



Pitt Meadows Secondary School

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April 23, 2024 Newsletter

Spring is in the air!

I cannot believe how quickly this year seems to be progressing. That said, there is no time to stop and smell the flowers, as the rest of the year will indeed fly by!

April has been a busy month. Due to the snow closures in January, a number of our Grade 10 & 12 students just completed their **Provincial Literacy Assessments** last week. Students in Grade 10 will complete their **Numeracy Assessments** in June – both assessments are a *requirement* for Graduation. On April 11th, PMSS hosted our second successful **Craft Fair** of the year. Hundreds of people turned out to view the vendors, take in the food trucks, and participate in the minor games. A HUGE thank you to our leadership teachers and students for facilitating this fun event!

The return from Spring Break marks the beginning of our **Grad Season**. Preparations are well under way to host our May Dinner/Dance & Dry Grad, as well as our June Commencement Ceremony. A HUGE thank you to all the staff and parents involved in the planning of these events. **Dinner/Dance, Dry Grad and Cap & Gown** information was communicated via the Parent Portal and school website - **payment is due tomorrow (April 24th)**. The final day to submit a **Grad Guest Application Form** (if applicable) is this **Friday, April 26th**. Guest tickets, once approved, are to be paid for at the office by *cash or cheque*.

Families will have heard about the many fundraising initiatives; thank you for your generous support. Funds raised will go directly to helping to reduce the cost of the Dinner/Dance and Dry Grad event, as well as to provide scholarship bursaries. Your participation is greatly appreciated! Regarding Commencement, students must be in a position of good standing to graduate and cross the stage. Counsellors and administration have been touching base with individual students to ensure an intervention plan is in place. Please be sure to “check-in” with your student(s) to ensure they are on track. The order form for the **Commencement Ceremony** tickets (\$10/pp, max 6 tickets per Grad) will be sent out via the Parent Portal on Monday, April 29th. If there are additional tickets still available after the first go-round of orders, a second message will be sent out.

SD 42 Summer Learning opportunities are available for registration. Families are encouraged to review student progress and make decisions about summer learning. SD42 summer learning runs July 3-24 at Thomas Haney Secondary School. Registration is open now and will run **until 3:00 p.m. on May 9th**. **Registration is through the Parent Portal**. For more information about the offerings, please go to the [summer learning webpage](#), or contact the Continuing Education Department (ce@sd42.ca or 604.466.6555, extension 1).

In **Athletics**, our Winter teams completed a very successful season. Girls Soccer is currently underway, along with Ball Hockey and Golf. Athletic involvement is great for leadership and citizenship. A HUGE thank you to the staff and community coaches who have and continue to volunteer their time. We wish our athletes all the best for a great season ahead!

Thank you again for your continued support, as we make our way through this academic year. Student success is a collaborative endeavor; we truly appreciate the school/home relationship. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's Grade Administrator or Counsellor, as well as the student's individual teachers, if you have specific questions or concerns.

Be well and take care,

Colin Sharpe
Principal

May 24th - Grad 2024 Information Details

Grad Dinner: Swan-e-set Bay Resort & Country Club, 16651 Rannie Road, Pitt Meadows

- 4:00 p.m. Location access on the grounds for family/friend photos
- 4:30-4:45 p.m. Grad Group Photo to be taken
- 5:00 p.m. Venue doors open
- 5:45 p.m. Speeches
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner served with dessert to follow
- 7:00 p.m. Dancing begins
- 11:00 p.m. Event completed (head back to PMSS for Dry Grad)

Dry Grad: PMSS Main Gym Entrance only

- 11:00 p.m. – Doors open
- 12:00 midnight – Doors closed (students cannot re-enter if they leave)
- 5:00 a.m. – Event completed (parents encouraged to pick up their child rather than having them walk home)

May Happenings:

- ❖ **May 1** – Grade 8 Lock-In Event (for those that sign-up) 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **May 2** – PMSS Arts Night
- ❖ **May 3** – End of Gr. 8 Rotation #4
- ❖ **May 6** – Start of Gr. 8 Rotation #5; Grad Parent Committee Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ **May 10** – Late Start @ 9:50 a.m. (Day 3: DCBA)
- ❖ **May 12** – Mother's Day
- ❖ **May 14** – Capstone Presentation Day; Paint Night Grad Fundraiser
- ❖ **May 15** – **Non-Instructional Day (district-based)**
- ❖ **May 20** – **Victoria Day STAT**
- ❖ **May 22** – Grade 7 Visit Day (no school for *current* Grade 8s)
- ❖ **May 24** – Grad Dinner/Dance @ Swanaset followed by Dry Grad @ PMSS
- ❖ **May 27** – Junior (Grades 9/10) Spring Dance
- ❖ **May 30** – District Slam Poetry Competition @ PMSS

June – Looking Ahead:

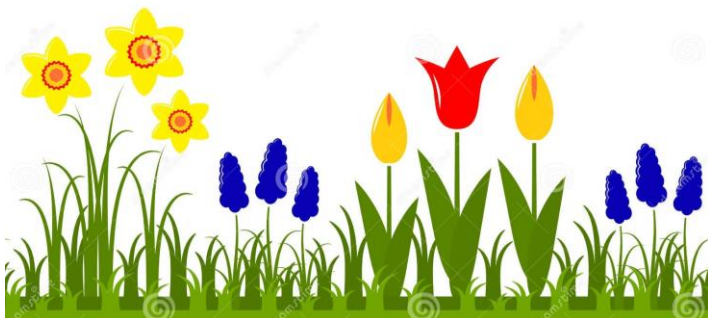
- ❖ **June 5** – PMSS Amazing Race @ Flex
- ❖ **June 10** – Assessment Week (Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 & Literacy 12)
- ❖ **June 16** – Father's Day
- ❖ **June 21** – National Indigenous Peoples' Day; Last Day of Regular Classes
- ❖ **June 24** – Continuous Learning Day (I-Day)
- ❖ **June 25** – Final Report Cards published to your MyClass account @ 3:00 p.m
- ❖ **June 25** - Valedictory Ceremony @ Pacific Academy
- ❖ **June 30** – Year End Admin Day; schools close for Summer Break

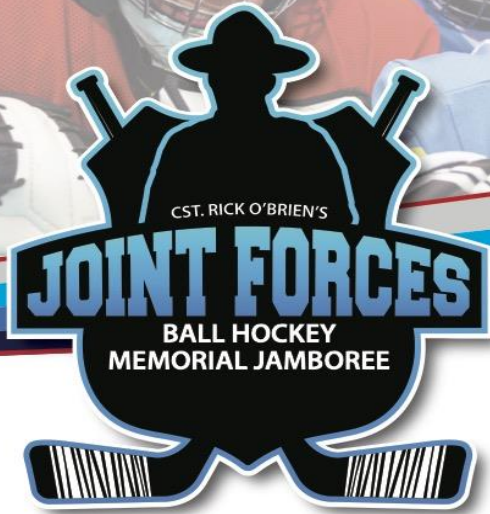
Administrators:

- Mr. Colin Sharpe – Principal (Grade 12)
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Counselling Department:

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- Ms. Tory Flavin – Youth Care Worker
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MAY 25, 2024 PLANET ICE | 930AM
MAPLE RIDGE | 530PM

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1ST ANNUAL CST. RICK O'BRIEN'S JOINT FORCES JAMBOREE

An inclusive ball hockey event that brings together **youth** and **law enforcement** for a day of camaraderie, sportsmanship, and community building.

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH (6-18 years old)
FROM MAPLE RIDGE, PITT MEADOWS, LANGLEY & COQUITLAM - No experience is necessary!
EACH TEAM WILL INCLUDE
YOUTH, POLICE OFFICERS & A FIREFIGHTER GOALIE

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

This is more than just a sports event; it's fun for the whole family!

- ✓ **FIRST RESPONDER ZONE**
RCMP & Police Dog Service
Emergency Response Team
Firefighters
BC Ambulance Service
Search & Rescue
- ✓ **COMMUNITY CORNER**
Local Businesses
Youth Community Partners
- ✓ **FAMILY SKATE** 9:45-11:30am
- ✓ **KID ZONE**
- ✓ **FOOD TRUCKS**

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GUEST PLAYER COACHES FROM



REGISTRATION MARCH 1 - APRIL 15, 2024

The **Cst. Rick O'Brien Joint Forces Jamboree** is your chance to be a part of something special. So, come on out, bring your enthusiasm, and let's make this day one to remember!

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