

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of May was very productive and extremely busy for the Mission Secondary community. Our Advanced Placement program completed all their tutorials throughout the month and 38 students wrote a variety of exams. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked tirelessly to prepare students to write the exams: **Pat Macaulay, Kevin Gill, Linda Miller, Veronique McIntyre**. Results will be available in early August.

We completed our Grade 7 transition meetings and visits to our elementary schools. They were very informative meetings. Thank you to **Mr. Greenshields** and his **Peer Counselors** for all their hard work during the evening. We celebrated our Mission Foundation awards and completed our interviews for District Scholarships. We also hosted our aboriginal families for a wonderful evening of food and awards. At this event we honoured our grade 12's. Our drama department completed the annual Shakespearean play "Two Men of Verona", and it was a huge success. Thank you, **Mrs. Brown-Evans** for all your hard work. A huge thank you to all the parents, students and staff for their hard work getting ready for Prom and Commencement. I know the celebrations will be wonderful.

With the arrival of better weather we will need to encourage our children to do their homework and complete the year in a positive manner. Good luck to all our students on their final exams. I know you will be prepared.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal

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 ASAP!

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**.



♪ MSS Music Notes – May 2010 ♪

Our final two public performances of the year are fast approaching! Come one, come all to the following performances where Mission Music students will wow and amaze you!

Monday, June 7th

7:00 pm
Clarke Theatre
Music Department Year End Extravaganza!
Featuring Jumpstart Band, Concert Band,
Concert Choir, Jazz Band and R&B Band!

Wednesday, June 16th

7:00 - 8:00 pm
Heritage Park Bandstand
Twilight Concert in the Park
Featuring Jazz Band and R&B
Band!

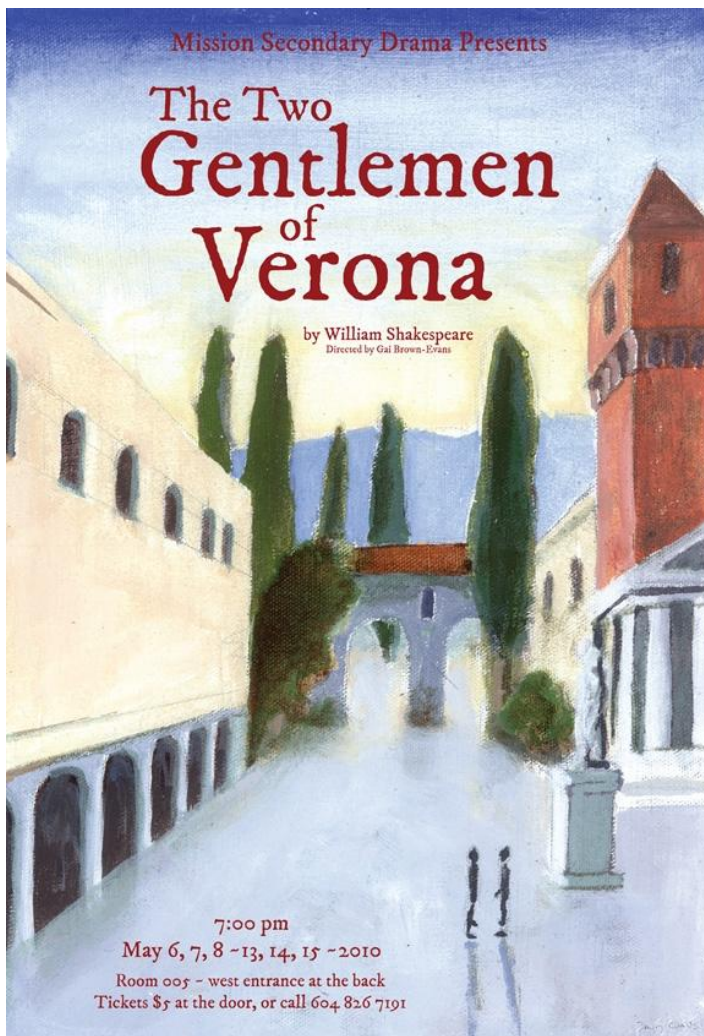
Textbook Returns

Check in for textbooks will be starting June 14th. Prior to each exam students must return books to the front office to be checked in on TextBook Tracker. Any textbooks students do not need prior to the 14th; we encourage them to bring the books to the office before then.

Mission Soccer Club

Grades K-12, registration for the upcoming season is being held at Mission Leisure Center on June 26 and 27 (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drama News



Mission Secondary had a fabulous run of their Shakespearean production 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona' May 6-8 and 13-15. This hilarious and raucous play at times, brought the house down. Actors were very professional, well polished and inspiring in performance. Special thanks go to Helen Yanacopolous and Dolly Moreau for costumes and to Bill Spruyt of MSS' Carpentry Department for his assistance with the set. Charlotte Jones and Dolly Moreau helped with hair design. A huge shout out goes to David Evans for his gorgeous set design and its execution. Alumni Sammie Reeve, Sally Gwyn and Keith McQuade were also of invaluable assistance in their roles as stage manager, choreographer, and assistant director respectively. It was great to see so many faithful audience members from the community whether or not they had children in the production. This year's show marks our 13th annual Shakespearean production. We always do a modern winter production in December as well so look for us at that time next semester. Following is a list of the cast and crew for this season's production:

Duchess of Milan...Laurel Weiss
 Valentine.....Alex McCall
 Proteus.....Alex Rake
 Antonia, mother to Proteus...Briana Hertfort
 Thurio, Valentine's rival...Peter Dale
 Eglamour.....Zach Mattie
 Speed, Valentine's clown...Courtney Sheppard
 Lounce, Proteus' clown.....Jill Corbett
 Panthino.....Caleb Gathergood
 Hostess.....Caroline Doyle
 Outlaws.....Piper MacLeod, Victoria Beaumont,
 Emily Dodd
 Julia.....Melanie Moreau
 Silvia.....Ayla McChesney
 Lucetta.....Eden Toth
 Ursula.....Taylor Cunningham
 Thruio's servant.....Karl Federici
 Maids.....Krystal Mark, Breanna Acorn, Jessica
 Beaumont, Patience Holswich,
 Kristina Jones, Tara Gibson
 Musicians.....Brigid and Grace Egan-Pimblett,
 Brandon Lordrin, Victoria Beaumont
 Sound tech.....Tony Schoepp
 Lighting Tech.....Max Ulmer
 Stage crew.....Michael Haluzen, Derrick Hall

Updates From The Counselling Center

PEER COUNSELLING CORNER: *"Trained Grade 11 and 12 students who want to make a difference in the lives of younger students"*

Rotary Luncheon Honouring MSS Peer Counsellors

Congratulations to the Peer Counsellors who were honoured by the Rotary at a recent luncheon for their presentations on Cyber Safety and Preventing Cyber Bullying to over 200 elementary students in Mission.

Peer Counsellors Preparing Grade 7 Students

Once again Peer Counsellors have been at the forefront of building transition events for the incoming grade 8 students. They have visited all of the elementary team of schools that are tied to Mission Secondary School. In their presentations they have talked about the reality of school life here versus the perceptions and fears that often plague the grade 7 psyche. They have been instrumental in not only allaying these fears, but also promoting involvement once the newcomers arrive. One grade 7 student noted: "We listen to them, because they are like us, but they have more experience."

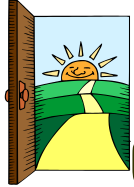
Grade 7 Parent/Student Night Extravaganza, June 10, 7pm

Peer Counsellors will be leading parent/student groups of up to 50 people to the six stations of subject areas throughout the Middle School section of Mission Secondary.



Summer School

This year Summer School will be offered to grade 10 through 12 non-graduate students at Riverside Continuing Education. Students currently enrolled in Grade 9 wishing to take a grade 10 course may apply and will be placed on a wait list. Students may be accepted providing there is space available in the course. Four-credit Grade 10, 11 & 12 courses in English, Communications, Mathematics, Social Studies and Sciences are being offered. All classes run for four weeks from July 5th to July 30th, Monday to Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Application forms will be available in the counseling office.



CAREER CENTRE NEWS

- The year is winding down very quickly and soon our Grade 12's will be off to new adventures and opportunities. The Career Centre will be open until Friday, June 18th for students to drop by or to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Janzen.
- Bulletin board displays have been put up in the halls with information students may find useful as they begin to look for summer jobs. Students may drop by the Career Centre for help with their resumes, cover letters and interview skills.

Volunteer Opportunity



Go Cart Races at Mission Raceway.
Approx. 8 times a year
Contact Mrs. Janzen in the Career Centre to volunteer.

PAC News

Dear Parents of MSS Students,

It has once again been my pleasure to serve as Mission Secondary's PAC Chair for the second year in a row. I have enjoyed chairing the PAC meetings, and being involved at the school on many levels

Bringing the MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Drivers) presentation to the students was a highlight – sitting in the gym, watching the presentation and feeling the power it had over the students was amazing. Another highlight is being present on that very important first day of school helping students navigate the hallways! The students are very appreciative of the parental guidance.

Being involved, I also get a first hand look at how much time and effort the staff at the school put into all the programs for our kids – from Shakespeare to Sports to Music to Woodwork and everything in between – it's amazing to me what everyone accomplishes every single day at Mission Secondary, while at the same time overcoming the challenges of vandalism and fires. On behalf of all parents, a big thank you to all staff at MSS.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteer their time in every capacity at the school, creating a great place for our kids to learn and grow. Parental involvement does make a positive difference in the lives of our high school students.

MSS will be changing in the 2011-2012 school year, when we welcome the grade 7's to the high school. The 2010-2011 upcoming school year will be a year of preparation and planning for this transition. I am confident, that with the ongoing support of parents, the dedication of the administration, and the remarkable efforts of the teaching staff, Mission Secondary will continue to be a great place of student support and learning.

The first PAC meeting of the school year will take place on Wednesday, September 15th at 7 p.m. in the school library. As always, everyone is welcome!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Shelley Janze
MSS PAC Chair

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School Calendar

May 28 1:30 Compulsory grad rehearsal at Clarke Theatre
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 17 Last day of classes
June 18-22 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

School Bus Info

Beginning with the coming 2010-11 school year, all riders of Mission Public Schools buses will be required to pay a fee for that service. There is a discount available for families as follows:

Number of Riders (per family)	Annual Fee	Total Family Fee
1 st	\$200	\$200
2 nd	\$120	\$320
3 rd	\$ 80	\$400
4 th or more	\$ 0	\$400

Applications and an information letter will be mailed to potential riders in May, 2010, and there will be four registration nights to submit applications and required deposits or payments for the fee. The registration nights will be held at the District Office, located at 33046 4th Avenue, Mission, BC, on the following nights:

Date	Time
May 31 st	3 pm to 8 pm
June 1 st	3 pm to 8 pm
June 2 nd	3 pm to 8 pm
June 3 rd	3 pm to 8 pm

If you did not receive an application form in the mail, you can access one online at the District's website (www.mpsd.ca) or contact the Transportation Department.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Jodi Marshall at 604-826-2377.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:
<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

Restorative Justice Update

Mission Secondary's Restorative Justice Class Supports Haiti Earthquake Survivors. Every year Restorative Justice supports a Global Initiative and this year we held a "Coffee House Concert" on May 13, to support those who were devastated by the Haiti Earthquake. Guests who attended the event were entertained by local acoustic artists, who donated their time and talent; including Revolving Door, Dry Rain, Braden Papp, Over Gold and Jared Fowler. Mrs. Shaw's Restorative Justice Class prepared cakes which were served with coffee and tea during the intermission. The music was excellent, the cakes were awesome and we raised over \$800, all of which will be sent to Haiti. To say the least our "Coffee House Concert" was a great success. Thank-you to all who supported this event and a special thank-you to the students enrolled in Restorative Justice for going the extra distance to help those in need.