

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.

Thank you to MSS staff for their contributions to our 2012 *Christmas Cheer Draw*. We were able to present prizes to 28 students.

Special thanks to:

Kim Farsky, Linda Janzen, Dolores Koshurba, Colin Love, Krista & Dan Macaulay, Leann McLachlan, Linda Miller, Tracy Roper, Linda Schafer & students, Clara Shewchuk, Susan Smith, Carol Willock, Andrew Willock & Vicki Parfitt, Cindy Willock (Whimisically Charming), Alexis Walsh (Imation Canada), Jennifer Wellwood & friends for their extra contributions of money, time, and talents.

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.

After School Sewing Club
Open to all students
Monday's after school 3:10 - 4:30
Room 201 - Sewing Room

Mrs. Yannacopoulos



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
February & March	UFV recommended application deadline TWU Preview Days and Campus Visit Dates See www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit for more details (Parents are also invited)
February 1	Deadline to apply to McGill & some Ontario university programs
February 12	Kwantlen Entrance Scholarship Info Evening, Langley campus
February 16	SFU Burnaby Supertour for prospective students & parents Spend a day on campus. Limited space so register early at http://students.sfu.ca/supertour.html
February 19	UFV Chilliwack Campus Tours; choose either Health Sciences or Trades 8:50 – 12:30 Permission forms on the Career Centre bulletin board
February 20	UVic Engineering tours for high school students Register at: www.uvic.ca/engrtours
February 21	UFV Abbotsford Campus Tour & Info Session – HPSS & HSS
February 22	UFV Abbotsford Campus Tour & Info Session – MSS 8:50 – 11:30 Permission forms on the Career Centre bulletin board
February 28	BC Universities' Early Application Deadline (some exceptions)
March 2	Kwantlen Surrey Campus Open House, 11:00 – 3:00
April 19	LPI exam 12:30 – 3:00 pm at Heritage Park Secondary All Gr. 12 students who need to write this exam should register at https://secure.paragontesting.ca/LpiReg/LPI_RegSitting.cshml?h=1 Not sure if you need to write it? Check with Mrs. Janzen.

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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.

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12s

PSI's (Post-Secondary Institutions)

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.

- Students must complete the PSI Selections form online by **March 1, 2013** to have **preliminary** transcript information forwarded in mid-March to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) institutions. Preliminary transcript information will **not** include interim marks for courses in progress. It will only include final marks for completed courses and a list of courses students are currently taking.
- Students must complete the PSI Selections form by **May 1, 2013** to have **interim transcript** information forwarded in May 2013 to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the OUAC institutions.

Students **SHOULD** complete this process **NOW** even if they have not decided on which Post Secondary Institution they plan to attend.

Go to the following link, click "ENTER", 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, Ms. Shaw, or Mrs. Janzen.

DRAMA NEWS

Come one, come all. Students be sure to get yourself an audition piece for our upcoming Shakespearean production, 'What You Will' from our friendly librarian Mrs. Cariou. Auditions take place Tuesday, Feb 5th at 3pm in the Drama Portable. A good time is always had by all and there's something for everyone. This one's an outrageously funny comedy about confused identities in a love triangle, the old fraternal identical twin schtick. Rehearsals take place after school and the course is a credited one. You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain by trying your luck. Step up and do something wonderful for yourself and your community. The production goes on May 2, 3, & 4, 9, 10 & 11th so audience members mark those dates on your calendar. Tickets will be available a week before the show from the school office or at the Drama Portable or by calling MSS and making reservations. Also available at the door which opens at 6:30 for the 7pm show, tickets are for purchase (\$5) contingent upon availability. Reservations are recommended. You won't regret being a part of this show be it as an actor or audience member, we promise.

Check out this link:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/science-news/9797617/Shakespeare-and-Wordsworth-boost-the-brain-new-research-reveals.html>

Masked acting 11/12 students work on commedia del arte characterization



Krista Balogh and her hairdressing students from Riverside collaborate with MSS actors in preparation for the fall production of 'Jane Eyre' before the final dress and run through on Dec 11th



45 students went into the Queen Elizabeth theatre on Nov 29th to enjoy the dress rehearsal of the operetta 'The Pirates of Penzance'. Students were thrilled to see Christopher Gaze the artistic director of 'Bard on the Beach' and friend to our very own theatre perform as the Major General. A rollicking good time was had by all.



Jocelyne Martin, Liam Laughlin and Lexi Maddison completed the Roadrunner Mural in the Middle School. They assisted Mrs. Yannacopoulos with the design and she assisted the students and guided them to complete the mural in a professional manner.



Upcoming Grad Events

- Winter formal Tuesday Feb 5th from 6:00-9:30pm for grades 9-12 only.
- Grad photo re-takes Tuesday Feb 5th. Proofs must be returned or there is a \$10 sitting fee. No fee for first-time photos.
- Dry Grad bottle drive Saturday Feb 9th from 9-3:30pm in bus loop.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

School Calendar

February 4, 2013	Semester 2 Begins, Term 3 & Rotation 3 Begins
February 11, 2013	Family Day, No Classes
February 14, 2013	Report Cards Available for pickup
February 15, 2013	Pro-D Day, No Classes
March 18 – 22, 2013	Spring Break
March 25, 2013	School Reopens
March 29, 2013	Good Friday, No Classes
April 1, 2013	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 5, 2013	Term 3, Rotation 3 Ends, 1/2 Day Assessment
April 8, 2013	Term 4, Rotation 4 Begins
April 18, 2013	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm)
	Report Cards Available for pickup
April 19, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
	Report Cards Available for pick up
	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 17, 2013	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 20, 2013	Prom & Dry Grad
May 24, 2013	Commencement
June 6, 2013	Last Day of Classes
June 14, 2013	School Exams
June 17 – 19, 2013	Provincial Exams
June 20 – 25, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 27, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Administrative Day
June 28, 2013	

Mission Library

Manga Village
Saturday,
February 2,
2:30-4:30 pm
Do you love manga and anime? Join us for contests, crafts, food, manga talk and lots of anime to watch. Anime with a TV14 rating will be shown. For ages 12 to 18.

Textbook Returns

A reminder to grade 11 and 12 students to return textbooks to your teacher for courses you have completed in Semester 1

Aboriginal Dept. News

Wow, the school year is half way done. We are going into our third term here at MSS starting February 4th. In November we had the Leadership Conference for Aboriginal Youth that was held in Langley at Newlands Golf and Country Club. We had one Siyam (respected leader) and 3 Leaders from MSS who attended this 3 day conference. For Remembrance Day we had respected Sto:lo elder Eddie Gardner come in to drum and sing for the Remembrance day ceremony. Also in November we had Metis Day and we had the Leadership students volunteer, it was a wonderful success! We also had the Leadership students help out at the annual 'Friendship Winter Heat BBQ' that was held at the Mission Friendship Center. For our contribution to 'Me to We' we held a penny drive for 'Free the Children' which was the largest penny drive in Canada! Altogether MSS students from both the Middle School and high school raised a total of \$250.00 in pennies to go toward the 'Adopt a Village' communities around the world. The money raised will provide clean water to 10 people for life. There will be a Mural unveiling ceremony coming up on February 4th, 2013 here at MSS and everyone is welcome to come see this mural that honors the First Nations people of the Sto:lo territory. Mural Artist Doug Cariou will be in attendance and the invitation is open to all who wish to attend.

Improve your English, learn about Canada, and make new friends!

FREE English Classes in Mission



E.L.S.A.

English Language Services for Adults

Basic English language classes for adult newcomers to Canada.

Classes are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Heritage Park Secondary School.

For more information please call

Abbotsford Community Services at 604-859-7681 (Ext. 216)
or Mission Community Services at 604-814-3957 or 604-826-6194.

