

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

Monday - Friday

8:44 am – First Class

11:28-12:10 – Lunch

2:58 – Dismissal

Bussing:

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. There is a late bus Wednesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:20pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we look toward the end of term Mission Senior Secondary staff and students are working hard to complete work and support learning in the classroom. I encourage you to maintain frequent contact with your child's teachers to monitor progress. By working in close contact with staff you can help to ensure the best level of achievement for your child.

In addition to regular classroom learning activities, many other activities are up and running. Our football, volleyball, and swimming are all doing very well. Our drama group has started work on their first production, plus band and choir members are also working hard. Student Leadership and Me to We groups are active in helping to make a difference at school, in our community and on international levels. Our Student Leadership group had the first school Spirit Week (October 27 – 31) and many of our students got into the spirit. This month our Leadership group has focused on many fundraising activities, culminating in a Terry Fox run. We also sent a number of students to We Day in Vancouver on October 14th. The Breakfast Club continues to feed many students every morning and all students are welcome.

As the Principal, I have been so impressed with the learning that is occurring at the Senior Secondary and the quality of finished work is second to none. I had the privilege to hear our choir of over sixty students sing the other day and it was absolutely beautiful. I can hardly wait for our Remembrance Day activity which will be held on November 7th at 9:00 am in the small gym.

My hope is that we continue to build on our success and meet the challenges head on to grow stronger every day. We have something very special happening at Mission Senior Secondary and we are moving towards excellence throughout the building.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

We are currently accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring "home away from home" for our elementary and secondary International students. Student placements can range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more. These paid positions are a wonderful way to learn about another culture and to share Canada with students from another country. *Most International students are looking for a host family that includes Mom and Dad, as well as school-age children.*

If you are interested in hosting students, please apply on-line:

www.studyinmission.ca

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form
- Our office will contact you to follow up

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www.studyinmission.ca



LOOK
UP

There is a new sign on the first floor! The Counselling Centre houses lots of services for our students so we have changed the name to reflect this. Access Student Services for:

- Personal and Educational Counselling (including course selection)
- Career and employment advising including how to use myBlueprint
- Scholarship and bursary information
- Youth Care Workers
- Aboriginal Liaison Worker
- Work Experience, Youth Work and Youth Train in Trades Programs

Drop in or by appointment.



Career Advising News



2 0 1 7 NOVEMBER is National Career Month and Mission Secondary School has registered for the ChatterHigh Most Informed School competition. Announcements have been made by email and through auto dialer inviting parents and students to join in the career exploration platform. This is a month long career exploration exercise that takes approximately 10 minutes a day. ChatterHigh poses 10 questions related to exploring careers each day for parents, students, teachers and alumni to research and answer online.

Although there are individual and school awards and prizes there is also an option to award to charity. This is about the experience in researching careers and post-secondary education throughout National Career Month.

ChatterHigh is available all year round as an additional resource in a student career and employment toolbox. Help us to help students to become more informed starting Wednesday November 1st through www.chatterhigh.com

For more information contact: Miss Flood, Career Advisor (604)826-7191 Extension 3009



myBlueprint.ca/sd75 is a powerful career and post-secondary planning tool licensed by the Mission Public School District for students, Teachers and Parents. myBlueprint follows a comprehensive education and career planning process that meets the learning needs, interests, and aspirations of all student levels. This web based resource continues to provide students assistance with learning more about themselves through a number of assessment tools under Who Am I folder. Students can compare up to three (3) college and university program study areas at one time and save to portfolio files for ongoing reference. This web resource walks a student through all career and employment dimensions from career exploration to assisting with applying for scholarships/bursaries or employment. It is a great help with Grad Trans as well. The resource is available to students after graduating and leaving MSS.

Students can see a demo and set up an account by making an appointment Miss Flood, Career Advisor. Parents are welcome to attend.



UNCOMMON PURPOSE SHAD applications close November 20th! Are you or do you know an achieving STEAM student? That is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math. This one month long summer program, in residence at one of the many participating Canadian Host Universities may interest you. For more information refer to the “Future SHAD & Parents” link located on their web page <https://www.shad.ca/Campus-Partners.htm> MSS Teachers have been provided SHAD Educator information packages or students can pick one up from the Career Programs and Services Bulletin board on the 1st Floor next to the woodworking shop and across from the Student Services offices (formerly Counselling Centre)



Attention Grade 12 Grads – Procedures for transcript requests have been changed

StudentTranscripts

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

The Ministry of Education has your transcript or certificate if you attended a B.C. or Yukon secondary school and you:

Transcripts

- Graduated after **1985** or
- Completed a grade 12 course after **1986** or
- Attended grade 12 prior to **1974** in the University Entrance or Academic-Technical Program

Certificates

- Graduated in British Columbia after 1985

If the Ministry does not have your transcript or certificate, please contact your [school of record](#) or [district office](#).

General Education Development (GED®)

- GED® records from 1973 to 2014 are retained by the Ministry of Education
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If you have a Personal Education Number (PEN)

You will need a BCeID to access the StudentTranscripts Service

If you do not have a Personal Education Number (PEN)

You do not have a PEN if you attended a B.C. K-12 school before 1993, or if you never wrote a B.C. provincial exam (introduced in 1986). If you do not have a PEN, you will need to order through the “place an order without a PEN option” on the BC Ministry of Ed web site

Aboriginal Department News



October has just flown by with many exciting events taking place in our Aboriginal Department. First the students had a great opportunity to attend “Me to We” concert with many bands and stars speaking on behalf of giving back to your communities that are less fortunate. Now the students must fundraise throughout the year and donate the money back to various charity organizations. One fundraising opportunity will be Dec. 6 where the student can bring in a can good and get a piece of Bannock. We encourage the entire school to participate in this wonderful opportunity to give back to their community. The donations will go to “My House” who support homeless teens in our community. We also had two guest speakers come into the classrooms and speak about Aboriginal government and Metis culture. The students enjoyed these presentations and had many questions for our presenters. Next month is our Aboriginal Leadership Conference at Newlands Golf and Country Club. This will be an exciting adventure and great learning opportunity, if your child is interested please contact our Aboriginal Dept. Have a wonderful November!!

Sport News

Sr. Girls Volleyball advancing to Fraser Valley's
Mission is hosting Nov 14- 16

Jr Girls Volleyball came 2nd in the Abby Mission playoffs.
Congratulations! They advance to the Fraser Valley's Nov 6-9th.

Sr. Boys Volleyball advance to Fraser Valley's playing their first game on Monday Nov. 6h

Sheigh Gaudette, Amelia Janes, Quin McCormick, Alex Schiechter all advanced to the BC High School
Swimming Championship Nov 17 & 18

School lacrosse is starting this month, watch for an upcoming schedule and please come out and support our teams!

The Junior Girls Volleyball team has had a fantastic October. They won the GW Graham Classic Tournament, the Heritage Park Invitational and tied for 5th at the very prestigious Riverside Rapids Invitational. During League play, the girls went 21 wins 3 losses to lead the league and secure 1st place ranking for playoffs. At the Abby/Mission playoffs, the team won a silver medal. Next up for the girls will be the Fraser Valley Championships in Langley where hopefully they will earn a berth into the Provincial Championships at the end of November.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.m>

2017/2018 Calendar

Nov. 10, 2017	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
Nov. 10, 2017	Term 1 Ends
Nov. 11, 2017	Remembrance Day
Nov.13, 2017	Stat in lieu of Remembrance Day
Nov 14, 2017	Term 2 begins
Nov. 14-24, 2017	Grad Photos by appt. only
Nov. 15, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 23, 2017	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 24, 2017	Non Instructional Day
Dec. 20, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 22, 2017	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Winter Break
Jan. 8, 2017	Schools Reopen
Jan. 22 - 25, 2018	School Exams
Jan. 24, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 25 – 26, 2018	Provincial Exams
Jan. 26, 2018	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Jan. 29, 2018	Term 3, Semester 2 begins
Feb. 8, 2018	Semester 1 Report Cards in home rooms
Feb. 12, 2018	Family Day, no classes
Feb. 20, 2018	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 21, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 23, 2018	Provincial Pro-Development Day
Mar. 2, 2018	½ Day Assessment (Elementary)
Mar. 16, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elementary)
Mar. 19 – 29, 2018	Spring Break
Mar. 30/Apr. 2	Good Friday/Easter Monday
Apr. 3 2018	Stat in Lieu of Good Friday
Apr. 4 2018	School Reopens
April 13, 2018	½ Day Assessment (Middle & Sec.)
April 16, 2018	Term 4 begins
April 18, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 25, 2018	Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner
April 26, 2018	Report Cards to Student in Homeroom
April 26, 2018	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Middle/Secondary)
April 27, 2018	Non Instructional Day
May 16, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 18, 2018	Non Instructional Day
May 21, 2018	Victoria Day
June 19-20, 2018	Class Final Exams
June 23, 2018	Commencement
June 25-27, 2018	Provincial Exams
June 27, 2018	Last Day of Classes
June 29. 2018	Administrative Day