

Mission Secondary School Newsletter

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Principal's News

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 30 students wrote a variety of exams. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked tirelessly to prepare students to write the exams: Mrs. Macaulay, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. 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 will be hosting our aboriginal families for a wonderful evening of food and awards on May 26, 2011. At this event we will honour our grade 12s. Our drama department completed the annual Shakespearean play "Merchant of Venice", 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 in producing an outstanding Prom and Dry Grad event. We had over 250 students attend both events. It was a huge success.

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

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Upcoming Events

Commencement
Thursday, June 2nd
7:00pm
Clarke Theatre

Last Day of Classes
June 17th

School Exams
June 20th - 22nd

Provincial Exams
June 21st - 29th

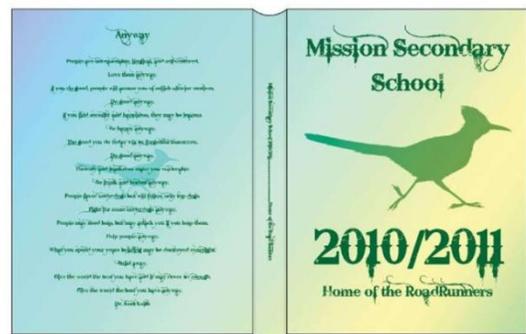
Report Cards
June 29th/30th
Noon - 4:00pm

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.



Music Notes

The Music Department only has two final presentations for the year and they are rapidly approaching:

- **Monday, June 6th 7:00 pm - Clarke Foundation Theatre**

The entire music department will gather to present its year-end musical achievements. Come one, come all. There will be music to suit everyone's tastes! Admission is by donation - we appreciate your support!!

- **Friday, June 10th 7:00 pm - Heritage Park Band Stand**

The jazz band will play their final notes for the year at the Twilight Envision Concert in the Park. We will have an hour-long presentation for you to enjoy in this wonderful outdoor venue. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces in the crowd, don't forget to bring your own lawn chair and dress for the weather.

Work Experience

Mission Secondary's Work Experience students, Dalton Alarie, Ivan Sazhin and Alex Clark, were selected to attend this year's Secondary School Fire Academy program during Spring Break. Cadets had the opportunity to participate in Basic Fire Fighting Techniques, Auto Extractions, Fire Extinguisher Use, Certification in C.P.R., Ride-Alongs, Live Fires and Physical Training. Cadets were certified through the Justice Institute of B.C. Fire & Safety Division. Knowledge gained will assist students in their career choices and Mission's Fire Fighting Program. For more information contact Mr. Schell in the Grad Programs School Office.

This year's RCMP Youth Academy at Camp Stillwood near Cultus Lake was a great opportunity for Mission students interested in policing and related careers. Andrew Lennon and Aaron Myales from MSS attended the academy over Spring Break. The RCMP Academy is a mini boot camp where cadets have an opportunity to see what RCMP training is like. Cadets start the day at 5 a.m. and have workshops and training until 9:00p.m. Workshops over the nine days included presentations from the Emergency Response Team, Dog Squad, Air One Helicopter, role playing in Domestic Dispute scenarios and Drunk Driving. Cadets gave an excellent demonstration of Marching Drills and Physical Training on their Graduation Day. Student selections for next year will begin in October for the 2012 Academy.



Drama News

'The Merchant of Venice' enjoyed a two week run from May 5-12. Despite being quite a serious play with several resounding themes interlaced throughout, Mission Secondary's thespians found the humour and hit all the giggle notes possible to entertain audiences to rave reviews. Thanks to all those who gave their support.

- Drama 9/10 and French immersion Drama students are putting up a series of monologues and duologues during the week of June 6-10. Anyone from the public who would like to attend please contact the school and let us know which show you'd like to attend. French Immersion production will go on Monday and Wednesday of that week during last block of the day.
- Don't miss Acting 11/12's rendition of the famous 'Laramie Project' June 9 at 6:30 in the evening. Admission is by donation. We hope to see you there to help celebrate the finale of a VERY productive theatrical year here at MSS.



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