

Pitt Meadows Secondary School

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"As part of our community we work together to maximize student learning and personal growth in a safe, caring, and inclusive environment."

Our learning takes place on the traditional and unceded territory of the Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

September 13, 2022

Good afternoon PMSS Families:

School start-up is behind us and we are off to a *great* start here at Pitt! Each day this week, administration and counsellors are connecting with all of our students through our grade assemblies at FLEX and introducing student to 'all things PMSS'. With COVID measures in place over the last 3 years, school-based events that made up the fabric of our school culture often disappeared. Most, if not all, of our junior students would be totally unaware of these traditions and events. With the return of sports, after school programs and clubs, it is so great to see students involved and connected. The energy in the building is positive and the students are starting to hit their stride.

A few up-coming events I wanted to make sure our parent community was aware of. On **Wednesday, September 21st**, we will host the return of our **Post Secondary Night**. From 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., approximately 20 post-secondary educational institutions will be on site to provide information related to entrance requirements, the admissions process, and different programs offered. Other than UBC, most local options are represented; UBC will hold a separate event later in the year. Each institution will host an independent information session, followed by a general expo in our MPR. We hope to see you there.

On **Thursday, September 22nd**, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., PMSS welcomes our Grade 8's and their families for a **Welcome and Information Night**. Our Pitt leadership students will be on site to lead tours around the school and answer any questions parents might have. While we have quite a few parents that *actually* attended Pitt as a student, many of you may not have ever stepped foot in the doors due to the COVID lockdown. Administration will host an information session in the MPR following the tours to introduce parents to all things Pitt and take questions from families. We are looking forward to meeting and connecting with all our new families.

The school is looking for students 16 and older who are interested in joining the **Student First Aid Volunteer Service Club**. First Aid Volunteers are "on call", throughout the school day to deal with minor injuries suffered by students. Participants in this program must have: sound judgement; first aid qualifications from either the Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, the National Lifeguard Service or Worksafe BC; and, be emotionally mature enough to deal with a fast-paced challenging environment. This opportunity is particularly suitable for students who wish to gain hands-on experience that can be

used when pursuing careers in medicine, nursing, lifeguarding, search & rescue, or as a first responder. Interested persons please see Ms. Krzus in room 2007 for further information.

Finally, the **new PAC Executive** was elected at our first meeting held on Monday, September 12th. My deepest appreciation for those parents that put their names forward to stand for PAC. Only schools with a functioning PAC are eligible to claim the Provincial Gaming Grant. Grant money goes towards supporting extra-curricular programming such as clubs and teams, as well as supporting special initiatives like our Courtyard Beautification Project which is in its second year. Representing parents this year we have Co-Chairs Karen Bateson and Amber Potter, Treasurer Louise Meszaros, Secretary Sue Pasha, DPAC Representative Lyndsy Pahl and Executive Member-at-Large Josee Lundy. Meetings will be held monthly and open to all, though our Executive are the only ones with voting rights. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to bring something up at a future PAC meeting, please email Ms. Bateson at Karen_Bateson@sd42.ca

Thank you all for your feedback over the last week and a half as we got up and running here at PMSS. I look forward to meeting you all and working with families over the course of the year.

Be well and take care,

Colin Sharpe

Principal