

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back for another school year, all students, families, and staff. We extend a special welcome to those who are new to our school community, particularly our grade ten students. Staff members are looking forward to assisting students in the grad school program to achieve their personal best.

This year, staff will be working hard on the new redesigned curriculum for grade 10 students. We are excited about what the redesigned curriculum has to offer and the opportunities for our students. We will also be working on the draft assessment for our students which will honour their strengths and work on their challenges. This is a very exciting time.

Starting the school year on a positive note is extremely important. September is a critical month for establishing study routines and home study habits for the year. Teachers expect homework and assignments to be done on time. Regular consistent attendance is essential. I encourage everyone to consistently work hard and have a successful year.

Sincerely,

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 Wednesdays & Thursdays leaving the school at 4:20pm, taking students to Hatzic Middle, then east or west from there

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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MSS Career Programs and Services News



The annual Post Secondary Institute (PSI) Information Night was a success on Wednesday evening. Fifteen (15) colleges and universities saw an attendance of approximately 243 parents and students in Session 1 presentations and 166 people attended Session 2.

Any students who were not able to attend and have ongoing college/university interests can make an appointment with Ms. Gill, Career Advisor through email sonia.gill@mpsd.ca. Everyone is reminded that college and universities conduct tours by request and a number of them have virtual online tour links on their web sites. Ask if they have a student for a day program too!

Mr. Mike Miller, the WorkEX/SSA Coordinator will assist students with Work Experience and Apprenticeship interests.

Contact Mr. Miller at mike.miller@mpsd.ca or text 778.347.5546

WHAT ELSE? The industry training authority has changed the names for SSA (secondary school apprenticeship) and ACE IT. We will now be referring in terms of Youth Work in Trades (formerly SSA) and Youth Train in Trades (formerly ACE It). These references are more descriptive of the activity of the youth in the trades arenas. Mr. Miller assists students with these trade related programs.

If students are not sure about a trade interest see Ms. Gill, Career Advisor - she will introduce you to ITA and over 100 trade occupations to explore during your career decision making and she can speak directly to her experience as Red Seal Painter/Decorator and work as a Trade Career and Employment Specialist in Northern BC.



SHAD applications are now open!! Are you or do you know an achieving STEAM student? That is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math. This one month long summer program, in residence at one of the many participating Canadian Host Universities may interest you. For more information refer to the "Future SHAD & Parents" link located on their web page <https://www.shad.ca/Campus-Partners.htm>

MSS Teachers are being provided SHAD Educator information packages as well.

Yes very astute of you STEAM was previously STEM. Read more about the change here <https://www.univcan.ca/media-room/media-releases/from-stem-to-steam/>

Sport News

The Mission Lacrosse Academy is practicing hard and preparing for their annual trip to Victoria to play in the Spartan Shootout November 23-24. Please watch for the Lacrosse team fundraising in the coming months and help support the team!

Junior Girls Volleyball had a good start to their season with a 7th place finish out of 24 teams at the Mouat Hawks Invitational Tournament on September 14th and 15th.

Aboriginal Department News

The Aboriginal Department at Mission Secondary would like to "Welcome Back" all our Aboriginal students and their families. The Aboriginal team at the school this year consists of Robby Williams, Sukhi Pangli, Brittany O'Rourke, and Jody Shaw.

This year we have many exciting cultural events and fieldtrips planned for our Aboriginal students. In the month of September, we have "Orange Shirt Day". There will be a march to Heritage Park to honor the residential school survivors. All parents and families are welcome to attend on this special day of remembrance. Next month on Oct. 3rd and 4th, we have our Aboriginal Transition days which are important for students as they get traditional teachings and get to hear from peers about transitioning to new schools and classes.

We are really excited this year that we have our Aboriginal Mentorship course taught by Mrs. Shaw. The course will consist of many cultural events and activities. Students in the mentorship class will be demonstrating leadership within the school as well as the community. Drumming practices will be held in the Aboriginal Room during lunch. Jody Shaw will be teaching the mentorship students. Students will be given 4 credits toward their grad program. Different assignments based on both modern and historic indigenous leaders will be covered. Other events that students will be taking part in include, the Winter Heat BBQ, a clothing drive, fundraising, Christmas socks, Recognition Dinners, leadership conference, and mentoring other students in the class who may need support.

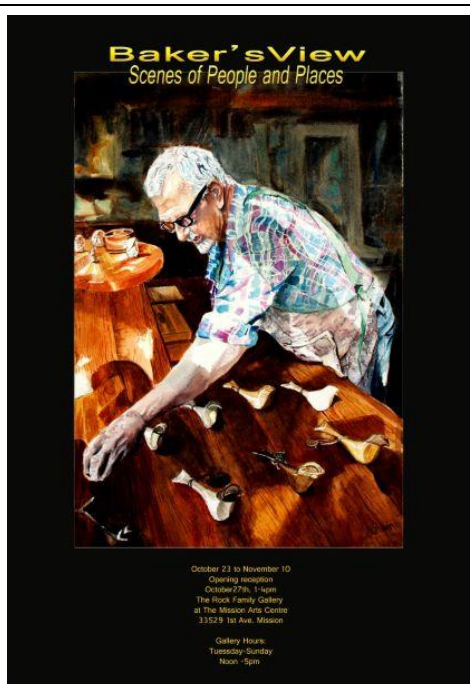
If you have any questions, comments, or partnership ideas please feel free to contact Robby Williams, Sukhi Pangli, Brittany O'Rourke, or Jody Shaw.

We look forward to working with all students and wish everyone a successful year!

Important Dates to Take Note Of

Photo Retakes October 16th. Students who missed Photo day in September can have their pictures taken that day. For retakes, please bring returned pictures and give to the photographer for retakes.

Grad Photos are by appointment Dec 6-21. There will be a sitting fee. Grads please make appt. with Mrs. Pearce in the Counselling office.



Your AP Studio Arts teacher is holding her first solo art exhibit at the Mission Arts Council Gallery from October 23rd until November 10th. Come see the show!

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<http://missionsecondary.m>

2017/2018 Calendar

Oct. 5, 2018	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Oct. 8, 2018	Thanksgiving
Oct 16, 2018	Photo Retakes / PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct. 19, 2018	Provincial Pro-Development Day
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. 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. 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
June 28, 2019	Administrative Day

MISSION SENIOR
SECONDARY
LEADERSHIP
GRADES 10-12

Leadership is starting the 2018/2019 school year strong. September 14th was the kick-off for Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley. Leadership at Mission Senior Secondary is dedicated to supporting this worthy cause. We raised \$1,400 so far with the help of Mrs. Yannacopoulos and the Roadrunner Café.



The Cops for Cancer team giving some love to our own support dog - Merlin.



Leadership students and MSS students welcoming The Tour de Valley

September 20 - Color Day

The school is divide into teams. Grade 12's wear black; Grade 11's wear green; Grade 10's wear white; and Staff wears red. Through-out the year there will be events for all to participate in. Points will be collected, and the winning team will have a BBQ at the end of the year. Let's get that spirit happening.

The winning team: Grade 12



September 27, 2018 - Terry Fox Run

Every year Terry Fox Runs are held in over 9000 communities across Canada with the goal of raising funds for cancer research. Mission Senior Secondary proudly participated in this event. Leadership started off the day with fun games outside. Students then ran or walked a 2 km route to show support for Terry Fox. After the run was a hotdog by donation. Leadership students barbecued 15 dozen hotdogs. Students and staff raised more than \$600 for cancer research. Way to go MSS!



The Winners of the Terry Fox Run