

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 introduction of our covid protocol Dry Grad at the school which was very successful. Everyone that came out enjoyed themselves. A big thanks to our Dry Grad committee who organized the events, thanks so much. Academically, our Advanced Placements wrote their exams and we had over 153 writers in the exam sessions over two weeks. We had mental health week which was extremely successful, and our leadership provided many opportunities to be involved. 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,

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

33919 Dewdney Trunk Road, Mission, BC V2V 6Y4
604-826-6286 ext. 3321

Email: international@mpsd.ca;

Website: www.studyinmission.ca

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.

Career Advising

Ms. Goliath is available for appointments until the end of June! If you need support in any of the following areas, please don't hesitate to book an appointment.

- University/College exploration
- University course requirement information
- Course planning
- Resume support and mock interviews
- Career exploration

Email Ms. Goliath at Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca to book an appointment or for any questions regarding Career Advising.

Make sure to follow MSSCareerEd on Instagram for University information, career events, and more.

Upcoming University Events

UBC <https://events.ubc.ca/>

BCIT <https://www.bcit.ca/about/news-events/>

SFU <https://www.sfu.ca/sfu-community/events.html><https://www.sfu.ca/sfu-community/events.html>

Douglas College <https://www.douglascollege.ca/news-events>

UFV <https://events.ufv.ca/>

JIBC <https://www.jibc.ca/news-and-events>

Keep an eye on these University pages over the summer! Each university will hold their own information night and virtual events you won't want to miss.

A note to Gr. 11 students.

Hi Gr., 11's!

Congratulations- You are so close to starting your senior year! I have started to plan University Campus Tours and Info sessions for Fall 2021, but I need your help! If there are any Universities or Colleges that you are interested in, please let me know. I will continue to plan events based on the institutions you are all interested in. If you have any questions about how to start planning for University or life after high school, please email me and I am happy to chat.

Kind regards,

Ms. Goliath



Summer School 2021

Mission Public Schools is pleased to announce the addition of several summer programs for students in grades 9, 10 and 11. Courses are designed for students who have not successfully completed core academic learning 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: 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.

Fee: Once enrolled, you will receive a link via email to pay a \$50 (refundable upon successful course(s) completion) online at www.schoolcashonline.com

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

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>

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:

| <u>Counsellors:</u> | <u>Alpha:</u> | <u>Local:</u> | <u>Cell Numbers</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 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://mss.mpsd.ca>



2020/2021 Calendar

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| June 19, 2021 | Commencement 9:00am – 6:00pm Mission Raceway |
| June 22, 2021 | Last Day Regular Classes |
| June 30, 2021 | Administrative Day |

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are still available for sale, but the deadline is near.

Grads make sure you order your yearbook ASAP! Ordering now guarantees you a book – don't be disappointed when we sell out in June! Yearbooks can be ordered online or at the main office for \$55.00.

