

Mission Secondary

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the last month our school community has been extremely busy. The Remembrance Day online assembly was outstanding, thanks to the excellent work done by Ms. Meyer and Mr. Radnai. The leadership class was instrumental in providing the school community with a great Spirit Week and the Halloween festivities. Our fall sports have come to an end, but for the first time we had our Cross-Country team go to the Provincials. Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams did very well in their league and went into the playoffs. Our boys' football teams finished out the year and will build on this year's experience into next year. Our parent teacher night online will be this Thursday November 25 from 3:30 -9:00 pm. 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 11th. 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

2:59 – 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.

There is a late bus Wednesday and Thursday leaving MSS at 4:30 pm.

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.



Special Message Regarding Food Delivery Services:

We will not accept Skip the Dishes, Door Dash, or any other food orders at any time during school hours and if they do get delivered to the main office the food will be given to students who need lunch. The food will not be handed to the person who paid for it. We cannot have strangers onsite.

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

Counsellor's Corner

Counsellors:	Alpha:	Local:	Cell Number:
Catherine Hall	A – K	3008	604-226-7125
Monica Nguyen	L – Z	3012	604-226-5561
Jody Shaw	Specific Students	3011	604-302-7571
Alexandra Goliath	Career Advisor	3009	604-302-5314
Cyndi McLachlan	Youth Care Worker	1135	604-854-0613
Kim Gray	Youth Care Worker		604-302-1260
Carolyn Chezzi	Work Experience	1132	

All the counselors 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:

- ❖ Depression
- ❖ Suicide
- ❖ Substance use
- ❖ Self-esteem
- ❖ Sexual identity
- ❖ Grief
- ❖ Family relationships
- ❖ Peer issues
- ❖ ... and many others!

Referrals to community agencies can also be made through any of us.

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

Career Centre News

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

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



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 Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca. Thank you!



Media Release

Applications open for in-person STEAM & Entrepreneurship program at Shad

WATERLOO, November 1, 2021 — Applications [are now open](#) for Shad—Canada’s premier STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) & Entrepreneurship program for grade 10 and 11 students. Online for two years due to COVID-19, Shad will **be back in person and on campus with 19 university partners across Canada for 2022.**

During the program, students spend their July living on a university campus, engaged in hands-on lectures, labs, mentorship opportunities and other activities to help them spark new interests and explore their future. Students also get a chance to try their hand at social innovation. [Shad’s signature real-world design challenge](#) introduces students to design thinking and entrepreneurship so they can solve a real-world problem with an innovative business idea.

The program will run from July 3 to July 29, 2022. There is a fee to participate in the program **but there is no fee to apply**. Financial assistance is available for students who demonstrate financial need to cover full or partial program fees.

This year's university partners include: Carleton University, Dalhousie University, Lakehead University, Laurentian University, McMaster University, McGill University, Memorial University, Mount Allison University, Ontario Tech University, Ryerson University, University of British Columbia, University of Manitoba, University of Calgary, University of New Brunswick, University of Prince Edward Island, University of Waterloo, Western University, Wilfrid Laurier University, and York University.

Interested Canadian grade 10 and 11 students (Secondaire IV or V in Quebec) are encouraged to [submit an application](#) to the program. Limited spots are available, and applications are open until December 6, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET.

Educators and community groups [can book virtual field trips](#) for their students to learn more about Shad and participate in engaging design thinking workshops.

About Shad Canada:

Shad Canada is a not-for-profit organization based in Waterloo, Ontario. For 40 years and counting, Shad Canada has delivered STEAM and entrepreneurship programs for high school students. During the monthlong program, students live on campus and participate in a real-world design challenge that prepares them to take on social and economic challenges. More than 20,000 students from across Canada have participated in Shad, many going on to start businesses, lead discoveries and make changes in economic and social sectors. Learn more at shad.ca.

Contact Information:

For Educators and Community Groups:

Book a Shad presentation, virtual field trip, or learn more about Shad by contacting: **Mallory Basha**, Recruitment Marketing Lead, Shad Canada, mallory@shad.ca, 902-292-1169

Are you interested in attending university outside of BC? Check out the following info sessions to learn more about these amazing Canadian schools!

Canadian Post-Secondary Schools outside of BC				
Alberta				
University	of	Alberta	Info	Sessions:
https://www.ualberta.ca/events/index.html#sort=relevancy&f:@ua_audience=[Prospective%20Students]				
University	of	Calgary	Future Student	Workshops:
https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events				
SAIT Future Student Info Page: https://www.sait.ca/future-students				

Saskatchewan
U of Saskatchewan Application Workshop: https://admissions.usask.ca/tours-and-events/events.php
Manitoba
U of Manitoba: https://umanitoba.ca/admissions/campus-tours-and-events
U of Winnipeg virtual tours and info sessions https://uwinnipegca.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Events
Ontario
Queens University: https://www.queensu.ca/admission/webinars
Ryerson Virtual Open House: https://www.ryerson.ca/law/news-events/2021/11/ryerson-virtual-open-house-voh/
University of Toronto virtual campus tours https://apply.adm.utoronto.ca/portal/ScarboroughCampusTours
Laurier- Campus Tour https://laurier.secure.force.com/events#/calendar?type=Virtual%20Campus%20Tour&keyword=Waterloo%20Campus
McMaster Faculty Showcases: https://future.mcmaster.ca/faculty-showcase/
Waterloo Events: https://uwaterloo.ca/events/events/audience/50 Waterloo Virtual Tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhhuSXlzi_c
Quebec
McGill Future Student Events: https://www.mcgill.ca/undergraduate-admissions/events
New Brunswick
U of New Brunswick Future Student Events: https://www.unb.ca/admissions/recruitment-events/
Nova Scotia
Dalhousie "Ask Me Anything": https://www.dal.ca/admissions/upcoming-events-.html
Saint Francis Xavier Recruitment Information: https://www.stfx.ca/admissions/recruitment-information-sessions
Acadia University Future Student Events: https://www2.acadiau.ca/future-students.html
Prince Edward Island
U of PEI Viewbook: https://files.upei.ca/viewbook.pdf
Yukon
Yukon University Academic Planning: https://www.yukonu.ca/future-students

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2021/2022 Calendar

Dec. 17, 2021	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 20-Jan 3, 2021	Winter Break
Jan. 4, 2022	School Re-opens
Jan. 21, 2022	Term 2 Ends
Jan. 28, 2022	Turn Around Day – No school for students
Jan. 31, 2022	Term 3 Begins
Feb. 7, 2022	Course request cutoff
Feb. 18, 2022	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 21, 2022	Family Day
Feb. 17, 2022	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 23, 2022	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 24, 2022	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 25, 2022	Non-Instructional Day
Mar. 14-25, 2022	Spring Break
Mar. 28, 2022	School Re-opens
April 15, 2022	Good Friday
April 18, 2022	Easter Monday
April 22, 2022	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
April 22, 2022	Term 3 Ends
April 25, 2022	Term 4 Begins
May 2, 2022	Report Cards to MyEd
May 20, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day
June 22, 2022	Last Day Regular Classes
June 28, 2022	Report Cards to MyEd
June 30, 2022	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.

» Fast

» Safe

» Convenient

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

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