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JUNE 2022 Newsletter

The light at the end of the tunnel is quickly approaching. While we are still waiting on the sunshine, summer is near. After months of navigating yet another COVID year, I am happy to see some of the traditions of "Before times" returning, celebrating the end of another academic year.

For our Grade 12's...this month brings up a wealth of emotions. For some, excitement; for others, uncertainty. High school graduation is one of the most momentous occasions people can experience in their lives. The culmination of 13 years of public education is upon us. While it is true that high school graduation marks the end of a chapter, much of the book of life lays ahead for our Grade 12's. I am excited to celebrate the fact that they have taken a significant step in determining their future. Friday, May 20th our Grade 12's celebrated with their Grad Dinner Dance at Swan-E-Set Golf & Country Club. Everybody looked amazing; I was so proud of how well behaved and positive the students were. Afterwards, many of our Grade 12's continued at Dry Grad; eating, playing games and watching a hypnotist perform. A huge thank you goes out to our Grad Committee for countless hours of hard work and dedication. Their attention to every detail was impeccable and both the Dinner Dance and Dry Grad were a huge success.

Thank you to: Kate MacDonald – Co-Chair / Kelly Smit – Co-Chair / Kendall Hussein - Executive
Bryan Pomfrey – Executive / Tammy Gossen – Treasurer / Shannon Vairo – Executive / Amanda Dougan – Secretary

Dry Grad Fundraising: Thank you as well to the larger school community for supporting fundraising initiatives and donating money and prizes thereby ensuring that our Grads of 2022 had this opportunity to come together.

Graduation Ceremony: We will come together on **Wednesday, June 15th** at the Chandos Pattison Pavilion at Pacific Academy for our Valedictory Ceremony. Over \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded to some members of the Class of 2022. I look forward to seeing all our grads "cross the stage" marking a symbolic end to their time and experience here at PMSS. **Schedule of Events:** 3:30pm Grads arrive / 4:00pm Group Grad Photo / 5:00pm Ceremony begins



It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your students this year. When I was informed that I was being transferred to PMSS last June, I was excited as I had heard great things about the students. They did not disappoint! Despite the many challenges or obstacles that they faced, they met them head on with continued resiliency and courage. It was awesome to see so many of our students find success. It was also just as rewarding to help those that struggled navigate. Having worked in over ½ a dozen schools over the last 19 years, I have seen and experienced much. The staff and students here at Pitt are awesome and I am reminded of that daily. Despite the challenges, this has been a great year!

With that said, I wish you all the best for an enjoyable summer making memories with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming our students back to PMSS in September and I look forward to our continued collaboration in an effort to ensure that all of our students find success. Thank you.

Be well and take care,

Colin Sharpe

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On Wednesday, May 25th, PMSS welcomed our in-coming Grade 8 class with a return to the annual SD42 Grade 8 Day. Approximately 200 students from our feeder schools came to Pitt for a tour, experienced some sample classes, enjoyed a BBQ lunch, followed by some cookie decorating. It was great to see this event return to in-person. The transition to high school is a fundamentally key event and we work hard as a team to ensure that all of our learners have as smooth a transition as possible. I would like to thank my colleagues at our feeder schools for welcoming me into all the Grade 7 classes and for ensuring that our future Marauders made it here and back on that day. The energy was palpable; I can't wait to see these students back in September.

PAC meeting this Monday, June 13

We will be holding our final meeting. PAC meetings provide an important opportunity for parents to learn more about your school, talk with school administration and other parents, and have any questions or concerns addressed. Anybody interested in attending, can email me directly to receive an MS Teams link. A huge thank you to our executive:

Karen Bateson – Co-Chair / Amber Potter – Co-Chair
Louise Meszaros – Treasurer / Sue Pasha – Secretary

Before you know it, the month will be over. Looking ahead there are a few key dates to keep in mind. The week of June 13-17, any remaining Gr 10 & 12 students who did not write their graduation literacy and numeracy assessments earlier in the year, will have the opportunity to complete these. Dates, times and locations will be posted shortly.

Tuesday, June 21st will be our last day of regular classes. Wednesday, June 22nd will be a Continuous Learning Day. This day will have limited student attendance. Students in need of additional support to complete and demonstrate curricular competencies will be invited to class for the day or a period of the day. Please note that not every student with an "I" report or Incomplete will be invited, as one day may not be sufficient to complete or demonstrate curricular competencies.

Finally, Thursday, June 23rd Final Report Cards will be published and be made available on MyClass. While registration for Summer Learning has concluded, "waitlist registration" continues until Monday, June 13th via the parent portal. More information can be found at <https://www.sd42.ca/program/summer-learning/>



Check out the sites listed below to help you connect with what's happening at PMSS

PMSS Website: <https://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 /Report Card Information / Classroom resources and communicate with Teachers)
- ❖ **Find us on Twitter:** @Pittsecondary

June happenings

- ❖ **June 15** – Grad ceremony/walk Pacific Academy
3:30 – Grads Arrive
4:00 – Group Grad Photo
5:00 – Ceremony begins
- ❖ **June 19** – Father's Day
- ❖ **June 21** – National Indigenous Peoples Day
- ❖ **June 21** – Final in class session
- ❖ **June 22** – Continuous Learning Day
- ❖ **June 23** – Sem 2 Final Report Cards Published on MyClass Accounts (3:00pm)
- ❖ **June 24** – School closed for summer



September – looking ahead

- ❖ **Sept 6** – First day of school
- ❖ **Sept 12** – Photo Day
- ❖ **Sept 30** – Statutory Holiday
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



October – looking ahead

- ❖ **Oct 3** – Non-Instructional Day
- ❖ **Oct 10** – Statutory Holiday
Thanksgiving
- ❖ **Oct 14** – Photo Re-take day
- ❖ **Oct 21** – Non-Instructional Day

