

Pitt Meadows Secondary School

Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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Dear PMSS Community:

November 2025 Newsletter

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

On October 23rd, 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 the 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 girls' volleyball, boys' soccer and cross country. A big congratulations to all of our athletes on their success and a huge thank you to our coaches and sponsors.

On November 6th we hosted our fall **Student Led Conferences** which were very well attended. Over 2,100 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. I look forward to our Spring Conferences scheduled for Thursday, April 16th.

On Friday, November 7th 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 recently distributed the **Provincial Gaming Grant** monies. Over \$23,000 was 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 2026. 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 22nd and our **Dinner- Dance (Prom)** will be held at Swaneset, with Dry Grad to follow back at the school. Our **Valedictory Ceremony** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd 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, however, once finalized, the date will be communicated over the portal.

Any Grade 12 parents interested in helping out are *always* welcome and appreciated. Information related to ticket purchases and guest applications will be made available closer to Spring Break.

Looking ahead to December, our **Term 1 Report Cards** will be published on Thursday, December 11th 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 the grade level counsellor and/or grade level administrator. ➔ [All teacher, counsellor, and admin emails are listed on the PMSS website under the Staff 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. Please also ensure guardian contacts are up-to-date along with your phone & email, as this is how the district's attendance management system connects to report student absences.

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

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Look Ahead to December...

- **Dec. 1:** Lockdown Drill
- **Dec. 3:** Trades Info session @ Flex in the library
- **Dec. 5:** PMSS Winter Craft Fair
- **Dec. 11:** Report Cards on MyClass at 3:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 15-19:** Christmas Spirit Week at PMSS
- **Dec. 15:** Grad Photo RETAKES afterschool
- **Dec. 19:** Last day of school before Winter Break
- **Dec. 20 - Jan. 4:** Winter Break





PMSS *Winter* CRAFT FAIR

PMSS DECEMBER 5TH

3pm-8pm

*50+ Vendors, Games, Live Music
and Food Trucks*



ADMISSION IS BY DONATION

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD, HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

The international education program is inviting families interested in hosting international students to join the homestay program. Hosting an international student can be a rewarding experience to both students and host families. By opening your home to an international student, host families learn about new cultures and traditions and often create long-term relationships. Host families are key component of the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows International Program and provide a safe and caring environment for international students to study.

For more information, please visit the International Education website at this link: <https://inted.sd42.ca/host-a-student/> You are also welcome to email or phone for more information: inted@sd42.ca / 604.466.6555 Ext 3.





Benefits

- Experience new cultures
- Build lasting relationships
- Support your local community
- Monthly stipend.



Program Overview

- 30 years of experience offering a successful homestay program
- Ongoing support and guidance for homestay families and international students



Requirements

- Private furnished bedroom
- Three nutritious meals per day
- Desire to share your life and experience with an international student

Our students come from over 25 countries. We offer long term (5+ months) starting September and February and short term programs (2 - 4 weeks) throughout the year including July and August.

Thank you for your interest in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District Homestay Program.
For more information and to apply to be a host family with our program, scan the QR Code and apply online.



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EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT RIDGE MEADOWS COLLEGE

The need for Education Assistants (EAs) in our district is high, with the district regularly making hires in this area. EAs assist K-12 students with unique physical, behavioural or learning needs. If you or someone you know may be interested in a career working with children and youth with diverse abilities, Ridge Meadows College (operated by SD42) still has seats available for its *January 2026 cohort*. Courses take place Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings and on Saturdays. Learn more about the program and registration deadlines at <https://rmcollege.sd42.ca/program/education-assistant/>.