

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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School Hours

Monday - Friday

8:44 am – First Class

11:28-12:10 – Lunch

2:59 – 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 Wednesday and Thursday leaving MSS at 4:30 pm.

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 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 February, 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

Now Available!
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With SchoolCashOnline you can:

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
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- ✓ 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, Mrs. Thompson 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

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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!

Upcoming Events

MSS 2023 Job Fair – April 20th

MSS Job Fair is back! On April 20th, make sure to check out the Job Fair in the Library. The fair will be from 11:30-3pm. You can come through during your lunch break or your teacher will sign your class up. Make sure to dress professionally, bring resumes, and be ready to talk to employers that want to hire you!

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 7th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Abbotsford Campus. Learn more here: <https://events.ufv.ca/events/graphic-digital-design-portfolio-and-info-night/>

Future Business Leaders Competition- KPU

KPU is running their annual Business Competition for Gr. 11's & 12's. The event is on February 8th from 5-8pm at the KPU Surrey Campus. Learn more here: <https://www.kpu.ca/futureleaders>

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

The Following Scholarships are OPEN

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THE MISSION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

PATHWAY TO TEACHER EDUCATION

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RE/MAX OF WESTERN CANADA

Mission Library

Mission Ukulele Circle

Thursdays, 3-4 pm

Chess Club

Sundays, 2-4 pm

Intro to Bullet Journaling (Registration required)

Saturday, February 11, 1-2:30 pm

Repair Cafe

Saturday, February 18 & March 18, 10:30-1:30 pm

Candy Sushi (Ages 12-18. Registration required.)

Thursday, March 16, 2:30-3:30 pm

Nintendo Switch Freeplay

Wednesday, March 22, 1-3 pm

Marshmallow Madness (Ages 10-14. Registration required.)

Thursday, March 23, 2:30-3:30 pm

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.

<u>COUNSELLORS:</u>	<u>Alpha/Title:</u>	<u>Local:</u>	<u>Cell #</u>
Gary Flynn	A - D	3014	604-302-7532
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Jody Shaw	Specific Students	3011	604-302-7571
Alexandra Goliath	Career Advisor	3009	604-302-5314
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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

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See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2022-2023 Calendar

Jan. 30, 2023	Term 3 Begins
Feb. 6, 2023	Course request cutoff
Feb. 6-7, 2023	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 15, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
Feb. 17, 2023	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 20, 2023	Family Day
Feb. 22, 2023	Pink Shirt Day
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 24, 2023	Commencement
June 30, 2023	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 – District Info
- Select – Inclement Weather and Unscheduled School Closures

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