

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. Grant, Ms. Gertz and Ms. Meyer. 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 of the Halloween festivities. Our fall sports have come to an end, but our school is so excited as our Sr. Girls' Volleyball team qualified for the provincials and play in the BC tournament this week ranked 3rd going into the tournament. Well done Coach Hale and team. 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 Have Heart dinner for the community on December 14th. We also have our first drama performance and Christmas concert the week of Dec 10-15 please come out and support our fantastic programs. 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

- Select the tab across the top - "Our District";
- Select - "Weather Procedures".

Once there, a list of radio stations is provided. Parents, students and staff can register directly on that page to sign up for the Unscheduled School Closures Email List. It is a quick and easy way for notifications 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.



SPORTS NEWS

Senior Girls Volleyball team is wrapping up a very successful season. They recently won the Peace Arch Classic at Semiahmoo Secondary. This carried the team on to successfully win the Eastern Valley AAAA Zone Championship Banner for the first time in Mission Secondary's History. This win helped the girls qualify for the Provincial Volleyball Championships to be held Nov. 28-Nov. 30 at Langley Events Centre. Twenty schools around the province have qualified and Mission heads into the tournament ranked Third in the Province. Good Luck!

It's that time of year again. Winter season of Basketball is starting up at MSS. The boys and girls are going to be lacing up and hitting the courts hard. This year we will be hosting three Roadrunner teams; Junior Boys with Brodie Pearce, Senior Boys with Danny Jakobs, and Junior Girls with Frank Chan and Angie Vedder. They've got a busy season ahead, we wish them the best of luck. And hope that you will stay tuned for their progress.

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

- 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

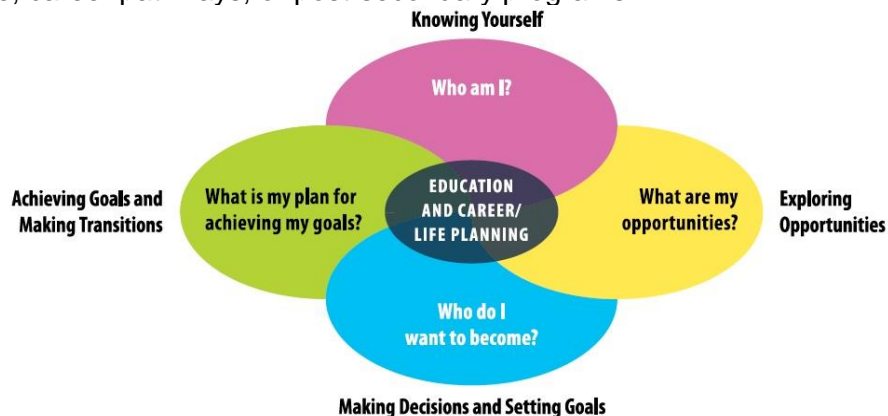
Career Centre News

Book an appointment with our Career Advisor, Ms. Flood to discuss:

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



Our district is implementing the use of myBlueprint to support Career Education for all students. MyBlueprint is an excellent resource for our students to document their learning through portfolios, learn about themselves, and start exploring their options whether it be work experience, career pathways, or post-secondary programs.



Students, teachers, and parents have the ability to create myBlueprint accounts. If you would like to create one yourself, please visit: www.myBlueprint.ca/sd75

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Selections for 2020 Graduates

Grade 12 Students: please get started on registering for a BCeID in order for post-secondary institutions to receive your transcripts.

To access the Student Transcripts Service or create an account, visit:

www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca. Click "Sign up for a BCeID" or if you have one already, "Log in with BCeID." This page will also have videos on how to create an account and send/order transcripts.

View three how to videos at

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

If you have any questions, please email heather.flood@mpsd.ca. Thank you!

CAREER EVENTS

ECF Career Fair is December 2nd 9AM to 2PM

Envisions Financial Athletic Centre UFV

Riverside College: Open House

March 11th, 2020

MISSION SECONDARY DRAMA PRESENTS:

PRIDE & PREJUDICE

Directed By Jennifer Gertz

7:00 PM

December

12th, 13th, 14th & 15th - 2019

Room 005 (West Entrance at the Back)

Tickets \$5 at the door, or call (604-826-7191)

Mission Students Have Heart ♥

11th Annual Christmas Community Dinner

Struggling this year? Financial hardship? Lonely? Or just want to share in the Christmas spirit? Mission Public Schools District Leadership Students, would like to invite you to attend our annual free Christmas Community Dinner...

- ♥ **WHEN:** Saturday, December 14th, 2019
- ♥ **WHERE:** Mission Senior Secondary Cafeteria
32939-7th Avenue, Mission
- ♥ **TIME:** Doors open at 12:00 pm
Lunch served at 1:00 pm

A Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, will be provided by Chef Kathryn Payne, and MPSD Staff and Students. Music will be provided by MPSD Student Choirs/Bands.

Crafts for children, and a visit from Santa Warm Clothing, Blankets, Toiletries and Gifts for Children may be available.

Free transportation will be provided by School-Bus volunteers at the following pick-up locations:

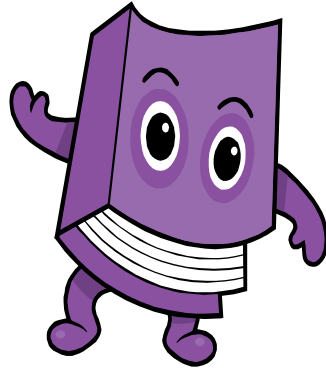
♥ Albert McMahon Elementary School (City Bus Stop, Front of School)	12:25 pm
♥ Mission Gateway Plaza (City Bus Stop, Cedar Valley Connector)	12:30 pm
♥ Mission Junction Shopping Mall (City Bus Stop)	12:35 pm
♥ Fraser Crescent at MCC	12:40 pm
♥ Mission Public Library	12:45 pm

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2019/2020 Calendar

Dec. 2 - 17, 2019	Grad Photos - by appointment only
Dec. 20, 2019	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 23-Jan 3, 2020	Winter Break
Jan. 6, 2020	Schools Re-open
Jan. 22, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 22, 2020	Grade 10 Literacy Assessments
Jan. 23, 2020	Grade 10 Numeracy Assessments
Jan. 24, 2020	Grade 11 Numeracy Assessment
Jan. 27, 2020	Turn Around Day – No school for students
Jan. 28, 2020	Term 3 Semester 2 begins
Feb. 5, 2020	Course request cutoff
Feb. 14, 2020	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 17, 2020	Family Day
Feb. 19, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 27, 2020	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 28, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – No classes
Mar. 16-27, 2020	Spring Break
Mar. 30, 2020	School Reopens
April 10, 2020	Good Friday
April 13, 2020	Easter Monday
April 17, 2020	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
April 22, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
April 30, 2020	Report Cards to Students
May 15, 2020	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 18, 2020	Victoria Day
May 20, 2020	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
June 18, 2020	PROM / Last Day Regular Classes
June 25, 2020	Commencement 7-10 PM Seven Oaks Alliance
June 26, 2020	Administrative Day

Now Available!
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.

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👍 Convenient

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