# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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### Dear Parents/Guardians:

May was a very productive month for the Mission Middle Secondary community. Our secondary counselling staff and administrators have begun the complex task of timetable planning and course selection for next year.

We hosted our Aboriginal families for a wonderful evening of food and awards. Our student leadership team also organized a career information night in May, which was totally lead and organized by students. We also had the wonderful opportunity last month to see the Shakespeare production "A Midsummer Night's Dream", put on by our drama students under the skilled direction of Ms. Brown-Evans. This was an outstanding performance and I personally had a blast.

Of course there has been a great deal of focus on our grade twelves as well. We completed our interviews for District Scholarships. It was a very positive experience seeing 26 of our grade twelve students participate in this process. On May 14th several of our students were recognized at the Mission Foundation Awards Night. Congratulations to the following Mission Foundation scholarship recipients: Travis Arcand, Kyla Borchert, Hallie Bryant-Rounthwaite, Kirendeep Dhaliwal, Christina Diewold, Gillian Forstbauer, Liam Johnson, Laura Johnston, Seong-Hoon Jung, Danny Jung, Jensen Kirby, Amol Litt, Ashley Matthews, Anyssa Meyer, Melissa Muise, Tye Petty, Kayla Schuurmans, Mackenzie Simon, Beatriz Tusi, Matthew Ursaki, Shaylene Wangler and Tia Young. We are very proud of your achievement.

A highlight this past month for our grade twelve students had to be the prom and dry grad on May 22. It was great to see our students having fun and celebrating in a responsible manner. A huge thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for their planning and hard work in organizing our prom/dry grad activities. Students and families are now looking forward to the Commencement evening on June 11, during which all of our graduating class of 2015 will be recognized for their achievement during thirteen years of public school.

With the arrival of better weather students are reminded to adhere to the school dress code. We also encourage our students 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

## **Commencement Ceremonies 2014**

Commencement ceremonies take place at the Clarke Foundation Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. There are approximately 150 grads and given the seating capacity each graduate will be allowed four guest tickets to the ceremony. There is no charge for the tickets which may be picked up at the main office on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid.

On Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> students may put their name on a waiting list for extra tickets that <u>may</u> become available. These may be picked up by the student following the commencement rehearsal which is on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. at Clarke Theatre. 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 <u>may</u> be repeated depending on the number of extra tickets available. <u>Tickets must be presented at the door of the theatre</u>. If you have extra tickets you are not using, please turn them into the main office. Thank you.

# **Valedictorians**

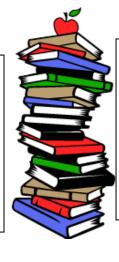
Congratulations to Hallie Bryant-Rounthwaite and Amol Litt, our valedictorians this year!



## **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. Also ask at the main window about the many glasses and jewelry that has been found.





# **Textbook Returns**

Check in for textbooks will be starting June 18<sup>th</sup>. Prior to each exam, students must return books to the teacher to be checked in on TextBook Tracker. Any textbooks students do not need prior to the 18<sup>th</sup>; we encourage them to bring the books to their teachers before then.

# Grade 12's – Important Notice! <u>Post Secondary Institutions (PSIs)</u>

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. <a href="https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student">https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student</a> (notice 'https' above)

You will require your <u>STUDENT PEN NUMBER</u> which is printed on each report card – upper left corner. Need help? See **Mr. Love, Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Janzen**.

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# **A BIG THANK** YOU TO ALL!!!

Thank you to all the parents, staff, and community volunteers and sponsors that made our dry grad event so successful for the Class of 2015! Dry grad would not have been possible without your dedication and support. The following community sponsors have donated cash and/or gifts

Black Bond Books **Buck or Two Plus** 

Canadian Martial Arts Academy

Casa del Sol District of Mission Eleni's Restaurant

First Choice Haircutters

Gold Bin

Hairformers Salon Jodway Law Corp Landmark Realty Lordco Auto Parts Magnolias on Main Pete's Place Pizza Redemption Salon Rex Cox Men's Wear SassaFrass Spa

Sew in Style Starbucks Swing Optical

Vancity

Wentings Cycle and Mountain Shop

Boston Pizza

Cal & Sharon Crawford

Canadian Tire

Crystal Nails Salon & Spa Earthtacular Rock And Gems

**Envision Financial** 

Garrin & Shantelle Mang

Goody Too Shoes Hi N Lo Dollar Mart

Johnston Meier Insurance

Lanka Jewels

MacDonald & Spicer Notaries Mission Community Foundation

Prominence Nail Design

Rempel Mechanical Services Ridge Meadows Flames Jr. Hockey

Save-On-Foods Shopper's Drug Mart Sue's Copy Place

Tim Hortons Walmart ZZ Cuts

### **Aborignal Dept.**

Already at the end of the school year and what a great year we have had! From our Aboriginal Department we would like to thank the Families and students who attended our Family School Dinners they were a great success. A special Congratulation goes to our Grads who will be venturing on to another great chapter in their lives, wishing you much success. We would also like to acknowledge our core students for all their hard work and completing their courses. Next year will be a big change and with this new transition we would like to extend to all our families who have concerns or questions to please contact our Aboriginal office. Thank you for another wonderful year and wishing all our students and families a wonderful summer. Tracy Carr, Marne Ferris, Wayne Martin

If we have missed a name in error, please let us know at 604-826-7191.

# Football Comes to Hatzic Middle School and Heritage Park Middle School

For the past eleven years the Mission Roadrunner Football team has worked hard to establish itself as one of the perennial contenders for the AA championships.

During that time the program has earned four provincial championships at various levels and three other appearances in the final game. These results were achieved due to the efforts of the athletes, coaches and parents. With the creation of two middle schools in 2015, it is the opportune time to introduce football programs at Hatzic and Heritage Park Middle Schools. These programs will be open to all students who will be in grades 7 or 8 in September. Grade 9 students will have the option of playing at their Middle School or for the Mission Junior Varsity team.

With your help, we can start new traditions at our Middle Schools and continue the program that was established 11 years ago at Mission Secondary. For more information, please pick up a brochure at your child's school office and return the completed registration forms to the school they will be attending in September.

Registering prior to the end of this school year would be appreciated as it would allow us to order the necessary equipment in time.



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## **School Calendar**

June 11, 2015 Commencement

June 18, 2015 Last Day of Formal Classes

June 18-25, 2015 Provincial Exams
June 22-24, 2015 School Exams

June 26, 2015 Administrative Day

June 29, 2015 Report Cards Available 8 am – 4 pm



### **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; Clink On-line Application Form.

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