

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.

Well with the start of the New Year I am excited about being back at Mission Secondary. I really enjoyed my time at HPSS over the last year and a half, however to get ready for the new Grad Program School, I was needed to come back to Mission Secondary to help with the transition. In my short time back everyone is engaged in their learning and focused on their goals. It is wonderful to see.

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,

Jim Pearce
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.



Winter Formal Dance

Wednesday, February 11,
6:00 – 9:30 pm
Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at door

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
January 31	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 25	Study and Go Abroad Fair, Vancouver Convention Centre 2 – 6 pm, Seminars at 1:00, www.studyandgoabroad.com
February 28	BC Universities' Early Application Deadline (some exceptions)
February 28	Kwantlen Polytechnic University Surrey Campus Open House
March 4	UFV Chilliwack Campus Tours; choose either Health Sciences or Trades 8:50 – 12:15 <i>Permission forms will be available in February</i>

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.

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 2015**.

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, Ms. Shaw, or Mrs. Janzen.



Programming 2015/16 Update

Counsellors have commenced programming sessions in classes for the upcoming 2015-2016 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 2015-2016.

Counsellor's Corner:

Divorce

Whether you are the “left”, the “leaver”, or it is mutual, divorce is a difficult process. As a parent, you are challenged with the task of letting go and moving on but it is never an easy task. Parents are encouraged to find a good friend or a counsellor to help them come to terms with their emotional and financial difficulties, all the while maintaining a loving and consistent home for their children.

The following websites might be of assistance to you if you are dealing with divorce:

for the parents of divorce –

<http://understandingteenagers.com.au/blog/2010/08/the-dos-donts-of-helping-teens-during-divorce/>

for the teenagers of divorce-

<http://www.safeteens.org/relationships/dealing-with-divorce/>

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Mission International Student Program:

The Mission School District International Student Program is currently looking for nurturing host families to provide a welcoming “home away from home” for our visiting elementary and secondary students. These paid positions are a wonderful opportunity to share your heart and your home as well as our great Canadian culture with young visitors from around the world. Student placements range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more.

We invite you to complete our On-line Application Form to become a host family and be a part of our exciting International Student program. Please complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form and we will be happy to contact you for a follow up home visit.

Go to: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Homestay; New Host Families; Click On-line Application Form.

For more information, please call the International Program Office: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

Textbook Returns

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



2014 - 2015 Year at a Glance

January 30, 2015	Semester Turn-A-Round Day No Classes
February 2, 2015	Term 3 Begins
Feb. 2 – Feb. 5, 2015	School/Provincial Exams
February 2-3, 2015	Grad Photo Retakes
February 9, 2015	Family Day, No Classes
February 13, 2015	District Pro-D Day, No Classes
February 19, 2015	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
March 13, 2015	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 16-20, 2015	Spring Break
March 23, 2015	School Re-opens
April 3, 2015	Good Friday, No Classes
April 6, 2015	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 10, 2015	End of Term 3
April 13, 2015	Term 4 Begins
April 17, 2015	½ Day Assessment
April 30, 2015	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
May 1, 2015	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 15, 2015	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 18, 2015	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 22, 2015	Prom & Dry Grad
June 11, 2015	Commencement
June 18, 2015	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 18-25, 2015	Provincial Exams
June 22-24, 2015	School Exams
May 22, 2015	Prom & Dry Grad
June 11, 2015	Commencement
June 18, 2015	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 18-25, 2015	Provincial Exams
June 22-24, 2015	School Exams
June 25, 2015	Report Cards Available Noon – 3:30 pm
June 26, 2015	Administrative Day/Report Card Pick-Up