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# 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:

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.

I am hopeful that over the next two weeks parents will have the opportunity to email or have a conversation with their child's teachers. I know staff have been working extremely hard at assessing their students over the past two months. Staff are very willing to have a conversation with you about your child's progress. It is important as parents that you keep in contact with the school on matters that relate to your child. We as a school can support you in many different ways if we have good two way communication.

Mission Secondary's Breakfast Club is up and running. This is an opportunity for all students to come to the Cafeteria and have a very nutritious breakfast five days a week. As a school it is our mandate to serve over 250 students per day so it is important that students come to the club and have breakfast. The club is open to all students in the school. It also gives students and staff the opportunity to socialize before school starts. The Breakfast Club is open from 8:00 am to 8:30 am every morning.

Extra-curricular activities are up and running. From cross country running, volleyball, football and the outdoor club we are sure that there is something for everyone. At lunch we have intra-murals for our Middle and Grad Program Schools. We also have a chess club as well as a games room for those who want to do something different at lunch. Our Fine Arts and Applied skills departments are running strong with students producing excellent projects. It is important that students engage in activities around the school as it has a positive effect on their learning.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce  
Principal

## Important Dates To Take Note Of

There will be a **half day Assessment on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> will be a regular instructional day** with the block order being Day 2. Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> block order is also Day 2. Teachers will be able to provide information on students' progress through conversations with parents or email. Please feel free to call the school to contact your child's teachers.

Halloween always brings fun, spirit filled days for our middle school kids. This year we are having spirit week finish off the month of October and for the first time we will have a middle school pep rally organized and run by our grade 9 leadership team. Student safety and their sense of responsibility are at the forefront during this time. We will be sure to communicate that with the students over the next few weeks. Enjoy these first months of Autumn and Happy Halloween!

Dave Cyr  
Vice-Principal  
Middle School



## CAREER CENTRE NEWS

### **Education & Career Fair**

On Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon, there will be a field trip for interested Grade 10, 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 or from the envelope on the bulletin board in the hallway and must be returned by Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost to students is \$5 to cover the bus rental.

### **BCIT BIG Info Session**

Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 – 8 pm

3700 Willingdon Ave., Burnaby

Students and parents are invited to learn more about the great educational opportunities offered at BCIT. *Ask questions, win tuition! From now until November 2<sup>nd</sup>, you can visit [bcit.ca/biginfo](http://bcit.ca/biginfo) to ask a question about going to school at BCIT and maybe win \$1,000 tuition credit!*

### **RCMP Youth Academy**

Spring Break 2012

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](http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca) for information on post-secondary programs, scholarships & bursaries, and lots of other information

Don't forget to check the bulletin board that's updated regularly with new information.

For information contact Linda Janzen, Career Advisor, at 604-302-5314 or [linda.janzen@mpsd.ca](mailto:linda.janzen@mpsd.ca)

### **Help Wanted**

The drama department is looking for a buffet circa 1938 for their fall production. If anyone would be kind enough to lend one to the school we would be happy to arrange for transport. Please call 604-826-7191 if you can help- very much appreciated!

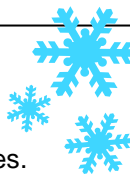
### **Halloween Night – RCMP Alert**

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 **CBC Radio One, Country 107.1FM, CKNW 980AM, CKWK 1130AM, STAR FM 98.3FM** or the district website [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) for up-to-date information on school closures.



### **Grad Photos**

Grad photos have been scheduled for Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> with two photographers. Sign up sheets, posters and brochures will be arriving shortly.



**Aboriginal Department**

Greetings from Fran Croteau and Janice Hawk – MSS Aboriginal Liaisons. We continue to look forward to honouring and supporting our work as a ‘collective family’ to encourage our young people towards healthy positive growth and achievement. In the month of October our grade 7’s & 8’s enjoyed a fun filled educational day with Takaya Tours and student leaders attended Me to We Day at Roger’s Stadium. Our annual Family of Schools dinner is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. We look forward to enjoying an evening of honouring our students with you.

**For your information:**

**How do you get your family involved with Aboriginal Education?** Identify your children as having Aboriginal Ancestry.

**Do you need proof of Ancestry?** No. Self declare that your child or children in your care have Aboriginal Ancestry - No status required.

**How do I identify my children as having Aboriginal Ancestry?** Ensure that you have declared your children as having Aboriginal Ancestry on their school registration form. Call MSS and ask for your child to be recognized as Aboriginal on their school registration.

Please feel free to contact us @ 604-826-6487

Fran Croteau & Janice Hawk

Ecole Mission Central is presenting "STAGE FRIGHT" a night of magic, on the 28th October, 7PM at the Clarke Theatre. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$10/child. Don't miss out on this great, fun way to celebrate Halloween with your family! Tickets available at Ecole Mission Central Elementary. Ph # 604-826-1414



**Dry Grad Parent Committee**

There will be a Dry Grad Parent Committee meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Library.



**Dry Grad Fundraisers**

1. **Poinsettia** order forms are available in each of the school offices. Plants are \$12 each and come in red, pink and white flowers in 6.5 inch pots. The plants are beautiful and it helps grads raise funds for their dry grad event. Orders must be in by November 21 and plants will be ready for pick up on December 1 and 2.
2. **Holiday Favorites – Neufeld Farms**  
Appetizers and Hors de Oeuvres  
Chicken, Beef, Seafood, etc.  
Cookie Pucks and various Pies  
**Order deadline:** Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Delivery Date:** Monday, Nov.28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm @ main entrance of school  
Pick up your order forms at any of the school offices.
3. **Burger and Beverage Night** @ Mission Springs Restaurant Side  
**When:** Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Price:** \$15.00 per ticket  
**Canucks PPV game will be shown!!**  
Tickets available @ the Grad Office or contact us at [7hockey@yahoo.com](mailto:7hockey@yahoo.com)
4. **Christmas Shopping Extravaganza!!**  
Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Cafeteria  
Bake Sale/Entertainment/Christmas Shopping/  
FREE Admission/Raffle Draws



**Jesse Miller**

Keynote speaker on the topics of social media awareness, social networking behavior and online content evaluation.

- School Visits - November 1, 3 & 4**  
**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> @ Mission Secondary**  
**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Heritage Park Secondary**  
**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> @ Hatzic Secondary**

Jesse will come to all three Middle/High Schools and speak to three groups: Grade 7 (1st block), Grades 8 & 9 (2nd block) and Grades 10 – 12 (3rd block). His presentations to each grade group will last 1 hour with time built in for questions and answers. Presentations will begin as close to 9:00 as possible – we will try to accommodate the bell schedules at each school.

**Parent Information Presentation**

Jesse will speak to parents about social media awareness from 7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Clarke Theatre.



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

Mission Secondary's GAB Club ran a purple ribbon and bake sale day on Thursday Oct 20 to celebrate international anti-homophobia day (Oct 22). We are proud to say that over 200 ribbons were pinned on shirts!



**Flu Season**

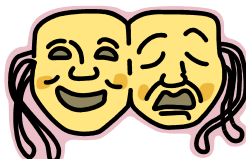
The cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is not well, please do not send them to school. Staying home when sick helps prevent the spread of germs and viruses.

**Drama News**

MSS' Drama 9/10 class will be performing a series of war poems at our Remembrance Day ceremony Nov 9<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Parents and community are more than welcome to attend.

On Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> a one woman show entitled 'the Droning of Bombers', a personal account by the author of her life as a five year old in Holland during WWII, from UFV will be performed in MSS' studio theatre for community and classes. We are so fortunate to be honoured with this production and we are already booked solid.

MSS' Theatre Production class is well into the rehearsal process for our fall production, 'You Can't Take It With You'. This three act comedy promises to be a must see going up Dec 9,10&11<sup>th</sup> in our very own studio theatre. Tickets will go on sale at the end of November. Remember to mark us on your calendar. You won't regret it!



**2011 – 2012 Year at a Glance**

November 10, 2011	Term 1 Ends, Rotation 1 Ends 1/2 Day Assessment
November 11, 2011	Remembrance Day, No Classes
November 14, 2011	Term 2, Rotation 2 Begins
November 21-24,2011	Grad Photos
November 24,2011	Regular Classes
November 25, 2011	<b>Regular Classes – Day 2</b>
December 16, 2011	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2, 2012	Winter Break
January 3, 2012	School Reopens
January 23- 27, 2012	Provincial Exams
January 27, 2012	Turn-A-Round Day – No Classes
January 30, 2012	Semester 2 Begins, Term 3 & Rotation 3 Begins
February 9, 2012	Report Cards Available for pickup
February 17, 2012	District Pro D Day, No Classes
March 16, 2012	Last day before Spring Break
March 19 – 23, 2012	Spring Break
March 26, 2012	School Reopens
April 6, 2012	Good Friday, No Classes
April 9, 2012	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 13, 2012	Term 3, Rotation 3 Ends, 1/2 Day Assessment
April 16, 2012	Term 4, Rotation 4 Begins
April 26, 2012	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for pickup
April 27, 2012	Non Instructional Day, No Classes Report Cards Available for pick up
May 18, 2012	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 21, 2012	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 25, 2012	Prom & Dry Grad
June 7, 2012	Commencement
June 15, 2012	Last Day of Classes
June 18 – 20, 2012	School Exams
June 20 – 28, 2012	Provincial Exams
June 28, 2012	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 29, 2012	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 29, 2012	Administrative Day

