

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the last month our school community has been extremely busy. The Remembrance Day Assemblies were outstanding, thanks to the excellent work done by Ms. Brown Evans, Mrs. Grant and Ms. Mier. We had three performances and they were amazing. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a Great Spirit Week and all the Halloween festivities. Our fall sports have come to a close but our school is so excited. Our Sr. Girls Volleyball team qualified for the provincials and are ranked 5th in the province. Well done coach Hale and team, we wish you all the best. Our parent teacher night was well attended with over 650 report cards picked up. We hope the interviews provided parents the opportunity to talk to teachers about their child's progress. Parents, please continue to communicate with your child the importance of staying focused on learning. Also, please continue to stay in touch with your child's teachers; we want to work with you to support your child's achievement. We have a very busy December with our students heart dinner for the homeless on December 16. We also have our first drama performance, Christmas concert and dance performance of the school year. I know the students and staff have been working hard, so please come out and show your support. There will be no newsletter in December so on behalf of the Mission Sr. Secondary staff we wish everyone a very happy holiday.

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 Tuesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:25pm, taking students to Hatzic, Middle, then east or west from there

## School Closures due to weather

As the air begins to chill, we are reminded that winter will soon be here as will inclement weather conditions.

For information on school closures follow the School District website: [www.mpsd.ca](http://www.mpsd.ca)

- Select the tab across the top - "Schools";

- Select - "Unscheduled School Closures"

(Found on the left sidebar).

Once there, a list of radio stations is provided. parents, students and staff can register directly on that

page to sign up for [Snow Closures Email List](#).

A quick and easy way for notification to be received directly.



## Flu Season

The cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is not well, please do not send them to school. Staying home when sick helps prevent the spread of germs and viruses.

**EVENTS AT MISSION  
LIBRARY**

**Gingerbread House  
Decorating**

Saturday, Dec 2, 2:30 pm - 4 pm

Make and decorate your own gingerbread house to take home. Please register beginning November 6. For ages 12-18.

**Teen Chef: Mug It!**

Saturday, Jan 20, 2:30 pm - 4 pm

If you've got a mug and a microwave, you can cook just about anything! Come make and taste test a whole host of recipes cooked up in a mug. You are welcome to bring your own mug. For ages 12-18. Registration required.

**SPORT NEWS**

Congratulations to the Sr. Girls volleyball team who received a bronze medal in the Fraser Valley volleyball championships.

They go to the provincial champions as # 5 in the province.

Good luck girls.

**Congratulations to Sheigh Gaudette** who won a bronze medal at the swimming provincials in Richmond.



**DRAMA**

Mission Senior Secondary Music Department  
Proudly Presents A Holiday Concert...

**'Tis the  
Season!**

Directed by Ms. Kim Grant



**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**7:00pm**

**Clarke Foundation Theatre**

Tickets Available at the Theatre Box Office  
Adults \$8 / Students & Seniors \$5

**ABORIGINAL DEPARTMENT**

**Important notice on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** we are having a special day where the students bring in a canned good and get a piece of Bannock, or donate a dollar. The proceeds will be donated to "My House" to support homeless youth in our community. We welcome all donations. If you have clothes, camping gear or money you would like to donate, please contact our Aboriginal Dept. On November 30<sup>th</sup> is our "Winter Heat" lunch at the Friendship Center to help the homeless and less fortunate. We will be cooking lunch, Indian Tacos and giving away donations that were made by the students from Middle and High School to all who attend. All donations are also welcome for this event; please drop off at the Friendship Center. Thank you for your support. I hope to see many donations this year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Aboriginal Department at MSS, Chris Gawthorn, Tracy Carr, Robbie Williams.

**INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT NEWS**

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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### Career Advising News

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREER MONTH Mission Secondary School has been proactive in increasing awareness of the tools and resources available to students for career exploration and decision making. This has included:

- Registering MSS for the ChatterHigh Most Informed School competition - a month long career exploration exercise that takes approximately 10 minutes a day. ChatterHigh poses 10 questions



related to exploring careers each day for parents, students, teachers and alumni to research and answer through the online portal. ChatterHigh is available all year long as an additional career resource <http://chatterhigh.com/>



- Introducing and promoting new developments with Volunteer Mission that include an online registration and community service listings. Any student who registers to volunteer will also be eligible to take the Volunteer Training that provides additional Resume enhancements and community service attraction. [www.volunteermission.ca](http://www.volunteermission.ca)
- Hosting daily/weekly main foyer information displays with Representatives from the agencies being present for questions and answers. The opportunity to bring contacts to the students is invaluable to building their confidence and networks. These have include:
  - Volunteer, Mission
  - Training for Success
  - Soroptimist Club and the Dream it Be It and Live It programs
  - Columbia Bible College
  - Ashton College
  - Mission Literacy in Motion
  - Big Brother and Big Sister
- Coordinating greet 'n meets for key staff members to learn more about the Soroptimist club programs for girls and the Training for Success Program for exiting students who would benefit knowing more about the programs and services available to unemployed non-EI eligible Youth.





♥ "Mission Students Have Heart" ♥  
**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
Mission Senior Secondary School (Cafeteria)

Dear Staff & Board of Education:

We will be holding our 9<sup>th</sup> annual free community Christmas dinner again this year on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We would like to continue providing a hot meal in addition to warm clothing, blankets and toiletries to those that may otherwise go without. We would also like to provide Christmas gifts to the children in attendance. We would like to introduce MSS' Chef, Sam Sharples, who has kindly volunteered to cater the occasion along with his team this year, and MPSSD's wonderful Bus Drivers will continue to volunteer their time to drive the buses and pick guests up at appointed destinations. We also can't forget our outstanding music teachers and students who volunteer their time and provide entertainment by playing cheerful music for our appreciative guests. On average, we serve a hot meal and provide toiletries, 'winter woollies' and/or a coat to approximately 250 people.

We are continuing to rely on the generosity of staff and students to make this event transpire for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Donations of the following items are *greatly* appreciated. We have enough toiletries left over from last year, so do not need to collect these items this year. (Please drop non-monetary items off to MSS, c/o Mike Schneider, by December 15<sup>th</sup>):

- ♥ Monetary Donations (c/o Chris Murray, see additional information in green box below)
- ♥ Food & Supplies for the Hot Turkey Dinner
- ♥ New Christmas Gifts for The Children in Attendance and ♥ Gift Wrapping
- ♥ Clothing: e.g. Coats, Socks, Gloves, Hats (Toques), Scarves etc.
- ♥ Blankets and ♥ Tarps

Donations of \$20.00 or more are eligible for a tax receipt (issued early next year). A BEST Donation form can be filled out by the donor (attached for your convenience). Please see the information below of where to forward the form.

Please forward your monetary donations and BEST Donation forms (for donations of \$20.00 or more) **no later than Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

c/o Chris Murray, Business Manager, Heritage Park Middle School (HPMS)

Cheques are made payable to "Mission Public Schools"

For the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, we thank you all enormously for helping us give back to our community!

**Student Leadership and our Teachers**  
(Teena Brown, Debbie Kooy, Erin Matheny, Wade Peary, Mike Schneider and Ralph Vos)

# "Mission Students Have Heart"



Do you know someone struggling  
this year, finds Christmas a financial  
hardship, or is homeless?  
Please let them know to come to our...

## FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

(Gifts, Toiletries, Warm Clothing and Blankets May Be Available)

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 16th

**WHERE:** Mission Senior Secondary School  
(32939-7th Avenue)

**TIME:** 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**TRANSPORTATION:** School Bus

### SCHOOL BUS PICK-UP AT:

Albert McMahon Elementary School (City Bus Stop, Front of School)	12:25 pm
Mission Gateway Plaza (City Bus Stop, Cedar Valley Connector)	12:30 pm
Mission Junction Shopping Mall (City Bus Stop)	12:35 pm
Fraser Crescent at MCC	12:40 pm
Mission Public Library	12:45 pm

Dinner provided by the Mission Public Schools Leadership  
Students. Chef Sam Sharples, Staff & Students will be cooking  
the Christmas dinner. Music provided by our student choirs/  
bands.

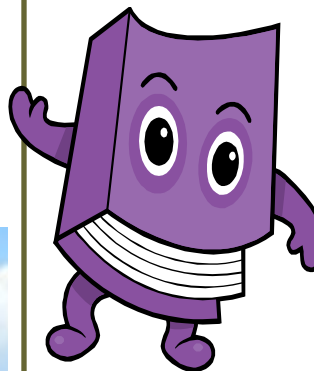


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**We're on the Web!**

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

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### Pay School Fees Online

With SchoolCashOnline you can:

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online. Anytime, anywhere.
- ✓ Avoid the hassle of having cash on-hand to pay for school fees.
- ✓ Receive email notifications regarding school fees and events.
- ✓ Help us reduce the amount of cash in our schools.

» Fast

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Convenient

School Cash Online is our school's preferred method of payment.

**KEY GROUP**  
School Cash Simplified

## 2017/2018 Calendar

Dec. 6,	Canned good for Bannock
Dec. 12,	Concert 'Tis The Season
Dec. 16,	Heart Dinner
Dec. 20, 2017	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 22, 2017	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 25 – Jan. 5	Winter Break
Jan. 8, 2017	Schools Reopen
Jan. 22 - 25, 2018	School Exams
Jan. 24, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 25 – 26, 2018	Provincial Exams
Jan. 26, 2018	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Jan. 29, 2018	Term 3, Semester 2 begins
Feb. 8, 2018	Semester 1 Report Cards in home rooms
Feb. 12, 2018	Family Day, no classes
Feb. 20, 2018	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 21, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 23, 2018	Provincial Pro-Development Day
Mar. 2, 2018	½ Day Assessment (Elementary)
Mar. 16, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elementary)
Mar. 19 – 29, 2018	Spring Break
Mar. 30/Apr. 2	Good Friday/Easter Monday
Apr. 3 2018	Stat in Lieu of Good Friday
Apr. 4 2018	School Reopens
April 13, 2018	½ Day Assessment (Middle & Sec.)
April 16, 2018	Term 4 begins
April 18, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 25, 2018	Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner
April 26, 2018	Report Cards to Student in Homeroom
April 26, 2018	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
April 27, 2018	(Middle/Secondary)
May 16, 2018	Non Instructional Day
May 18, 2018	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 21, 2018	Non Instructional Day
June 19-20, 2018	Victoria Day
June 23, 2018	Class Final Exams
June 25-27, 2018	Commencement
June 27, 2018	Provincial Exams
June 29, 2018	Last Day of Classes
	Administrative Day