

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.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With Spring Break behind us, students and staff continue to work hard in all areas of teaching and learning. As we move into the final months of the year, students and teachers will focus their energy on preparation for final exams.

Our drama students continue to work on their virtual play that they are very excited about and more details will be coming out in the next few weeks. Our grade 10 and 11 students have selected their courses for next year and will again add to the extensive list that we offered this past year. We are excited about building a timetable that meets students' needs and hopefully be back to some kind of normal so all courses can run at capacity.

In closing I would like to thank the entire community of learners for their patience as we navigate these unpredictable times. It is important that we stay the course as our school has done extremely well with the challenges that we have faced. As the last few months are upon us, we need to gather strength from each other and forge ahead giving all of us the opportunities we deserve.

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of your child's school experience, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

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

Jim Pearce Principal

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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www.studyinmission.ca



Career Advising News

my **Blueprint**
education planner

myBlueprint.ca/sd75 is a powerful career and post-secondary planning tool licensed by the Mission Public School District for students, Teachers and Parents. myBlueprint follows a comprehensive education and career planning process that meets the learning needs, interests, and aspirations of all student levels. This web-based resource continues to provide students assistance with learning more about themselves through a number of assessment tools under Who Am I folder. Students can compare up to three (3) college and university program study areas at one time and save to portfolio files for ongoing reference. This web resource walks a student through all career and employment dimensions from career exploration to assisting with applying for scholarships/bursaries or employment. The resource is available to students after graduating and leaving MSS.

Students can see a demo and set up an account by making an appointment Alexandra Goliath, Career Advisor. Parents are welcome to attend.

Attention Grade 12 Grads – Procedures for transcript requests have been changed.
Please go to this website to order your transcript.

StudentTranscripts 

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates>

Attention Grads:

[Grad Gowns:](#)

please enter your height ASAP



YOUTH TRADE PROGRAM coming up on April 26, 2021

The Trade Builders Program is intended to increase the labor force participation of **young adults aged 17-29, who are generally employment ready**. The Program is designed to support Participants over the weeks through the exploration of different trades and ultimately choosing a career path in the development and implementation of an Occupational Training Plan, and in the successful completion of the training and certification required to attain meaningful, sustainable employment in the Tech/ITA Trades sector.

The project is accessible by participants from across British Columbia

The program's duration for Pre-Employment **online** workshops is 10 weeks then participants will receive an industry specific training from either BCIT/KPU or another BC Institution for any **ITA approved Trade/ Tech Course**

Trades Courses:

- Plumbing
- Electrician
- Culinary
- Hair Dressing
- Welder
- HVAC
- Machinist
- Brick Layer
- Carpentry
- Fire Protection Inspector
- Construction Safety Inspector
- Low Voltage
- And Many Others

***Please note: All Trades will be covered. ***

In this program, we give:

1. Funding available for approved Trade course (Up to \$3,300) or \$2000 for Tech/Business course
2. Daily Allowance for attending workshops (Up to \$600)
3. Training Certifications (paid by PICS):
 - OFA: Occupational First Aid Level 1 with CPR
 - WCB: Worker's Compensation Board
 - WHIMS: Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems
 - Confined Space
 - Fall Protection
 - Scaffold and Ladder safety

Program Eligibility:

- Be aged between 17 and 29
- Be a Canadian Citizen, Convention Refugee or Permanent Resident
- Be Unemployed, Underemployed (20 hours or less) or ON EI
- Not in full-time school
- Want to make some plans for your future!

Features and Benefits:

- Financial Assistance for transit, protective gear and childcare support for eligible participants
- Essential Skills for Trades
- Soft Skills and Occupational Specific Safety Training

Counsellor's Corner

All of the counsellors 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:

- ❖ Class/Grade Issues
- ❖ Learning Resources
- ❖ Depression
- ❖ Suicide
- ❖ Substance use
- ❖ Self-esteem
- ❖ Sexual identity – sexual and gender identity
- ❖ Grief
- ❖ Family relationships
- ❖ Peer issues

*Referrals to community agencies can also be made through any of us.

Feel free to contact your counsellor, or child's counsellor, by the following means:

Counsellors:	Alpha:	Local:	Cell Numbers
Mark Arends	A – D	3014	604-302-7532
Catherine Hall	E – K	3008	604-226-7125
Monica Nguyen	L – R	3012	604-226-5561
Andi Murray	S – Z	3010	604-302-6576
Jody Shaw	Specific Students	3011	604-302-7571
Alexandra Goliath	Career Advisor	3009	
Cyndi McLachlan	Youth Care Worker	1135	604-854-0613
Robby Williams	Youth Care Worker		604-226-8883

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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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

2020/2021 Calendar

April 2, 2021	Good Friday
April 5, 2021	Easter Monday
April 16, 2021	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
April 21, 2021	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
April 29, 2021	Report Cards on MyEd Portal
May 19, 2021	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 21, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 24, 2021	Victoria Day
June 19, 2021	Commencement 9:00am – 6:00pm Mission Raceway
June 22, 2021	Last Day Regular Classes
June 30, 2021	Administrative Day