

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,

We are back to having all students in the school and for the most part all our activities are running. Students have been working hard in their academics and we are all hopeful that students are successful in their first term marks. Staff have sent interims home during the last week of October so parents should have a good indication of how well their child is doing. On November 25th we will have our Parent Teacher interviews online and in person. Look for more information in the next week to sign up for interviews with your child's teacher. Our Drama and music departments are working hard to present a Remembrance Day presentation online and we know it will be first class. Our sports teams are winding up their fall season and it was so nice to see so many kids involved. Finally, we as a school provide a very good breakfast every morning free and all students are welcome. We hope that we can increase numbers in our breakfast club in order to keep our grant going. Thanks everyone for being part of Roadrunner Nation working hard to make a difference in everyone's life.

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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Email: international@mpsd.ca; Website:

www.studyinmission.ca

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. 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 Alexander Goliath, 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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Career Advising Update

Hello MSS Students and Guardians,

I'd like to inform you of my name change. I am now Alexandra Thompson, previously Alexandra Goliath. With this name change, I also have a new email. Please contact me at alexandra.thompson@mpsd.ca moving forward.

Thank you,
Mrs. Thompson

Upcoming Events:

Event	Date	Time
Langara College- Design Formation Info Session	Tuesday, November 1 st	6:00p,-7:00pm
BCIT HR + Business Management – Online Info Session	Tuesday, November 1 st	5:30pm-6:30pm
UBC Campus Tour	Wednesday, November 2 nd	8:45am-2:30pm
Camosun College – Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SONO) Info Session	Wednesday, November 2 nd	6:00pm-7:00pm
Langara College – Education Assistant Program Information Session (Online)	Wednesday, November 2 nd	5:00pm-6:30pm
Langara College – Full Stack Web Development Info Session (Online)	Wednesday, November 2 nd	5:00pm-6:00pm
CapU – Drop-in Advising – Domestic students	Thursday, November 3 rd	3:30pm-4:30pm
Selkirk College – Open House	Saturday, November 5 th	10:00am-1:00pm
BCIT Accounting, Finance + Insurance – Online Info Session	Monday, November 7 th	5:30pm-6:30pm
CapU – Peer-to-Peer Session – Domestic students	Tuesday, November 8 th	3:00pm-4:00pm
Scholarship Session: The Circle of Fellows at Corpus Christi College at UBC	Tuesday, November 8 th	4:30pm-5:30pm
UVic Open House- Gustavsson School of Business	Tuesday, November 8 th	6:00pm-7:00pm
Discover TRU – Virtual Information Session	Wednesday, November 9 th	6:30pm-7:30pm
BCIT Automotive Technician, Automotive Refinishing / Body Repair and Motorcycle and	Wednesday, November 9 th	6:00pm-9:00pm

Power Equipment Information Session (Online)		
Langara College – Applied Social Science and Humanities (DASSH) Information Session (Online)	Thursday, November 10 th	4:30pm-5:30pm
Langara College – Journalism Information Session (Online)	Monday, November 14 th	5:30pm-6:30pm
Camosun College – Massage Therapy Diploma Info Session	Tuesday, November 15 th	6:00pm-7:00pm
Selkirk College – Rural Pre-Med Info Session (On-Campus & Virtual)	Wednesday, November 16 th	6:00pm-7:30pm
Camosun College – Athletic & Exercise Therapy (BAET) Degree Info Session	Wednesday, November 16 th	6:00pm-7:00pm
KPU – Wilson School of Design Showcase	Thursday, November 17 th	6:00pm-8:00pm
CapU – Drop-in Advising – Domestic students	Thursday, November 17 th	3:30pm-4:30pm
BCIT Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Category 'M', Aircraft Gas Turbine Technician & Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Category 'E' (Electronics) Information Session Online	Thursday, November 17 th	5:00pm-7:00pm
Explore CapU Open House	Saturday, November 19 th	10:00am-4:00pm
Okanagan College – Open House	Saturday, November 19 th	5:10:30am-2:00pm
College of the Rockies' Open House	Saturday, November 19 th	10:00am-1:00pm
Langara College – Early Childhood Education Information Session (Online)	Monday, November 21 st	6:00pm-7:30pm
CapU Peer-to-Peer Session – Domestic students	Tuesday, November 22 nd	3:00pm-4:00pm
Langara College – Full Stack Web Development Info Session (Online)	Wednesday, November 23 rd	5:00pm-6:00pm
Selkirk College – Virtual Admission on the Spot	Thursday, November 24 th	2:00pm-4:00pm
Explore UVic	Saturday, November 26 th	9:00am-5:00pm

LEGEND



External PSBC Events- Register at

<https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/events/page/3/>



MSS Events

Follow MSSCareerEd on Instagram for more resources!

Scholarship Support:

For drop-in scholarship support, please go to room 223 every second Thursday at lunch. Mrs. Thompson will be available to answer your scholarship questions and help with your applications. The next drop-in is November 10th!

Mission Library

Mission Library has lots of exciting events in November and December and we are hoping you can include these library events in your school's newsletter.

Mission Library

For more details, go to www.fvrl.bc.ca > Events.

Mission Ukulele Circle

Thursdays, 3 pm – 4 pm

Chess Club

Sundays, 2 pm – 4 pm

Repair Cafe

Saturday, November 19, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Codenames: Teen Games Hangout (Please register online)

Saturday, November 19, 2:30 pm – 4 pm
Ages 13-18.

NaNoWriMo Writing Sessions

Tuesday November 1 - 29, 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 10, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Ages 12-18. Registration required.

Counsellor's Corner

COUNSELLORS:	Alpha/Title:	Local:	Cell #
Gary Flynn	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

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

2022/23 Calendar

Nov. 4, 2022	Term 1 Ends
Nov. 7, 2022	Term 2 Begins
Nov. 7, 2022	Dry Grad Meeting 6PM (Library)
Nov. 10, 2022	½ Day, dismissal 11:30 am
Nov. 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
Nov. 16-25 2022	Grad Photos
Nov. 16, 2022	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
Nov. 24, 2022	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 25, 2022	Non-Instructional Day – No School
Dec. 16, 2022	Last Day before Winter Break
Dec. 19-Jan 2, 2023	Winter Break
Jan. 3, 2023	School Re-opens
Jan. 18, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
Jan. 20, 2023	Term 2 Ends
Jan 23-26, 2023	Assessment Week
Jan. 27, 2023	Turn Around Day – No school for students
Jan. 30, 2023	Term 3 Begins
Feb. 6, 2023	Course request cutoff
Feb. 6-7, 2023	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb. 15, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
Feb. 17, 2023	District Pro-Development Day
Feb. 20, 2023	Family Day
Feb. 22, 2023	Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 9, 2023	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar. 10, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – No classes
Mar. 13-24, 2023	Spring Break
Mar. 27, 2023	School Re-opens
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
April 19, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
April 21, 2023	½ Day Assessment, dismissal 11:30
	Term 3 Ends
	Dry Grad
April 24, 2023	Term 4 Begins
April 28, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
May 17, 2023	PAC Meeting 7PM (Library)
May 19, 2023	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
June 16, 2023	Last Day Regular Classes
June 19-23, 2023	Gr 10&12 Ministry Assessments
June 21, 2023	Prom
June 24, 2023	Commencement
June 30, 2023	Administrative Day