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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 10, 11 and 12 students and our second term for grade 10. A reminder that Report Cards are available online through the My-Ed Parent Portal and show that we have much to be proud about when it comes to the academic achievement of our students. Students in grades 10 and 11 are currently working on course selection. All families can support their child by becoming involved in the process. Talk with your child about courses for next year and their journey. It is important that all students complete their course selection prior to spring break as we need to build a timetable for next year. Our Musical Theatre class is gearing up for their production of Chicago which will open at the Clarke theatre March 2nd. We are so excited to have students back performing live and on stage. Thanks to Ms. Meyer and Mr. Radnai for all their time and effort with the students. 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.

Jim Pearce

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

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Looking to create meaningful connections, life-long memories and learn a new culture? THE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION is currently looking for nurturing host families who want to provide a caring home for our elementary, middle and secondary international students.

Open your home to one of our amazing international students.

Apply on-line: www.studyinmission.ca

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Homestay Families Start Here → Create Account → Fill out Application

Get in touch with us today for more information at international@mpsd.ca or 604-826-6286 ext 3321

Attention Grade 12 Students:

Scholarship Season is here!!! There are many types of scholarships and awards available for all different academic abilities and skills. For more information, check out the MSS Scholarship Website at

www.msss Scholarship info.weebly.com. Download a copy of the Getting Started Guide for Scholarships at the bottom of the homepage for more information on the scholarship process and for tips and tricks. Under the "BC & Local Scholarships" tab, you will find all the scholarships that we facilitate through the school linked there. Below the description of each scholarship, there is a deadline and if the scholarship is currently open for applications, it will read "2023 Applications Now Open." Be sure to read all criteria for scholarships carefully, as each application will have their own instructions, requirements, and submission criteria. Once a scholarship deadline has passed, the website will reflect this information as well.

**** Please note: send all scholarship applications to mss.grads@mpsd.ca ** and if Mrs. Pearce doesn't respond back saying she received your email, please see her at Window #4**

Don't forget to sign up for ScholarTree – a free website that matches you to scholarships you are eligible for. Pay attention to school announcements, the Roadrunner App, and MSS scholars on Instagram for the latest scholarship information at MSS.

There will be several scholarships open to apply for over Spring Break, so be sure to check the scholarship website regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Mrs. Thompson in Student Services or email alexandra.thompson@mpsd.ca to set up an appointment.



Career Centre News

Book an appointment with our Career Advisor, Ms. Goliath to discuss:

- PSI information and planning
- Career research and exploration
- Using myBlueprint Education Planner
- Resume and Cover Letter writing
- Interview and Job Search skills
- Scholarship and Student Loan information



Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2023 Graduates

Grade 12 Students: please get started on registering for a BCeID for post-secondary institutions to receive your transcripts.

To access the Student Transcripts Service or create an account, visit:

www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca. Click “Sign up for a BCeID” or if you have one already, “Log in with BCeID.” This page will also have videos on how to create an account and send/order transcripts.

View three how-to videos at

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

If you have any questions, please email Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca. Thank you!

Important University Application Deadlines

Thompson River University – May 1st

University of Northern BC – March 1st

Capilano University- May 31st

Vancouver Island University – March 31st

Upcoming Events:

BCIT/SFU Campus Tour – *March 7th*

Outdoor Career Exploration Camp – *April 11th -13th*

UFV/KPU Campus Tour – *May TBD*

RCMP Day – *April 28th*

MSS Job Fair – *April 20th*

Woman Explore the Trades Field Trip – *May 2nd – 3rd*

Counsellor's Corner

COUNSELLORS:	Alpha/Title:	Local:	Cell #
Gary Flynn	A - D	3014	604-302-7532
Catherine Hall	E - K	3008	604-226-7125
Monica Nguyen	L - R	3012	604-226-5561
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Jody Shaw	Specific Students	3011	604-302-7571
Alexandra Goliath	Career Advisor	3009	604-302-5314
Cyndi McLachlan	Youth Care Worker	1135	604-854-0613
Barb Iversen	Youth Care Worker	1006	604-302-4716
Carolyn Chezzi	Work Experience	1132	604-768-6382

All the counselors at MSS are certified teachers who hold Master's Degrees specializing in the areas of individual and group counselling, adolescent development, and counselling psychology.

What services do we offer?

1. Personal Counselling

Sometimes you just need to talk! Group or individual sessions are offered, as need arises, on issues such as the following adolescent concerns:

- ❖ Depression
- ❖ Suicide
- ❖ Substance use
- ❖ Self-esteem
- ❖ Sexual identity
- ❖ Grief
- ❖ Family relationships
- ❖ Peer issues
- ❖ ... and many others!

Referrals to community agencies can also be made through any of us.

2. Group Counseling

(Ask your child's counselor which support groups are currently offered at MSS)

3. Mediation

We offer mediation for students as an opportunity to resolve conflicts. These may be between two or more students or between a student and teacher.

4. Academic/Career Counselling

Counsellors strive to help students achieve the highest academic standards that they can attain by offering the following services:

- Requesting interim reports
- Connecting students with paid tutors and services
- Placement into special programs such as Learning Assistance
- Providing information about course selection
- Informing students about graduation requirements
- Providing post-secondary and career information
- Helping students with decision making regarding future careers

Mission Library has lots of exciting events in March and April:

Chess Club

Sundays, 2-4 pm

Candy Sushi (Registration required)

Friday, March 17, 2:30-3:30 pm

Repair Cafe

Saturdays, March 18 & April 15, 10:30-1:30 pm

Nintendo Switch Freeplay

Wednesday, March 22, 1-3 pm

Marshmallow Madness (Ages 10-14, registration required.)

Friday, March 24, 2:30-3:30 pm

For more details, go to www.fvrl.bc.ca > Events.

Athletic Department News:

Hockey:

It's the first game for the MSS Hockey Team on March 2nd. We're looking to win our second back-to-back in Finals!

Listen for announcements and come out to support the Hockey Team.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are still available to purchase, 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 or through School Cash Online for \$55.00



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>



2022-2023 Calendar

Mar. 9, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar. 10, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – No classes
Mar. 13-24, 2023	Spring Break
Mar. 27, 2023	School Re-opens
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
April 19, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
April 21, 2023	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
	Term 3 Ends
	Dry Grad
April 24, 2023	Term 4 Begins
April 28, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
May 17, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
May 19, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
June 16, 2023	Last Day Regular Classes
June 19-23, 2023	Gr 10&12 Ministry Assessments
June 21, 2023	Prom
June 27, 2023	Commencement
June 30, 2023	Administrative Day

Now Available!
Pay School Fees Online



With **SchoolCashOnline** you can:

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Avoid the hassle of having cash on-hand to pay for school fees.
- ✓ Receive email notifications regarding school fees and events.
- ✓ Help us reduce the amount of cash in our schools.

» Fast Safe Convenient

School Cash Online is our school's *preferred* method of payment.

