Middle School Counselling Room and Aboriginal Room. The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Program is an ActNow BC program with funding from the BC Ministries of Healthy Living and Sport, Education, and Agriculture and Lands. It is administered through the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, a non-profit association dedicated to working with educators to bring BC's agriculture to students. Classroom materials will be distributed to teachers and information brochures will go home in students' report cards. The MSS coordinator for this program is Erica Jurgens.

Please feel free to contact Erica Jurgens or Fran Croteau if you have any questions. You can reach us at the Middle School Office number: 604 826 6487 or email [erica.jurgens@mpsd.ca](mailto:erica.jurgens@mpsd.ca) and [fran.croteau@mpsd.ca](mailto:fran.croteau@mpsd.ca)

## Drama



The Shakespearean production for this year will be the controversial 'The Merchant of Venice'. Students of all grades are invited to join Theatre Production and come out for auditions on February 8th right after school in the Drama Portable.

First, it is advisable to read the play, then pick out a desired part or parts, pick up an audition piece at the school library and prepare your character before hitting the stage. There are parts for all; small, medium and large,

young and old, male and female, actors, stage crew and techies. Never done it before? Now is the time to try your luck and make the best investment ever in your high school education!!

This is the stuff that sticks with you long after you've left school and moved on into the world at large. You will not regret it. Ours is a wonderful loving family of theatre, the best troupe imaginable. Make yourself proud (and the rest of the community while you're at it).

## Career Center 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 31<sup>st</sup>
- Remember to apply for Scholarships and Bursaries ☺

## Upcoming Events for Grade 11 & 12's

January 31	UFV Early Application Deadline
February 4	Aboriginal Employment & Career Fair Registration required; see your school Aboriginal Counsellor
Feb., Mar. & April	TWU Preview Days and Campus Visit Dates See <a href="http://www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit">www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit</a> for more details (Parents are also invited)
February 19	SFU Supertour for prospective students & parents Register at <a href="http://students.sfu.ca/tour/">http://students.sfu.ca/tour/</a>
February 28	Universities' Early Application Deadline
March 1	UFV Campus Tour and Info Session, 8:50 - 11:45 am Sign up in the Career Centre
March 12	Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Open House

### For Grade 8's to 12's

*SFU is planning great events for students this year. One of these events is the **TECHTREK** workshop series for Grade 8 to 12 students offered on Saturday mornings Feb. 26 and April 2. For grade 11 and 12 students, each workshop will consist of short talks by a professor and an industry representative followed by a hands-on activity. Students in Grades 8 to 10 will participate in a series of fun, hands-on activities that introduce them to Computer Science. Last year they had representatives from **Google, EA and Pixar** attending! Participants will have a chance to win a Netbook, and other fun prizes. Parents and teachers are also welcome to attend. For more information and to reserve a seat please visit their website at: <http://www.techtrek.ca>.*

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.

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 Builds Success”*

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<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

## Programming 2011/12 Update

Counselors have commenced programming sessions in classes for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. Students are selecting courses 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. Please contact your student’s counselor if you need additional information on any aspect of Programming 2011-1012.

### 2010-2011 Counselor Assignments:

#### **Middle School: 604-826-6487**

Mark Greenshields: Grade 8 and Grade 9 (A - D)  
 Jody Shaw: Aboriginal Grade 8 - 12 and Grade 9 (E - Z)

#### **Grad Program School: 604-826-8431**

Lea Francis: Grade 10 and Grade 11 (A - M)  
 Colin Love: Grade 12 and Grade 11 (N - Z)

### School Calendar

Jan 24 - 28	Provincial Exams
January 31	Semester 2, Term 3 Begins
February 1	Report cards available for pick up
February 21	District Professional Day - no classes
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 22	Good Friday - no classes
April 25	Easter Monday - no classes

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



### Report Cards

Mission Secondary report cards for term 2 will be available for pick up from the office on **Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am until 3:30 p.m. Parents or guardians only can pick up report cards. They will not be given to students.