

Pitt Meadows Secondary School Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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Thanks for Masking!

Good Afternoon PMSS Families,

The holiday season is finally upon us. The countdown to winter break is on and there is no sign of activities slowing down anytime soon here at PMSS. Door decorating, cookie decorating, gift exchanges, donation drives; the energy is palpable. While this point in the year can be a time of celebration and connection, we also need to consider that it can also be a very stressful and lonely time for some, exacerbated by financial pressures. I sincerely encourage those that can donate, to actively participate in our PMSS Donation Drive: non-perishable foods and cash donations are welcome, as well as hygiene products, socks, and new & unopened toys. Socks, toys, and cash donations can be submitted to the front office, while hygiene products and non-perishable food donations can be brought to students' Block A class. Your participation is greatly appreciated! All proceeds will be distributed locally and will go a long way to supporting those in need.

On November 29th, there was a PAC meeting where our new executive was appointed for the 2021/2022 academic year. Elected were Karen Bateson & Amber Potter as Co-Chairs, Louise Meszaros as Treasurer, Sue Pasha as Secretary and Leah Cairns as DPAC Rep. My deepest gratitude for stepping up and putting your names forward. With a fully formed and functioning PAC Executive, we were able to distribute over \$16,000 in Provincial Gaming Grant monies to extra-curricular teams and clubs. This money will go a long way in providing opportunities for our students to participate and connect with teachers and peers outside of the classroom in meaningful and inclusive ways. Thank you also to those parents that have attended any of our past PAC meetings. PAC meetings provide an important opportunity for parents to learn more about the school, talk with school administration and other parents, and have any questions or concerns addressed. New members are always appreciated and welcome. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 10th at 7:00 pm via MS Teams. An invitation will be sent out via the portal in the new year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding PAC, please reach out to Co-Chair Karen Bateson at Karen_Bateson@sd42.ca

Athletics wise, our winter season is fully up and running. Currently we have seven teams operational. Grade 8 Girls Basketball, Jr Girls Basketball, Sr. Girls Basketball, Grade 8 Boys Basketball, Grade 9 Boys Basketball, Jr. Boys Basketball and Sr. Boys Basketball. High school sports provide an opportunity for healthy activity and positive connection for students. I truly believe that student athletes learn important transferable skills that carry forward later in life: time management, leadership, responsibility, and accountability. A huge thank you to our community coaches and teacher sponsors for their time commitment. While we will be limited in our ability to allow spectators, there will be some opportunities to watch games as the season unfolds. Please be sure to read my portal message regarding spectators and guidelines in place to allow for a limited audience. Best of luck to our teams for a great season ahead.

With just over two weeks to go until Winter Break, I would like to take the opportunity to remind families to please reinforce our message of healthy hand hygiene and the wearing of masks properly while inside the building. A huge thank you to our students for being so compliant. With the news of a new variant of concern, anxieties are rising amongst our school population. Everybody's cooperation is greatly appreciated in order to keep everybody safe.

When classes return from break Monday, January 3rd, the culmination of Semester One will be upon us. As a reminder, all Grade 12 students, French Immersion and English Stream, will write their Graduation Literacy Assessment the week of January 24-28. Information related to this assessment can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment> Over the next week, all Grade 12 students will be informed of what session they are writing, as well as specific times and locations. Semester 2 will officially start Monday, January 31st, with Semester One Report Cards published Wednesday, February 2nd, and with that, we will be at the halfway mark for the academic year!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the very best to all of our PMSS families as we enter the holiday season. May you all experience health & happiness, light & laughter, over the break and into the New Year!

Be well and take care.

Colin Sharpe
Principal

STUDENT FEES \$28.00

Friendly reminder of student fee payment. If you have not already paid, please check the Parent Portal. If you wish to pay cash or cheque, please contact our accounts clerk
Tammy_Tucker@sd42.ca

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Yearbooks are still available for purchase now at **\$55.00**. Preferred payment for all fees is through the Parent Portal. For cash payments, please contact our accounts clerk Tammy_Tucker@sd42.ca
(Personalized books are not available this year)

PITT Stop Café – Holiday Closure Days

The Café will be closed on December 16 & 17 as well as January 3rd. Be sure to pack a lunch on these days.

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTING

Mrs. Carlos is collecting non-perishable items for our local Pitt Meadows-Maple Ridge Food Bank on Wheels. Have your student drop off items in Room 1031 or outside the office. For more details, please visit our school website. Thank you



Attention Grads of 2022

If you need photo-retakes the Mountain West Studios website is open for sign-up now. The photo-retake day is set for December 15th room 1048 at PMSS.



Check out the sites listed below to help you connect with what's happening at Pitt Meadows Secondary.

PMSS Website: pmss.sd42.ca

❖ **PMSS School App:** This app is an important communication tool that parents & students can access easily on their phones. This technology provides daily updates to the calendar and schedule, your timetable, homework notifications, etc., can all be accessed using 'the app' Check it out by going to the App Store or Google Play <https://myschoolday.app/download>

❖ **Parent Portal:** <http://parents.sd42.ca>
 This website features District & School announcements; Consent & Policy forms; Field trip forms; Pay School Fees (\$28.00); Pay Yearbook Fees (\$55.00); Grad Fees (cost to be advised); Purchase Pitt Stop Café Lunch Cards (\$21.00)

❖ **MyClass:** <https://myedbc.sd42.ca/MyClass>
 (Student Attendance/Reporting Card Information/Classroom resources and Communicate with Teachers)

❖ **Find us on Twitter:** @Pittsecondary

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

These forms are on your [MyClass Account](#). Please review to ensure we have the correct and updated information for your student.

WANT TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS?

On your student's Photo ID card there is a **webcode**. Visit Mountain West Studios website to place your order: myorder.mountainwest.ca

December Special Dates:



Dec 15	Grad Photo Retakes
Dec 16/17	** PITT Stop Café CLOSED **
Dec 17	Last day of classes before Winter Break
	WINTER BREAK DEC 20 TO DEC 31

January Special Dates:

Jan 3	Monday School re-opens
Jan 3	Start of Gr 8 Rotation #5
Jan 10	Gr 9 Regular Immunizations
Jan 11	Late Start – 9:50am
Jan 11	PAC meeting 7:00pm (see Parent Portal)
Jan 11	Gr 10 Regular Immunizations
Jan 24	No Formal Classes ➤ Non-Instructional Day
Jan 25	Gr 12 French Immersion Exams
Jan 26	LAST DAY OF CLASSES SEMESTER 1
Jan 27	No Formal Classes ➤ Continuous Learning Day
Jan 27	Gr 12 Literacy Assessment Exams
Jan 28	No Formal Classes ➤ Semester Turn Around
Jan 31	FIRST DAY OF SEMESTER 2