

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the last month our school community has been extremely busy. The Remembrance Day Assemblies were outstanding, thanks to the excellent work done by Ms. Grant, Ms. Brown Evans and Ms. Mier. We had three performances and they were amazing. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a Great Spirit Week and all the Halloween festivities. Our fall sports have come to a close but our school is so excited about our Sr. Girls Volleyball team who qualified for the provincials for the first time in 30 years, well done coach Hale and team we wish you all the best. Our parent teacher night was well attended with over 500 report picked up. We hope the interviews provided parents the opportunity to talk to teachers about their child's progress. 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. We have a very busy December with our students have heart dinner for the homeless on Dec 10. We also have our first drama performance, Christmas concert and dance performance of the school year, starting on Dec 5 with the dance performance, Dec 7 with the Christmas concert and then the Drama performance on DEC 8, 9 and 10. I know the students and staff have been working so hard please come out and support. There will be no newsletter in December so on behalf of the Mission Sr. Secondary staff we wish everyone a very happy holiday.

Jim Pearce
Principal



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 Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25pm, taking students to Hatzic, Middle, then east or west from there

School Closures due to weather

As the air begins to chill, we are reminded that winter will soon be here as will inclement weather conditions.

For information on school closures follow the School District website: www.mpsd.ca

- Select the tab across the top - "Schools";
- Select - "Unscheduled School Closures" (Found on the left sidebar).

Once there, a list of radio stations is provided. parents, students and staff can register directly on that page to sign up for [Snow Closures Email List](#). A quick and easy way for notification to be received directly.

DRY GRAD NEWS

We are pleased to announce that a grant to the amount of \$1000 has been awarded from the Beaton Patience Drug and Alcohol Prevention Fund at Mission Community Foundation.

MSS would like to say a very big THANK YOU to the Mission Community Foundation for their support to our Dry Grad program.



Art 10 – Drawing & Painting, Sketchbook Assignment, Mallory B-M

DRAMA

MSS presents Little Women adapted from Louise M. Alcott's classic romantic comedy. Come one, come all December 8-10th at 7:00pm in our studio theatre. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the office. A perfect holiday treat!



DRAMA

MSS MUSIC Proudly Presents

Jingle All The Way

A Christmas Concert Celebration

Wednesday December 7th, 2016
Clarke Foundation Theatre 7:00 pm

Tickets Available at the Door ~ \$6

ABORIGINAL DEPARTMENT

November has been a very busy month for our Aboriginal Department. We started off the month with a beautiful Remembrance Day tribute by our school Choir and an Aboriginal Drumming Song from Johnny Williams. It was a beautiful tribute for those who gave their lives for our freedoms. Then on Nov. 3 our students had the opportunity to travel to Vancouver for "Me to We" which is a concert to help promote awareness on poverty around the world. This initiative is then taken back to our schools and community to help raise funds for local charitable organizations. In recognition of this the students will be having a Bannock and Chilly fundraiser at 11:30 on Nov. 30th to help raise money for the Schools Have Heart food drive. Please come out and join us or send in canned goods or used coats and blanket to support the campaign. Then on Dec. 8th we will be having "Winter Heat BBQ" at the Friendship Center to help support the homeless in our community. The student will help fundraise for this BBQ and donate the money back to the people in need in our community. Please come out to help support or donate to the schools Have Heart fundraiser. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tracy Carr or Rachel Schooner in the Aboriginal Dept. Have a Safe December!

Flu Season

The cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is not well, please do not send them to school. Staying home when sick helps prevent the spread of germs and viruses.

Scholarships

Attention all grade 12 students MSS now has a scholarship information website! Google (or other search engine) mssscholarshipinfo.weebly.com. The site will be updated periodically so remember to check about every two weeks. You can find the updated date at the bottom of the homepage. You can also drop by Ms. Evans in room 103 and sign up for the email list and you will be notified of upcoming scholarship tutorials and when new scholarship information becomes available.

P.A.C.

MSS PAC Committee would like to extend an open invitation to all parents interested in learning more about their student's school and having a voice in some decision making. Your PAC Executive can be contacted by the following emails and we welcome any questions/concerns you may have.

Co - Chair(s) Jessie Armstrong hidayahjay@hotmail.com
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Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

ACCEPTING HOMESTAY APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

THE MISSION INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM is always in need of nurturing host 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; New Host Families; Click On-line Application Form.

For more information, call the International Program Office: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3321

Email: international@mpsd.ca



**"Mission Students Have Heart!"
FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER**

WHEN: Sat., December 10th

WHERE: Mission Senior Secondary School (Cafeteria)
32939-7th Avenue, Mission

TIME: 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

*Dinner provided by the
Mission Public Schools
Leadership Students*



TRANSPORTATION

School Buses Provide Free Rides to The Event

PICK-UP AT:

Hatzic Middle School	12:00 pm
West Heights Community School	12:15 pm
Mission Gateway Plaza (City Bus Stop, Cedar Valley Connector)	12:20 pm
Fraser Crescent at MCC	12:25 pm
Mission Public Library	12:30 pm



**Toiletries, Warm Clothing and Blankets
May Be Available**

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2016/2017 Calendar

Dec. 16, 2016	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3, 2017	Schools Reopen
Jan. 18, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 23 - 26, 2017	School Exams
Jan. 24 – 25, 2017	Provincial Exams
Jan. 27, 2017	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Jan. 30, 2017	Term 3, Semester 2 begins
Feb. 9, 2017	Semester 1 Report Cards
Feb. 13, 2017	Family Day
Feb. 15, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 17, 2017	Provincial Pro-Development Day
Feb. 24, 2017 (Elementary)	½ Day Assessment
Mar. 10, 2017 (Elementary)	Parent/Teacher Conf.
Mar. 13 – 24, 2017	Spring Break
Mar. 27, 2017	School Reopens
April 13, 2017	½ Day Assessment (Middle & Sec.)
April 14, 2017	Good Friday
April 17, 2017	Easter Monday
April 18, 2017	Term 4 begins
April 19, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 27, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conf.(Middle & Sec.)
April 28, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 17, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 19, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
June 14, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 16, 2017	Last Day of Classes
June 19-21, 2017	Class Final Exams
June 22, 2017	Commencement Rehearsal
June 23 & 26, 2017	Provincial Exams
June 24, 2017	Commencement
June 29, 2017	Last Day of School for students

