

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With Spring Break behind us, students and staff continue to work hard in all areas of teaching and learning. As we move into the final months of the year, students and teachers will focus their energy on preparation for final exams.

Just before our two week Spring Break we celebrated our lacrosse teams' success at the Provincials where both teams played so well but came up on game short. We are now into girls' rugby and track and field and both programs have over 50 team members.

Our drama students continue to work on preparing for the Shakespearean production. Our grade 12's are getting excited as Prom is just five weeks away and will be held at Newlands Golf Club. Our grade 10 and 11 students have selected their courses for next year and will again add to the extensive list that we offered this past year.

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of your child's school experience, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Jim Pearce
Principal

GRAD NEWS

Important Dates:

Grad Tea & Promenade: Saturday, May 14th

Prom/Dry Grad: Saturday, May 14th

- Guest Approval April 8th – 25th
- Tickets on Sale April 18th – 29th

Grad Barbeque: Friday, June 24th

Commencement: Saturday, June 25th, 2016

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

School Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.

8:44 am – First Class

11:29-12:11 – Lunch

2:55 – Dismissal

Tuesday & Thursday

8:44 – First Class

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.

TALIA'S CLOSET

Are you **graduating** this year and do you need **HELP** with gowns or beauty related services?? Talia's Closet is a program run by the Youth Resource Centre and Abbotsford Community Services to assist graduates in celebrating their success by easing the monetary stress associated with graduation.

Students will need to take a form stating that they are graduating this year to Talia's Closet. Please see Cyndi McLachlan or your counsellor for this form and more information on the program.



Riverside College

CELEBRATING

15
YEARS

OPEN HOUSE

April 6, 2016 | 3:00—8:00 pm


YOUR TICKET.

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SKILLED TRADES EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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Help us celebrate 15 years of student success!

- Speak to instructors and current students
- Meet with industry representatives
- Obtain essential career information
- Enjoy the BBQ and art presentation
- Find out about our **TUITION FREE** education



 Mission
Public Schools

You are invited to attend our Annual Open House on April 6th, 2016 from 3:00 – 8:00pm.

This year, Riverside College is celebrating 15 years of educating and training members in this community and surrounding areas. The Riverside College Open House will be an event with several organizations being represented, including the ITA, WorkBC, and the Interior Heavy Equipment Operators School to name a few. Tom Paterson will be presenting his latest carving, a sun mask, to Riverside College. This presentation will be happening at 5:00pm.

Please feel free to stop by and talk with students, instructors, alumni and other organizations. There will also be some snacks and refreshments served by our Chef Training Program.



Mission International Student Program:

The Mission School District International Student Program is currently looking for nurturing host families to provide a welcoming “home away from home” for our visiting elementary and secondary students. These paid positions are a wonderful opportunity to share your heart and your home as well as our great Canadian culture with young visitors from around the world. Student placements range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more. We invite you to complete our On-line Application Form to become a host family and be a part of our exciting International Student program. Please complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form and we will be happy to contact you for a follow up home visit. Go to: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Homestay; New Host Families; Click On-line Application Form. For more information, please call the International Program Office: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336

COUNSELLING OFFICE MESSAGE

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12s - PSI's (Post-Secondary Institutions)

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).

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

WIN A TRIP TO VEGAS!

The Grad class is holding a Las Vegas ticket raffle to raise money for the dry grad event. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the office.

2015 - 2016 Year at a Glance

April 15, 2016	Term 3 ends - 11:30 dismissal
April 18, 2016	Term 4 begins
April 28, 2016	Spring Break
	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm)
	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 29, 2016	Non Instructional Day – no classes
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

WELCOME
SPRING

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Upcoming Events

- April 8 **Field Trip to the BCIT Open House** on Friday. See Mrs. Janzen for a permission form. The cost is \$10.
- April 13 **Field Trip to the Skills Canada Provincial Competition** at the Tradex in Abbotsford for students interested in a career in a trade. See Mrs. Janzen, a shop or IT teacher for more information.
- April 19 **Field Trip to UBC & SFU Vancouver** for Grade 11 and 12 students
- Permission forms are available on the Career Centre bulletin board. Cost will be \$10.

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, you must do so or your application will be withdrawn.
- 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: <http://www.ufv.ca/assessment/placement-tests/composition-placement-test-cpt/>

Questions?

See Mrs. Janzen, Career Advisor in the Career Centre or contact her at 604-302-5314 or linda.janzen@mpsd.ca