

# Pitt Meadows Secondary School

## Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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### December 2023 Newsletter

Dear PMSS Families:

Now that December is here and Winter Break is only three weeks away, I would like to take the opportunity to wish the very best to all of our PMSS families.

Academically, our students continue to excel, demonstrating dedication and resilience in their studies. November 9th offered families the first opportunity to connect formally with teachers at our fall **Student-Led Conference Day**. These conferences provide an opportunity for celebration, intervention and provide a platform to make a plan for moving forward. I commend both our teachers and students for their hard work and commitment. As we approach our first reporting cycle with **Student Learning Updates to be published on MyClass on Thursday, December 14th**, I encourage everyone to stay focused on their studies and utilize available resources, like FLEX time, for academic support.

Our school is full of the usual December busy-ness with winter activities that go beyond the classroom. From the senior dance to holiday-themed events, our students have the opportunity to engage in a variety of extracurricular activities. I encourage all students to explore these opportunities and find activities that align with their interests. Of particular interest is the **"Night at the Masquerade"**, our Senior Winter Formal Dance happening on Thursday, December 7th. For some of our students, this is their very first high school dance...ever. High school dances are something special and our Leadership students have been working hard behind the scenes to provide an exceptional evening. A huge thank you to Mr. Sun and Ms. Buchan, for their support of our Leadership students, as well as all the staff volunteering their time to provide our students with such a positive event.

We have exciting events planned for the winter season, from our **Winter Music Concert** on December 12th to the **Winter Craft Fair** on December 18th. The week of December 18-22, Pitt will celebrate **Holiday Spirit Week**: Monday (PJ Day), Tuesday (Festive Gear or Movie Character Day), Wednesday (Winter Wonderland Day – wear White, Blue, and/or Silver), Thursday (Ugly Sweater Day), and Friday (Pitt Pride Day so wear your Pitt gear). These events provide valuable opportunities for our students to showcase their talents, collaborate with peers, and build a sense of community. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. Further, a huge thank you for your continued support with our fundraising campaigns. The monies raised will go a long way to supporting athletics, grad, school trips and other extra-curricular activities. Thank you for your generosity.

Athletics-wise, our winter sports teams are in full swing. Both boys and girls have the opportunity to participate in basketball and lacrosse. A huge thank you to our coaches and teacher sponsors. Best of luck to all our winter athletes for a successful season!

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our entire school community – students, parents, teachers, and support staff – for your continued support. Together, we work to create an environment that fosters learning, growth, and success.

As we embrace the winter season, let us also take this time to reflect on the achievements of the past months and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

On behalf of the *entire* staff here at PMSS, I wish you all a joyful and restful winter break. May you all experience, health, happiness, laughter and connection over the break and into the New Year.

Be well and take care,

***Colin Sharpe***

Principal

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**DECEMBER SPECIAL DATES**

- Dec. 7:** Night at the Masquerade – Senior (Gr. 11/12) Winter Formal Dance (tickets on sale up to Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Dec. 12:** Christmas Music Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
- Dec. 14:** 1<sup>st</sup> Term Report Cards out on MyClass at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18:** PJ Day; Winter Craft Fair (4:30 – 8:00 p.m.)
- Dec. 19:** Festive Gear or Movie Character Day
- Dec. 20:** Winter Wonderland Day (wear white, blue, and/or silver); Gingerbread cookie/house decorating at Flex
- Dec. 21:** Ugly Sweater Day; Photos with Santa in the MPR at Flex
- Dec. 22:** End of Grade 8 Rotation #2; Pitt Pride Day (wear your Pitt gear); last day of school before Winter Break
- Dec. 23 through to Jan. 7:** Winter Break (school closed)

