

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 honoured 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Pearce'.

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.

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.

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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 2022 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!

Upcoming Events

Mission Community Foundation - Scholarship Information Session

Angie from Mission Foundation is coming to MSS on February 3rd in the Library at Lunch from 11:30-12:00 to speak about their scholarships and awards. The presentation will also be streamed via Zoom for parents/guardians. Please email Ms. Goliath if you would like the Zoom link.

Portfolio & Info Night – UFV

UFV is offering a Portfolio Workshop for any students interested in applying to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program. Please keep in mind, this workshop will be helpful for students applying to any schools/programs that require a portfolio. The workshop is on February 8th from 6pm-8pm via Zoom. Please email gdd@ufv.ca to register for the Zoom event.

Future Business Leaders Competition- KPU

KPU is running their annual Business Competition for Gr. 11's & 12's. The event is on February 26th from 10am-4pm and will take place virtually. Email Ms. Goliath for more information

Girls and Stem- Science World

February 22-26 for the free annual Girls and STEAM event! This action-packed week will provide engaging, future-focused opportunities for girls aged 14-16 to explore dream careers and connect with inspiring mentors and experts in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & design, and math). Visit <https://www.scienceworld.ca/girls-and-steam/> for more information and to register.

Green Collar Future – Virtual Career Conference

This career conference is available to students from Gr. 9 – 12. The conference will be held virtually on February 12th from 9:00am- 3:00pm. This conference will go over exciting new **green** career paths! Visit <https://greenbricks.ca/> to register and learn more.

Mini Med School – BC Children’s Hospital

This in person event is Friday, April 8th from 8:30am-3:30pm at Coast Chilliwack Hotel. You will have the opportunity to engage with world-class researchers and health professionals, learn about the latest medical research happening in BC, explore the diverse careers available in science and medicine, and much more. Spots are very limited. Register at www.BCCHR.CA/MINIMEDFRASERVALLEY

Important University Application Deadlines

University of British Columbia- January 15th

Simon Fraser University- January 31st

University of Victoria – January 31st

Thompson River University – March 1st

University of Northern BC – March 1st

Capilano University- March 31st

Vancouver Island University – March 31st

Fraser Valley Regional Library

Among Us for Teens

Fridays, Feb 18 & Mar 19, 2:00pm-3:30pm

Come hang out for an afternoon of tasks and traitors! Launch into space with your fellow crewmates and help sniff out the imposters. Participants will need a computer and a phone or tablet. Play Among Us with teens from across the Fraser Valley on Zoom. Registration is required through www.fvrl.bc.ca.

Updated Hours

We’re open early Monday-Thursday! The updated hours for Mission Library are Monday-Thursday 9 am to 8 pm; Friday-Saturday 10 am to 5pm; Sunday 1 pm to 5 pm.

No more late fines

As of January 1st, 2022 Fraser Valley Regional Library has ended late fines. We still encourage customers to return items.

Counsellor's Corner

| Counsellors: | Alpha: | Local: | Cell Number: |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|
| Janet Storey | A – D | 3014 | |
| Catherine Hall | A – K | 3008 | 604-226-7125 |
| Monica Nguyen | L – Z | 3012 | 604-226-5561 |
| 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 | 1321 | |
| Carolyn Chezzi | Work Experience | 1132 | |

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

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<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

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2021 - 2022 Calendar

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| Jan. 31, 2022 | Term 3 Begins |
| Feb. 7, 2022 | Course request cutoff |
| Feb. 18, 2022 | District Pro-Development Day |
| Feb. 21, 2022 | Family Day |
| Feb. 17, 2022 | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Feb. 23, 2022 | Pink Shirt Day |
| Feb. 24, 2022 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Feb. 25, 2022 | Non-Instructional Day |
| Mar. 14-25, 2022 | Spring Break |
| Mar. 28, 2022 | School Re-opens |
| April 15, 2022 | Good Friday |
| April 18, 2022 | Easter Monday |
| April 22, 2022 | ½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30 |
| April 22, 2022 | Term 3 Ends |
| April 25, 2022 | Term 4 Begins |
| May 2, 2022 | Report Cards to MyEd |
| May 20, 2022 | Non-Instructional Day – No Classes |
| May 23, 2022 | Victoria Day |
| June 22, 2022 | Last Day Regular Classes |
| June 28, 2022 | Report Cards to MyEd |
| June 30, 2022 | 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.