

# 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

It is hard to believe that the first two months of the school year are already behind us. Interim reports have already been sent home and report cards will be issued later in November. I am very impressed with the diligent effort being put forth by our students and staff. Parents, I encourage you to maintain frequent contact with your child's teachers to monitor progress. By working in close contact with staff, you can help to ensure the best level of achievement for your child.

One area where we are looking for parent support is with regard to attendance. Currently we have too many students with unexcused absences. Our school sends auto dialer messages home whenever a student is absent from a class. If you have received frequent auto dialer messages about your child, please contact the school. Students must attend regularly to be successful.

In addition to regular classroom learning activities, many other activities are up and running. Our football, volleyball, track and field, and swim team seasons are well underway. Our drama group has started work on their first production. The concert band, jazz band, and concert choir are also working hard. Student Leadership and Me to We groups are active in helping to make a difference at school, community, and international levels. So far our student leaders have supported Cops for Cancer, Coins for Cancer, and School Spirit Week. This year, more than 50 students from our school attended We Day in Vancouver. Noon intramural games are being offered for middle school students. We also offer a games room at lunch time. Our breakfast club continues to feed many students every morning.

In short, our school offers a busy, vibrant learning environment, inside and outside classrooms. Should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher or one of the administrators.

Sincerely,

Brian Tucker  
Principal

## Important Dates To Take Note Of:

There will be a **half day Assessment on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**, parent/teacher interviews on **Nov 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-6pm**, then **6:30-9pm in gym B and cafeteria** and a non-instructional day on **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. **There will be no classes on this day.**

## 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.

## 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 Nov12th to 15th  
Sign up sheets are with Mrs. Waterson in the Grad Office



**CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

**Take Our Kids to Work**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013; Grade 9 students are invited to participate.

Information and consent forms are available from Socials 9 teachers. Signed consent forms must be handed in to the main office by Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Check out the website [www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TOKW)

**UFV Advisors coming to each high school**

Students can sign up for a 15 minute appointment between 11:00 and 1:00 on:

Tuesday, Nov. 5 at MSS

Wednesday, Nov. 6 at HPSS

Thursday, Nov. 7 at HSS

*The sign-up form is on Mrs. Janzen's office door.*

**Columbia Bible College Recruiter coming to each high school.**

Stop by the foyer during lunch and learn about what programs CBC has to offer.

Thursday, Nov. 14 – HSS

Tuesday, Nov. 19 – MSS

Wednesday, Nov. 27 - HPSS

**BCIT's BIG Info Session**

Wednesday, November 20

BCIT Burnaby Campus, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby. All programs, all in one place.

To register and get a preview of what BCIT offers, visit [bcit.ca/biginfo](http://bcit.ca/biginfo)

**Trinity Western University Preview Weekend**

Nov. 29 – 30. You'll have the opportunity to stay in dorms, attend class, meet profs, and learn about financial aid, travel studies, and student life programs. Register at [twu.ca/visit](http://twu.ca/visit)

**Education & Career Fair**

On Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 from the envelope on the Career Centre bulletin board in the hallway starting Nov. 18 and must be handed in to the office, with \$5 (to cover the bus rental) by Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Grade 11's & 12's**



**"Like" the Mission Career Centre on Facebook**

When you "Like" Mission Career Centre, you'll be kept in the loop with the latest news from colleges and universities, volunteer opportunities, field trips coming up, and much more information that is important as you prepare for your life after high school.

## COMMUNITY RECREATION

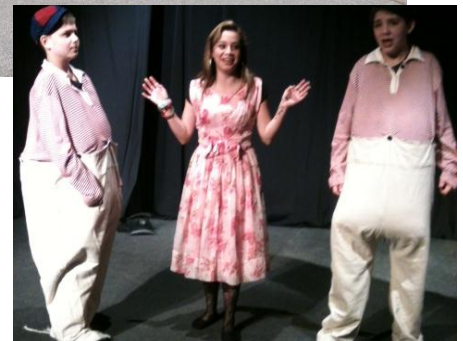
On Saturday October 5th the MSS Community Recreation class participated in the 10th annual Ride for Refuge in Maple Ridge, BC. The 8 students who came out for the ride helped to raise over \$1400 for the Heart to Heart Children's home and school in Grand Goave, Haiti. Most of the students chose to do the 25km ride, while one of the teachers completed the 40km ride. Despite a flat tire, a broken bike, and some confusion on directions, it was a great day out. I was very proud of our students and their willingness to give of their time to help the children at Heart to Heart. Check out the Heart to Heart website:

<http://www.hearttohearhaiti.com>



## DRAMA NEWS

These lucky & devoted theatre students made the trek out to studio 58 at Langara College on Saturday Oct 5th to see the Scott Bellis directed zombified production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They were NOT disappointed. This show was amazing!!!! Fully inspired, the intermission twitter was all about our own spring time production madly anticipated by all. "Lord what fools these mortals be!"



Drama 9/10 students Riel Drury, Jonah Weisner and Alliyah Kindred prepare for their upcoming production of 'Alice in Wonderland' the first week of December. Both school and general communities will be welcomed!

## ABORIGINAL NEWS

Our annual team/peer building gr. 7 retreat was on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> this year with 19 of MSS students attending a day at the traditional Charlie Longhouse in Chehalis. Students participated in Aboriginal cultural activities such as creating cedar bark bracelets, head bands, roses, and playing the game of Slahal. Through Willie Charlie's storytelling our tour along the Harrison River of the historical living site of the Sts'ailes peoples opened up the minds of our young people to envision the lifestyle of our ancestors. A highlight for all was our students joining the Eagle and Sasquatch dances with our hosts and their fully regaled children while one of our students, accompanied by his own drum, readily joined in. The day was completed by enjoying a delicious BBQ salmon lunch. Our young people were recognized and thanked by our hosts for their manners and high level of respect presented during the entire educationally fun filled day.

The Me to We adventure on October 18<sup>th</sup> began at 5:45 a.m. with 13 of our students boarding the bus to Rogers Arena. The energy filled day was enjoyed by all – positives abound. The favorite speaker of the day was Molly Burke who spoke of her experiences with being bullied, her feelings of defeat and her loss of hope. Molly's story resonated with each of our students and the bus ride home was rich with conversation of personal experience regarding bullying. Our students will be participating in the Scare Hunger campaign here at MSS as well as presenting to classrooms a short skit and open conversation on bullying experiences focusing on the powerful message of Molly Burke – you are not alone, you can get through it and it does get better.

### Future events:

Youth Leadership Conference @ Newlands – Nov. 13 – 15th  
Annual Winter Heat BBQ @ Mission Friendship Centre – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Hoop Dancers @ MSS – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

**Dry Grad Fundraising**

Pointsettia sales and Neufeld Farms sales start Nov 1. Order forms are available in all school offices. All orders must be in by Nov 22 at 3pm. Poinsettia pick up is Tuesday Dec 3 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and Neufeld Farms pickup is Wednesday Dec 4 at 3:30 pm. All deliveries must be picked up at Mission Secondary at these times.

**Lost and Found**

Come check out the lost and found at the main office. There is lots of clothes, jewellery, house keys, ear buds and much more!



**2013 - 2014 Year at a Glance**

November 8, 2013	End of Term 1 ½ Day Assessment
November 11, 2013	Remembrance Day, No Classes
November 12, 2013	Term 2, Rotation 2 Begins
November 12 - 15, 2013	Grad Photos
November 21, 2013	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
November 22, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
December 20, 2013	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 23, 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	Winter Break
January 6, 2014	School Re-opens
January 27 - 30, 2014	Provincial Exams
January 31, 2014	End of Term 2 Turn-A-Round Day, No Classes
February 3, 2014	Term 3, Rotation 1 Begins
February 5, 2014	Grad Photo Retakes
February 10, 2014	Family Day, No Classes
February 13, 2014	Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
February 14, 2014	District Pro-D Day, No Classes
February 20 - 21, 2014	BC Winter Games, No Classes
March 14, 2014	Last Day Before Spring Break
March 17 - 21 2014	Spring Break
March 24, 2014	School Re-opens
April 4, 2014	End of Term 3 ½ Day Assessment
April 7, 2014	Term 4, Rotation 1 Begins
April 16, 2014	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 17, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
April 18, 2014	Good Friday, No Classes
April 21, 2014	Easter Monday, No Classes
May 16, 2014	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 19, 2014	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 23, 2014	Prom & Dry Grad
June 5, 2014	Commencement
June 13, 2014	Last Day of Formal Classes
June 16 - 18, 2014	School Exams
June 16 - June 23, 2014	Provincial Exams
June 26, 2014	Report Cards Available Noon - 4:00 pm
June 27, 2014	Administrative Day

***The Mission School District International Student Program Invites You ...***

*The Mission School District International Student Program is currently looking for nurturing host families to provide a welcoming "home away from home" for our visiting elementary and secondary students. We are particularly in need of homes for elementary students. These paid positions are a wonderful opportunity to share your heart and your home as well as our great Canadian culture with young visitors from around the world. Student placements range from 2 weeks to 2 years! We invite you to complete our On-line Application Form to become a host family and be a part of our exciting International Student program. Please complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form and we will be happy to contact you for a follow up home visit. Go to: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Host Family; On-line Application Form. For more information, please call: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336*

**Upcoming PAC Meetings:**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, and January 15<sup>th</sup> all in the school Library at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend!**