

Pitt Meadows Secondary School

Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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November 2024 Newsletter

Dear PMSS Community:

As I write this newsletter, I can hardly believe it is already November. With the busy-ness of start-up behind us, before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us.

On November 5th, we hosted our annual fall Pep Rally in the gym. The entire school body came together to celebrate our fall athletes and engage in fun games and competition. A huge shout out to Mr. Oldridge who MC'd, as well as our Athletic Leadership students for organizing and facilitating this fun event. These types of activities go a long way to promoting school spirit and culture building. Of a similar flavour, our PMSS sports teams have been experiencing *great* success this fall, and our winter athletes are looking forward to the start of their season. Our coaches and sponsors have offered up their time to facilitate boys' and girls' volleyball, boys' soccer and cross country. A big congratulations to all of our athletes on their success and a HUGE thank you to all our coaches and sponsors.

On November 7th, we hosted our fall Student-Led Conferences which were very well attended. Over 2,300 appointments were booked and the gymnasium (as well as some of our classrooms) were a buzz with conversation. Student conferences provide more than just an opportunity to put a face to a name; they serve to communicate student learning, apply interventions if needed and celebrate success. During this session, 6 teachers piloted a *new* format with "conferencing in the classroom." By all accounts, this was a huge success with very positive feedback overall. I look forward to our Spring Conferences scheduled for April 10th.

For those students needing a little extra support, our Leadership students are hosting free Peer Tutoring sessions every Wednesday during Flex in the library. At this time, they are focusing on Junior students in all academic areas. Feel free to encourage your kids to take advantage of this great opportunity for assistance.

On Friday, November 8th, we observed Remembrance Day. Student-led assemblies acknowledged the courage and sacrifice of the countless Canadian men and women who have served for the cause of peace and freedom, many paying the ultimate price. Current global events remind us that not all people enjoy the same level of peace and freedom that we as Canadians enjoy. Remembrance Day allows us all to take pause and reflect and remember the courage and sacrifice of so many.

Our PMSS PAC is currently in the process of distributing the Provincial Gaming Grant monies. Over \$19,000 will be divided up amongst our extra-curricular clubs and athletic programs. This money goes a long way to supporting student clubs, teams, and school initiatives. A HUGE thank you to our PAC for applying for and dividing up the funds.

The PMSS Parent Grad Committee is well under way in their efforts to fundraise for and facilitate our Prom and Dry Grad for the Class of 2025. Initial plans and preparations are in the works and key people have taken on key positions on the committee. The date for Grad is Friday, May 23rd and our Dinner Dance will be held at Swaneseet, with Dry Grad to follow back at the school. Our Valedictory Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th at Pacific Academy. While the grad season seems far off, it will be here before we know it. Our next Grad Committee meeting has yet to be confirmed. Once finalized, the date will be communicated over the portal. Any Grade 12 parents interested in helping out are welcome to attend. Information related to ticket purchases and guest applications will be made available *after* Spring Break.

Looking ahead to December, our Term 1 Report Cards will be published on Thursday, December 12th and will be viewable for parents on MyClass. This will mark the first of three formal reports regarding student learning and progress. If you would like to discuss your student's academic progress, please connect with your student's teacher(s) directly or following that, with their grade level Counsellor and/or grade level Administrator. All teacher, counsellor, and administrative emails are listed on the PMSS website under the STAFF top tab. If you are unable to access your student's report card on MyClass, please email myclass@sd42.ca This portal is also how you can monitor and track your student's attendance. In the absence of the district attendance autodialer, this is the main window into your student's attendance patterns.

Finally, as a school, we now have Interac terminals in our cafeteria, student store, and main office. Lunch cards can still be purchased by parents via the Parent Portal, but we are very happy to have the interac option available to students at The Pitt Stop and at our school store.

On that note, thank you again for your continued support as we make our way through this academic year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Be well and take care,

Colin Sharpe
Principal

Administrators:

- Mr. Colin Sharpe – Principal Grade 12 colin_sharpe@sd42.ca
- Mrs. Lara Cooley – Vice Principal Grades 8, 10 lara_cooley@sd42.ca
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Office Staff:

- Mrs. Bev Loven – Administrative Coordinator bev_loven@sd42.ca
- Mrs. Karen Renter – Accounting Clerk karen_renter@sd42.ca
- Mrs. Kate MacDonald – Records Clerk kate_macdonald@sd42.ca
- Mrs. Michelle Wiens – Reception/Library Clerk michelle_wiens@sd42.ca

STUDENT FEES \$35.00...have you paid yours yet?

Preferred payment for all fees is through the Parent Portal. For cash or interac payments, please contact our Accounting Clerk - karen_renter@sd42.ca

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

These **green** forms were distributed to every student at the end of September but there are still a *significant* amount that haven't been returned yet. If not returned yet, 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.

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 or debit/credit, please have them come to the school office.

Look Ahead to December...

- Dec. 4:** PMSS Winter Craft Fair
- Dec. 11:** Lockdown Drill
- Dec. 11:** PMSS Band Christmas Concert (NEW date)
- Dec. 12:** Report Cards on MyClass at 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12:** Winter Formal (Seniors) Dance
- Dec. 16-20:** Christmas Spirit Week at PMSS
- Dec. 16:** Grad Photo RETAKES afterschool
- Dec. 18:** Winter Skate (details TBA)
- Dec. 20:** Last day of school before Winter Break
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 5:** Winter Break



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

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



See the following for our Winter Craft Fair poster and various info provided by the SD42 District Education Office (pages to follow)...

THE 2ND ANNUAL PMSS
WINTER
CRAFT
FAIR



PITT MEADOWS SECONDARY SCHOOL
19438 116B AVE
PITT MEADOWS BC

DECEMBER 4TH 4PM-8PM

IN THE MAIN GYM

**A VARIETY OF FOOD TRUCKS, CARNIVAL
GAMES FOR KIDS, AND 70+ INDEPENDENT
VENDORS.**

Information night: Are you interested in hosting an international student?

Are you interested in welcoming an international student into your home? Join us for an online information session on **Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 7 p.m.** Call 604.466.6555 Ext. 3 or email inted@sd42.ca to register.

Hosting an international student allows you and your family to experience new cultures and connections while making a significant difference in a student's life. Host families are a valuable part of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows International Education program and provide our students with support to help them adjust to living away from home. This support helps students have a positive experience both academically and out of school.

Whether you have hosted in the past or are new to the experience, we have varying program lengths, allowing you to choose which works best for your family.

Learn more at <https://inted.sd42.ca/host-a-student/hosting-information/>.

Maple Ridge Youth Strategy Survey

This survey has been created to help better understand how the community of Maple Ridge can better support youth needs. We appreciate you taking the time to complete this anonymous survey. The purpose of the Youth Strategy is to help youth understand their place and value in the community. And to help service providers, parents, caregivers, youth and the community at large to work with and support youth (12-18) and emerging adults (19-24) to promote positive physical, social, and emotional outcomes.

[Maple Ridge Youth Strategy Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

SD42 Accessibility Survey

Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 is inviting feedback from students, staff, and families on accessibility barriers in the district. These barriers can range from access to a school program, building, or school information, to the ability to receive a needed service or support. Provide feedback at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD42access>

We're ready for you!



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MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

REGISTRATION DATES FOR WINTER 2025

Registration is open between Dec. 2, 2024, and Feb. 12, 2025

Online at <https://ce.sd42.ca> or in-person by appointment.

Drop-in registration available between Jan. 20 and 27. Mon - Thurs: 2pm - 7pm | Fri: 10am - 3pm

First day of classes: Monday/Wednesday - January 29 · Tuesday/Thursday - January 30

High School Graduation and Upgrading Courses

Monday / Wednesday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

English Foundations 1 - 2

English Studies 12 / Literary Studies 11

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Foundations of Math 11 * / Workplace Math 11 *

Anatomy & Physiology 12

Composition 10 & Literary Studies 10 (English 10)

English Foundations 6 - 7

English Language Foundations 1 - 2

English Language Foundations 3 - 5

* There may be a book deposit for some courses. Please confirm with academic advisor.

Classes with insufficient enrollment may be cancelled.

Tuesday / Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Chemistry 11

Chemistry 12

English Foundations 3 - 4

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

English Foundations 5 - 7

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Physics 11

English Studies 12 / Literary Studies 11

English Foundations 1 - 2

English First Peoples 12 / English First Peoples 11

English Foundations 3 - 5

Pre-Calculus Math 11 *

Pre-Calculus Math 12 *

For additional details about our course offerings, visit <https://ce.sd42.ca>. Email questions to ce@sd42.ca.



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Register in person at Riverside Centre
20575 Thorne Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC
(2 blocks south of Lougheed Hwy between 203rd & 207th)

T 604.466.6555 ext. 1 · F 604.463.5437



SD42 IA Academy
Invites You To The
Musical Theatre Production Of

MAMMA MIA!

At Garibaldi Secondary School
Thursday-Saturday



November 21-30 At 7 pm

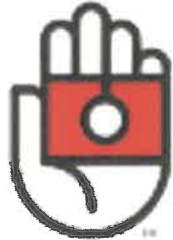
Preview Performance Wednesday, November 20th @ 7 pm



Mamma Mia! is presented through special arrangements with Music Theatre International. All reproduced performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtinow.com

Pre-Registration Now Available

www.helpportraitridgemeadows.com/register



HELP-PORTRAIT RIDGE MEADOWS

FREE PHOTOGRAPH FOR ANYONE IN NEED!

An opportunity for people that have...

To help people that don't

Sunday, December 8, 2024 1PM to 7PM

GOLDEN EARS UNITED CHURCH

22165 Dewdney Trunk Rd • Maple Ridge

pre-registration now available

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS


1. ARE YOU SOMEONE IN NEED?
2. WE PROFESSIONALLY TAKE YOUR PORTRAIT
3. WE PRINT YOUR PORTRAIT
4. AND DELIVER IT TO YOU

WHO CAN BENEFIT

- A NEIGHBOUR
- THE HOMELESS
- THE OUT OF WORK
- A SINGLE MOM/DAD & KIDS
- THE SICK
- THE LONELY
- UNDERPRIVILEGED
- FAMILIES

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