

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## School Hours

### Mon., Wed., Fri.

8:44 am – First Class  
11:29-12:11 – Lunch  
2:55 – Dismissal

### Tuesday & Thursday

8:44 – First Class  
11:09-11:49 – Lunch  
3:00 – Dismissal

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

As we look toward the end of term Mission Senior Secondary staff and students are working hard to complete work and support learning in the classroom. 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, and cross country 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, in our community and on international levels. Our Student Leadership group had the first school Spirit Week (October 27 – 31) and many of our students got into the spirit. This month our Leadership group has focused on many fundraising activities, culminating in a Terry Fox run. We also sent a number of students to We Day in Vancouver on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Breakfast Club continues to feed many students every morning and all students are welcome.

As the Principal, I have been so impressed with the learning that is occurring at the Senior Secondary and the quality of finished work is second to none. I had the privilege to hear our choir of over sixty students sing the other day and it was absolutely beautiful. I can hardly wait for our Remembrance Day activity which will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the small gym.

My hope is that we continue to build on our success and meet the challenges head on to grow stronger every day. We have something very special happening at Mission Senior Secondary and we are moving towards excellence throughout the building.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce  
Principal

## Important Dates To Take Note Of:

There will be a **half day Assessment on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, parent/teacher interviews on **November 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6pm**, then **6:30-9pm in gym B and cafeteria** and a non-instructional day on **Friday, November 27<sup>th</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 Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> to Dec. 4. Listen to the daily announcements for sign up details



**CAREER CENTRE NEWS**

**UBC Information Evening**

Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ MSS, 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Room 217

**Columbia Bible College Info Session**

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, lunchtime in Room 154

**BCIT's BIG INFO Session**

Wednesday, November 18  
Burnaby Campus – 5:00 – 8:00 pm  
To register: [bcit.ca/biginfo](http://bcit.ca/biginfo)

**Education & Career Fair**

On Monday, November 30<sup>th</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 information 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 November 16 and must be handed in to the office, with \$5.00 (to cover the bus rental) by Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Trinity Western University**

Visit the campus on View Day, November 20  
Register at [twu.ca/visit](http://twu.ca/visit)

**SFU Fair – Choose Your Program**

and find out how to finance your post-secondary education Wednesday, November 25, 5:45-8:00 pm  
at the Surrey Campus.

To register: [sfu.ca/students/events/choose-your-program](http://sfu.ca/students/events/choose-your-program)

Don't forget to check the bulletin board that is 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)

**DIWALI**



Celebrate the Festival of Lights Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the Cafeteria. There will be samosas for sale, henna painting, music and dancing.

**P.A.C.**

MSS PAC Committee would like to extend an open invitation to all parents interested in learning more about their student's school and having a voice in some decision making. Your PAC Executive can be contacted by the following emails and we welcome any questions/concerns you may have.

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Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm in the school library. Allocation of our Gaming Funds, featuring teacher requests, will be tabled. Hope to see you there!

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Attention all grade 12 students MSS now has a scholarship information website! Google (or other search engine) [mssscholarshipinfo.weebly.com](http://mssscholarshipinfo.weebly.com) . The site will be updated periodically so remember to check about every two weeks. You can find the updated date at the bottom of the homepage. You can also drop by Ms. Evans in room 103 and sign up for the email list and you will be notified of upcoming scholarship tutorials and when new scholarship information becomes available.

MISSION SECONDARY NEWSLETTER  
*Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Education Department*



Greetings Mission Secondary families! Wow, time sure is flying by and everyone is settling in! The Interim report cards are already out and the school year is in full swing. My name is Connie Moojelski, and Tracy Carr is the other Aboriginal Liaison, and Jo-Anne Lindahl is the Aboriginal Support Teacher for Siwal Si'wes Aboriginal Education. Jo-Anne is a great support teacher and runs her own 'Tutorial' with 25 of our students. September 30<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day 'Every Child Matters' was a wonderful success! So far this year, we took 11 students to 'We Day' at Rogers Arena and we are currently doing a warm clothing drive for the community. We also had 5 dedicated students participate in the Soroptimist girls club "Dream It Be It!" on their Pro-D Day; for this they earned volunteer hours and a beautiful certificate! I've been handing out 'Grad Transition Portfolio's' as well as keeping track of 'Volunteer Hours' for students who have come in to volunteer their time to paint the door and make posters for various events. The Upcoming 'Strengthening the Circle' Leadership Conference at Newlands Golf and Country Club is coming up in November and we will be bringing our Leadership students. Tracy Carr is planning to take students to UBC for a tour and the Museum of Anthropology on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Jo-Ann and I will be putting together a lunch hour 'Art Club' in the Aboriginal room; we have some wonderful ideas planned for the students.

by Aboriginal Liaison Connie Moojelski

**ATHLETICS**

**Swimming -**

MSS Swimmers Qualify for Provincials!

The MSS Swim Team competed at the Fraser Valley Zone Championships Oct 22 and four swimmers qualified to swim at the BC Provincial Championships Nov 13-14 in Kamloops. Sophie Bryant, Brooke Kienas, Nolan Paul and Justin King will all represent MSS in Kamloops. Congratulations swimmers and good luck at Provincials!

**Volleyball -**

Volleyball is into playoff time.

Sr. Girls are advancing to Fraser Valley Championships starting on Nov 14th

Sr. Boys have qualified for the pre Fraser Valley Qualifier game Nov 10th

Jr Girls begin Abby/Mission playoffs Wed, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Cross Country -**

Cross Country Runners running in the Fraser Valley Championships are Mela Sagasser, Bryce MacKenzie, Zach Pelletier, Katie Charlton, Janie Green, Hanna Klein and Vivien Gerwing. Bryce Mackenzie qualified for the Cross Country Provincials

**Basketball -** Basketball tryouts will be beginning next week.

**INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS -**

We are currently accepting applications for nurturing homestay families who want to provide a caring "home away from home" for our elementary and secondary International students. Student placements can range from 2 weeks to 2 years or more. These paid positions are a wonderful way to learn about another culture and to share Canada with students from another country. *Most International students are looking for a host family that includes Mom and Dad, as well as school-age children.*

If you are interested in hosting students, please apply on-line: [www.studyinmission.ca](http://www.studyinmission.ca)

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Complete all 5 sections of the On-line Application Form

Our office will contact you to follow up 33046 Fourth Avenue, Mission, BC V2V 1S5 604-826-6286 ext 3336

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.m>

**DRY GRAD**

There will be a Dry Grad Parent meeting next Monday November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

All parents and guardians of Grade 12 students are welcome to attend.

**APPRENTICE PROGRAM -**

Are you a Hidden Apprentice?

Do you qualify to.....

RECEIVE \$1000 CASH? GRADUATE EARLY? BE FAST-TRACKED TO A TRADE?

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 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 \$1000 cash Scholarship. "Dual Credit" means simultaneously receiving both secondary school credits (up to four courses; **16 elective credits**) 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 (If you grad with C+ average or higher).

You could also pursue Level 1 Trades Training (with **Free Tuition**) at Riverside College.

In the labor market, there is a skilled trades 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 Coordinator at Mission Secondary & Riverside College, Mission Public Schools (604-826-7191 Local 1132) or email [douglas.mcneill@mpsd.ca](mailto:douglas.mcneill@mpsd.ca).

### 2015 - 2016 Year at a Glance

November 2, 2015	Dry Grad Meeting 6:30 pm in library
November 11, 2015	Remembrance Day, no classes
November 13, 2015	Term 1 ends - 11:30 dismissal
November 16, 2015	Term 2 begins
November 18, 2015	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 23 – 27, 2015	Grad Photos
November 26, 2015	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
November 27, 2015	Non Instructional Day - No Classes
Dec. 21, 2015 - Jan.1, 2016	Winter Break
January 4, 2016	School Re-opens
January 25-28, 2016	Exam Week, classes not in session
January 29, 2016	Turn Around day - no classes
February 1, 2016	Term 3, Semester2 begin
February 8, 2016	Family Day – no classes
February 11, 2016	Report Cards
March 14 – 24, 2016	Spring Break
March 25, 2016	Good Friday
March 28, 2016	Easter Monday
April 15, 2016	Term 3 ends - 11:30 dismissal
April 18, 2016	Term 4 begins
April 28, 2016	Spring Break Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for Pick-Up
April 29, 2016	Non Instructional Day – no classes
May 14, 2016	Prom
May 18, 2016	PAC meeting 7:00 pm
May 20, 2016	Non Instructional Day – No Classes
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day
June 17, 2016	Last Day of Classes
June 20 – 27, 2016	Exams
June 25, 2016	Commencement
June 30, 2016	Administrative Day