

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With completion of semester one and the start of semester two where did the time go? I must say that I am so honored to be part of an amazing staff that always puts students first. I am also very pleased with the work ethic of our students who have really worked hard over the first semester. I am sure semester two will fly by and everyone will continue to work hard on their new courses and the grade 10's will strive for excellence. Our first semester included many successes, from our drama and music departments to our sports teams and all other extra-curricular events. The second semester promises to be equally busy and exciting.

I wish the remaining months of the school year to be marked with academic success for all students at Mission Senior Secondary School. Our staff is working hard to ensure success for all students. As always, we depend on the ongoing effort from students and support from parents. Together, we can ensure the best possible achievement for our students. We are starting our course selection process, so please talk with your child about selection. Course selection will take place over the month of Feb and you can go online to make any changes with your child. Course selection will close at Spring Break.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time regarding your child's progress. Our classroom teachers are the best source of information regarding specific subjects; however, our counselling staff and administration are always available to assist with concerns of a general or overall nature.

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



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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.

## **Sports News**

Both senior lacrosse and junior lacrosse continue to work hard in preparation for the playoffs. The senior team hopes to continue to go undefeated.

Girls' rugby is starting at the beginning of February. We look forward to an exciting season. Stay tuned for the season schedule and come out and support our MSS girls.

Mission Wrestlers have been very successful in their tournament outings. We continue to wish them the best of luck.

With basketball coming to an end. We want to acknowledge all our student-athletes who worked hard all season.

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# DRY GRAD 2019

Saturday April 13 | 7:30 PM

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CASINO  
ROYALE



*Themed event*

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<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

## **2018/2019 Calendar**

Jan. 21 - 22, 2019	Numeracy Assessments
Jan. 24 - 25, 2019	Provincial Exams
Jan. 31, 2019	Term 2 Semester 1 ends
Feb. 1, 2019	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Feb. 4, 2019	Term 3 Semester 2 begins
Feb. 12, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
Feb. 15, 2019	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 18, 2019	Family Day
Feb. 28, 2019	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Expo
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



### **School Closures due to weather**

As the air begins to chill, we are reminded that winter is still here with possible inclement weather conditions. For information on school closures follow the School District website: [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca)

- Select the tab across the top - Our District
- Select – Weather Procedures

Once there, you will find a list of radio stations that you can tune into for school closure information.