

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back for another school year, all students, families, and staff. We extend a special welcome to those who are new to our school community, particularly our grade ten students. Staff members are looking forward to assisting students in the grad school program to achieve their personal best.

This year, staff will be working hard on the new curriculum which is in draft form. We are excited about what the new curriculum has to offer and the opportunities for our students. We will also be working on the draft assessment for our students which will honour their strengths and work on their challenges. This is a very exciting time.

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. Regular consistent attendance is essential. I encourage everyone to consistently work hard and have a successful year.

Sincerely,

Jim Pearce
Principal



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 Wednesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:20pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

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

- 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

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MSS Career Programs and Services News



The annual Post Secondary Institute (PSI) Information Night was a success on Wednesday evening. Fifteen (15) colleges and universities saw an attendance of approximately 243 parents and students in Session 1 presentations and 166 people attended Session 2.

Any students who were not able to attend and have ongoing college/university interests can make an appointment with Miss Flood, Career Advisor through email heather.flood@mpsd.ca or text appointment requests to 604.302.5314

Everyone is reminded that college and universities conduct tours by request and a number of them have virtual online tour links on their web sites. Ask if they have a student for a day program too!

Mr. McNeill, WorkEX/SSA Coordinator has retired. Mr. Mike Miller is now assisting students with Work Experience and Apprenticeship interests.

Contact Mr. Miller at mike.miller@mpsd.ca or text 778.347.5546

WHAT ELSE? The industry training authority has changed the names for SSA (secondary school apprenticeship) and ACE IT. We will now be referring in terms of Youth Work in Trades (formerly SSA) and Youth Train in Trades (formerly ACE It) These references are more descriptive of the activity of the youth in the trades arenas. Mr. Miller assists students with these trade related programs.

If students are not sure about a trade interest see Miss Flood, Career Advisor - she will introduce you to ITA and over 100 trade occupations to explore during your career decision making and she can speak directly to her experience as Red Seal Painter/Decorator and work as a Trade Career and Employment Specialist in Northern BC.

SHAD

UNCOMMON PURPOSE SHAD applications are now open!! Are you or do you know an achieving STEAM student? That is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math. This one month long summer program, in residence at one of the many participating Canadian Host Universities may interest you. For more information refer to the "Future SHAD & Parents" link located on their web page <https://www.shad.ca/Campus-Partners.htm>

MSS Teachers are being provided SHAD Educator information packages as well.

Yes very astute of you STEAM was previously STEM. Read more about the change here <https://www.univcan.ca/media-room/media-releases/from-stem-to-steam/>

Sport News

The Mission Lacrosse Academy is practicing hard and preparing for their annual trip to Victoria to play in the Spartan Shootout November 24-26.

Any athletes that would like a chance to play on the school teams in grades 9-12 need to let Mrs. Symons know ASAP – practices will begin in November and the season will start in January.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The District of Mission Mayor and Council invite you to submit nominations for individuals, groups, or organizations who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism in the following areas:

- Arts & Culture:** For outstanding volunteerism in the field of arts and culture.
- Citizen of the Year:** Recognizes the contributions of one individual for their overall volunteerism and commitment to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Mission.
- Community Service:** For demonstrating exemplary leadership in community volunteerism.
- Community Service (under age 25):** For demonstrating exemplary leadership in community volunteerism.
- Crime Prevention & Community Safety:** For an individual, group, or organization who has demonstrated exemplary volunteerism in the area of crime prevention and public safety.
- Lifetime Achievement:** For an individual, group, or organization that has a notable history of volunteerism which has resulted in the overall betterment of Mission.
- Special Accomplishment:** Bestowed to an individual, group, or organization for demonstrating significant volunteer leadership skills or who has accomplished a noteworthy contribution in any field or endeavour.
- Sports Volunteer of the Year:** For an individual who has demonstrated exemplary volunteerism in the field of sports.
- Against the Odds Achievement:** For an individual who achieves excellence despite the special challenges faced by people with disabilities.

Aboriginal Department News

Our Aboriginal Department would like to “Welcome Back” all our Aboriginal students and their families to MSS. Hi my name is Tracy Carr, Aboriginal Liaison, and this year we have two new Aboriginal Liaisons; Chris Gawthorn and Robbie Williams, who will bring a wealth of experience and cultural knowledge to our program. This year we have many exciting cultural events and fieldtrips planned for our Aboriginal students. This month on September 29th we have “Orange Shirt Day” which we will be participating in a march to Heritage Park to honour the residential school survivors. All Parents and families are welcome to participate on this special day of remembrance. Then upcoming, in Oct. 17, we have “Me to We” day which helps support third world countries with food, clean water, school supplies and local community charities. This will be a fundraising campaign that will last all year long which will have the students participating in raising money for various charities. We are looking forward to working with the students and the families this year and if you have any questions or concerns please contact our Aboriginal department.

Thank you from Tracy Carr, Chris Gawthorn, and Robbie Williams.

Important Dates To Take Note Of

Photo Retakes October 24th. Students who missed Photo day in September can have their pictures taken that day. For retakes, please bring returned pictures and give to the photographer for retakes. **Grad Photos** are by appointment Nov 14 – 24. Grads please make appt. with Mrs. Waterson in Counselling office.



ISP News

ISP Gardeners are gearing up for next year’s growing season! We are working in collaboration with Mr. Unger’s Carpentry class to build a raised-bed garden just outside of the Southeast exit. The ground has been cleared, tilled, and prepped for the project. Thank you to everyone who supported this project. Your contribution is much appreciated.

ISP students have also been learning about First Nations art, stories, and protocol this month. We’ve made drumsticks, with the help of our Aboriginal staff member, Robbie Williams, and have been working on keeping a steady drumbeat. We’ve also been preparing our feathers to contribute to the collective good will on *Orange Shirt* day!

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.m>

2017/2018 Calendar

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| Oct. 9, 2017 | Thanksgiving |
| Oct 18, 2017 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Oct. 20,, 2017 | Provincial Pro-Development Day |
| Oct. 23, 2017 | Curriculum Implementation Day |
| Oct 24,, 2017 | Photo Retakes |
| Nov. 10, 2017 | ½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30 |
| Nov. 10, 2017 | Term 1 Ends |
| Nov. 11, 2017 | Remembrance Day |
| Nov.13, 2017 | Stat in lieu of Remembrance Day |
| Nov 14, 2017 | Term 2 begins |
| Nov. 14-24, 2017 | Grad Photos by appt. only |
| Nov. 15, 2017 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 23, 2017 | Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Nov. 24, 2017 | Non Instructional Day |
| Dec. 20, 2017 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Dec. 22, 2017 | Last Day before Winter Break |
| Dec. 25 – Jan. 5 | Winter Break |
| Jan. 8, 2017 | Schools Reopen |
| Jan. 22 - 25, 2018 | School Exams |
| Jan. 24, 2018 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Jan. 25 – 26, 2018 | Provincial Exams |
| Jan. 26, 2018 | Turn Around Day (no school for students) |
| Jan. 29, 2018 | Term 3, Semester 2 begins |
| Feb. 8, 2018 | Semester 1 Report Cards in home rooms |
| Feb. 12, 2018 | Family Day, no classes |
| Feb. 20, 2018 | Grad Photo Retakes |
| Feb. 21, 2018 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 23, 2018 | Provincial Pro-Development Day |
| Mar. 2, 2018 | ½ Day Assessment (Elementary) |
| Mar. 16, 2018 | Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elementary) |
| Mar. 19 – 29, 2018 | Spring Break |
| Mar. 30/Apr. 2 | Good Friday/Easter Monday |
| Apr. 3 2018 | Stat in Lieu of Good Friday |
| Apr. 4 2018 | School Reopens |
| April 13, 2018 | ½ Day Assessment (Middle & Sec.) |
| April 16, 2018 | Term 4 begins |
| April 18, 2018 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| April 25, 2018 | Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner |
| April 26, 2018 | Report Cards to Student in Homeroom |
| April 26, 2018 | Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (Middle/Secondary) |
| April 27, 2018 | Non Instructional Day |
| May 16, 2018 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| May 18, 2018 | Non Instructional Day |
| May 21, 2018 | Victoria Day |
| June 19-20, 2018 | Class Final Exams |
| June 23, 2018 | Commencement |
| June 25-27, 2018 | Provincial Exams |
| June 27, 2018 | Last Day of Classes |
| June 29, 2018 | Administrative Day |