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Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Where has the time gone? 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 Mission Secondary community has been extremely busy. We have had so many events that have brought our school community together. The Remembrance Day Assemblies were outstanding. Our Drama department led by **Mrs. Brown showcased an excellent play** and our Choir led by **Mrs. Farsky** sang O Canada. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a Great Spirit week. Our volleyball teams were successful and our senior team made the Fraser Valley's, all our Football teams made the playoffs and this Saturday both our Jr. Team and Sr. Team will be playing for a Provincial Championship. 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 over 500 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. Remember it takes an entire community to raise a child and us as a school can support the family in many different ways.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal

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.

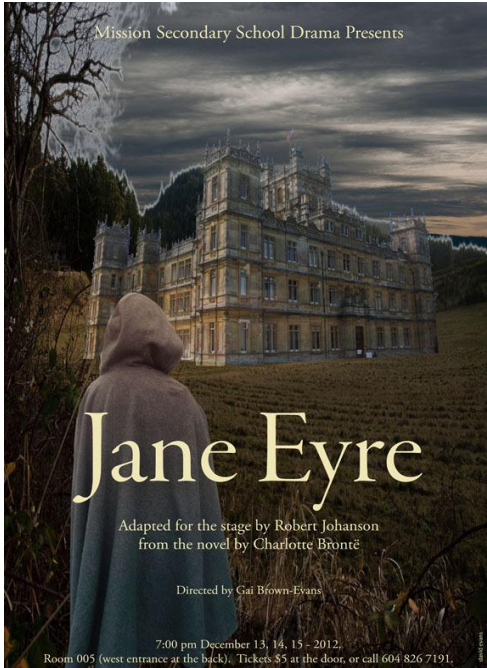
Football News

Both Jr and Sr Varsity football teams have made the Provincial Finals at BC Place this weekend Dec.1. Juniors play at 10:00 am and Seniors play at 3:00 pm. Fan Busses leave at 8:45 and 1:15 sharp...**Go roadrunners Go!**

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.

Drama News



Be sure to catch this year's fall production of 'Jane Eyre' Dec 13,14 &15th at 7:00 pm at Mission Secondary's very own studio theatre. Tickets are available at the door contingent upon availability or by reservation at 604-826-7191 for a mere \$5. You will not regret coming to this classic gothic romance. Come one come all.

Dylan Cawston as Mr Bumble, Peyton MacDonald as Mr. Fagin, Alex Janze as Scrooge and Devin Modugno as Tiny Twist



Nate Grafton and Trinity Blount in this week's production 'The Taming of Larue' as love struck Larry Stetson & the beautiful unattainable Bianca. Students, teachers. and community were treated to Drama 9/10's productions Nov 19, 21 & 26

Drama students enjoyed an outing to UFV Theatre's matinee of George Kaufman & Moss Hart's 'Once Upon A Lifetime' Nov 20th. This hilarious show tells the story of the ambition and corruption of Hollywood as the talkies emerged as a film genre. Students were proud to see an MSS alumnus ply the boards in this production! They were also honoured to be greeted at the door by the director, Ian Fenwick and to see Dr. Bruce Kirkley who just the day before had come to meet with our Acting 11/12 students!



Rebecca Gilbert stars as Hamlette while Nate Grafton plays both the king & queen?



Here Jessica Perry as Kate & Keith Foote as Petrucchio/Pete in 'The Taming of Larue'

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 Ms. Francis about all of the fantastic opportunities.

Mission Foundation Award applications are now available from Ms. Francis.

IMPORTANT TO GRADE 12's

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 may be in danger of losing 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.

Dry Grad Parent Committee

- 1. Orders for Pointsettia and Neufeld delivery dates:**
Pointsettias Monday, Dec. 3rd from 3 – 6 pm
Neufeld Tuesday, Dec. 4th 4:30 pm
- 2. Sign up for bottle drive on Saturday Dec 8 from 9am-3:30pm in the bus loop at MSS**
We need sorters and collectors! The next one will be on Saturday February 9th so mark your calendars. Parent contacts: Linda Horacsek email lhhoracsek@shaw.ca
**An account has been set up at Mission Bottle Depot (behind McDonald's)
Parent contact: Terry McStravick
Account: #161
Account Name: Mission Secondary Dry Grad 2013
Let your friends and family know that they can donate their bottles and cans to Mission Dry Grad!
- 3. Crazy Bread sales have been very successful. If you have signed up to sell, please ensure you are there. Every Wednesday at lunchtime.**

Yearbooks

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

Mission Library Event:

Gingerbread House Decorating
Saturday December 8, 2:30-4:00 pm. Make and decorate your own gingerbread house to take home. For teens ages 12 to 18. Register today by dropping by Mission Library, 33247 2nd Ave or phoning us at 604-826-6610.



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2012 - 2013 Year at a Glance

December 21, 2012	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 22 - Jan. 6, 2013	Winter Break
January 7, 2013	School Reopens
January 28 – Feb 1, 2013	Provincial Exams
February 1, 2013	Turn-Around Day – No Classes
February 4, 2013	Semester 2 Begins, Term 3 & Rotation 3 Begins
February 11, 2013	Family Day, No Classes
February 14, 2013	Report Cards Available for pickup
February 15, 2013	Pro-D Day, No Classes
March 18 – 22, 2013	Spring Break
March 25, 2013	School Reopens
March 29, 2013	Good Friday, No Classes
April 1, 2013	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 5, 2013	Term 3, Rotation 3 Ends, 1/2 Day Assessment
April 8, 2013	Term 4, Rotation 4 Begins
April 18, 2013	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm)
	Report Cards Available for pickup
April 19, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
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May 17, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 20, 2013	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 24, 2013	Prom & Dry Grad
June 6, 2013	Commencement
June 14, 2013	Last Day of Classes
June 17 – 19, 2013	School Exams
June 20 – 25, 2013	Provincial Exams
June 27, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Administrative Day

If you have plastic containers with lids (yogurt, sour cream etc) that you are not using, the Home Economics department is always in need of them. Please send them in with your son or daughter. Thanks!



Music Notes

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse... Well, there may not have been any creatures stirring, but there were definitely a few flutes and a tuba making some racket! The MMSS Music Department will be presenting its annual Christmas Concert in the first week of December!

You are cordially invited to
"T'was the Night Before Christmas"
Tuesday, December 4th, 2012 at 7:00pm
at the Clarke Foundation Theatre
Tickets available at the box office
\$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students

Invite your family, friends, and come prepared to be taken on a musical journey through a familiar poem!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the music director, Kim Farsky at kim.farsky@mpsd.ca
See you at the concert!

