

# 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. Students, guests and staff attended, and it was an amazing event. Academically, our Advanced Placements wrote their exams and we had over 85 writers in the exam sessions over two weeks. We had a marvelous Shakespearean play where the last three days were sold out. Our leadership team ran a "Colour me Roadrunner Run". They raised money to support 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,

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

## Bus Registration for 2019 - 2020

Families are advised that Bus Registration for the 2019-20 school year will run from **May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. 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](http://www.mpsd.ca) and clicking on the 'Transportation' link on the Home page.

The Transportation office will be closed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. However, on-line registrations may still be submitted throughout July and August.

## **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](http://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](mailto:international@mpsd.ca); Website: [www.studyinmission.ca](http://www.studyinmission.ca)**

## **Aboriginal News**

MSS- Robby Williams, Sukhi Pangli and Brittany O'Rourke

Reframing Relations:

On January 22nd and 29th students worked together on a collaborative, arts-based “Statement of Understanding” to discover awareness of our history with Canada, Indigenous issues today and what reconciliation means to them as indigenous youth.

On February 20th Peggy and Robby had the opportunity to bring 16 students to UBC. At UBC our students were able to do a tour of the campus as well as the Long House and Aboriginal House of Learning. Students were guided by fellow UBC Aboriginal students who showed them around their program of interest. They also got to explore the resources and services available to Aboriginal students at UBC. This gave the students a good idea of what it is like to attend post-secondary school.

Peggy Janicki is holding a Weaving Club at MSS.

Jody Shaw has been teaching drumming in the Aboriginal room at lunch. It is wonderful to hear their voices!

Aboriginal Recognition Dinner and Grad 12 Graduation Ceremony:

Scholarships, bursaries and student recognition awards were handed out. It was a wonderful evening on April 24th.

Events:

Grade 12 drum making with Johnny Williams was a blast! Two more dates for Grade 12 drum making June 5th and 6th all day.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE at MSS!! Peter Gong First Nations Artist

“Raven Brings the Light”, Peter came in for 6 sessions with the students to put the design onto a panel. Students have painted the design and final touches are being made before it is hung up in the school!

We are currently getting ready to start our Bison “Olhet” (respect) Project of Heart.

Looking forward to finishing our projects before year end!



### **Trades Summer Camps**

The **Trade Exploration 10-12** will run from July 2nd - July 26th at Riverside College, 8:00am-4:00pm. This program is only open to students in grades 10 -12.

Come get your hands dirty and explore careers in the trades! Learn new skills in a selection of trade areas and **receive 4 credits towards Graduation. Must be at least 16 years-old.**

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

### **Summer Learning 2019**

Mission Public Schools is pleased to announce the addition of several summer programs 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
- Math 10 Foundations and Pre-Calculus
- Social Studies 10
- Science 10

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, June 21, 2019

**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.

**Course Location:** All courses will be offered at École Mission Secondary School, 32939 7th Avenue, Mission, Tel: 604-826-7191

## **MSS Career Centre News**

We have many career and employment advising services at MSS that are available to students and their parents. These include:

- Post-Secondary Institute (PSI) information and entry requirements for colleges and universities in BC, across Canada and world wide
- Career exploration and career decision making assistance (including self assessment tools)
- Setting up student accounts and how to use myBlueprint Education Planner
- Job Search Techniques including informational interviews and labour market information
- Resume and Cover Letter writing

Students can drop in to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Student Services office (formerly the Counselling Center) or email Ms. Flood to book an appointment [heather.flood@mpsd.ca](mailto:heather.flood@mpsd.ca)

### **FAQ's in Career Advising**

1. **What is myBlueprint?** It is a comprehensive education and career/life planning platform with tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future. myBlueprint provides access to the most comprehensive career and post-secondary databases. Students can search, filter, and compare local, province-specific information on apprenticeships, programs, and occupations to ensure students make better decisions and are more prepared for the future.

To create a myBlueprint account, visit [www.myBlueprint.ca/sd75](http://www.myBlueprint.ca/sd75).  
Note: If you are a student, the Pupil # is referring to your student number.

2. **What are the entry requirements for college/university?** Students **must be aware** that college and universities have:
  - a. changed their general admission requirements
  - b. specific degree entry requirements over and above general admissions
  - c. deadlines for applications that can vary institute to institute. Not all have rolling intakes!
  - d. Advisors at each institute are happy to help you in person, by email or by phone!

Top 3 Tips : 1<sup>st</sup> It is important to refer to each institute and their program study specific entry requirements to avoid disappointment!

2<sup>nd</sup> myBlueprint has a Canada wide search engine of post secondary institutes. Students can search by study topic and select province(s) of interest to them

3<sup>rd</sup> MSS Career Advising services are available to students and parents!

3. **What if I am looking to work after high school?** Students can get assistance with job search techniques and community employment programs and services available to "youth" through the school Career Advisor. As well, they can learn about laddering their education while working.
4. **How do students learn more about MSS Student Services and Career Center activities and events?** We communicate with our students via the MSS web page; RoadRunner App; email distributions to Teachers; PA Announcements; the school main entrance electronic reader board; auto dialer messages to their homes as well as postings on the Career Programs and Services Bulletin board (1<sup>st</sup> floor outside of Student Services). **Students are welcome to drop in anytime to see what Student Services has to offer.**
5. **When will the college and universities be at MSS for PSI-Night?** September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30pm

**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 check your PSI student emails regularly for payment deadlines and your individual registration time.

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See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>



### 2018/2019 Calendar

June 7, 2019	Twilight Concert Heritage Park 7PM MSS Band playing
June 11, 2019	Athletic Banquet 6PM
June 17, 2019	Dance Performance at the Clarke Theatre 7PM \$5
June 20, 2019	Last day regular classes / students needing support will be called back
June 22, 2019	Commencement 1-4PM
June 24-26, 2019	Numeracy Assessments / Provincial exams
June 25, 2019	Grade 12 Awards Evening 7PM

### **Sports News**

Mission Girls' Rugby had an amazing performance at Rugby 15's Provincials at Shawnigan Lake. They placed 3rd in their tier. The girls finished the season with an 8-4 record.

Our senior Girls Rugby group also finished third in the province at the Rugby 7's Provincials earlier this month.