

Pitt Meadows Secondary School

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Newsletter #1

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 connected with our students through our grade-level FLEX assemblies and introduced the students to all things 'PMSS'.

A number of athletic teams are up and running and club sponsors are looking to start in a variety of capacities. 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.

Here are a few **upcoming events** I wanted to make sure our parent community is aware of:

- On Wednesday, September 20th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., PMSS will welcome our Grade 8's and their families to a **Grade 8 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 have never stepped foot through our doors. Administration will host an information session in the Multipurpose Room (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.
- On Thursday, September 21st, PMSS will host our **Post-Secondary Night**. From 6:00-8:00 p.m., approximately 20 educational institutions will be onsite to provide information to any *interested* Grade 12 students related to their school's specific entrance requirements, admissions processes, and different programs offered. Most local options are represented; sharing with families the many opportunities that they have to offer grads. Each institution will host an independent information session followed by a general expo in our Multipurpose Room (MPR). This is an event our Grade 12s and their parents/guardians won't want to miss so we strongly encourage that you attend. We hope to see you there!

- Tuesday, September 26th, the Marathon of Hope continues as Pitt participates in the **Terry Fox Run**. Over the coming weeks, we will be collecting donations to help support the fight against cancer. As Terry Fox once said, “If you’ve given a dollar, you are part of the Marathon of Hope.” I look forward to running alongside staff and students in this meaningful event. We will have an *adjusted* schedule on this day, moving Flex to the period before lunch to allow all students to participate regardless of their pace. Please encourage your student(s) to take part. Online donations can be made at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/32202>



A new **PMSS PAC Executive** was elected at our first meeting held on Monday, September 11th. My deepest appreciation to 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 toward supporting extra-curricular programming such as clubs and teams, as well as supporting special school initiatives. Representing the parents for the 2023-2024 school year are: Co-Chairs - Karen Bateson and Amber Potter; Treasurer - Louise Meszaros, and Secretary - Danica Isherwood. Meetings are held monthly and open to all... though our Executive are the only ones with voting rights. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to bring something up at a future PAC meeting, please email: pmss_pac@sd42.ca

With the sunny days continuing, many of our students are venturing off school grounds at lunch, heading home or elsewhere. It is important that we remember to be good neighbours and good citizens. Please encourage your students to make sure that they are packing their garbage with them and keeping the community clean.

While the **Pitt Meadows Arena** complex is proximal to our school, students are **NOT** supposed to be on their site or in the arena *during the school day* (other than our Hockey Academy and PE classes). ** Please remind your student to stay clear of the arena complex as they are encouraged to stay on school property where supervision is provided.

Keep an eye out for a **Meridian Meats/Farm Market Gift Card Fundraiser** and, both a **PMSS Facebook and Instagram page**... details to follow when we're a 'go'.

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 & take care,

Colin Sharpe, Principal