

# Mission Secondary Newsletter

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## 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.

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to start off by welcoming everyone back to what will be an uncertain but potentially exciting school year. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and thoughtfulness as we try to roll out a program that provides everyone with the safety they deserve. As well as keeping everyone safe, we are working towards reengaging our students and their families back into the educational system. We are taking the approach slow and steady so we can make good decisions for everyone with the health and safety guidelines that we need to follow. We believe the system that we have provided to our school community will do that. However, we need to continue to be patient as our teaching and support staff have had to change the way they deliver their courses. So, there will be bumps along the way and new challenges that we need to face, but collectively we will overcome these and provide the best learning environment possible. 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,

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](http://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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Hi MSS Students and Parents,

I am Alexandra Goliath, and I am filling in as the Temporary Career Advisor. I am excited to bring my experience supporting students with scholarships, university applications, and career support to MSS and School District 75. My goal during the time I am here is to make the transition out of high school less overwhelming and to assist you in making exciting plans for your future! To book an appointment with me, please email me at [Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca](mailto:Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca) or text/call me at 604.302.5314. I look forward to working with you!

Kind regards,  
Miss Goliath

## Upcoming Events

### University Event Schedule

Coast Mountain College- September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Quest University- September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Simon Fraser University- October 1<sup>st</sup>  
University of Northern BC- October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thompson River University- October 7<sup>th</sup>  
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology- October 12<sup>th</sup>  
University of the Fraser Valley Info Session- October 15<sup>th</sup>  
University of the Fraser Valley Q&A- November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Western University- October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Kwantlen Polytechnic University- October 20<sup>th</sup>  
College of the Rockies- October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Vancouver Island University- October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Douglas College- October 29<sup>th</sup>  
College of New Caledonia- November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
University of Victoria- November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
North Island College- November 9<sup>th</sup>  
BC Institute of Technology- November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Okanagan College- November 15<sup>th</sup>  
Riverside- November 18<sup>th</sup>  
Royal Military College- November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Langara- November 24<sup>th</sup>  
Camosun College- November 25<sup>th</sup>

All are scheduled for 11:30-12:00 in room 223. Open to all grades. For information on past presentations, email Miss Goliath

### Education PlannerBC

Not sure how to navigate Education PlannerBC to apply to University? No worries! Melody from Education PlannerBC is hosting a virtual assembly for all Gr. 12 classes on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-1:30.

### **PSBC Virtual Fair**

**On November 18<sup>th</sup>, MSS will be hosting the PSBC Virtual fair form 9am-4pm in the Library for grade 12 students. If you missed the registration, please follow the instructions below:**

- 1. Go to: <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/virtual-fair/>**
- 2. Scroll down to “Fair Schedule”**
- 3. Click the purple button that says “Register Now”**
- 4. Ask the students to fill out the basic Information, name, school, their address.**
- 5. The next page will ask them what grade they are in.**
- 6. Click “Proceed to Tickets”**
- 7. Ask student to “add a ticket” to “Public Event: November 18 (9:00am - 7:00pm)”**
- 8. Scroll down and select “Checkout”**
- 9. On the pop up screen select “submit”**

**All done! – Students will be sent an email with their login information**

**University presentation schedule will be posted closer to the day.**

### **UBC Events**

**Interested in UBC? Make sure to register for the Application Workshop and the All About UBC event.**

**You can register for events here:**

**<https://account.you.ubc.ca/s/events?information-sessions>**

**Follow MSSCareerEd on Instagram for more university, career, and event updates!**

## 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

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

## **Important Dates to Take Note Of**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
By appointment online**



## **2021/2022 Calendar**

Oct. 22, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Oct. 26, 2021	PAC Meeting 3:20 pm (Library)
Nov. 1, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Nov. 5, 2021	½ Day, dismissal 11:30 am
Nov. 5, 2021	Term 1 Ends
Nov. 8, 2021	Term 2 Begins
Nov. 11, 2021	Remembrance Day
Nov. 22-Dec. 2	Grad Photos
Nov. 23, 2021	PAC Meeting 3:20 pm
Nov. 25, 2021	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 26, 2021	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
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 – No classes
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