

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

8:44 am – First Class begins

11:29-12:11 – Lunch

2:55 – Dismissal

Tuesday & Thursday

8:44 – First Class begins

11:09-11:49 – Lunch

3:00 – Dismissal

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well with completion of semester one and the start of semester two where did the time go? I must say that I am so honoured to be part of an amazing staff that always put students first. I am also very pleased with the work ethic of our students who have really worked hard over the first semester. I am sure semester two will fly by and everyone will continue to work hard on their new courses and the grade 10's will strive for excellence. 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 Senior 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

SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all grade 12 students - the deadline for the Mission Foundation Awards is February 25th.

MSS has a scholarship information website! Google (or other search engine) mssscharshipinfo.weebly.com. The site will be updated periodically so remember to check often. You can find the updated date at the bottom of the homepage. Students are encouraged to drop by Ms. Evans in room 103 and sign up for the email list and you will be notified of upcoming scholarship tutorials and when new scholarship information becomes available.

COUNSELLING OFFICE MESSAGE

Course Planning for next year begins in February

Specific dates and events will be posted in your Roadrunner App.

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 Institution.

Students must complete the PSI Selections form by **May 1st** in order to have interim transcript information forwarded to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the OUAC institutions (Section 1) in early May.

Note: Students who select University of Alberta and/or University of Calgary in Section 3 will also have their interim transcript provided to this PSI.

If students select BC Electronic PSIs and/or OUAC by May 1, their transcript information will also be forwarded automatically in late July.

In addition to selecting Section 1 of the PSI form, students may make a maximum of 6 more selections from Sections 2 and 3. There is no fee for these selections. Note: Students should not select PSIs from these sections unless they are actually applying to these institutions. Students may make additional selections at any time before the July 15 deadline. Students are not able to delete their selections once they have been submitted.

Students **SHOULD** complete this process 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 M. Arends (A-J), L. Dickinson (K-Pe), C. Love (Ph-Z & Int'l), J. Shaw (Aboriginal), or Mrs. Janzen (Career Advisor).

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

We are currently accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring "home away from home" for our elementary and secondary International students. Student placements can range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more. These paid positions are a wonderful way to learn about another culture and to share Canada with students from another country. *Most International students are looking for a host family that includes Mom and Dad, as well as school-age children.*

If you are interested in hosting students, please apply on-line: www.studyinmission.ca

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form
- Our office will contact you to follow up

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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
Feb 13 / Mar 12	On-campus Preview Day at Quest University; for more info and to register: http://www.questu.ca/plan_a_visit.html
February 19	Kwantlen Polytechnic University High School Discovery Day 10 am to 2:30 pm; Surrey Campus; Register at: connect.kpu.ca (click on "events")
February 19 & 20	TWU Preview Weekend See www.twu.ca/undergraduate/visit for more details
February 20	Capilano U's Bosa Centre for Film & Animation Open House 11:00 – 3:00 pm For more info: capilanou.ca/film
February 25	Study and Go Abroad Fair, Vancouver Convention Centre 3 – 7 pm, Seminars at 2 pm, www.studyandgoabroad.com
February 28	BC Universities' Early Application Deadline Priority Admission for BC Grade 12 students
Feb – May	U of Alberta Group Chat Sessions – once a month; see poster on bulletin board
March 2	UFV Chilliwack Campus Tours; choose either Health Sciences or Trades 8:50 – 12:15 <i>Permission forms will be available in February</i>
March 3	UFV Abbotsford Campus Tour & Info Session 12:00 – 2:55 <i>Permission forms will be available in February</i>
March 5	KPU Surrey Open House 11 am – 3 pm; register at: connect.kpu.ca (click on "events")

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, email, or make an appointment to meet with me anytime.

Linda Janzen, Career Advisor
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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.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2015 - 2016 Year at a Glance

January 29, 2016	Turn Around day - No Classes
February 1, 2016	Term 3, Semester2 begin
February 8, 2016	Family Day – no classes
February 11, 2016	Report Cards
February 17, 2016	PAC Meeting
February 22, 2016	Pro-D Day (new)
March 14 – 24, 2016	Spring Break
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
March 28, 2016	Easter Monday
April 15, 2016	Term 3 ends - 11:30 dismissal
April 18, 2016	Term 4 begins
April 20, 2016	PAC Meeting
April 28, 2016	Parent Teacher interviews (3:30 – 6:00 and 6:30 – 9:00pm) Report Cards available for pick-up
April 29, 2016	Non-instructional Day – No Classes
May 2, 2016	Pro-D Day (new)
May 14, 2016	Prom
May 18, 2016	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
May 20, 2016	Non Instructional Day – No Classes
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day
June 17, 2016	Last Day of Classes
June 20 – 27, 2016	Exams
June 25, 2016	Commencement
June 30, 2016	Administrative Day



SIWAL SI'WES ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

Happy 2016 to all our Students and their Families. Let this be a new beginning for everyone. On January 14th, a few of our students went to Simon Fraser University for an Aboriginal Math and Science workshop. This fun filled day included many opportunities to meet with school advisors and participate in cool experiments performed by the Math and Science faculties at SFU. Every Tuesday and Thursday is our Art Club and we have been working hard on a few new projects. If you visit our school just look up to the ceiling and you will see our art work displayed. Our students have also decided on a name for our Aboriginal room which is "Salish River Song". Our department would like to extend a big thank you to **Joanne Lindahl** for all the wonderful work and connections she made with our students. Just a reminder that next week Jan. 25-28 there are no regular classes because students will be writing exams. If there are any concerns or issues with your child please contact Tracy Carr or Connie Moojelski or our Aboriginal counselor Jody Shaw.



Mission Fire / Rescue Service Youth Academy

**March 14 – 18, 2016 @
#1 Hall, Mission**

This is the perfect opportunity for a student who is interested in a career in firefighting and while earning graduation credits.

The Secondary School Fire Academy will allow students to learn about, and practice some of the skills and training fire fighters must undertake. Students will learn what it takes be a firefighter, and what a career in the fire service is all about.

In partnership with the Justice Institute of BC you will learn:

Fire Fighter Safety, History, and Culture

- **Fire Behaviour**
- **Ropes & Knots**
 - **Ladders**
- **Fire Streams, Nozzles, and Hoses**
 - **Water Supplies**
 - **Ventilation**
 - **Ride along**

**Speak with Mr. McNeill at MSS
for more information and an application**



JIBC

School of Public
Safety & Security

Fire & Safety
Division



Law 12 fieldtrip to the Provincial Supreme Court.

The justice that is in the picture is Justice Willcock, of the Provincial Supreme Court.

