

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

April was incredibly busy for both students and staff at Mission Senior Secondary. Everyone was busy working on their courses for the third term report cards. This is also a very busy month as we prepare for our Advanced Placement exams which begin in May. We will have over 300 students writing literacy and numeracy assessments at the end of April. Our timetable is in the process of being built and we are hopeful to give timetables out to our grade 12s sometime in June. We had our traditional spirit week just before Easter and it was so much fun with activities in the gym and a different theme every day. Thank you to the leadership team putting that on. Our sports teams are busy competing on the track, ice and the field. With over 100 student athletes participating in the Spring, it is nice to be back to somewhat normal. Our fine arts and applied skills course are running at capacity and hopefully students are making some great gifts for Mother's and Father's Day. I have seen some of the work that students are doing, and it is amazing. We have our Grad Cruise and Dry Grad coming up on April 21 and 22 and they are both sold out. Thanks to all the staff and parents that have helped with these events. Finally, with the arrival of better weather, we will all need to encourage our students to stay focused until the end of June. Please be kind caring and patient as we navigate these most challenging times.

Sincerely,

A stylized signature of Jim Pearce.

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.

Late bus: Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30. **Be there by 4:20.**

INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Looking to create meaningful connections, life-long memories and learn a new culture?

THE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION is currently looking for nurturing host families who want to provide a caring home for our elementary, middle and secondary international students.

Open your home to one of our amazing international students.

Apply on-line: www.studyinmission.ca

- Homestay → Become a Host Family → Click On-line Application
- Homestay Families Start Here → Create Account → Fill out Application

Counsellor's Corner

Counsellors:	Alpha:	Local:	Cell Number:
Janet Storey	A – D	3014	604-302-7532
Catherine Hall	E – K	3008	604-226-7125
Monica Nguyen	L – R	3012	604-226-5561
Dawn Buckley	S – Z	3010	604-786-0215
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
Barb Iversen	Youth Care Worker	1006	604-302-4716
Carolyn Chezzi	Work Experience	1132	604-768-6382

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

Transcripts

Current students get up to 25 transcripts sent to post-secondary institutions for free

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

For official transcripts and certificates, students should use the online Transcript Services www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca which can be used to:

- 🔗 View or order a secondary school transcript
- 🔗 Send secondary school transcripts to post-secondary institutions, themselves or a third party such as an employer
- 🔗 Order a graduation certificate
- 🔗 View scholarships
- 🔗 View provincial exam or graduation assessment results

Students will be able to use this service if they have:

- 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

Students receive one free transcript at the end of their graduating year. Starting in Sept 2018, this transcript will no longer be mailed home.

One free transcript will be available for students to order and mail home from the StudentTranscripts Service (STS).

If they order a free transcript before they graduate and want another after graduation, they will need to pay \$10 to the Ministry for another one.

Scholarships:

Scholarship Season is here!!! There are many types of scholarships and awards available for all different academic abilities and skills. For more information, check out the MSS Scholarship Website at www.mssscharshipinfo.weebly.com. Download a copy of the Getting Started Guide for Scholarships at the bottom of the homepage for more information on the scholarship process and for tips and tricks. Under the “BC & Local Scholarships” tab, you will find all the scholarships that we facilitate through the school linked there. Below the description of each scholarship, there is a deadline and if the scholarship is currently open for applications, it will read “2022 Applications Now Open.” Be sure to read all criteria for scholarships carefully, as each application will have their own instructions, requirements, and submission criteria. Once a scholarship deadline has passed, the website will reflect this information as well. **** Please note: send all scholarship applications to cheryl.pearce@mpsd.ca not the email address within the link.****

Don't forget to sign up for ScholarTree – a free website that matches you to scholarships you are eligible for. Pay attention to school announcements, the Roadrunner App, and MSS_scholars on Instagram for the latest scholarship information at MSS.

There will be several scholarships open to apply for over Spring Break, so be sure to check the scholarship website regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Ms. Foster in Room 225 or email nicole.foster@mpsd.ca to set up an appointment.

MSS Career Advising/Work Experience Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Wednesday, May 10 th	Work BC – Resume Workshop
Thursday, May 12 th	Heavy Duty Mechanic Field Trip
Monday, May 16 th	Seaspan Field Trip
Wednesday, May 25 th	UFV and KPU Field Trip
Thursday & Friday, May 26 th -27 th	National Skills Competition Field Trip
Wednesday, June 1 st	MSS Job Fair

For more information on any of the above events, please reach out to Ms. Goliath at Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca



JOB FAIR

JUNE 1ST
10:30AM-3PM

20+ BOOTHS IN ATTENDANCE

ITA
WorkBC
Buxton Consulting
Boston Pizza
Superstore
Meridian Farm Market
Save-On-Foods
Lacey Construction
Mission Forestry
Popeyes
Brownies Chicken
Starbucks
Big Box Outlet
Mission Raceway
McDonalds
Zajac Ranch
and more....

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://mss.mpsd.ca>

2021/2022 Calendar

May 2, 2022	Report Cards to MyEd
May 20, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 23, 2022	Victoria Day
June 16, 2022	Prom
June 22, 2022	Last Day Regular Classes
June 25, 2022	Commencement
June 28, 2022	Report Cards to MyEd
June 30, 2022	Administrative Day

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are still available for sale, but the deadline is near. Grads make sure you order your yearbook ASAP! Ordering now guarantees you a book – don't be disappointed when we sell out in June! Yearbooks can be ordered online or at the main office for \$55.00.