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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. The office is open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

March has been extremely busy for the Mission Secondary School community. Our students and staff have been working hard in all areas of learning and teaching, even with the interruption of spring break.

The Provincial exam results have been released by the Ministry of Education and our students met or exceeded the Provincial averages in most areas of academic classes. Please refer to the table showing a more detailed story of how we did in comparison to the rest of the province.

Congratulations to our Sr. Girls basketball team who participated in the Provincials. Our Sr. Girls team placed third and received the bronze medal. I know the coaches were extremely pleased with everyone's effort and the entire season was a success. Congratulations to all our teams on their successful season. I would like to thank our teachers who took a group of students to France and Spain over the spring break. Students who I talked to had a wonderful time learning about the history and the language of Europe.

The Scholarship Team will travel to Simon Fraser University to participate in university life for a day. Our drama program continues working hard on their Shakespearean production. Our leadership teams are busy with the Rice Raiser program and other activities around the school. A huge thanks to all the staff and students who worked extremely hard to raise funds for the devastation in Haiti. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Haitian people.

Over the past week Mission Secondary has endured a very tough situation with a section of the school catching fire. Through the districts efforts and the team effort of our entire staff we have made the best out of a very tough situation. As Principal of Mission Secondary, I am extremely proud to have such a wonderful staff who in face of adversity rise above and make things right.

I would like to take this opportunity also to thank Heather Grimson on her retirement at the end of the month. Heather has been our librarian for the past twenty years and has had a tremendous positive impact on our school culture. She will be missed by all the staff and students. All the best Heather in your next adventure.

We believe that students who engage in extracurricular activities will have the opportunity to be very successful in their education. Thanks to everyone for their continued effort in making a difference in a child's life.

Jim Pearce
Principal

Learn to Dragon Boat and then Race!

Have fun learning an exciting new sport while spotting eagles, loons, frogs and beavers at Whonnock Lake. In 4 dragon boat sessions you will learn how to race, and then test your skills at the School Dragon Boat Regatta hosted by Canoe Kayak BC on May 30th, 2010.

For students in Grades 8-12
Tuesdays May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
4:30-5:45 pm at Whonnock Lake



Only \$32
Contact Sherry:
sherryhunt@shaw.ca or 604-462-1296



Tech Ed Dept.

The Tech Ed Department is looking for donations of lawn mowers, vehicles, clean metal, clean wood, discarded nail polish, and clean 50 gallon plastic barrels. Please contact Mr Spruyt at the school before dropping items off.



MSS Music Notes

First of all, I'd like to extend a huge **"THANK YOU"** to our student teacher who is leaving us at the end of March. Mr. Noffle has been working with our department since mid-October as part of the professional development program from SFU. He has brought to our department many new ideas and has been a huge help this year. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming him back one day, hopefully this time in a paid position!!

MUSIC PARENTS' GROUP MEETING:

Tuesday, April 6th at 6:45 pm in the music room ... ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, April 28th** 7:00 pm - Spring Concert
Clarke Foundation Theatre (33700 Prentis Ave), ALL ENSEMBLES
- **Saturday, May 15th**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adopt-A-Block
Volunteers needed (students and parents). We have a great route, come on out, raise some funds and help clean up the community!! Please contact Ms. Grant if you are available that morning.
- **Monday, June 7th**, 7:00 pm - Year End Concert
Clarke Foundation Theatre, ALL ENSEMBLES
- **Wednesday, June 16th**, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Envision Twilight Concert
Heritage Park Bandstand, Concert in the park, Jazz Band and R&B



Grade 12's – Important Notice! **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 30, 2010.

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.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, April 21st at 7 p.m. The feedback from parents who attend the PAC meetings is very positive. The information about what is happening at MSS from the guest speakers help support their child's education. We will have a PAC information table at the next Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday, April 22. Please stop by and let us know how we can better help the parents and students at MSS.

MSS PAC

Career Centre News

Grade 12's:

- Deadlines are approaching (and some have passed already) for applying to some post-secondary institutions.
- If the post-secondary institution / program you have applied to requires you to self-report your grade 11 and 12 marks it is to your advantage to do so. Don't miss the deadline but if you have until April 30th to report, then wait until you receive your April report card.
- If you need to write the CPT for UFV, you should do so as soon as possible. Check their website for information on this test and for test times: www.ucfv.ca/Assessment/Placement.htm.
- If you need information or help with anything, please stop by the Career Centre in Room 103 and talk to Mrs. Janzen, the Career Advisor.

Students in grades 9-12, and their families, are invited to attend **SFU's final Supertour** for the 2010 school year. This event is designed to introduce prospective students and their families to our programs, our campus, our current students and professors, and our advising staff.

Event Date:

Saturday, April 10, 2010

10:00am 1:00pm (arrive early for registration, beginning at 9:15)

Event Overview:

- * Introductions and Student Life Keynote
- * Program/Faculty Q&A Session
- * Snacks and Tour (with student guides)
- * Faculty and Advisor Meet & Greet
- * Closing Keynote

VCC hosts its annual
INFO NIGHT on
**Wednesday, April
14th**
from 4-6 pm
at their Broadway
campus
1155 East Broadway,
Vancouver.

BCIT hosts its "BIG
Information Session &
Program Expo" on
**Wednesday, March 31st from
5-8 p.m.**

Check out

<http://www.bcit.ca/biginfo/> for

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.sd75.mission.bc.ca>

School Calendar

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| April 2 | Good Friday – no classes |
| April 5 | Easter Monday – no classes |
| April 9 | 1/2 day Assessment. Term 3 ends – dismissal at 11:30 am |
| April 22 | Parent/Teacher Conferences– no classes Report cards 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm & 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm |
| April 23 | Non-instructional Day |
| May | |
| May 21 | Non-instructional Day |
| May 24 | Victoria Day |
| May 28 | Prom & Dry Grad |
| June 3 | Commencement 7:00 pm Clarke Theatre |
| June 7 | Year end concert – all musical groups 7:00 pm |
| June 18 | Last day of classes |
| June 21-23 | Year end exams |
| June 21-29 | Provincial Exams |
| June 29 | Report Cards 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| June 30 | Report Cards 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm |

You are invited

To Mission Secondary's Family of Schools Dinner.

Dinner at 4:30 pm, Ceremony will begin at 5:15pm

All students from Kindergarten to Graduation will be honored

April 29, 2010

Mission Secondary School Large Gym

Babysitting available

Includes students from: Christine Morrison,

Mission Central, West Heights and Cherry Hill



For more information, please call: Camielle or Holly at

604-826-7191 local 22