

# 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. As we move into the final months of school, students and teachers will focus their energy on preparation of the final exams in June.

Congratulations to all our winter sports teams and their coaches. Our wrestling team participated in the B.C. Championships and the athletes who attended did an outstanding job. In the female category one of our girls won a silver medal. Our Ski and snowboard team also participated in the B.C. championships. Congratulations to all our teams on their successful season.

Our drama program continues working hard on their Shakespearean production. Our leadership teams put on an outstanding gym riot for our grade 7 and 8 classes before Spring Break and it was a huge success. As well we had an amazing Andrew Burke Memorial hockey game and raised over 400 dollars for Dry Grad and the teachers beat the students this year. Our Dry Grad committee continues to raise money for our dry grad event at the end of May which is something everyone looks forward to.

Course selections are coming to an end and counselors are busy inputting courses into the system. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to talk with your child about next year and the courses they have selected. If you are wondering about courses next year do not hesitate to phone your child's counselor to find out what your child has selected.

I am hopeful over the next three months that students stay focused on their learning and they attend on a regular basis. It is extremely important in the remainder of the year that students and their parents make every attempt to seek out extra help if needed and focus on their subjects. It is imperative that we all work together it make a difference.

Jim Pearce  
Principal

## PAC News

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library. 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. Everyone is welcome to attend!

# WELCOME

MSS PAC

## 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 ☺
- 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ucfv.ca/Assessment/Placement.htm).

### Upcoming Events

April 18            **LPI Test @ HPSS** 12:15 – 3:00 pm  
All Gr. 12 students who need to write this exam should register by April 9<sup>th</sup> at:  
[www.lpitest.ca](http://www.lpitest.ca)    [Register to write the exam at Heritage Park Secondary.](#)  
Not sure if you need to write it? Check with Mrs. Janzen

April 23            **Field Trip to UBC & SFU** for Grade 11 and 12 students from MSS.  
Pick up a permission form on the Career Centre bulletin board. Cost is \$10. Deadline to hand in signed forms is Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Volunteers Are Needed**

*Ukrainian Cultural Festival*  
Saturday, April 27

- Volunteer for a minimum 2 hr; for 6 hrs you get a free meal
- Sign up on the Career Centre door with your name & phone number



*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.

#### **Questions?**

*See Mrs. Janzen, Career Advisor  
in the Career Centre or contact her at:  
604-302-5314 or [linda.janzen@mpsd.ca](mailto:linda.janzen@mpsd.ca)*

## Community Recreation 9/10

Spring is upon us and Community Recreation is getting ready to play in the nice weather! Snow activities are over for the year and we will be once again turning to our core focus of River, rock and trekking. Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> a group of brave Comm Rec 9/10 students will be Paddling down the Fraser River in a voyageur canoe! We put in under the Mission Bridge and come out at Fort Langley. Ms. Bird has been waiting a long time to find students crazy enough to go with her!



## Drama news

Drama 9/10 did an in-house performance for students at MSS of the advocacy play 'Switching Places', a controversial presentation that attacks the question: "What if boys had to assume the responsibility of pregnancy?" "What if the gender responsibilities were reversed?" Although a serious question, the piece was written with great comic relief while offering much food for thought as well. Excellent questions for adolescents to ponder!

### Yet to come:

Drama 9/10's production of 'Outrageous Fortunes' a hysterical spoof on an intervention style program for desperate Shakespearean characters and their flaws. This production, too, will be presented for staff and students. Community members are always welcome as well. We hope to put it up April 15, 17 & 22 during block 3, day 2. Teachers may sign their classes up as audience. Parents and guardians should let their student know if they will be attending. If all the stars are aligned and our equipment in place, we'll see you there we hope.

Our annual Shakespearean production is fast upon us. This year's choice of 'What You Will' goes on May 2, 3, & 4<sup>th</sup> and 9, 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>. This comedy has to be one of Shakespeare's greatest crowd pleasers and MSS' design choice is to set it in the Madmen era of the early sixties! One of Shakespeare's favorite devices, he writes of fraternal twins, a boy and girl, who think each other has been lost at sea but then are reunited under hilarious romantic circumstances. No one is ever entirely sure which twin they are actually looking at at any given time and the gender confusion adds further hilarity to the confusion. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first MSS staging of this play, then called 'Twelfth Night'. We know we'll see alumni there. Be sure to book your tickets in good time. They will be available from the office or Drama Department a week before production dates or at the door contingent upon availability. Doors of the Studio Theatre at the northwest end of the school open at 6:30 pm and the show goes on at 7pm.



See you there!!

## **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, 2013.**

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.

Please check out the lost and found box in the main office. It is overflowing!

## **GRAD NEWS**

Thank you to all for supporting our Dry Grad by purchasing Las Vegas raffle tickets. Draw will be made April 5<sup>th</sup> at noon and the winner will be contacted by phone. Good luck to all!!

In preparation for upcoming graduation events, grade 12 students that are in good academic standing and meet the attendance requirements, are to do the following:

- Complete and hand in letter of expectations
- Complete and present graduation transition portfolio
- Pay all outstanding fees

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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



## Mission Library

### Manga Village

Saturday, April 13; 2:30-4:30 pm

Do you love manga and anime? Join us for contests, crafts, food, manga talk and lots of anime to watch. Anime with a TV14 rating will be shown. For ages 12 to 18.

**Please note:** Mission Library will be closed from Sunday March 31 to Sunday April 7 for new carpet. We will re-open on Monday, April 8.

## School Calendar

March 29, 2013	Good Friday, No Classes
April 1, 2013	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 5, 2013	Term 3, Rotation 3 Ends, 1/2 Day Assessment
April 8, 2013	Term 4, Rotation 4 Begins
April 18, 2013	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for pickup
April 19, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes Report Cards Available for pick up
May 17, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 20, 2013	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 24, 2013	Prom & Dry Grad
June 6, 2013	Commencement
June 14, 2013	Last Day of Classes
June 17 - 19, 2013	School Exams
June 20 - 25, 2013	Provincial Exams
June 27, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Administrative Day

## International Student Program Host Families Wanted

The Mission International Student Program is always in need of nurturing host 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: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Homestay; New Host Families; Click On-line Application Form.

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

