

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## School Hours

### Monday - Friday

8:44 am – First Class

11:28-12:10 – Lunch

2:58 – Dismissal

### **Bussing:**

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. There is a late bus Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there.

## 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 honored to be part of an amazing staff that always puts 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

## MSS ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Hardeep Grewal who has accepted the Principal position at Albert McMahan elementary school. I was fortunate to work with Hardeep for the last six years and I know she will be an outstanding addition to their school. She will be greatly missed as she is an outstanding educator and administrator. All the best in your new roll.

**Fun at Winter Formal 2017**

Winter Formal was held January 12 and attended by 174 students. Chef Peter Bucher and his staff made an amazing meal. Students raved about the fabulous food. MSS's very own Isa Schiopu was the D.J. and her music was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Admin, teachers, and staff that made this an incredible night for students.



**Aboriginal Department**

Happy New Year 2017! Welcome back to all our students and their families. This month is busy, with exams and the beginning of a new semester, this can be stressful. Our Aboriginal Liaisons are available for academic support and guidance, please contact our Dept. if your child needs assistance.

We have a battery drive going on at the school where students can donate old batteries to support the "Me to We" foundation and all proceeds go to help out children in need. Each class will be competing for the most batteries and the class that wins will have a Pizza Party. On March 3, 2017 we will be taking students to UBC and the Museum of Anthropology on a field trip. This is to help students gain a better understanding of the process of applying and attending University and give them all the information needed to be successful in their future careers. We are also working on having the students attend the Sto:lo Career Fair on Mar.1 2017. This is an opportunity for our Gr.12s to interact with the career and labour force and gain valuable information. If you have any questions about these upcoming events please contact Tracy Carr or Rachel Schooner in the Aboriginal Dept.

**Mission Library events for February:**

**I Love My Library Book Sale**

Friday, February 10; 10 am – 4:30 pm;

Saturday, February 11; 10 am - 4 pm

Come buy some gently loved library materials for a sweetheart of a deal. Sponsored by Mission Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**Mission Word Keepers**

Wednesdays, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17, June 21; 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Are you a writer? Mission Word Keepers help their members create, develop ideas and share experiences on writing, publishing, and marketing. Writers of all levels of experience are welcome. Come read from your work or simply sit and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of this friendly group.

**Teen Art Club**

Saturdays, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 8, May 13, June 17; 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Draw all the things! Come explore your creative side with other young artists. Learn new skills, explore new art forms, and help enhance the library. All skill levels welcome. For ages 12-18.

**3D Printer Demo**

Saturday February 25; 2 pm - 4 pm

Come and be AMAZED by a 3D PRINTER in action. Watch and learn about how this technology works, learn about the software needed to design for the 3D printer and maybe even walk away with a small 3D printed memento. The Fraser Valley MakerSpace is proud to showcase one of its 3D printers made nearby in Langley, BC.

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are pleased to announce the following Administrative appointments:

**Airdrie Miller** - Acting Vice-Principal, Mission Senior Secondary

Airdrie joins us from School District No. 39 (Vancouver), and is a highly regarded teacher with over 20 years' experience teaching mathematics, science, and special education in Vancouver schools. Airdrie has a broad portfolio of background experience in education and a commitment to the success of every student.

**Linda Dickinson** - Acting Vice-Principal, Mission Senior Secondary

Linda has been with Mission School District since 2003 and is currently a teacher and counselor at Mission Senior Secondary. Linda is an accomplished teacher of Japanese language and is passionate in connecting with kids and enriching students' educational experiences.

**Shane Sliziak** - Vice-Principal, Hillside Traditional

Shane joins us from Alexis Creek where he has had several years in a Principal role. His experience working in a K-10 environment has given him the experience of multi-age students celebrating many student and staff member successes in a diverse environment. Originally from Maple Ridge, Shane comes to us with his growing family and enthusiasm for Mission's 'small town' feel.

Please join us in wishing Airdrie, Linda, and Shane great success as they move into new career adventures.

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**2016/2017 Calendar**

Jan. 27, 2017	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Jan. 30, 2017	Term 3, Semester 2 begins
Feb. 9, 2017	Semester 1 Report Cards
Feb. 13, 2017	Family Day
Feb. 15, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 17, 2017	Provincial Pro-Development Day
Feb. 24, 2017	½ Day Assessment (Elementary)
Mar. 10, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elementary)
Mar. 13 – 24, 2017	Spring Break
Mar. 27, 2017	School Reopens
April 13, 2017	½ Day Assessment (Middle & Sec.)
April 14, 2017	Good Friday
April 17, 2017	Easter Monday
April 18, 2017	Term 4 begins
April 19, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 27, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conf.(Middle & Sec.)
April 28, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 17, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 19, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
June 14, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 16, 2017	Last Day of Classes
June 19-21, 2017	Class Final Exams
June 22, 2017	Commencement Rehearsal
June 23 & 26, 2017	Provincial Exams
June 24, 2017	Commencement
June 29, 2017	Last Day of School for students

**PAC News**

**Dry Grad Raffle Tickets are available!**

First Prize is a 2 night trip to Las Vegas

2nd Prize is one week's accommodation in a 2 bedroom condo at Worldmark Gold Crown and Platinum Resort (no airfare)

3rd Prize is a one night stay in a jacuzzi room at Coast Inn and Suites

Tickets are \$20 and are available through Samantha at the MSS front office.

**ICBC Roadside Safety Presentation**

On Monday, January 29, Tiana Tozer will be here on behalf of ICBC to give a presentation on Roadside Safety to our Grade 12 students. It will be held in the large gym.