

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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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 11 and 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 28th, 2012.**



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.



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

January 31	UBC's Application Deadline UFV recommended application deadline
February & March	TWU Preview Days and Campus Visit Dates See www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit for more details (Parents are also invited)
February 18	SFU Supertour for prospective students & parents Register at http://students.sfu.ca/supertour.html
February 23	HPSS & HSS - UFV Campus Tour and Info Session 8:50 – 11:45 Permission forms on the bulletin board
February 28	BC Universities' Early Application Deadline
February 28	MSS – UFV Campus Tour and Info Session 11:45 – 2:55 Permission forms on the bulletin board
March 1	Study and Go Abroad Fair: *Study *Travel *Work *Volunteer Vancouver Convention Centre *Info on bulletin board *Admission is free *3 – 7 pm *Free seminars starting at 2:00
March 5 – 9	VanArts Media Bootcamp Application forms can be found on the bulletin board
March 31	UBC TechTrek – an opportunity for Gr. 8-12 students interested in technology Check out the bulletin board for more info; www.techtrek.ca
April 19	LPI exam – at HPSS, 12:30 – 3:00 pm All Gr. 12 students who need to write this exam should register at www.lpittest.ca Not sure if you need to write it? Check with Mrs. Janzen.

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Mission Public Library is looking for more Reading Buddies. If you would like to commit to spending 1 hour a week with a young ESL student, pick up an application form from the Career Centre door. 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 604-302-5314 linda.janzen@mpsd.ca

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 **April 30th**.

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

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

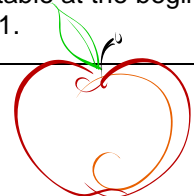
(Notice "[https](https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student)" above.)

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 11 & 12 Students **Semester 2 Starts on January 30, 2012**

Students in grades 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 2011.



Mission Minor Box Lacrosse

Registration: Monday, February 13, 2012

Location: Mission Leisure Centre
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

For boys and girls born 1996 - 2007

Season: March - July (approximate as it varies with age group)

For more information visit our website at: <http://www.missionminorlacrosse.com> or call Lori at 604-826-4465

Our school nurse Yvette Sabo RN BSN will be here on **Thursday February 2nd** to immunize the **grade 9 students** with the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster shot. Consent forms have been sent home. Please complete the form either accepting or declining immunization for your child and return to the school office now. Further information about immunization is available at immunizebc.ca. Any questions please don't hesitate to call our school nurse at the health unit.

Yvette Sabo RN BSN
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Mission Fire/Rescue Service

The **Secondary School Fire Academy** allows students to learn about and practice some of the skills and training firefighters must undertake. In addition, the students will learn information that will enhance their current skills and knowledge, particularly in physical training, teamwork and mechanical aptitude.

The students selected for the **Academy** will have the opportunity to participate in Basic Fire Fighting Techniques, Auto Extrication, Certification in C.P.R., Fire Extinguisher Use, and Live Fire and Physical Training. The students will certify through the Justice Institute of B.C. Fire & Safety Division to the Basic Fire Fighter Certificate Program. The participants will be selected from the Secondary School Graduation Program and will be screened by their school and Mission Fire/Rescue Service personnel.

Please contact Mr. Schell for more info.

Mission wrestlers

The Mission wrestling team was in action last weekend at the Western Canada Age Class Tournament in Kamloops. 700 wrestlers from across western Canada were competing. Coached by Mr. Derksen and Mr. McAuley, Mission Secondary was proudly represented by Trayl Charlebois, Caleb Gathergood, Chris Low, Brenden Atkinson, Paige Barber, and Shalaya Valenzuela. All wrestlers fought hard and had some exciting matches. Special congratulations to first year, grade 7 wrestler Shalaya Valenzuela; she won 75% of her matches against some experienced competition to earn a bronze medal. She has also medaled at every tournament this year! Wish our grade 8-12 wrestlers luck as they enter zone qualifiers in two weeks to qualify for provincials!!

Prom is fast approaching. If you or a student you know is going to miss their Prom due to difficulty covering expenses, please see your Youth Worker, Cyndi McLachlan, ASAP and ask about our Fairytale Program.

Salsa Dance Class

A salsa dance class will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays as an after school elective. This class is open to ALL Grade 10, 11 and 12 students who would like to add some Latin Social dance abilities. The salsa is the newest Social dance to arrive in North America and is, at present, the most popular event and club dance. For great fun, join instructor Robert!
Wednesday: Mobile A – 3:00 to 4:00
and Fridays: Gym A – 3:00 to 4:00.

POWER OF INFLUENCE

FEB 25 9:30-1PM @ THE CLARKE THEATRE

RYAN WALTERS,
& WORKSHOP

THE LEADER WITHIN

WITH CHRISTINE MCLEOD



To register www.missionchamber.bc

Textbook Returns

A reminder to grade 11 and 12 students to return textbooks to the main office for courses you have completed in Semester 1



Mission School District is currently hiring casual Supervision Assistants (Noon Hour Supervisors). If you are interested, application forms are available at the school office or at the School Board Office. Please return to Board Office to the attention of Chris Murray.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

School Calendar

January 30, 2012	Semester 2 Begins, Term 3 & Rotation 3 Begins
February 9, 2012	Report Cards Available for pickup
February 17, 2012	District Pro D Day, No Classes
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

Drama News

Tuesday Feb 7th marks the day for our upcoming Shakespearean production 'The Winter's Tale's' **auditions**. Any student who expresses any interest, even the slightest one, in being on stage or behind the scenes, is encouraged to come to the drama portable immediately at the day's end bell to fill out a form and if they so desire, audition. Audition pieces are currently available in the school library so that hopefuls can prepare themselves for one or more parts. Students should be sure to pick one up after reading a synopsis of the play and determining which roles interest them most. There are a multitude of possibilities with non-speaking walk on parts as well as increasingly ambitious speaking roles. Those who prefer to work backstage, as techies or in a non-speaking role need only come and fill out the audition form that day. For the rest, there will be an audition panel eagerly awaiting their efforts. Students from grades 7-12 are eligible and should sign up with their counsellor for Theatre Production class to be sure to get their credits. This endeavour is always a positive life changing moment in high school life. Stand up and be counted on stage or off.

Also, we are planning a field trip to the Vancouver opera on Thursday, March 15th after school for the evening dress rehearsal of Rossini's 'The Barber of Seville' Originally conceived as a comic opera, the story line runs along the theme of 'Romeo and Juliet' but ends with a far happier ending. All are welcome. Tickets are \$30 to cover the bus and opera ticket, a real steal considering regular show times start at \$165 a seat.

This would be a lovely cultural event to kick off the spring break. Students leave the school from the bus loop at about 4pm returning sometime around 11pm. Please see Mrs. Brown in the Drama Portable for permission forms. Everyone needs to go to the opera at least once in their life. It's always a thrill to watch no matter what. Hope to see you there.

