

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

Monday - Friday

8:44 am – First Class

11:28-12:10 – Lunch

2:58 – Dismissal

Bussing:

Following the final bell of the day, school buses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building. There is a late bus Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25 pm, taking students to Hatzic, Middle, then east or west from there

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we look toward the end of term 1 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 the leadership conference. 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 10th 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

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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVATION:

There will be 2 assemblies the morning of November 10th to pay respect to the men and women who have served their country in the pursuit of Peace. Families are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATES:

There will be a **half day Assessment on Thursday, November 10th**, parent/teacher interviews on **November 24th from 3:30-6:00 pm**, then **6:30-9:00pm in gym B and cafeteria** and a non-instructional day on **Friday, November 25th**. **There will be no classes on this day.**

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

UBC Employment Service Professionals (ESPs) will be at MSS on November 1st, 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Presentation on Programs and general Question/Answer Period will be in the cafeteria

All students and parents are welcome to attend

Posters and communications will be going out this week. Contact Miss Flood, Career Advisor for more information. Be sure not to miss this opportunity to meet and greet staff from a university recognized as a global centre for research and teaching. UBC has been ranked among the 40 best universities in the world

Riverside College is hosting a number of Apprentice Advisor Sessions from October 2016 to March 2017.

Andrew George, Apprenticeship Advisor for the Fraser Valley Region will be available at Riverside College 33919 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Mission, to present information that will be of interest to students who may have been considering a trade and apprenticeships on:

October 25, 2016 10:00 am - 3:00 pm November 15, 2016 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

December 13, 2016 10:00 am - 3:00 pm January 24, 2017 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

February 21, 2017 10:00 am - 3:00 pm March 28, 2017 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This session will provide some core answers to some of your questions:

- What is an Apprenticeship, and what is ITA's role?
- How do I enter into an Apprenticeship? Why?
- What are the requirements to achieve a trade certification?
- I have many hours working in a trade; can I challenge the Exam to get my Certification of Qualification?
- I worked as an Apprentice but my hours were not recorded. What do I do? How do I record my hours?
- What financial support is available to support me through my Apprenticeship?
- What steps should be taken if I no longer have an employer sponsor to complete all of your work-based hours?
- More....

For more information or any enquiries please contact Career Advisor Miss Flood @ 604-826-7191 ext 3009 or at heather.flood@mpsd.ca

COMMUNITY REC. PROGRAM



MSS Community Recreation tackled the Chilliwack river this month! What a great day river rafting! We had over 60 students and staff on the water this year – a new Comm. Rec record. The senior Comm Rec students also went caving the night before. The whole group camped overnight and most of us hit the water early the next morning. Because of the size of the group this year, a second run had to be added in the afternoon. A special thanks to our teacher chaperones Ms. Blaschek, Mr. Szydlowski, Ms. Daigle, Mr. Gill and Ms. Newman.



MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Public Feedback Requested:

Draft - Board Meeting Procedures

A recommendation was passed unanimously by the Board of Education at the October 18, 2016 Public meeting. The draft Board Meeting Procedures Policy was approved in principle is referred to the public for comment and consideration.

Draft- Strategic Plan

A recommendation was passed unanimously by the Board of Education at the October 18, 2016 Public meeting. The draft Strategic Plan be approved in Principle and is referred to the public for comment and consideration.

Deadline for written submission: November 19th.

Submit to: Tracy.Orobko@mpsd.ca

*The feedback gathered will be presented at the November 29th Education Committee meeting.

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.

HOUSE OF COMMONS PAGE PROGRAM -

The Page Program provides young Canadians to be contracted to work at the House of Commons for one year, beginning late August 2017. They will work a minimum of 15 hours a week and their work schedule will be coordinated with their university schedule. A salary of \$15,455 will be paid in addition to a sum of \$1200. at the successful completion of the contract in August 2018. Each candidate must: * be a Canadian citizen * be graduating from a secondary school and beginning full-time university studies in September 2017 * have an overall academic average of at least 80% * be able to communicate efficiently in both official languages, as evaluated by the House of Commons; and * apply to a university in the National Capital Region, be accepted and accept the offer of admission. For more information contact Miss Flood, Career Advisor @ Mission Secondary

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2016/2017 Calendar

Nov. 2, 2016	Photo Retakes
Nov. 10, 2016	½ Day Assessment
Nov. 11, 2016	Remembrance Day
Nov. 14-24, 2016	Grad Photos
Nov. 16, 2016	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 24, 2016	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 25, 2016	Non Instructional Day
Dec. 16, 2016	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3, 2017	Schools Reopen
Jan. 18, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 23 - 26, 2017	School Exams
Jan. 24 – 25, 2017	Provincial Exams
Jan. 27, 2017	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Jan. 30, 2017	Term 3, Semester 2 begins
Feb. 9, 2017	Semester 1 Report Cards
Feb. 13, 2017	Family Day
Feb. 15, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 17, 2017	Provincial Pro-D. Day
Feb. 24, 2017	½ Day Assessment (Elementary)
Mar. 10, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elem.)
Mar. 13 – 24, 2017	Spring Break
Mar. 27, 2017	School Reopens
April 13, 2017	½ Day Assessment (Middle & Secondary)
April 14, 2017	Good Friday
April 17, 2017	Easter Monday
April 18, 2017	Term 4 begins
April 19, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 27, 2017	Parent/Teacher Conf.(Middle & Secondary)
April 28, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 17, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 19, 2017	Non Instructional Day
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
June 14, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 16, 2017	Last Day of Classes
June 19-21, 2017	Class Final Exams
June 22, 2017	Commencement Rehearsal
June 23 & 26, 2017	Provincial Exams
June 24, 2017	Commencement
June 29, 2017	Last Day of School for students
June 30, 2017	Administrative Day

SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all grade 12 students MSS now has a scholarship information website! Google (or other search engine) 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 166 and sign up for the email list and you will be notified of upcoming scholarship tutorials and when new scholarship information becomes available.

Grad Photos

Grad photos have been scheduled for Nov 14th to 24th . Students are reminded to listen to the daily announcements for sign up details

