

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.

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). Our first semester included many successes, from our drama and music departments to our sports teams and all other extra curricular events. The second semester promises to be equally busy and exciting.

I wish the remaining months of the school year be marked with academic success for all students at Mission Secondary School. Our staff is working hard to ensure success for all students. As always, we depend on the ongoing effort from students and support from parents. Together, we can ensure the best possible achievement for our students.

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,

Brian Tucker
Principal

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.

Textbook Returns

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



Grad 2014 Events

Winter Formal Dance

Wednesday, February 5,
6:00 – 9:30 pm

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at door



Bottle Drive

Saturday, February 8,
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

In the school bus loop

All donations greatly appreciated!

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	UFV recommended application deadline
February 3	UBC's 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 28	BC Universities' Early Application Deadline (some exceptions)
March 1	Kwantlen Surrey Campus Open House, 11:00 – 3:00
March 5	UFV Chilliwack Campus Tours; choose either Health Sciences or Trades 8:50 – 12:30
March 11	UFV Abbotsford Campus Tour & Info Session 8:50 – 11:30

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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IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12's

In December and continuing into 2014 Mr. Love (Counsellor for grade 12s) will be visiting ENGLISH 12 classes and begin the process of having all grade 12s complete the PSI process. Please read below for additional information on the PSI

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**. Students who don't complete this task could lose their admission status at the Post-Secondary Institution.

Go to the following link and follow the instructions.

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

(Notice "**https**" 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.

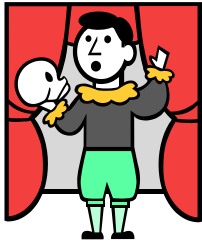


Programming 2014/15 Update

Counsellors have commenced programming sessions in classes for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Students are selecting courses and we are encouraging them to share their course choices with parents/guardians, our career advisor, teachers and counsellors in order to ensure courses selected satisfy graduation requirements, personal interests, career goals, and admission requirements to post-secondary institutions. Counsellors will continue this process in February. Please contact your student's counsellor if you need additional information on any aspect of programming 2014-2015.

DRAMA NEWS

Mission Secondary's Drama Department is gearing up for the auditions for our annual Shakespearean production. This year's choice is the rollicking comedy 'Much Ado About Nothing' which will go up May 1,2,3 & 8,9& 10th so be sure to mark it on your calendar. Auditions will take place Tuesday Feb 4th in our studio theatre and are open to students from grades 7-12. Audition pieces are now available from our friendly school librarian Ms. Cariou. Hopefuls should work their piece before presenting. Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 3-6 until the production dates so students should confirm availability first then come on out to auditions. There's something for everyone. Break a leg!!



COMM REC

The snow was a little late to arrive this year, but MSS Community Recreation was ready to hit the slopes as soon as Hemlock opened for the season. This year we had 16 students in lessons, with the majority taking snowboard lessons and a couple signing up for ski lessons. This was the first year that Comm Rec students had the option to participate in a challenge lesson. We had 12 students who passed the challenge lesson and were cleared to be able to free ski/board with a buddy during our time on the hill. The beginners have done a fantastic job and can be proud of their progress. Learning to snowboard is not easy, but our Comm Rec students are very determined and have enjoyed the challenge. By the end of January we will have had 4 trips up to Hemlock, 5 lessons, and a lot of fun! Way to go MSS Comm Rec!



Discover a new way for your child to learn French

Intensive French is a second-language teaching approach in which students in Grade 6 receive 80% of instruction in French during the first half of the year, and 20% in the second half. This program is for students who will **be in Grade 6 next September**.

For more information about Intensive French Program you can contact Mr. Malfesi, Principal at Windebank Elem. School (604.826.2213) or Mr. Ghislain Michaud, French Coordinator for Mission Public Schools (604.826.6528)

Parent's Info Night:

Tuesday, February 18th, 2014, 7:00-8:00 at Windebank Elem.

This program is open to all Grade 6 students in the MPSD, and will be offered at Windebank Elementary School starting in September 2014.



For more information visit www.mpsd.ca

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2013 - 2014 Year at a Glance

January 31, 2014	End of Term 2 Turn-A-Round Day, No Classes
February 3, 2014	Term 3, Rotation 1 Begins
February 5, 2014	Grad Photo Retakes
February 10, 2014	Family Day, No Classes
February 13, 2014	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
February 14, 2014	District Pro-D Day, No Classes
February 20 - 21, 2014	BC Winter Games, No Classes
March 14, 2014	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 17 - 21 2014	Spring Break
March 24, 2014	School Re-opens
April 4, 2014	End of Term 3 ½ Day Assessment
April 7, 2014	Term 4, Rotation 1 Begins
April 16, 2014	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 17, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
April 18, 2014	Good Friday, No Classes
April 21, 2014	Easter Monday, No Classes
May 16, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 19, 2014	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 23, 2014	Prom & Dry Grad
June 5, 2014	Commencement
June 13, 2014	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 16 - 18, 2014	School Exams
June 16 - June 23, 2014	Provincial Exams
June 26, 2014	Report Cards Available Noon - 4:00 pm
June 27, 2014	Administrative Day

Aboriginal Dept. News

Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Department & The Mission Friendship Centre presented the Annual Winter Heat BBQ on December 4th. Twelve of our MSS students attended and assisted in spreading the Holiday cheer by serving over 200 people, singing carols and presenting prizes in the draws. All students attending will receive community hours towards their Grade 12 portfolio.

Jan 20th was our first of 6 Cultural Day presentations to Elementary Schools in the Mission District. MSS students assisted the Aboriginal Liaisons, with 3 presentations each, to eager elementary students from Albert McMahan.

February 7th MSS Aboriginal Department will be promoting an environment of cultural awareness and tradition for all students and staff at MSS by presenting Aboriginal Dance - Hoop, Grass, Jingle and Pow Wow dance. There will be 2 performances – Middle and High.

Reminder to all students and parents that we offer academic support throughout the school day as well as the homework club Monday to Thursday from 3 – 4.

MSS Aboriginal Liaisons
Janice Hawk, Tracy Carr