

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

May was a very productive month for the Mission Senior Secondary community. Our secondary counselling staff and administrators have begun the complex task of timetable planning and course selection for next year.

We had many events in May with the largest being our Prom held at Newlands. We had over 475 students, guests and staff attend and it was an amazing event. Our Track and Field team did extremely well at the Fraser Valley Championship. We had over 40 participants. Over 20 student athletes will now compete at the Provincial track meet in the coming weeks. Our Lacrosse team hosted a team from Merrit and the game was a huge success. Academically, our Advanced Placements wrote their exams and we had over 50 writers in the exam sessions over two weeks. We had a marvelous Shakespearean play that ran over a two week span, where the last three days were sell outs. Our leadership team ran an eight-hour relay. They raised three thousand dollars to support kids going to camp through Cops For Cancer. I must say it is hard to keep up with all the great stuff that is happening at Mission Sr. Secondary.

With the arrival of better weather students are reminded to adhere to the school dress code. We also encourage our students to do their homework and complete the year in a positive manner. Good luck to all our students on their final exams. I know you will be prepared.

Sincerely,

Dance and Music Department Upcoming Performances

Tuesday, May 29th: MSS Dance Year End Performance.

Wednesday, May 30th 7:00 PM at the Clarke Theatre - MSS Music Department's Year End Concert

- Groups performing on this night include the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Concert Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Christine Morrison Elementary School Choir, and a number of Grade 12 student solo performances

Friday, June 8th 7:00 PM at Fraser River Heritage Park Band Stand - Envision Financial Twilight Concert Series

- Groups playing in this show are the MSS Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz

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 Wednesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:20pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there.

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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Email: international@mpsd.ca; Website: www.studyinmission.ca

Summer Learning 2018

Mission Public Schools is pleased to announce the addition of several summer programmes for students in grades 9 and 10. Designed for students who have not successfully completed core academic courses during the regular year. Students can register for a maximum of two courses. Each course is two hours long for a total of 40-hours. The courses will be offered in July at École Mission Senior Secondary.

Course offering includes:

English 9
Math 9
English 10
A&W Math 10
Social Studies 10
Science 10

Registration Deadline: June 22, 2018

Registration: If you are a student attending Middle School, you will need to register in-person at your corresponding middle school. If you are a student attending Secondary School, you will need to register in-person at École Mission Secondary School.

Bus Registration for 2018 - 2019

Families are advised that Bus Registration for the 2018-19 school year will run from **May 1st through June 30th, 2018**. In order to ride a district school bus, all **new and returning** riders must complete a registration form each year.

Registration may be initiated by using our on-line bus registration form. This can be accessed at www.mpsd.ca and clicking on the ‘Transportation’ link on the left hand side of the Home page.

The Transportation office will be closed between July 1st and August 22nd, 2018. However, on-line registrations may still be submitted throughout July and August.



MSS Career Centre News

New Career Advisor: Since Ms. Flood is on leave, Ms. Gill has been the new Career Advisor at Mission Secondary since March 2018. Feel free to come introduce yourself or book an appointment for any of the following services by email at Sonia.gill@mpsd.ca

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

- **New Career Centre Website:**

www.msscarrercentre.weebly.com

Visit for a list of upcoming events, information on myBlueprint, PSI admissions changes, and more!

To create a myBlueprint account, visit www.myBlueprint.ca/sd75.

If you are a student, the Pupil # is referring to your student number.

Attention Grade 12s: If you are attending a post-secondary institution in the fall, your registration time will be coming up soon (June/July). There is usually a registration deposit you must pay before you can register for courses, so please check your PSI student emails regularly for information on payment deadlines and your individual registration time.

June 7: UFV Advising Sessions (10-12pm) – for Grade 12 students only

- 15 minute, one-on-one appointments with a UFV advisor to answer any questions you may have about your specific program, registration, and course requirements.

To sign up for a time slot, please see Ms. Gill in the counselling centre.

June 14: UFV Health Tours - Chilliwack Campus

- Touring a variety of Health Care Programs at UFV

- Chance to learn about basic Health Care skills & hear from current UFV students in different health care programs

- 10 spots available for MSS students

For more information or a permission form, contact Ms. Gill or Mr. Miller in the counselling centre.

Sport News

The Mission Lacrosse Academy hosted their first home game at MSS and special send-off to our senior players. The Aboriginal dept. partnered with us to honour the game and it's roots. Thank you to all who attended – we appreciate your support.

School Calendar

June 6, 2018	Grade 9's visiting
June 8, 2018	Music Dept year end concert @ Heritage Park
June 8, 2018	Leadership Cops for Cancer Relay
June 19-20, 2018	Class Final Exams
June 21, 2018	National Aboriginal Day
June 22, 2018	Commencement Rehearsal PM
June 22, 2018	Numeracy Assessment
June 23, 2018	Commencement
June 25	Provincial Exams -Eng 12 am EFP pm
June 26, 2018	Numeracy Assessment
June 27, 2018	Provincial Exam – Comm 12 am
June 27, 2018	Last Day of Classes for students
June 29, 2018	Administrative Day

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>



Donations to a great cause:

During the first week of summer break, a group of Mission Secondary Biology and Environmental Science students will be participating in a biological research expedition to the Sea of Cortez. As part of our trip, we have the opportunity to participate in the Baja Gifts Program which helps to deliver needed supplies to island communities in the Sea of Cortez. We are asking for help from the Mission Secondary community to collect as many items as possible to take to these communities. We will be accepting donations of the following items: gently used clothing, shoes, small toys or sporting equipment; unused toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, hairbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and soap; unused school supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, scissors, glue and coloured paper. If you have any items that you would like to donate please drop them off in one of the donation boxes around the school: one in the foyer, one in the counselling center, one in the cafeteria and one in Mrs. Colosie's classroom (Rm. 233).

Aboriginal Department News

The Aboriginal department at Mission Secondary has been very busy over the past 6 weeks, showcasing new and exciting experiences for our Aboriginal students! Our most recent excursion, a trip to Grouse Mountain, was a wilderness retreat where students had the opportunity to explore, take part in a ceremonial presentation with an elder, view the bears Coola and Grinder, and go on a guided hike. This field trip helped students connect with nature as well as their culture. The elder spoke to the students about respect, honesty, and patience. Students were given smoked salmon, and refreshments before participating in a cultural dance that reflected different animals of importance.

Our annual recognition dinner was quite the success also; we had a chance to celebrate and honor the academic accomplishments of our grade 12 students, all in the presence of local elders, who graciously offered their words of wisdom and guidance. And while it was the end of the era for some, it was a chance for a new beginning for others. Some of the students were given scholarships for up to \$1,000.00!

Our transition day on May 10th was held for our new arrivals in September. We offered insights into the school, its programming, and a general overview of what to expect in the year to come. We are excited for our new group of grade tens!

We also partnered up with a local artist to do an art project for 500 of the students. This project was based on one of the sacred teachings that has been passed down by the elders. This year the theme was "love". Each student had an opportunity to decorate a copper heart in a way that represents love for them. All 500 hearts have been mounted on a cedar framed heart. The art project will be displayed at MSS next year.



Get active, be fit, have fun! With a wide range of offerings for kids ages 6-18, the University of the Fraser Valley department of athletics and campus recreation has something for everyone this summer!

Active FUNDamentals

Learn fundamental movement skills like running, jumping and catching through fun games, arts, crafts and educational sessions!

July 3-6 | Ages 6-8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Abbotsford, \$145
 July 9-13 | Ages 9-12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Abbotsford, \$175

Active FUNDamentals Leadership**

Learn how to lead physical literacy games and activities while enhancing your own movement skills. This camp will help prepare youth who are looking to get more involved in a leadership role at school or in the community!

Aug. 13-17 | Ages 11-13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Abbotsford, \$190

Xplore UFV

Explore what university is all about at UFV's Canada Education Park campus in Chilliwack! Activities will include tours of Agriculture, Trades and Technology, Theatre, and the Kinesiology Human Performance Lab.

July 30-Aug. 3 | Ages 9-12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Chilliwack, \$175
 Aug. 7-10 | Ages 6-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Chilliwack, \$145

Cascades Multi-Sport Camp**

Refine existing skills and try new sports while learning from UFV Cascades athletes and coaches! Sports will include basketball, volleyball, soccer, rugby, and more.

July 16-20 | Ages 8-10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Abbotsford, \$190
 July 23-27 | Ages 11-13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Abbotsford, \$190

Boys Basketball Camp

Under the leadership of UFV men's basketball head coach Adam Friesen and current members of the Cascades varsity team, campers will develop fundamental basketball skills and techniques.

Aug. 20-24 | Grades 7-9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Abbotsford, \$150
 Aug. 20-24 | Grades 10-12, 12-4 p.m., Abbotsford, \$150

Girls Volleyball Camp

Join head coach Mike Gilray and the UFV Cascades women's volleyball team for a week of skill development in a fun and positive learning environment!

Aug. 27-30 | Grades 7-9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Abbotsford, \$175
 Aug. 27-30 | Grades 10-12, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Abbotsford, \$175

****One day will be at MRC Sports Complex, see website for info.**

Register online! ufvcascades.ca/departement/cascade-camps

- Additional childcare available for Active FUNDamentals & Multi-Sport Camps. More info online.
- 10% discount for UFV alumni, students and employees!
- Questions? Contact Cheryl Van Nes at campusrec@ufv.ca.

Trades Summer Camps

The **Trade Exploration 10-12** will run from July 9th - July 27th at Riverside College, 8:00am-4:00pm. This program is only open to students in grades 10 -12 and 2018 graduates.

Students will be learning Carpentry, Plumbing, and Electrical wiring (possibly some dry walling) and will receive 4 credits towards Graduation.

Cost: A fee of \$150 will be charged to cover consumables and other associated costs.

Registration: To register for a trades summer camp, contact Riverside College, 604-814-0446

The **Girls' Middle School Camp** will run at Riverside College. Please contact Riverside College for more information.