

# Pitt Meadows Secondary School

## Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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### October 2023 Newsletter

Dear PMSS Community:

With the weather changing and the air becoming crisper, we find ourselves at an exciting time of the year. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and ready to embrace the autumn season with enthusiasm. Moving forward, I wanted to provide you with a brief update on some important developments at PMSS.

- 1) **Academics:** Students are off to a strong start this academic year. Course changes were completed with many thanks to our counsellors – this was no small task. Our teachers and support staff have been working diligently to create a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. Key to academic success is *attendance*. Please encourage your student to be attending class regularly, checking in with teachers when time is missed, and effectively using their FLEX time.
- 2) **Extracurricular Activities:** Our extracurricular and athletic programs are flourishing. Our students have a wide range of options to choose from and participation has been strong. Whether in sports, arts, or community service - our PMSS students are actively involved and demonstrating their talents and leadership skills. Continued participation or new participation is encouraged as your high school experience is definitely a product of what you put into it. See office staff and be sure to listen to announcements to hear about new and upcoming opportunities.
- 3) **Parent and Community Engagement:** At the start of each year, we actively work to strengthen our relationship with parents and the local community. I am happy to report that we have both a strong PAC *and* Parent Grad Committee functioning this year and we as a school are grateful for their collaboration and support. Community-wise, on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, PMSS participated in the Terry Fox Run. This was a great event and it was awesome to see so many staff and students out running on the course and keeping the goals of the Marathon of Hope alive.
- 4) **Safety and Well-being:** Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff remains a top priority. A few incidents that have occurred this year have worked to ensure and highlight that the systems in place indeed work. Vigilance is always the key; students are encouraged to say something if they see something.

I am excited about the upcoming opportunities and challenges the fall season will bring, and I am confident that, with your continued dedication and hard work, we will achieve great success at PMSS.

Thank you for your commitment to our school, our students and our collective mission of student success. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.

Be well and take care,

*Colin Sharpe*

Principal

**Administrators:**

- Mr. Colin Sharpe – Principal.....Grade 12 [colin\\_sharpe@sd42.ca](mailto:colin_sharpe@sd42.ca)
- Mrs. Lara Cooley – Vice Principal .....Grades 9, 11 [lara\\_cooley@sd42.ca](mailto:lara_cooley@sd42.ca)
- Mrs. Anne Girbav – Vice Principal.....Grades 8, 10 [anne\\_girbav@sd42.ca](mailto:anne_girbav@sd42.ca)

**Counselling Department:**

- Mrs. Alisha Price – Grades 9, 11, 12 (A thru Mc) [alisha\\_price@sd42.ca](mailto:alisha_price@sd42.ca)
- Mr. Simon Edwards – Grades 9, 11, 12 (Md thru Z), Int'l [simon\\_edwards@sd42.ca](mailto:simon_edwards@sd42.ca)
- Ms. Tory Flavin – Youth Care Worker [victoria\\_flavin@sd42.ca](mailto:victoria_flavin@sd42.ca)

**Office Staff:**

- Mrs. Bev Loven – Administrative Coordinator [bev\\_loven@sd42.ca](mailto:bev_loven@sd42.ca)
- Mrs. Karen Renter – Accounting Clerk [karen\\_renter@sd42.ca](mailto:karen_renter@sd42.ca)
- Mrs. Kate MacDonald – Records Clerk [kate\\_macdonald@sd42.ca](mailto:kate_macdonald@sd42.ca)
- Mrs. Michelle Wiens – Reception/Library Clerk [michelle\\_wiens@sd42.ca](mailto:michelle_wiens@sd42.ca)

**GRAD FUNDRAISER**

We are once again providing our Grads the opportunity to fundraise for their Graduation Festivities. Please find enclosed the link to order Purdy's Chocolates directly.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1706491-110534>

Orders will close at the end of November, delivery will be in December in time for Christmas!

**HOST FAMILIES WANTED...**

Are you interested in welcoming an International Student into your home and sharing the experience of being part of a Canadian family?

We are always looking for great host families!



**MAPLE RIDGE  
PITT MEADOWS**  
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### **STUDENT FEES \$35.00...have you paid yours yet?**

Preferred payment for all fees is through the Parent Portal. For cash or cheque payments, please contact our Accounting Clerk - [karen\\_renter@sd42.ca](mailto:karen_renter@sd42.ca)

### **STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS**

These **yellow** forms were distributed on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please review to ensure we have the *correct updated information* for your student. If there are changes to be made (ie. address, contact names or numbers), please make the changes on the form, sign it and return it to the office to the attention of our Records Clerk - Kate MacDonald. If there are *no changes* needed, still sign and date it and return it to the school office by Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **PITT Stop Café**

The **Lunch Card \$21.00** is available to purchase weekly on the **Parent Portal**. If you wish to have your student purchase a Lunch Card with cash, please have them come to the school office.

### **Look Ahead to November...**

**Nov. 1** – Grad Photos (afterschool for those that have signed up); Start of Gr. 8 Rotation #2

**Nov. 2** - Grad Photos (as above)

**Nov. 3** – Grad/Buddy Photos (as above)

**Nov. 5** – Clocks ‘fall back’ one hour (daylight savings time)

**Nov. 9** – Parent/Teacher Conference Day (no school for students)

**Nov. 10** – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

**Nov. 11** – Remembrance Day

**Nov. 13** – No School (in lieu of Remembrance Day)

Nov. 17 – Late Start (9:50 a.m.)

Nov. 21 – PAC Mtg (7:00 p.m.)

Nov. 27 – Fire Drill



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

❖ **PMSS Website:** [pmss.sd42.ca](http://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 all District and School announcements; **where you report a student absence**; Consent & Policy forms; field trip forms; pay School Fees (\$35); pay Athletic Fees; pay Yearbook Fees (special pricing for the month of October for \$45; then back up to \$55); pay Grad Fees (costs to be advised); purchase weekly Pitt Stop Café Lunch Cards \$21.00. For assistance with sign-up, please contact our PMSS Admin Coordinator via email at [bev\\_loven@sd42.ca](mailto:bev_loven@sd42.ca)

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

