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Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Where has the time gone? September and October have disappeared and next week we start November. 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 week parents should have received interim reports for their children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the teachers and/or your child's administrator. These reports are a snapshot of how well your child is progressing in the class. Please check with your child to make sure they show you the interim reports. If you did not receive these reports, please notify the school and we will be happy to discuss your child's progress with you. Finally, with fall and winter setting in, please communicate with your child the importance of staying focused on learning.

Last year our graduating class was very successful in their Provincial exams. We had five Provincial Scholarship winners of \$1,000.00 each. They are: **Gordon Butt, Claire Kelly Samantha Reeve, Alyssa Windsor, Karl Steinmierer**. We also had outstanding results in our Advance Placement exams where twenty three students received university credits before leaving high school. Congratulations to all the students and thank you to the teachers who worked tirelessly with students.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal



Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our parent/teacher interviews will take place on **Thursday, November 26th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** There will be no classes on **Friday, November 27th**. Report cards can also be picked up at the interviews or at the office from 9:00 – 3:00 Friday, and the following week. (Ministry of Education regulations state that students cannot pick up report cards).

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.

Newsletter moves to online

This will be our last paper newsletter.

Starting in November our newsletter will be available online.

Please go to our Website <http://mss.mpsd.ca> to see all the exciting things that are happening at Mission Secondary. If you would like a copy of our newsletter you can inform the school through the office to have your name on the list for a hard copy at the end of each month. We will print a few copies and leave them for your child to pick up. We are excited about this new initiative and hopefully can save some money that can go back into the classrooms.

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.

Career Centre News

Take Our Kids to Work™

- Take Our Kids to Work is a national program of The Learning Partnership and has existed since 1994. More than 1.5 million young Canadians and tens of thousands of workplaces have participated in the program.
- On Wednesday, November 4th, Grade 9 students at Mission Secondary School will spend the day at workplaces with a parent, relative, friend, or volunteer host.
- The Take Our Kids to Work program illustrates the importance of education, skills development and training while giving students the opportunity to experience the world of work and the variety of career opportunities that await them.
- The Take Our Kids to Work program enables the entire community – parents, teachers and workplaces – to play an important role in the career development of young Canadians.
- *Students who have not returned the permission form are expected to attend school as usual on November 4th.*

Education & Career Fair

On Tuesday, Dec 1st, in the afternoon, there will be a field trip for interested Grade 10, 11 & 12 students to attend the Education & Career Fair at the Tradex Centre in Abbotsford.

The Career Fair runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with experts in a variety of career areas running half hour seminars and sharing information at booths. In addition, there are personnel from universities, colleges and training schools with information booths. The post-secondary schools represented are not only from B.C., but also from across Canada.

Permission forms can be picked up in the Career Centre and must be returned by Thursday, Nov. 26th. The cost to students is \$5 to cover the bus rental. Complimentary tickets for parents are available from the MSS Career Centre or they can pay \$7 at the door.

Other Info

- Hemlock Resorts JOB FAIR – November 6 & 7; check their website at www.hemlockresort.ca
- UBC Engineering Open House, Sat. Nov. 7th, 9:00 – 4:00, Fred Kaiser Bldg, 2332 Main Mall, Van.
- U of Toronto Info Sessions in Surrey & Vancouver; <http://discover.utoronto.ca/infoevent.htm>
- RCMP Youth Academy, March 4 – 12, 2010; see Mr. Schell asap in the Career Centre if you are interested in applying
- Check out www.educationplanner.bc.ca for information on post-secondary programs, scholarships & bursaries, and lots of other information

For information contact Linda Janzen, Career Advisor, at 604-826-7191 or linda.janzen@mpsd.ca

Ski & Snowboard Team

MSS will once again sponsor our Ski & Snowboard Team. We will attend races at Whistler/Blackcomb during December and January.

If you would like more information contact Peter Anderson or Timo Itkonen.

Halloween Night – RCMP Alert

The possession and igniting of fireworks is illegal in the District of Mission. The Mission RCMP is taking a proactive approach to policing our community on Halloween night. In addition to the Citizen's Patrol, there are a number of radio clubs that will be assisting on this evening. As usual, the local detachment will have a full compliment of officers on duty throughout Mission and the outlying areas. It is our hope that all community members will support the RCMP's efforts for a safe and happy Halloween.

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 **STAR FM107.1, CKNW AM980, CKWK AM1130**, or the district website www.mpsd.ca for up-to-date information on school closures.

Mvparents.com

This website contains valuable information for parents on technology, parenting, kids and money, resources, at risk behaviours, ages and stages, and so much more.



Drama News

Acting students are hard at work rehearsing for their upcoming production of *'The Importance of Being Ernest'*, an Oscar Wilde classic. The show will go on Dec 10-12th and 16-18th. Tickets will be available on Parent Teacher night and thereafter from the office or by calling the school to make reservations.

We hope to see you there for this hysterical 1890's comedy about two young men who adopt the same pseudonym in order to play the field only to discover in the end that honesty is the best policy.

Vaccinations

Due to the demand for Flu vaccinations this fall, the 3rd dose of HPV vaccine usually given to Grade 9 girls will be postponed until the fall of the next school year.

Please contact the Mission Health Unit for more information. An information notice was sent home with all those affected.

Restorative Justice Retreat

On October 23, 2009 the Restorative Justice Class at Mission Secondary hosted a multi grade/age retreat. The Restorative Justice class welcomed students from their neighbouring schools of Christine Morrison, Mission Central, Cherry Hill, Deroche and Heritage Park. In addition, Parents, Educational Assistants, Youth Care Workers, Aboriginal Liaisons and School Trustees attended a number of workshops. To start things off **Mrs. Jody Shaw**, the Restorative Justice classroom teacher and coordinator, with the assistance of R.J. students, provided an overview workshop on Restorative Justice. Following this workshop those attending were invited to go to student led workshops on the following subjects: Community, Conflict, Listening and Belonging. There were 56 who attended the Restorative Justice Retreat and those who attended reported they not only learned about the practices of Restorative Justice, but they also had a good time.

A large thank-you goes out to the Aboriginal Leadership class who supported the day with setting up and taking down the necessary equipment for the retreat. In addition, a special thank-you to Dan McLachlan, who arranged and delivered the food for the day.

MSS Music Notes

The music department has hit the ground running this year, excited to embark on some new adventures. We will be performing in the school Remembrance Day performance on November 9th with some student-led ensembles.

We are also looking for parents to be involved in our upcoming bottle drive! This is an invite to all MSS families to save up their empty bottles to help us fundraise for this year's events and activities. If you would like to be part of the Music Parents' Association, please contact **Ms. Grant** at kim.grant@mpsd.ca.

Our Winter Concert this year will take place at the Clarke Foundation Theatre on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm. It is sure to be a crowd pleaser, featuring all of our musical ensembles! See you at the concert!!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now **until the end of December** for just \$50.00. Due to high demand, the 2009/2010 yearbook will not be available for purchase in June so this is your only chance. The Yearbook class is working hard to produce another great edition.

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School Calendar

November 4	7:00 pm Dry Grad meeting in Library
November 11	Remembrance Day observed – no classes
November 13	Term 1 ends
November 13	1/2 day assessment – dismissal at 11:30
November 26	Report cards available to parents
November 26	Parent/Teacher interviews (3:30-6:00 pm, 6:30-9:00 pm)
November 27	Non-instructional day – no classes
December 18	Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 4	School reopens
January 22	Term 2 ends
Jan 25 - 29	Provincial Exams
February 19	District Professional Day – no classes
March 5	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 15	School Reopens
April 2	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Monday

Dry Grad Parent Committee

There will be a Dry Grad Parent Committee meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Nov 4th in the cafeteria.

Dry Grad Fundraiser – Abbotsford Heat AHL Hockey Tickets

MSS Dry Grad Committee will be taking ticket pre-orders for the Saturday, Dec 5th Abbotsford Heat AHL hockey game vs. the Rochester Americans. Game time is 6pm. Tickets are only \$20 each, including all taxes and fees. Come on out to support Dry Grad & local hockey. See you there! **Please return order form with payment to the MSS Front office by Thursday Nov 26th.**

Abbotsford Heat Tickets Order Form

Abbotsford Heat vs. Rochester Americans Dec 5th 6pm

Student Name: _____

Phone #: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ @ \$ 20 each

Total \$ Amount enclosed: _____

Ticket Deadline Thursday, Nov 26th.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>