

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 the 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 26 – 31) and many of our students got into the spirit. 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,

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

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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 Heather Flood, Career Advisor. Parents are welcome to attend.

Sports News

November 29th and 30th Lacrosse Academy will be travelling to the island to compete in the Spartan Shootout for the 4th consecutive year.

Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball seasons have wrapped up with great success. Team building and skill progression was a key focus during the season as the teams look to next year as Senior players.

The Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams are entering their playoff runs. Both teams look strong as they compete for berths to the upcoming Provincial Championships in Langley. Currently, the Senior Girls team is ranked 8th in the Province in the AAAA division.

Best of luck to the teams!

Our Swimming team was very successful at their local meet. Sheigh Gaudette placed 1st in all four of her events, Dylan Klatt also placed 1st in all four of his events. Tyler Klatt came in 2nd in two events and 4th in two events. Vivian Kapyt also placed well enough to make this year's provincials with the rest of the team.

Upcoming Dates:

Senior Girls Volleyball - Senior Night - November 7th @ 5:00

Senior Girls Volleyball Eastern Valley AAAA Championship November 12-14th.

Senior Boys Volleyball - November 4th @ Yale 6:30

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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See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.m>

2019/2020 Calendar

Nov. 8, 2019	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
Nov. 8, 2019	Term 1 Ends
Nov. 11, 2019	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12, 2019	Term 2 begins
Nov. 19, 2019	Me to We Day
Nov. 20, 2019	PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov. 21, 2019	Report Cards - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 22, 2019	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
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