

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we look toward the end of term, Mission Senior Secondary staff and students are working hard to complete work and support learning in the classroom. I encourage you to maintain frequent contact with your child's teachers to monitor their progress. By working in close contact with staff you can help to ensure the best level of achievement for your child.

In addition to regular classroom learning activities, many other activities are up and running. Our football, volleyball, and swimming teams are all doing very well. Our drama group has started work on their first production, plus band and choir members are also working hard. Student Leadership and Me to We groups are active in helping to make a difference at school, in our community and on international levels. Our Student Leadership group had the first school Spirit Week (October 25 – 31) and many of our students got into the spirit. This month our Leadership group has focused on many fundraising activities, culminating in a Terry Fox run. The Breakfast Club continues to feed many students every morning and all students are welcome.

As the Principal, I have been so impressed with the learning that is occurring at the Senior Secondary and the quality of finished work is second to none. Our staff and students have embraced the new redesigned curriculum and it is very exciting to see students engaged in their classes.

My hope is that we continue to build on our success and meet the challenges head on to grow stronger every day. We have something very special happening at Mission Senior Secondary and we are moving towards excellence throughout the building.

Sincerely,

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

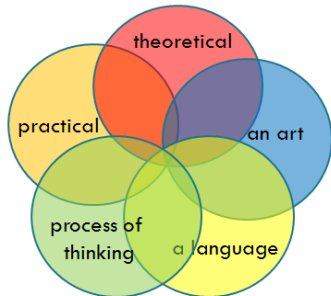
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Mathematics is .



The MSS Math Dept. will be hosting a Parent information night regarding our Spring Break 2020 STEM Trip to London and Paris. Space is limited so those interested should attend this meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the MSS Library.



Career Advising News



myBlueprint.ca/sd75 is a powerful career and post-secondary planning tool licensed by the Mission Public School District for students, Teachers and Parents. myBlueprint follows a comprehensive education and career planning process that meets the learning needs, interests, and aspirations of all student levels. This web-based resource continues to provide students assistance with learning more about themselves through a number of assessment tools under Who Am I folder. Students can compare up to three (3) college and university program study areas at one time and save to portfolio files for ongoing reference. This web resource walks a student through all career and employment dimensions from career exploration to assisting with applying for scholarships/bursaries or employment. It is a great help with Grad Trans as well. The resource is available to students after graduating and leaving MSS.

Students can see a demo and set up an account by making an appointment Miss Gill, Career Advisor. Parents are welcome to attend.

Attention Grade 12 Grads – Procedures for transcript requests have been changed

Student Transcripts

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

The Ministry of Education has your transcript or certificate if you attended a B.C. or Yukon secondary school and you:

Transcripts

- Graduated after **1985** or
- Completed a grade 12 course after **1986** or

Attended grade 12 prior to **1974** in the University Entrance or Academic-Technical Program

Certificates

- Graduated in British Columbia after 1985

If the Ministry does not have your transcript or certificate, please contact your [school of record](#) or [district office](#).

General Education Development (GED®)

- GED® records from 1973 to 2014 are retained by the Ministry of Education

If you have a Personal Education Number (PEN)

You will need a BCeID to access the Student Transcripts Service

If you do not have a Personal Education Number (PEN)

You do not have a PEN if you attended a B.C. K-12 school before 1993, or if you never wrote a B.C. provincial exam (introduced in 1986). If you do not have a PEN, you will need to order through the “place an order without a PEN option” on the BC Ministry of Ed web site

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Sports News

Congratulations to the JR. Girls Volleyball team as they are currently 4th in the Abby-Mission League Standings. Next up are playoffs on Monday, Oct. 29. Good Luck Girls!!!!

Senior Girls Volleyball went 5-0 in T1 Girls East Valley Season play
Senior Boys Volleyball went 4-1 in T2 Boys East Valley Season play

Mission Swimming team had 9 members attend this year’s Fraser Valley Swim meet

Mission Senior Football is second in their division.

The junior and the senior lacrosse teams played their first exhibition games of this school year and are looking strong. They go to Victoria for the Spartan Shootout tournament at the end of February. National signing day for Universities is early November and we are excited to hear about our athletes who are up for scholarships. Good luck boys!"

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<http://missionsecondary.m>

2018/2019 Calendar

Nov. 2, 2018	Grade 12 Grad Transition Plan Due
Nov. 9, 2018	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
Nov. 10, 2018	Term 1 Ends
Nov. 11, 2018	Remembrance Day
Nov.12, 2018	Stat in lieu of Remembrance Day
Nov 13, 2018	Term 2 begins / PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
Nov 16, 2018	Grad Breakfast 8:00 am
Nov. 22, 2018	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 23, 2018	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Dec. 6 - 21, 2018	Grad Photos - by appointment only
Dec. 21, 2018	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 24-Jan 4, 2018	Winter Break
Jan. 7, 2019	Schools Re-open
Jan. 15, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 21 - 22, 2019	Numeracy Assessments
Jan. 24 – 25, 2019	Provincial Exams
Jan. 31, 2019	Term 2 Semester 1 ends
Feb. 1, 2019	Turn Around Day (no school for students)
Feb. 4, 2019	Term 3 Semester 2 begins
Feb. 12, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
Feb. 15, 2019	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 18, 2019	Family Day
Feb. 28, 2019	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar. 1, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – No classes
Mar. 15, 2019	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elementary)
Mar. 18-29, 2019	Spring Break
April 1, 2019	School Reopens
April 16, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
April 18, 2019	½ Day Assessment, Dismissal 11:30
April 19, 2019	Good Friday
April 22, 2019	Easter Monday
April 23, 2019	Term 4 begins
April 18, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
April 24, 2019	Aboriginal Student Recognition Dinner
May 2, 2019	Report Cards to Students in Homeroom
May 16, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
May 17, 2019	Non-Instructional Day
May 20, 2019	Victoria Day
May 24, 2019	PROM
June 2019	Commencement TBA
June 21-27, 2019	Provincial Exams
June 25, 2019	Numeracy Assessments AM only
June 27, 2019	Last Day of Classes