

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

8:44 am – Warning Bell
8:47 – 10:04 – First class
10:10–11:27 – Second class
11:27-12:10 – Lunch
12:10 pm – Warning Bell
12:16 – 1:33 – Third class
1:39 – 2:55 – Fourth class

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Next week we will be into December. As principal, I am extremely pleased with the effort of our students and staff. They are so focused on learning and teaching.

Over the last month our school community has been extremely busy. The Remembrance Day Assemblies were outstanding, thanks to the excellent work done by our Drama department, led by **Mrs. Brown**, and our Choir led by **Mrs. Farsky**. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a Great Spirit week. Our volleyball, football, and swim teams have had excellent seasons. Our Roadrunners swim team placed well at the Fraser Valley regional meet and at the provincial championships, with team members medaling at both events. Our football team had another excellent season, making it to the provincial semi-finals. We are very proud of Evan Horton, who won the BC High School Football AA player of the year. Finally, with winter setting in, please communicate with your child the importance of staying focused on learning.

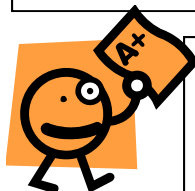
We had a very successful Parent Teacher Interview afternoon and evening with many parents coming to the school to talk to teachers. It was great to see all the conversation and the plans being made for student success. It is important that if your child is not doing the required work that they report to Homework Club. This after school program allows students to work in a quiet area and receive support for their learning. If you need more information about Homework Club please contact your child's teacher and counselor. Parents, please continue to communicate with your child the importance of staying focused on learning. Also, please continue to stay in touch with your child's teachers; we want to work with you to support your child's achievement.

Sincerely,

Brian Tucker
Principal

MISSION MIDDLE SECONDARY PHONE NUMBER

Effective December 13th, Mission Middle Secondary School will be served by one telephone number. Our main office number (604-826-7191) will access all office staff, including the main office, middle school and graduate program administration.



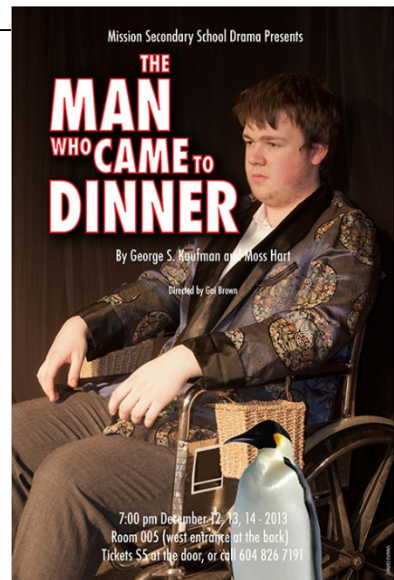
Report Card Pick Up

Report cards are currently available for pick-up in the main office from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Report cards not picked up will be distributed to students the week of December 9th.



Drama News

Tickets are now being sold for the Theatre Class' production of the hilarious 1940's play, 'The Man Who Came To Dinner'. This play looks at our age old fascination with celebrity and the ends we will go to as an adoring public to accommodate a moment in the sun in the company of the famous. Turmoil and chaos ensue when the renowned Mr. Whiteside (Nate Grafton) lands in a lowly Ohio town at the invitation of the Stanley family (Liam Johnson, Savannah Nelson, Felicity Hocking-Steel and Anthony Fast). Don't miss this crowd pleaser! Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the school and at the door contingent upon availability. The play runs Dec 12th - 14th at 7:00 pm in our studio theatre at the Northwest end of the school. See you there!



COMM REC NEWS

October and November have been busy months for MSS Community Recreation! October was river month. To finish off our river unit, 33 students and 7 adult chaperones went rushing down the Chilliwack river. Most of us were in rafts, however, this year 4 brave students tried river kayaking! The river was at a perfect level for first time rafters. There were just enough crazy rapids to get a good taste of the power of the river. All the kayakers, except for one, got dumped into the river. Very exciting!

November was rock month. Both the junior and senior classes went to the indoor rock gym in Abbotsford. The students tried both bouldering and top rope climbs. Lots of great moves and demonstrations of strength! To end the unit, 14 students have signed up for evening classes to learn how to properly belay and to perhaps try some lead climbing. And finally, just this past weekend 14 students came out to the Sasquatch caves in Hope for an introduction to the sport of caving. Lots of tight squeezes while navigating up the four levels of cave number one. Cave two was a great game of find the teacher. Great lessons in teamwork and leadership!



Bad Weather = No School

In the case that schools are not open due to inclement weather, that information will be broadcast on the radio stations as early as possible in the morning of the closures.

Please listen to **CBC Radio One, Country 107.1FM, CKNW 980AM, CKWK 1130AM, STAR FM 98.3FM** or the district website www.mpsd.ca for up-to-date information on school closures.



Scholarship Information

Grade 12 students should be coming to the counselling office to see what is available in the way of scholarships and bursaries as there is a lot of post-secondary money available. Not all of the scholarships and bursaries require a high academic standing. Simply showing an interest in something, being good at something, being a member of certain banks, your parents affiliation with a Union, may qualify you to apply. Please feel welcome to drop in and speak to Mrs. Francis about all of the fantastic opportunities. Mission Community Foundation Scholarship applications are now available from Mrs. Francis.

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12's

In December and continuing into 2014 Mr. Love (Counsellor for grade 12s) will be visiting ENGLISH 12 classes and begin the process of having all grade 12s complete the PSI process. Please read below for additional information on the PSI

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 by the end of **April**. Students who don't complete this task could lose their admission status at the Post-Secondary Institution.

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.



Come join us for a community event!



Wednesday December 4th, 2013

11am – 1pm

@ Mission Friendship Centre: 33150A First Avenue

Everyone welcome!



Free Hot Dogs & Burgers



Hosted by Siwal Si'wes & Mission Friendship Center

Aboriginal News

The Annual WINTER HEAT BBQ presented by the Mission School district Aboriginal Department Si'wal Siwes and hosted by the Friendship Centre is on December 4th from 1:00 – 3:00. Students from the 3 high schools, who attended the annual "Me to We Feed the Children" event at Rogers Arena, will be assisting in an afternoon of spreading the joy of the Holiday Season by offering BBQ'd hot dogs and hamburgers to the community of Mission. Our student Angel Singers will be Caroling to enlighten the hearts of those in attendance. Last year's event had over 300 people joining in the cheer. This event is in support our students desire to 'pay it forward' in kindness and generosity in their participation in this annual community event.

The WINTER HEAT BBQ is open to all!

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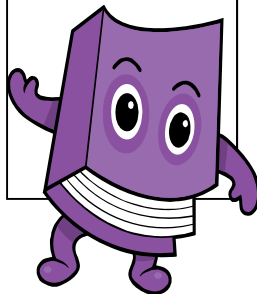
We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now **until the end of January** for just \$50.00. Following that, the cost goes up to \$55.00. The Yearbook class is working hard to produce another great edition!



2013 - 2014 Year at a Glance

December 20, 2013	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 23, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	Winter Break
January 6, 2014	School Re-opens
January 27 - 30, 2014	Provincial Exams
January 31, 2014	End of Term 2
	Turn-A-Round Day, No Classes
February 3, 2014	Term 3, Rotation 1 Begins
February 5, 2014	Grad Photo Retakes
February 10, 2014	Family Day, No Classes
February 13, 2014	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
February 14, 2014	District Pro-D Day, No Classes
February 20 - 21, 2014	BC Winter Games, No Classes
March 14, 2014	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 17 - 21 2014	Spring Break
March 24, 2014	School Re-opens
April 4, 2014	End of Term 3
	½ Day Assessment
April 7, 2014	Term 4, Rotation 1 Begins
April 16, 2014	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm)
	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 17, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
April 18, 2014	Good Friday, No Classes
April 21, 2014	Easter Monday, No Classes
May 16, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 19, 2014	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 23, 2014	Prom & Dry Grad
June 5, 2014	Commencement
June 13, 2014	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 16 - 18, 2014	School Exams
June 16 - June 23, 2014	Provincial Exams
June 26, 2014	Report Cards Available Noon - 4:00 pm
June 27, 2014	Administrative Day

Music Department Christmas Concert!

Come one, come all, to our annual Christmas Concert! You will be welcomed into the Christmas mood by all of our school ensembles, who have been practicing diligently to entertain you in an evening that is not to be missed! There will be merry singing and delightful playing... and perhaps a special guest appearance?!

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

7:00pm

Clarke Foundation Theatre

Tickets - \$5 /adults, \$2/ students & seniors

We will be having a bake sale during intermission to support the students involved in our Spring Tour to San Francisco!

Come on out, it's sure to be an exciting evening!

