

Mission Secondary Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to start off by welcoming everyone back to what will be a very exciting and rewarding year for everyone. I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to learn and engage with high school. A big welcome to our incoming grade 10's as they start to navigate the grad program schedule. Our grade 11 class has had one year here and is ready to work hard and be involved with the school. A big shout out to our Grade 12 class. You will have an amazing year of learning and grad activities. There was great response from our PAC parents on the startup this year which gave each grade level the opportunity to be here with just their own grade. This allowed staff to work with each particular grade and customize the day for them. Also, it allowed our counselling team to have a direct impact with students. I want to recognize the leadership team under the direction of Mr. Sward and Mr. Schneider for all their work that went into getting the opening week up and running. 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

- 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

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.

Career Advising

Ms. Goliath is available for appointments until the end of June 2023! If you need support in any of the following areas, please don't hesitate to book an appointment.

- University/College exploration
- University course requirement information
- Course planning
- Resume support and mock interviews
- Career exploration
- Scholarship Support

Email Ms. Goliath at Alexandra.goliath@mpsd.ca to book an appointment or for any questions regarding Career Advising.

Make sure to follow [MSSCareerEd](#) and [MSS_Scholars](#) on Instagram for Career and Scholarship information.



Upcoming Events

MSS & Community Event Schedule
Mission Community Job Fair – Oct. 11 th
PSBC in person Fair – Oct 20 th from 1:30-3pm in Gym B

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 21st from 12:30-1:30.

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>

Make sure to check out PSBC.com to learn about upcoming information sessions and to register!

- **KPU SURREY: OPEN HOUSE- OCT. 1ST**
- **LANGARA COLLEGE: EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM INFO SESSION - OCT 3**
- **LANGARA COLLEGE: APPLIED PLANNING INFORMATION SESSION- OCT. 4**
- **LANGARA COLLEGE: DESIGN FORMATION SESSION- OCT. 4**
- **THOMPSON RIVER UNIVERSITY: VIRTUAL INFO SESSION- OCT. 5**
- **CAPALANO UNIVERSITY: DROP IN ADVISING- OCT 6**
- **CAPALANO UNIVERSITY: PEER-TO-PEER SESSION- OCT. 11**
- **KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HORTICULTURE SHOWCASE- OCT. 27**
- **LANGARA COLLEGE: 2D AND 3D ANIMATION INFO SESSION- OCT. 28**

Counsellor's Corner

<u>COUNSELLORS:</u>	<u>Alpha/Title:</u>	<u>Local:</u>	<u>Cell #</u>
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 or Alternate Support
- Providing information about course selections as related to Post-Secondary and beyond
- Informing students about graduation requirements
- Providing post-secondary and career information
- Helping students with decision making regarding future careers

Mission Library has lots of exciting events in October!

Mission Ukulele Circle

Thursdays, 3 pm – 4 pm

Tabletop Time: Board Games

Saturdays, 2 pm – 4 pm

Culture Day at the Library

Saturday, October 1, 2 pm – 4 pm

Our Elders Are Watching

Saturday, October 8, 10 am – 2 pm

Learn about the 4 pillars in Mission Library painted by Pascal Pelletier.

Repair Cafe

Saturday, October 15, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

ZomBeans (Registration required)

Saturday, October 29, 2:30 pm – 4 pm

All supplies provided. Ages 12-18.

Sports News:

Major shout outs to:

Senior Girls Volleyball

With a 3-0 Win over Sardis

Another 3-0 Win over Robert Bateman

They also had an amazing tournament at Douglas College over the weekend.

Senior Boys Volleyball

Had a 3-0 Win over Sardis

Played to a 3-2 win with Credo

Senior Varsity Football

Had their first game of the season with a hard-fought loss again Handsworth.

Junior Girls Volleyball

Junior Girls earned 6 points in their Play Day at Abby Sr; with wins over Abby 9s, Abby 10s, and ATSS

Enjoyed themselves at WJ Mouat tournament over the weekend; lots of playing time. Split 26-28 with Hansen then won 25-21

Cross Country

The group had a good turn out and everyone got their running legs under them. Had a good team showing at our first meet of the season.

Aquatics

Starts back week of October 3rd; Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:30am-800am

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://missionsecondary.mpsd.ca>

Important Dates to Take Note Of

**Grade Photos:
November 16th – December 2nd
By appointment online**



2022/2023 Calendar

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| Oct. 11, 2022 | Dry Grad Meeting 6PM (Library) |
| Oct. 13, 2022 | Photo Retakes |
| Oct. 19, 2022 | Grad Info Night 6PM (Cafeteria) |
| Oct. 19, 2022 | PAC Meeting 7PM (Library) |
| Oct. 20, 2022 | Post-Secondary Job Fair |
| Oct. 21, 2022 | Non-Instructional Day – No School |
| Nov. 4, 2022 | Term 1 Ends |
| Nov. 7, 2022 | Term 2 Begins |
| Nov. 10, 2022 | ½ Day, dismissal 11:30 am |
| Nov. 11, 2022 | Remembrance Day |
| Nov. 16-Dec. 2 | 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. 13-14, 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 24, 2023 | Dismissal |