

Mission Secondary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Nov 12th
Term End

Nov 25th
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Nov 26th
No Classes

Principal's News

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.

Our middle school and grad programs schools are working hard to keep students engaged in their learning and by all reports things are going smoothly in both areas of the school. Students feel supported and are receiving attention when they are experiencing challenges in their daily lives. Our school staff is working tirelessly to make learning the primary focus for our students.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal

Counselling News

From the Counselor's 2010-2011:

Counselor student assignments are based on grade level and alpha split as per the student's surname.

Also, parents/guardians requesting to meet with the counselor are encouraged to phone ahead and make an appointment. All counselors have a teaching block this year. The secretary is familiar with the counselor's teaching assignment and can set up your appointments at a mutually convenient time.

Counselor Assignments:

Mark Greenshields:
Grade 8 and Grade 9 (A - D)
604 826-6487

Jody Shaw:
Aboriginal (8 - 12) and Grade 9 (E - Z)
604 826-6487

Lea Francis:
Grade 10 and Grade 11 (A - M)
604 826-8431

Colin Love:
Grade 12 and Grade 11 (N - Z)
604 826-8431



*Diwali -
Festival of Lights.*

*"I like a teacher
who gives you
something to take
home to think
about besides
homework."*

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.

Diwali Festival of Lights

Wednesday November 3rd, 2010
5:00pm to 9:00pm

Mission Community Services Society Multicultural Department and Mission Community Library are pleased to invite you to celebrate Diwali. Join us for mehndi, diya painting (clay candle holders), children's crafts/storytimes, delicious Indian food, bhangra dances and lively entertainment.

For more Information please contact:
Multicultural Services
604-826-4634
33179 2nd Avenue
Mission, BC
V2V 1J9

Or

Mission Community Library
604-826-6610

Drama

These lucky students pictured below performed as extras on the TV show 'The Troop' Oct 8th. TV studios were in Maple Ridge and they were provided with transport and meals. It proved to be a long day however what with retakes. We started out at 11am and got home at 10pm. That's life 'on set'. The episode is # 202 and should be available online soon and on TV in the fall. Mission Secondary's Drama students and school were also featured in a film shot here last January at the Vancouver Film Festival Oct 9th and 16th.

The film is called 'The Repeaters' and was shot primarily in our community. A shout out goes to Laurie Paron-Solas the extras manager who says she loves working with our dedicated Drama students who are very committed and extremely direct-able. Bravo!

Ms. Brown-Evans



Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent/teacher interviews will take place on

Thursday, November 25th 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 26th.**

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.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now until the end of December for just \$50.00. Due to high demand, the 2010/2011 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.

Photos

If you have any photos that you would like to submit to the Yearbook class, please send them to scott.alexander@mpsd.ca or drop a disk off at the front desk c/o Yearbook class. We are always happy to try and include as many photos as possible

Career Centre News

Education & Career Fair

On Thursday, Dec 2nd, in the afternoon, there will be a field trip for interested Grade 11 & 12 students to the Education & Career Fair at the Tradex in Abbotsford.

With exhibits in a trade show format, feature areas, and seminars, the Education & Career Fair is designed to help students develop or change their career path. The Fair introduces a variety of post-secondary education choices, career and employment options and provides labour market information. Check their website for more info on who will have exhibits:

<http://www.educationcareerfairs.com/>

Permission forms can be picked up in the Career Centre and must be returned by Wednesday, Nov. 24th. The cost to students is \$5 to cover the bus rental. Complimentary tickets for parents are available from the Career Centre or they can buy tickets at the door.

Hemlock Resorts JOB FAIR

November 6 & 7; check their website at <http://www.hemlockvalleyresort.com/> (click on "Employment")

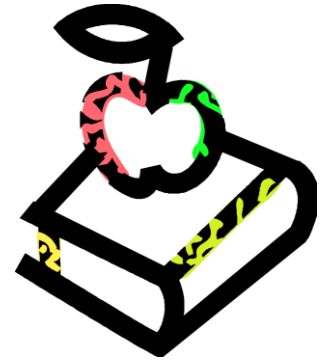
There is also information on the bulletin board.

RCMP Youth Academy Spring Break 2011

This 10-day "boot camp" is open to grade 11 or 12 students considering a career in policing. See Mr. Schell asap if you're interested. Application forms are due at the end of November and the fitness test and interviews will be in early December.

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 604-302-5314 or linda.janzen@mpsd.ca



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.





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*“Everybody’s Best
Builds Success”*

We’re on the Web!
<http://mss.mpsd.ca>



Middle School & Grad Program School

These new areas now have their own phone numbers. If you call is regarding a student in:

- **Grade 8 or 9;** please contact the Middle School directly at **604 826-6487**
- **Grade 10, 11 or 12;** please contact Grad Program School directly at **604 826-8431**

School Calendar

November 11	Remembrance Day observed - no classes
November 12	Term 1 ends
November 12	1/2 day assessment - dismissal at 11:30
November 25	Report cards available to parents
November 25	Parent/Teacher interviews (3:30-6:00 pm, 6:30-9:00 pm)
November 26	Non-instructional day - no classes
December 17	Last day of classes before Winter Break
January 4	School reopens
January 21	Term 2 ends
Jan 24 - 28	Provincial Exams
February 21	District Professional Day - no classes
March 18	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 28	School Reopens
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday

Exam Results

STUDENTS can access their exam results on the Student Secure Web at:
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>

Ski/Snowboard Team

It’s the most wonderful time of the year. Yes the snow is fast approaching and it is time to get the Mission Secondary Alpine team on the go.

Anyone interested in racing or learning to race is welcome.

We are planning to have race development and race training at Hemlock and races at Whistler this year.

Please see Mr Anderson or Mr Itkonen ASAP if you are interested.