

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

8:44 am – Warning Bell
8:47 – 10:04 – First period
10:10–11:27 – Second period
11:27-12:10 – Lunch
12:10pm – Warning Bell
12:16 – 1:33 – Third period
1:39 – 2:55 – Fourth period

Following the final bell of the day, school busses are loaded very promptly at the bus loop on the east side of the building.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome all new students and staff. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back those students who attended Mission Secondary last year. To our Grade 7 students, we extend a warm welcome to you and hope you have a wonderful and exciting year. We also extend a warm welcome to our new staff members:

Our kick off to Mission Middle school was fantastic. On Friday we had a spirit day which involved our grade 7 and 8 students along with our grade 9 student leaders it was an amazing day. Our Grad Program school is running well with our students designing their plan for success.

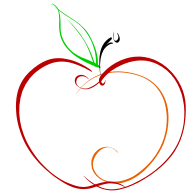
Mission Secondary continues to provide an opportunity for every student to reach their potential. I am honored to be working with such a dedicated staff. We will collectively give our students the best opportunity to achieve excellence in all aspects of their education.

This year our staff will continue to work collaboratively to support our most vulnerable learners. At Mission Secondary we take pride in offering a wide range of strategies to meet the learning needs of all our students and our staff continues to work hard in implementing new strategies. Last year the instructional team leaders worked on goals for this year and our major focus will be on assessment and grading. We will also provide interventions to every student who needs more support in their learning.

Starting the school year on a positive note is extremely important. September is a critical month for establishing study routines and home study habits for the year. Teachers expect homework and assignments to be done on time. I encourage everyone to consistently work hard and have a successful year.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal



Lates



Students are expected to be in class when the bell rings. First class begins at 8:47am. Please encourage your children to arrive to class on time as tardiness demonstrates a lack of consideration for teachers and fellow students. It is also an important life skill for students to arrive on time to help prepare them for the world of work.

Grade 12 parents interested in helping with Dry Grad 2013, please contact Mrs. Grewal via email hardeep.grewal@mpsd.ca.



Grade 7 and 8 Supervision at Lunch

Grade 7 and 8 students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during the lunch hour unless they are going home for lunch. Written permission may be used by parents from time to time to excuse students as necessary, but the school's expectation is that the Grade 7 and 8 students are to be on school grounds.

Drama Department News

And they're off!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Mission Secondary got a jumpstart on Theatre this year and was able quickly to plan a field trip to see the unforgettable 'Taming of the Shrew' on September 16th at Bard on the Beach at Vanier Park in Vancouver. This production brought a laugh a minute and was simply inspirational! A great way to kick off our enthusiasm for our own dramatic endeavours. The Theatre department is busily preparing for their first production of the year. This year's selection- the gothic romance, 'Jane Eyre'. Students who have signed up for Theatre Production will meet in the Studio Theatre this Tuesday, Oct 2 after school for a readthrough. The production will go up Dec 13,14 & 15th so be sure to mark it on your calendar! Drama 9/10 students are preparing in one class for a performance at this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies to take place Nov 7th in the morning. Parents and community members are welcome. The other class is working on two Shakespearean spoofs; 'The Taming of Larue' a hilarious western style send up of 'The Taming of the Shrew', and 'Hamlette' which is a comic look at the great tragedy through the eyes of the principal character as a female. Dates for these performances are yet to be determined but parents and community will be welcome to come during the school day to support these actors as well.



Break a leg everyone!

Photos

Student photos were taken on **Thursday, September 20th**. Photo retakes will be done on Wednesday, **October 17th**. Students who missed the photo day in September need to get an order envelope from the front office if you wish to have photos taken. If you are retaking photos, the first set of pictures must be returned to the photographer on retake day.



School Dress Code

Common sense is the key to student dress code and grooming at Mission Secondary. We expect students to dress appropriately while at school. Clothing that is offensive and/or distracts others from learning is not acceptable.

- Clothing must not promote profanity, sex, drugs or alcohol.
- Clothes which are clearly revealing/distracting such as low-cut shirts/tank tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, crop tops showing bare midriffs, short shorts or rips/tears in the seats of pants/jeans are not acceptable. Students who come to school dressed inappropriately will be asked to cover up. Repeated violations will result in parents being contacted and the student being sent home. We believe this dress code is fair and meets acceptable standards for our school as an educational institution which is preparing our students for the world of work.

Textbooks

Please look to see if you have textbooks around the house that are not currently being used for current courses, and return them to the school as we are short textbooks for some classes. Books can be handed in to the front office. This applies to library books as well.



Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale now until the end of December for just \$50.00. After December they will be \$55.00 each. Due to high demand, the 2012/2013 yearbook will not be available in June so this is your only chance. The Yearbook class is working hard to produce another great edition.



YOUTH FITNESS CHALLENGE | OCT 1 - 27TH

**Register today for the
Mission Strong
Youth Fitness Challenge
and see what you're capable of!**

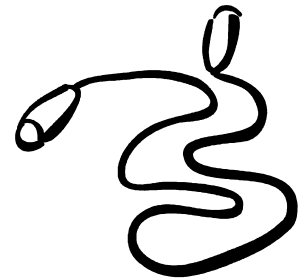
- 4 weeks of fitness training in our FREE exclusive youth fitness classes
- Mission Strong t-shirt and fantastic prizes
- Finale Oct. 27 featuring a 'Tough Mudder' style obstacle course, food, refreshments and prizes.

**For more info or to register contact the
Mission Leisure Centre at 604-820-5350**

**Ages
13-17**

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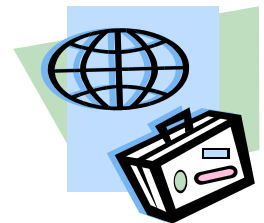


The Mission School District International Student Program Invites You ...

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.

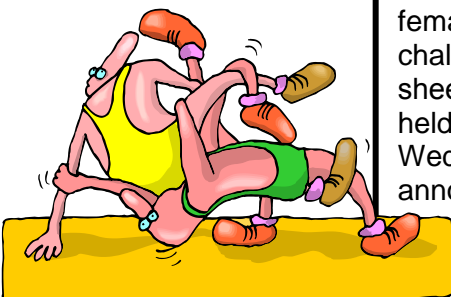
Go to: <http://international.mpsd.ca>; Host Family; On-line Application Form.

For more information, please call: 604-826-6286 Ex. 3336



MSS Wrestling season starting soon!!!

The MSS wrestling team is looking for tough, competitive athletes, male and female, from grades 7 – 12. If you have a strong competitive spirit and enjoy challenging yourself, wrestling may be the sport for you. There is a sign-up sheet on the door to room 112 (Mr. Derksen's room), and first practice will be held on Monday, October 15th. There will be a pre-season meeting on Wednesday, October 10th at 11:45, in room 112. Be sure to listen to the announcements!



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See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

2012 - 2013 Year at a Glance

October 8, 2012	Thanksgiving Day, No Classes
October 17, 2012	Picture Retakes
October 19, 2012	Prov. Pro-D Day, No Classes
November 9, 2012	Term 1 Ends, Rotation 1 Ends 1/2 Day Assessment
November 12, 2012	Remembrance Day, No Classes
November 13, 2012	Term 2, Rotation 2 Begins
November 22, 2012	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for pick up
November 23, 2012	Report Cards Available for pick-up
November 23, 2012	Non-Instructional Day, No Classes
December 21, 2012	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 22 - Jan. 6, 2013	Winter Break
January 7, 2013	School Reopens
January 28 – Feb 1, 2013	Provincial Exams
February 1, 2013	Turn-Around Day – No Classes
February 4, 2013	Semester 2 Begins, Term 3 & Rotation 3 Begins
February 11, 2013	Family Day, No Classes
February 14, 2013	Report Cards Available for pickup
February 15, 2013	Pro-D Day, No Classes
March 18 – 22, 2013	Spring Break
March 25, 2013	School Reopens
March 29, 2013	Good Friday, No Classes
April 1, 2013	Easter Monday, No Classes
April 5, 2013	Term 3, Rotation 3 Ends, 1/2 Day Assessment
April 8, 2013	Term 4, Rotation 4 Begins
April 18, 2013	Parent Teacher Interviews (3:30 - 6:00, 6:30 - 9:00 pm) Report Cards Available for pickup
April 19, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes Report Cards Available for pick up
May 17, 2013	Non Instructional Day, No Classes
May 20, 2013	Victoria Day, No Classes
May 24, 2013	Prom & Dry Grad
June 6, 2013	Commencement
June 14, 2013	Last Day of Classes
June 17 – 19, 2013	School Exams
June 20 – 25, 2013	Provincial Exams
June 27, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Report Cards Available noon - 4:00 p.m.
June 28, 2013	Administrative Day

**Connie Moojelski
Aboriginal Liaison
Worker
MMS**

Hello everyone, I am the Aboriginal Liaison Support Worker for the senior students in grades 10, 11, and 12. September was a very busy month of getting settled in and getting lots done. We had a marvelous Indian summer! Autumn has arrived; Native American Day is September 28th, 2012 and I just want to acknowledge that. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas is only three months away! The 'Grade 7 Retreat' is coming up on October 5th, 2012 and will be held in Chehalis at the 'Charlie Longhouse' this year. 'Me to We' is coming up on October 18th, 2012 and will be held at the Rogers Arena with some awesome speakers, including Magic Johnson and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. I look forward to another productive month filled with great team work and keeping our commitment to supporting our students. All the Best!

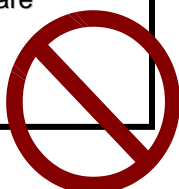
After School Pick Up

Parents are asked not to pick up their children from the west side of the building. Please use the bus loop on the east side instead. Thank you.



Bullying

Intimidation and harassment of students is not part of school life and will not be condoned. Students involved in harassing or bullying other students are subject to strict disciplinary action.



The Homecoming Varsity football game is Saturday, Oct 6, 1:30 pm
Pitt Meadows vs Mission
@ Roadrunner Stadium



Parents please remember to call in your child's absence when they are away. Thank you

