

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April was incredibly busy for both students and staff at Mission Sr. Secondary. Our Grads have been very active with fundraising in preparation for our Prom evening, May 24, 2019 at Newlands Golf and Country Club. The Dry Grad committee along with a very energetic group of parents put on an amazing Dry Grad event. Casino Royale was the theme and our school was turned into a place of fun and games that carried on into the early morning. I can't thank the parents enough for their support and dedication to this event. The parents worked so hard at providing an event that the students really enjoyed and there was much talk the next week about the event.

The Fine Arts department was also very busy. Mrs. Brown-Evans and the Theatre Production class were preparing for our Annual Shakespearean production, "Romeo and Juliet". The production ran the last week of April and the first week of May in our Drama portable.

The Track and Field team is doing exceptionally well with over fifty athletes competing in various events. Our girls' rugby team is competing well and getting focused on the Provincial Championships. Finally, with the arrival of better weather, we will all need to encourage our students to stay focused, complete their homework and have a great fourth term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Pearce". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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 Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there.

## YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are still available for sale, but the deadline is near. Grads ... make sure you order your yearbook ASAP! Ordering now guarantees you a book – don't be disappointed when we sell out in June! Yearbooks can be ordered online for \$50.00 or at the main office for \$55.00.

## **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](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

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## **Bus Registration for 2019 – 2020**

Families are advised that Bus Registration for the 2019-20 school year will run from **May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. To ride a district school bus, all **new and returning** riders must complete a registration form each year.

Registration may be initiated by using our on-line bus registration form. This can be accessed at [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca) and clicking on the ‘Transportation’ link on the Home page.

The Transportation office will be closed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. However, on-line registrations may still be submitted throughout July and August.

## **A BIG THANK YOU!**

Thanks to Rex Cox for their generosity helping some of our students get to Prom. We appreciate the support they’ve given us for more than 15 years now.



Attention Grade 12 Grads – Procedures for transcript requests have been changed

## Student Transcripts

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>  
The Ministry of Education has your transcript or certificate if you attended a B.C. or Yukon secondary school and you:

### Transcripts

- Graduated after **1985** or
- Completed a grade 12 course after **1986** or

Attended grade 12 prior to **1974** in the University Entrance or Academic-Technical Program

### Certificates

- Graduated in British Columbia after 1985

If the Ministry does not have your transcript or certificate, please contact your [school of record](#) or [district office](#).

### General Education Development (GED®)

- GED® records from 1973 to 2014 are retained by the Ministry of Education

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## If you do not have a Personal Education Number (PEN)

You do not have a PEN if you attended a B.C. K-12 school before 1993, or if you never wrote a B.C. provincial exam (introduced in 1986). If you do not have a PEN, you will need to order through the “place an order without a PEN option” on the BC Ministry of Ed web site

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

### **PSI Info**

Student Transcripts need to be submitted ASAP to the post-secondary institutions you applied to. You must first create a BCeID to do so. Please visit: [www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca](http://www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca) to begin this process and for how-to videos created by the ministry -OR- visit [mss.mpsd.ca](http://mss.mpsd.ca) → Graduation tab → BC PSI Application Deadlines. At the bottom of this page, Ms. Gill has created a step-by-step PowerPoint on what you need to do to complete this process.

You may contact Ms. Gill at [sonia.gill@mpsd.ca](mailto:sonia.gill@mpsd.ca) for any questions or concerns.

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### 2018/2019 Calendar

May 2, 2019	Report Cards to Students in Homeroom
May 16, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
May 17, 2019	Non-Instructional Day
May 20, 2019	Victoria Day
May 24, 2019	PROM
June 22, 2019	Commencement 1:00 PM
June 21-27, 2019	Provincial Exams
June 25, 2019	Numeracy Assessments AM only
June 27, 2019	Last Day of Classes

### PROM INFO

Grade 12 Prom will be on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Newlands Golf and Country Club.

Tea for the grads and their families is held at Mission Senior Secondary at 3:30pm on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets can be purchased online for \$120.00 or at the main office for \$130.00. Please make sure grad requirements are met and all outstanding fees are paid. Deadline for ticket sales is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.