

Mission Secondary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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. Boys basketball team who participated in the Provincials. Our Sr. Boys team placed lost in the final in overtime and received the silver 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.

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 participated in the Andrew Burke Hockey game and the Grade 8 leadership activities it was a wonderful day.

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

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Upcoming Events

½ Day Assessment
Term 3 Ends
April 15th

Good Friday
April 22nd
No Classes

Easter Monday
April 25th
No Classes

Parent/Teacher
Interviews
3:30pm - 6:00pm
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Thurs, April 29th

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 30**. Students who don't complete this task may be in danger of losing their admission status at the Post Secondary Institution. Students MUST complete this process NOW even if they have not decided on which Post Secondary Institution they plan to attend.

Go to the following link 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 Mr. Love, Mrs. Shaw, or Mrs. Janzen.

Scholarship Information

Please see, call or e-mail Ms. Francis regarding the following applications and deadlines.

- School and Community Scholarship Applications available to all graduating students on April 21st. Due to Ms. Francis on April 27th
- District Scholarship Applications available to graduating students going into post secondary studies in fine arts, applied skills, fitness, language, and journalism fields. Due to Ms. Francis on April 28th.

Remember there are also Royal Canadian Legion, Year of Science, and Credit Union scholarships still available as well as miscellaneous scholarships that can be found on www.studentawards.ca

Please contact Ms. Francis with any questions you may have regarding Scholarships.

Fairy Tale Program

Any Grads unable to attend Prom due to lack of funds, please see Kim Gray or Cyndi McLachlan ASAP.

Drama News

Drama students enjoyed a fantastical steam punk rendition of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' It was especially thrilling to see one of our own alumni Natasha Beaumont in the production in the role of Adriana. In the meantime this year's MSS Theatre Production students are preparing for this year's Shakespearean selection of 'The Merchant of Venice' which goes up May 5-7 & 12-14th in our very own studio theatre. Tickets will be available as of Parent/teacher night April 28th and we look forward to seeing the community at our shows.

During the week of June 6-10th Acting 11/12 students will put up a production of the unforgettable 'Laramie Project' for audience both during school hours and in the evenings for community audience. Drama 9/10 students are preparing for a week of comic and dramatic monologues and duologues during this same week and community audience is invited to book a seat during the school day as are



Career Center 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 wish to write the LPI (Language Proficiency Index) at HPSS on Tuesday, April 19 (from 12:15 - 3:00) you must register by Sunday, April 10. Information is posted on the bulletin board or see Mrs. Janzen.

Volunteers Are Needed

Mission Hill Stomp

Sunday, April 3rd
7:30 am - 11:00 am
Contact Robbie Laslo at
laslos@shaw.ca
with your name & phone number

Mission Soapbox Derby

Pre-Race Day - Sunday, June 5, 8:30 - 3:00
Race Day - Saturday, June 18, 7:00 - 4:30
Contact Mrs. Janzen in the Career Centre
for a registration form.

Get your 30 Hours needed for graduation!!

SFU School of Criminology presents
Police Studies Event
Surrey Campus
March 30 from 10:30 - 2:00
For more details go to:
<http://www.sfu.ca/criminology/Events.html>

**Vancouver Community College
Info Night**
*140 programs. One night.
Everything you need to know.*
April 13 4 pm to 6 pm
Broadway Campus: 1155 East Broadway

Questions?

See Mrs. Janzen in the Career Centre
or contact her at:
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“Everybody’s best
builds success.”

We’re on the Web!
<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are still available
for sale at the office for \$50.

Don’t miss out on your
chance to get the MSS
2010/11 Yearbook.

Sales are limited in June,
don’t wait.....buy now.

School Calendar

April 15	½ Day Assessment
April 22	Good Friday - no classes
April 25	Easter Monday - no classes
April 28	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30pm - 6:00pm & 6:30pm - 9:00pm
April 29	Non-Instructional Day - No Classes
May 20	Non-Instructional Day Prom & Dry Grad
May 23	Victoria Day - No Classes
June 2	Commencement - Clarke Theatre
June 17	Last Day of Classes