

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

Although school started late this year, we are now well into the routine of a busy first term.

Students and staff are working very hard. 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.

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, plus band and choir members 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. Our Student Leadership group had the first school spirit week (Oct 27-31) and many of our students got into the spirit. This month our leadership group has focused fundraising efforts on cancer awareness, culminating in a Terry Fox run scheduled for November 6th. We also sent a number of students to We Day in Vancouver on Oct 15. Our games room is running at lunch time, three days a week. The breakfast club continues to feed many students every morning.

At the district level, changes in secondary configuration are underway. Next year Mission Middle Secondary will be the location of a grade 10 – 12 secondary school, serving the entire district. Heritage Park Secondary and Hatzic Secondary will be middle schools for grades 7 – 9. The goal of this configuration change is to offer a full slate of senior course offerings to Mission students in grades 10 – 12, and a quality middle school program to students in grades 7 – 9. Opportunities for community input and questions will occur at a series of Think Tanks. Check the district website for more details.

Sincerely,

Brian Tucker
Principal

Important Dates To Take Note Of:

There will be a **half day Assessment on Friday, November 21st**, parent/teacher interviews on **December 4th from 3:30-6pm**, then **6:30-9pm in gym B and cafeteria** and a non-instructional day on **Friday, December 5th**. **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 for up-to-date information on school closures.

Grad Photos

Grad photos have been scheduled for Nov 24th to 28th. Listen to the daily announcements for sign up details



CAREER CENTRE NEWS

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.

1. **UFV begins accepting applications on October 1st** for next September 2015. It is to your advantage to apply early as some programs fill up fast and you have a much better chance of getting the courses that you want for your first year. It's easy to apply. Simply go to ufv.ca and click on the "Apply Now" note on the top right. Create an account, complete the application, pay \$45 with a credit card, and you're done!!
2. Post-Secondary Information Evening – Monday, November 3 from 6:45 – 8:45 at Heritage Park Secondary.
3. UBC Information Evening @ HPSS on Tuesday, November 18th from 6:30 – 8:00.
4. There are a number of Volunteer Opportunities posted on the Career Centre bulletin board. Information on how to get involved can be found on the posters.

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

For information contact Linda Janzen, Career Advisor, at 604-302-5314 or linda.janzen@mpsd.ca

Cheer Market

Do your Christmas shopping here!

Arts and Crafts, Homemade foods and gifts and more!

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Mission Secondary School

32939 Seventh Ave

9am— 3pm

Part of proceeds going to local and global charities.

For info re: products and/or vending, contact Cyndi

McLachlan at MSS

604-826-7191 or Cyndi.mclachlan@mpsd.ca



Mission Secondary's Home Economics department is always looking for containers to give to students who wish to take the products they make in class home. If you are throwing out plastic containers, please think about sending them into the school. We can make use of small plastic containers with lids such as sour cream, yogurt, cottage cheese and the likes. Thank You!

ABORIGINAL NEWS

The Aboriginal Department would like to extend a big “Welcome Back “to all our students and families here at MSS. This year we have two new Aboriginal Liaisons joining our team, Wayne Martin and Marne Ferris who will be working with the Middle School Students. Please drop by the Aboriginal Room and introduce yourself during lunch or after school. Tracy Carr is back with us again this year working with our senior students.

To start this year off our students took a trip to Me to We which was an exciting and educational day for all. Learning to “Give Back” and start up charities to help the less fortunate; while listening to music and motivational speakers to inspire the kids was fun. Throughout the year the students will have to create fundraisers and events to help raise money for children in Africa.

Coming up we have trips planned for the grade 10-12 students to attend UFV for a tour of the campus and informational session about post-secondary education. Our goal is to provide Aboriginal Students with the opportunity to attend university. With the knowledge they learned from this trip our student will be informed and educated to make career choices for the future.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!



RECEIVE \$1000 CASH? GRADUATE EARLY? FAST-TRACKED TO A TRADE? READ ON.....

In an effort to promote the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) Program, Mission Public School District is searching for “Hidden Apprentices.” If you are a secondary school student working in a trade area, you may already be eligible to become a secondary school apprentice or you may be interested in getting started.

A secondary school apprenticeship involves part-time work within a trade – something you may already be doing. The SSA program provides a smooth transition from school to work, and a quicker route to certification in a trade – and to the earning power that goes with it. You can begin your apprenticeship as early as Grade 10.

By registering as a secondary school apprentice in the school, you will be able to receive dual credit for the work you are already doing and get a head start on earning your trade certification; you also may be eligible for a Scholarship. “Dual Credit” means simultaneously receiving both secondary school credits (up to four courses) required for graduation and credit toward completion of an apprenticeship. As an added bonus, secondary school apprentices may qualify for a \$1000 cash scholarship.

By participating in the program, you will be ahead of your peers in a career in the trades, possibly graduate early and become \$1000 richer.

In the labour market, there is a concern about a skills shortage. Employers need young people with the right skills, right now! There’s never been a better time to explore a career in the skilled trades and technology sectors. There are over 110 trades recognized in BC.

If you are a secondary school student, or an employer willing to hire a student and want to find out more about the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program;

Check out <http://www.itabc.ca/youth>

and contact Mr. McNeill, Work Experience/Secondary School Apprentice Program Co-Coordinator at Riverside College , Mission Public Schools (604-814-0446 Local 2310) or email douglas.mcneill@mpsd.ca.

The first of the middle school Think Tank sessions has now been scheduled as follows:

When: Thursday, November 6, 2014

Where: Hatzic Middle/Secondary School - Cafeteria

Time: 6:30 pm

This brainstorming session will assist with the development of the middle school.

For further information, please contact Principal, Shirley Gibson at: shirley.gibson@mpsd.ca



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

Dry Grad Fundraising

Poinsettia sales and Neufeld Farms sales have started. Order forms are available in all school offices and on the bulletin board outside the counselling centre. Poinsettia orders must be in by Friday, Nov 28 and pick up is Monday, Dec 8 at 3:00 pm. Neufeld Farms order deadline is Thursday, Nov. 20 pickup is Tuesday, Dec 2 at 3:30 pm. All deliveries must be picked up at Mission Secondary at these times.



2014 - 2015 Year at a Glance

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| November 7, 2014 | End of Term 1 |
| November 10, 2014 | Term 2 Begins |
| November 11, 2014 | Remembrance day, no classes |
| November 21, 2014 | ½ Day Assessment |
| November 24-28, 2014 | Grad Photos |
| December 4, 2014 | Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up |
| December 5, 2014 | Non Instructional Day, No Classes |
| December 19, 2014 | Last Day before Winter Break |
| Dec. 22, 2014 - Jan. 2, 2015 | Winter Break |
| January 5, 2015 | School Re-opens |
| January 29, 2015 | End of Term 2 |
| January 26, 2015 | Term 3 Begins |
| January 30, 2015 | Semester Turn-A-Round Day No Classes |
| February 2, 2015 | Term 3 Begins |
| Feb. 2 – Feb. 5, 2015 | School/Provincial Exams |
| February 2-3, 2015 | Grad Photo Retakes |
| February 9, 2015 | Family Day, No Classes |
| February 12, 2015 | Report Cards Available for Pick-Up |
| February 13, 2015 | District Pro-D Day, No Classes |
| March 13, 2015 | Last Day Before Spring Break |
| March 16-20, 2015 | Spring Break |
| March 23, 2015 | School Re-opens |
| April 3, 2015 | Good Friday, No Classes |
| April 6, 2015 | Easter Monday, No Classes |
| April 10, 2015 | End of Term 3 |
| April 13, 2015 | Term 4 Begins |
| April 17, 2015 | ½ Day Assessment |
| April 30, 2015 | Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up |
| May 1, 2015 | Non Instructional Day, No Classes |
| May 15, 2015 | Non Instructional Day, No Classes |
| May 18, 2015 | Victoria Day, No Classes |
| May 22, 2015 | Prom & Dry Grad |
| June 11, 2015 | Commencement |
| June 18, 2015 | Last Day of Formal Classes |
| June 18-25, 2015 | Provincial Exams |
| June 22-24, 2015 | School Exams |
| June 25, 2015 | Report Cards Available Noon – 3:30 pm |
| June 26, 2015 | Administrative Day/Report Card Pick-Up |

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

Gr. 8 Girls Basketball coach needed urgently. Please contact Anthony Luyken at anthonyluyken@gmail.com

