

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

May was a very productive month for the Mission Senior 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. We also had the wonderful opportunity last month to see the Shakespeare production *As You Like It* 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 have many scholarship opportunities and we had a great evening where The **Mission Community Foundation** presented approximately \$50,000. in scholarships and bursaries on May 11, 2016 at the Clarke Theatre to MSS award winners. On behalf of our staff and school community, we would like to thank the foundation and all the benefactors for their generosity and the support it provides for our graduating students. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

A highlight this past month for our grade twelve students had to be the prom on May 14th. It was great to see our students having fun and celebrating in a responsible manner. A huge thank you to the staff for their planning and hard work in organizing our prom activities, and to Rex Cox Mens Wear and Riverside Studio 75 for their generous contributions to making Prom memorable for so many of our students. Students and families are now looking forward to the Commencement afternoon on June 25th during which all of our graduating class of 2016 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 2016

Commencement ceremonies take place at Seven Oaks Alliance Church in Abbotsford at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 25th

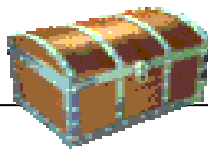
There are approximately 355 grads and given the seating capacity each graduate will be allowed three guest tickets to the ceremony (watch for updates). There is no charge for the tickets which may be picked up at the main office on Monday, June 13th provided that all outstanding commitments and fees have been paid. At that time June 13th students may put their name on a waiting list for extra tickets that may become available. These may be picked up by the student at noon on June 23rd prior the mandatory commencement rehearsal on June 23rd at 1:00 pm at Seven Oaks Alliance Church in Abbotsford. The tickets will be distributed at the main office payment window at 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.**

If you have extra tickets you are not using, please turn them into the main office. Thank you.



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 20th. 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 20th we encourage them to bring the books to their teachers before then.

GRADE 12 NOTICES

Grade 12's – Important Notice!

Grade 12 students who have won scholarships outside of the school, including entrance scholarships to universities are reminded to let Ms. Evans know. Drop by room 103 or send an email to alison.evans@mpsd.ca

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.**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Who!!! Congrats to our MSS Leadership Team for their second place finish. As well, to the MSS **Environment Club** for finishing fourth. Way to go!!! Water bottle fountain is getting closer to reality.



District Student Leadership Awards:

April 7, **Rebecca Flynn, Vince Lising, Chloe Belanger, Lyza Murphy** and **Dylon McLay** were awarded District of Mission Student Leadership Awards in recognition of the positive impact that they have in their community and their school, and the leadership that they demonstrate among their peers.

SCIENCE ADVENTURE

At the beginning of May 190 students in grades 10, 11, and 12 went to study Physics and Biology at the PNE. This was science in action! We send a big heartfelt thank you to PAC for their very generous donation which allowed us to keep prices at a lower level, thus enabling more students to take part.

RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

Explore Carpentry, Plumbing, Warehousing & Electrical – there are a few spaces still available for September 2016. No tuition for students Under 19 years old.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

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: www.studyinmission.ca How to Become a Homestay; Click On-line Application Form. For more information, please call the International Program Office: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336

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2015-2016 CALENDAR

June 17, 2016	Last Day of Classes
June 20 – 27, 2016	Exams
June 23 – 27, 2016	Provincial Exams
June 24, 2016	Grad Barbeque
June 25, 2016	Commencement
June 30, 2016	Report Cards available
June 30, 2016	Administrative Day

VEGAS DRAW

Thank you everyone who purchased tickets for our MSS Grad Draw.

Winners were:

- 1st Prize – trip to Las Vegas – Stacie Motala
- 2nd Prize - \$250.00 – Symons Tire
- 3rd Price - \$100.00 – Laura Kernested.



**SIWAL SI'WES ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
MESSAGE**

Greetings Mission Secondary families! Wow, time sure is flying by and we are well into the 4th term and 2nd semester. In March Aboriginal Liaison Support Worker Connie Moojelski coordinated a Bannock Sale. The students who attended 'We Day' worked together to raise money to go toward a Local Campaign called 'Winter Heat BBQ.' This is an annual event that is held within the local community that is organized by Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Education Department. The report cards were handed out on April 28th with Siwal Si'wes newsletters included; many students received double Honour Rolls! Altogether there were 6 MSS students who won the Siwal Si'wes Scholarship winners: grade 12 student James Grant, grade 12 student Dylan McLay, grade 12 Ronnie Talbot, grade 12 student Skie Campbell, grade 12 student Ronnie Talbot, grade 11 student Melanie Stevens-Franco, and grade 11 student Zachery Pelletier. The 'Student Recognition Dinner' was held on April 27th to honor all the students in grades 7-12 and it was a huge success. The format was changed to have the gym set up like a longhouse and the dinner included traditional foods. 'Teaching through Art' with FN Artist Peter Gong for the Enhancement Agreement Art Project is still working with the students to paint the front posts at MSS. Aboriginal Liaison Support Workers Connie Moojelski and Tracy Carr will be taking 30 students on a fieldtrip to Grouse Mountain on May 24th. There are less than 3 weeks of actual classes left for this school year and staff and students are gearing up getting ready for Provincial exams.

FINE ARTS MESSAGES

Drama:

From April 28th to May 1st, MSS students attended the BC Provincial High School Drama Festival in New Westminster. They performed “Dream On,” a one act comedy by Alyssa Formosa, directed by Ms. McRae, which was selected as part of the provincial YouthWrite competition. The students did a great job representing the school and were professional and receptive during our adjudication with renowned Canadian theatre actor Allan Morgan who gave them great feedback. The students who participated were: Josh Richardson, Robie Karuzas, Daryn Smith, Alyssa Formosa, Ethan Erickson, Chloe Belanger, Angelia Spithourakis, and Trinity Valera-Mertineit. The show received a banner and an award for excellence which will be on display at the front of the school.



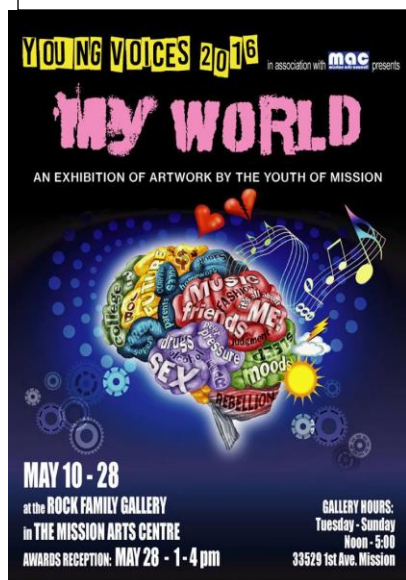
Music:

At the end of April (28th), the Concert and Jazz Bands from Mission Senior Secondary Music Department travelled to Whistler, BC, to participate in the Whistler International **Cantando Music Festival**. The festival was a resounding success, with everyone bringing their best performances to the stage. There were over 4000 students at the festival from all over North America, 35 of them being from our school. The trombone section from Jazz Band, led by **Ryan Bowie**, got an honorable mention for being the best jazz trombone section at the festival, and our lead trumpet player, **Madison Adams**, received accolades from our judge during our adjudication. Both Concert and Jazz Bands received Silver medals in their classes. We would like to send a BIG thank-you to everyone who supported us along this journey, with special thanks going to our chaperones, the brave souls who spent 4 days with all those teenagers in Whistler!! This was an absolutely outstanding feat for this group of students who had never played together as a group before school started in September. We are now looking forward to our final two shows of the year:

June 1st – Year End Showcase - 7:00 pm at the Clarke Theatre. Tickets are available at the door the night of the show \$5 adults/\$2 students & Seniors

June 3rd – Envision Twilight Concert in the Park – 7:00pm – 8:00 pm Jazz Band Show at Heritage Park Band Stand

We look forward to seeing you in the audience for, what is sure to be, some very entertaining evenings!



Thumbs Up Everyone!

“Young Voices: My World”. It is a show of Mission students’ displayed at the Mission Arts Council gallery on First Avenue. The show runs from Tuesday May 10 until May 28th, and is open for viewing during regular gallery hours at the MAC,. Please come out and see the students’ work, and sign the guest book!

ATHLETICS



Hockey:

The Mission Secondary Hockey team won the BC Provincial Championship!! Congratulations to the MSS Hockey team for winning the Tier 2 BC Championship with a thrilling 3-2 shootout win over MEI. Goalie **Chad Cromar** and Forward **Kyle Mooney** were the stars of the game. Great job boys!

Track + Field:

Congratulations to the following members of the Track and Field team on their accomplishments at the Fraser Valley Championships: Hannah Lambert (Javelin - 6th Place), Olivia Kunze (Javelin - 7th Place), Jacob Walters (300m Hurdles - 3rd Place), Charlotte Daignault (RW - 2nd Place), Amelia Janes (RW - 3rd Place), Janie Green (RW - 5th Place), Connor Haig, Mathew Reitsma, Bryce MacKenzie, and Jacob Walters (4x100 Relay - 6th Place).

Also, special recognition goes to Bryce MacKenzie for placing first in Long Jump, Triple Jump, and High Jump. He was the Junior Boys Aggregate winner at the Fraser Valley Championships. Please cheer on these athletes as they move on to the Provincials.

Rugby:

Our girls rugby team has battled it out with some of the top teams in the province this year. As this is a new program at MSS many girls were playing for the first time. The players not only have learned the game but have competed with programs that have been around for quite some time. They have done a fantastic job in coming 4th in the Fraser Valley. They are on their way to the provincial championships in Kamloops May 26-29.

Football @ Hatzic Middle and Heritage Middle Schools:

For the past twelve 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. Next years' Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to play for the program at Mission Secondary.

A number of cases of Head Lice has been reported in the school. Anyone can get head lice. Head lice are common in school children, are not a sign of poor hygiene and are not associated with serious disease. Public Health no longer recommends dry head checks in the school setting. Dry head checks and head checks for "nits" lead to incorrect diagnosis and the unnecessary use of chemical treatments. Identifying nits close to the scalp does not always indicate that a live lice infestation has or will occur.

Please check your child's head for the presence of **live** head lice. Research has shown that the **best method to detect live lice is the wet combing technique**, as described on the Fraser Health website.

<http://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-info/health-topics/school-health/head-lice/>

If you find **live lice**, check the members of your household for live lice. **Treat your child and family only if live lice are found.**

If you see **live lice**, the preferred treatment method is 2 chemical treatments separated by 7-10 days. Chemical treatments, hair conditioners and lice combs are available at drugstores