

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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The inaugural year for the grade 7-9 middle school program is coming to a close. Some incredible things were achieved and areas for growth were observed. The spirit was exceptional and the days we used to celebrate it were received very well by the staff and students alike. We will be having our final middle school spirit day next week if all goes well with the grade 9 leadership team's planning. This will be our out-door games day to finish of the year. A trophy will be handed out to the winning house at years end as well.

Enjoy the final weeks of the year.

David Cyr
Vice Principal
Mission Middle Secondary School

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 16 students wrote a variety of exams. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked tirelessly to prepare students to write the exams; 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 our middle school staff who helped attend meetings and work with families so the transition to middle school will be smooth. We completed our interviews for District Scholarships and talking with the committee it was truly a wonderful day. 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 "A winter's Tale", 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, Dry Grad and Commencement. Prom and Dry Grad were wonderful and we are sure Commencement will be also.

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.**

Drama News



Acting 11/12 students were happy to perform their year-end production of Molière's, 'The Imaginary Invalid' for two weeks of student audiences as well as an evening for community. This rollicking comedy talks about a hypochondriac and the hypocrisy of the medical system as well as pointing up the disparities in the class system of 18th Century France. Pictured here are: Racheal McCrea as the notary, Madi Meier as Angelique and Alex Janze as Beralde. (10) Darius Fultz-Zentner as Thomas Diafoirus, Quinn Grafton as his father M. Diafoirus, Tyler Cunningham as one of the doctors and Alex Janze as the hypochondriac's brother.(11) and finally Conor Antrobus as Cleante the lover boy and Aaron Myales as the hypochondriac Argan. The Drama department has enjoyed a very prolific year this year from grades 7-12 and is looking forward to what the next school year will bring! Break a leg everyone until we meet again.



Thank you to all parents and community members that helped make our dry grad event so successful. Your donations and prizes were greatly appreciated by staff and students!!

Commencement Ceremonies

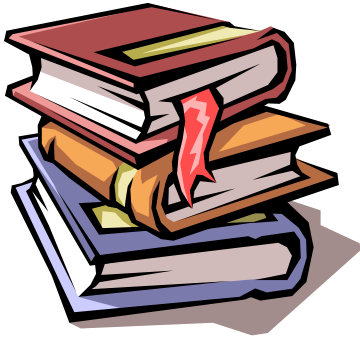
Commencement ceremonies take place at the Clarke Foundation Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7th. There are approximately 180 grads and given the seating capacity each graduate will be allowed three guest tickets to the ceremony. There is no charge for the tickets which may be picked up June 1st provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid.

At the time of pick-up a student may put their name on a waiting list for extra tickets that may become available. These may be picked up by the student following the commencement rehearsal which is on June 7th. The tickets will be distributed in the main foyer of Mission Secondary. Extra tickets will be distributed in order, from the waiting list, and each student will receive only one ticket at a time. The list may be repeated depending on the number of extra tickets available. **Tickets must be presented at the door of the theatre.**

Valedictorians

Congratulations to Jaylene Matthews and Aaron Myales, our valedictorians this year!





Summer School

This year Summer School will be offered to grade 10 through 12 non-graduate students at Riverside Continuing Education. 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 are available in the Grad Office from Mrs. Waterson. For more info on summer school please call Riverside College at 604-814-0446.

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 the final week of classes for students to drop by or to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Janzen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Mission Fest 2012**
August 11th
To volunteer, contact Rhett at Sue's Copy Place, 604-826-8372
- **Stave Lake Clean-up**
Saturday, June 2 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
To volunteer just show up at the Hayward Dam at 9:00 am
Food & water provided plus give-aways and FUN!!!
- **Check the Career Centre bulletin board for more volunteer opportunities**



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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/Middle School Leadership Students Preparing Grade 6 Students

Once again Peer Counsellors have been at the forefront of building transition events for the incoming grade 7 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 6 psyche. They have been instrumental in not only allaying these fears, but also promoting involvement once the newcomers arrive. One grade 6 student noted: "We listen to them, because they are like us, but they have more experience."

Grade 6 Parent/Student Night Open House, June 12, 6:00 pm

Peer Counsellors/Middle School Leadership Students will be leading parent/student groups of up to 30 people to the six stations of subject areas throughout the Middle School section of Mission Secondary.

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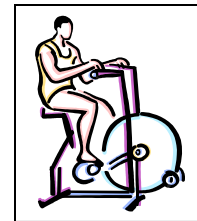
School Calendar

June 7, 2012	Commencement
June 15, 2012	Last Day of Classes
June 18 – 20, 2012	School Exams
June 20 – 28, 2012	Provincial Exams
June 28, 2012	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 29, 2012	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 29, 2012	Administrative Day

Teen Spin at the Leisure Centre

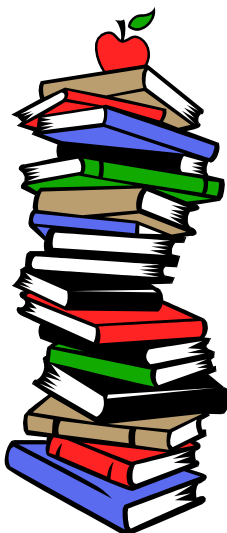
The Mission Leisure Centre is offering a spin bike program designed specifically for youth. Teens 13 and up will experience the fun of a spin class while building endurance and getting a great workout. The class is led by an experienced and qualified instructor who will lead the group with great music and a fun atmosphere among peers. Youth are welcome to use the weight room afterwards until 5pm with their teen fit card*.

Thursdays
3:30 – 4:00 pm
May 24-June 14
\$20+hst



*teen fit card is available for free by appointment

On June 12, Restorative Justice students will once again be raising funds, through a lunch time bake sale, to stop the sexual exploitation of children around the world.



Textbook Returns

Check in for textbooks will be starting June 15th. 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 15th; we encourage them to bring the books to the office before then.

Lost and Found Box

Please check the lost and found box in the main office as it is overflowing. Unclaimed items will be given away to charity at the end of the school year.

