

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February was another busy month for the Mission Senior Secondary community. We would like to congratulate our basketball teams who had very good seasons. We have now completed our first semester for grade 11 and 12 students and our second term for grade 10. Our senior students have completed their provincial exams and we look forward to great results. As well, all our students have completed mid-terms. Report cards are now out and show that we have much to be proud about when it comes to the academic achievement of our students. Our Parent/Teacher – Expo was a success and we had many parents come out and visit with teachers. This year we added a Transitions Fair which provided our families with 45 different vendors showcasing options for students when they leave high school.

Our theatre production class provided us with an amazing performance of Grease. We exceeded all attendance each night and it was a performance for the ages. Thanks to Becky Meyer, Kim Grant and Helen Yannacopoulos for all your time and effort with the kids. Our leadership students continue to contribute to our school culture promoting positive actions in recognition of anti-bullying (pink shirt day).

We have so much to be proud of at Ecole Mission Senior Secondary School as we continue our strong tradition of excellence on academics, fine arts, performing arts, athletics, applied skills and leadership.

Thanks to all our students, parents and staff for your continued support.

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.

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

33919 Dewdney Trunk Road, Mission, BC V2V 6Y4 604-826-6286 ext 3321
Email: international@mpsd.ca; Website: www.studyinmission.ca

Note to Grads

Grads, if finances are preventing your attendance at Prom, please see your counsellor or youth worker for options, ASAP.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all grade 12 students: scholarship season is here! There are many types of scholarships available for students of all different academic abilities and skills. For further information check out the Mission Senior Secondary scholarship information website! Google (or other search engine) mssscharshipinfo.weebly.com. The site is updated periodically so remember to check about every two weeks. You can find the date for the most recent update at the bottom of the homepage. If you have questions drop by or email Ms. Evans (portable #6) alison.evans@mpsd.ca or Mrs. Pearce in the counselling office

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 from the main office for \$55.00 or through School Cash Online for \$50.00

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

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 to begin this process and for how-to videos created by the ministry -OR- visit 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 for any questions or concerns.

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2018/2019 Calendar

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| Mar. 1, 2019 | Non-Instructional Day – No classes |
| Mar. 15, 2019 | Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elementary) |
| Mar. 18-29, 2019 | Spring Break |
| April 1, 2019 | School Re-opens |
| April 13, 2019 | Dry Grad 7:30 PM |
| April 16, 2019 | PAC Meeting 7:00 PM |
| April 18, 2019 | ½ Day Assessment, Dismissal 11:30 |
| April 19, 2019 | Good Friday |
| April 22, 2019 | Easter Monday |
| April 23, 2019 | Term 4 begins |
| April 18, 2019 | PAC Meeting 7:00 PM |
| April 24, 2019 | Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner |
| 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 |

