

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 everyone 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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Career Centre News:

Book an appointment with our Career Advisor, Ms. Flood @ heather.flood@mpsd.ca to discuss:

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

Career Education is now entering its 2nd semester with students exploring occupations of interest and the employability skills needed to succeed after high school. Class presentations informing students about MSS Youth in Trades; Work Experience. Career Advising services and Riverside College programs ensure students are made aware of pathways and supports available to them while attending MSS.



myBlueprint

provides students the tools they need to work through a career development model from self-awareness to career exploration and attainment of the education or employment of interest.

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2020 Graduates

Grade 12 Students: please get started on registering for a BCeID in order 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 already have one, “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 heather.flood@mpsd.ca

Career Events:

Riverside College Open House:

March 11th from 3PM – 8PM

EventBrite Career Fairs

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--vancouver/job-fair/>

Mission Library Events:

Death by Chocolate (Registration online, ages 12-18)

Saturday, February 8, 2:30 pm- 4 pm

Do you have a sweet tooth? Come make chocolates to take home. There will be fun, and chocolate, chocolate, chocolate!

Mini Golf in the Library

Saturday, March 21, 2:30 pm- 4 pm

We're turning the library into a mini golf course! Come by and see if you can get a hole-in-one. Mini golf clubs and balls provided.

Scrabble Club

Thursdays, 1 pm – 4 pm

Do you have a way with words?

Mission Library
33247 Second Avenue
604-826-6610

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.

Intramural lunch hour sports are up and running. Congratulations to Team Canada on winning the intramural lunch hour volleyball championships and kudos to Team Yemen on their 2nd place finish. Special thanks to all the students and staff who participated. Next up will be three on three basketball. Stay tuned.

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<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

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2018/2019 Calendar

Jan. 27, 2020	Turn Around Day – No school for students
Jan. 28, 2020	Term 3 Semester 2 begins
Feb. 5, 2020	Course request cutoff
Feb. 14, 2020	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 17, 2020	Family Day
Feb. 18,19&20,2020	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 19, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 27, 2020	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 28, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – No classes
Mar. 16-27, 2020	Spring Break
Mar. 30, 2020	School Reopens
April 10, 2020	Good Friday
April 13, 2020	Easter Monday
April 17, 2020	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
April 22, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
April 30, 2020	Report Cards to Students
May 15, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 18, 2020	Victoria Day
May 20, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 18, 2020	PROM / Last Day Regular Classes
June 19, 2020	Commencement Rehearsal
June 20, 2020	Commencement 1 - 4 Seven Oaks Alliance
June 26, 2020	Administrative Day

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

- 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.