

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 excellent seasons and especially Sandy Chambers and her SR. Girls team who placed third in the Fraser Valley Tournament. It was also Sandy's last game as a basketball coach and she is hanging up her shoes after 35 years of coaching, well done Sandy. 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 of 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. Please remember that we will be having our Parent Teacher night on March 1 which is a change from the regular schedule in April. We wanted to change this in order for parents to have conversations early in semester 2 and term 3 and to experience a course Expo for students selecting courses for next year. Our staff has worked hard to have displays on this night to showcase their programs, please come out and take a look.

Our theatre production classes are gearing up for the production of Annie which debuts March 1 and continues to March 4 at 7 pm at the Clarke Theatre. Tickets are available at the main office of MSS. Please come out and watch, it will be amazing. 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 and performing arts, athletics, applied skills and leadership.

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

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

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Note to Grads

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



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) mssscholarshipinfo.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

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.



Mission Library events for March:

Ductigami

Saturday, Mar 17, 2:30-4pm

Make a wallet or a rose pen out of the most versatile of supplies: duct tape! For ages 12 to 18. Registration required.

Spring Book Sale

Friday April 6, 10-4:30 pm

Saturday April 7, 10-3:30 pm

Come buy some gently loved library materials.

Celebration of Poetry

Saturday, April 14, 2-3 pm

Come celebrate poetry at the Mission Library! Listen to established poets and have a chance to share some of your own work. Not a poet? Not a problem! Just come with a copy of your favourite poem and be ready to share! Open to all ages. Registration appreciated.

Teen Chef: Candy Sushi

Saturday, Apr 28, 2:30-4pm

Create delicious sushi masterpieces out of candy and then eat them. For ages 12 to 18.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the Sr. Girls Basketball team who finished with a great win in the Fraser Valley Tier 2 tournament to come in 3rd.

The Senior and Junior Lacrosse teams are heading to the provincial tournament March 5 – 9. Hockey, Girls rugby and Track & Field seasons are just getting underway.

Both the senior and junior lacrosse teams will be playing in the provincial championships the week of March 5-9, please listen to the announcements for game times and locations.

Garret Winter has been recruited to play lacrosse for the Limestone Saints in South Carolina and received an impressive athletic scholarship to help make it happen!

Mathew Abbot has been selected to play field lacrosse for Team BC - Congratulations to Matt for this prestigious accomplishment.

Over the past month, students and staff competed in a lunch hour Intramural Volleyball Tournament. Congratulations to the Champions: Team Russia. Team members are Ashley Bains, Tanner Geringer and Mr. Lowrie.

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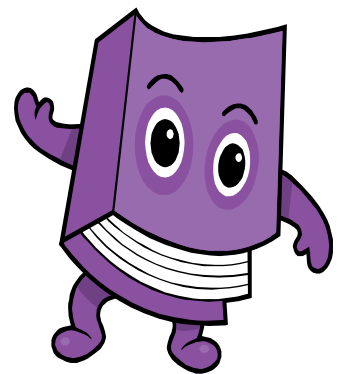
See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

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2016/2017 Calendar

Mar 1, 2018	Parent/Teacher Expo
Mar. 2, 2018	½ Day Assessment (Elementary)
	Non Instructional Day (secondary)
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
May 16, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 18, 2018	Non Instructional Day
May 21, 2018	Victoria Day
June, 2018	Assessment month
June 22, 2018	Numeracy Assessments
June 23, 2018	Commencement
June 26, 2018	Numeracy Assessments
June 25-27, 2018	Provincial Exams
June 27, 2018	Last Day of Classes
June 29, 2018	Administrative Day



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the MSS students who represented our school at the recent Abbotsford Mission Recycling Environmental Mind Grind competition. MSS took first and third place and won \$1750 in prize money to be directed to environmental initiatives at MSS. Good job to the students who participated: Sam White, Aimee Ernest, Faith Collier, Natalie Vetter and Rebekah Bauman.



LEADERSHIP

“Lunar New Year” - Leadership has had a very busy month. Students worked with the International Department (Ms. Li) to host Lunar New Year on February 16. A celebration was held in the large gym encompassing games, food, and lots of fun. The free tasting of international foods was enjoyed by all. Mr. Schneider’s spicy noodles were ‘hot’, but good.





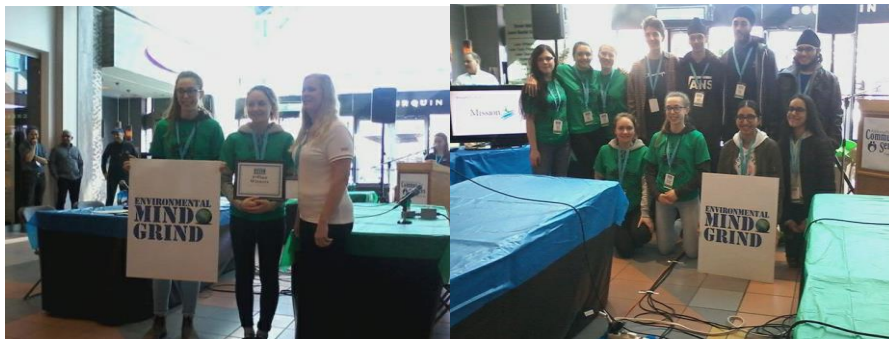
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We For She - Leadership also had the opportunity to attend the “We For She” event at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. VanCity kindly donated five tickets to MSS to see Michelle Obama. Students were thrilled to attend. Much was learned through her talk, which was student focused. “Education is the foundation that allows me to be who I am today” Obama told students. “Start taking your education serious, today.”



Talvinder Gill, Billie Brown, Lyza Murphy, Faith Collier, and Ms. Brown

“Environmental Mind Grind” – On Saturday February 24 Leadership ventured out to SevenOaks Mall. The weather conditions did not stop this hearty bunch from participating in the Mind Grind. MSS proudly won first (\$1,500) and third (\$250). The money will be used to support a green initiative in the school.



Congrats to Faith Collier, Sam White, and Aimee Ernest (1st Place); Rebekah Bauman and Natalie Vetter (3rd Place)

