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Dear PMSS Families:

Summer is near! After navigating another academic year, we are starting to see light through the trees.

For our Grade 12's, this month brings up a wealth of emotions. For some, excitement; for others, uncertainty. High school graduation is one of the most momentous occasions people can experience in their lives. The culmination of 13 years of public education is upon us. While it is true that high school graduation marks the end of a chapter, much of the book of life lays ahead for our Grade 12's. I am excited to celebrate the fact that they have taken a significant step in determining their future. On a very hot and sunny Friday, May 22nd, our Grade 12's celebrated with their Grad Dinner-Dance at Swan-E-Set Golf & Country Club. Everybody looked amazing; I was so proud of how well behaved and positive the students were. Afterwards, the majority of our Grade 12's continued on to Dry Grad; eating, playing games and watching a hypnotist and magician perform. A HUGE thank you goes out to our Parent Grad Committee for *countless* hours of hard work and dedication. Their attention to every detail was impeccable and both the Dinner-Dance and Dry Grad were a huge success!

Thank you as well to the larger school community for supporting fundraising initiatives and donating money and phenomenal prizes thereby ensuring that our Grads of 2026 had this opportunity to come together. We will come together again on Tuesday, June 23rd at the Chandos Pattison Pavilion at Pacific Academy for our Valedictory Ceremony. Over \$100,000 in scholarships will be awarded to Graduates across the district. I look forward to seeing all our Grads "cross the stage" marking a symbolic end to their time and experience here at PMSS.



On Wednesday, May 20th, PMSS welcomed our *in-coming* Grade 8 class as we hosted the annual **SD42 Grade 8 Day**. Approximately 200 students from our feeder schools came to Pitt for a tour, experienced some sample classes, participated in some activities and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. It's great to see this event as the energy is so high. The transition to high school is a fundamentally key event and we work hard as a Team to ensure that all of our learners have as smooth a transition as possible. The energy was palpable; we can't wait to see these students back in September.

Before you know it, June will be over. Looking ahead there are a few key dates to keep in mind.

- The week of **June 11-15**, any remaining Grade 10 & 12 students who did not write their graduation literacy and numeracy assessments earlier in the year will have the opportunity to complete these. Dates, times and locations will be posted shortly.
- **Friday, June 19th** – our Graduates will have their *mandatory* Grad Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. (in the MPR) – they will receive their Grad Ceremony Tickets and Cap & Gown packages at the Rehearsal. ➔ This will also be our last day of regular classes.
- **Monday, June 22nd and Tuesday, June 23rd** will be Continuous Learning Days. These days will have *limited* student attendance. Students in need of additional support to complete and demonstrate curricular competencies will be **invited** to class for the day or a period of the day. **** Please note that not every student with an “I” report or Incomplete will be invited, as one day may not be sufficient to complete or demonstrate curricular competencies.**
- Finally, **Wednesday, June 24th** Final Report Cards will be published and be made available on MyClass by 3:00 p.m.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your students this year. It was awesome to see so many of our students find success. It was also just as rewarding to help those that struggled, navigate through. Having worked in over half a dozen schools over the last 25 years, I have seen and experienced much. The staff and students here at Pitt are awesome and I am reminded of that daily. Despite the challenges, this has been a great year!

Finally, looking ahead to next year, we will have a new Vice-Principal joining us as Ms. Cooley moves to Hammond Elementary as their VP. Mr. Mehrassa will step in as the new PMSS Grade 8/10 Vice-Principal. Further, Ms. Blanco will take over as Principal here at Pitt as I am moving on to Thomas Haney Secondary. While I am excited for the opportunities ahead, leaving this school is not easy. It has been a privilege to serve as Principal and to work alongside such remarkable students, families, and staff. Together, we have celebrated successes and navigated challenges. Thank you very much for the trust and support you have shown throughout my time here at Pitt.

With that said, I wish you all the best for an enjoyable summer making memories with family and friends. As a school, we look forward to welcoming our students back to PMSS in September.

Thank you.

Colin Sharpe

Principal

**** The School District's June 2026 Secondary School Newsletter Info follows the PMSS Newsletter**

Pitt Meadows Summer 2026 Programs

Hello, summer! - Registration opened on May 26th

Slide into Summer and explore new programs and activities this July and August. From summer camps like Weather Rangers and cycling adventures, kids' hip-hop, youth disc golf, cookie decorating, plein air painting, gardening workshops, sewing and more—there's something for everyone! Start planning your summer activities now. Registration for all summer programs opened Tuesday, May 26. Register by phone at 604.465.2470, in person at the Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre (PMFRC) or online at pittfitandfun.ca. Visit pittmeadows.ca/programguide for details.

Low-Cost and Free Activities at Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre:

Parent & Tot Mini Gym 0-5Y

Looking for an indoor activity? PMFRC offers low-cost [Parent & Tot Mini Gym](#) in the gymnasium on Mondays and Wednesdays (10:05-11:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (9-11 a.m.) for only \$1 per child.

Value Times at the Fitness Centre

Work out at the fitness centre during our value times. It's only \$1 for youth (13-18Y) and seniors (60Y+) and \$2 for adults (19-59Y). Value times are: Tuesday 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday 8-9 p.m., Thursday 6-7 a.m. and Saturday from 3-6 p.m.

FREE Family Lounge Drop-In Program – Sundays from 3-7 p.m.

Drop by the Constable Rick O'Brien Youth Lounge with your family! The Youth Lounge will open Sundays, from 3-7 p.m. for a time of unstructured activities for you and your children. Enjoy a variety of activities including billiards, ping pong, video games, retro arcade and board games. There is also a concession with food and drinks. Our Recreation team will be on hand to supervise, but please remember that this is a parent-led program. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Older siblings (11Y+) are also welcome, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For questions or details about this program contact the Youth Lounge Supervisor at abuckle@pittmeadows.ca or 604.465.2456.

FREE Gardening Workshops (16Y+)

Enjoy one or all of these beginner-friendly garden workshops: [From Garden to Table: Fresh Summer Flavours](#) to [Garden Stewardship and Composting](#). **Registration is required.** See dates and full details in the [summer guide](#) or register at pittfitandfun.ca.

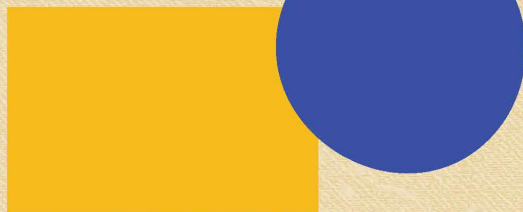


HELP OUT AT OUR SUMMER CAMPS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Arts On is looking for **enthusiastic student volunteers** to support our Summer Camps this July and August!

Volunteers will assist in classrooms where kids explore a variety of creative activities.



FLEXIBLE SHIFTS

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one full week at a time, with flexible morning, afternoon, half-day, and full-day shift options available.

READY TO JOIN?

Email volunteer@arts-on.org to get started.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

MAGIC @ **THEATRE** @ **ANIMATION**
TEXTILES @ **PAINTING** @ **SCULPTURE**

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Fraser Health Newsletter: Youth Vaping

Vaping is popular among youth. Daily or near-daily use can increase the risk of mental and physical health harm.

In 2023, 26 per cent of youth in Grades 7 through 12 in British Columbia reported having vaped. The most common age that B.C. youth first tried vaping was 13.

How to support youth to prevent, delay or reduce vaping

It is important to be supportive and recognize that setbacks may happen. You can help by being a positive role model and offering guidance in the following ways:

- Have open conversations about vaping. Listen to your child's beliefs and offer accurate information to help them understand the risks involved.
- Practice refusal skills with your child by discussing ways they can say no to vaping, especially in situations that feel uncomfortable to them.
- Be honest about your own use of tobacco, cannabis or vaping products. Share any health impacts or challenges you've experienced.
- If you vape, avoid vaping around children to limit their exposure to second-hand vapour. Consider quitting or reducing vaping to improve your own health. For help, contact [Quit Now](#), a provincially funded nicotine cessation program.
- Store vapour products securely and out of reach of children and youth.
- [Tip sheet for parents: Talking with your teen about vaping](#)

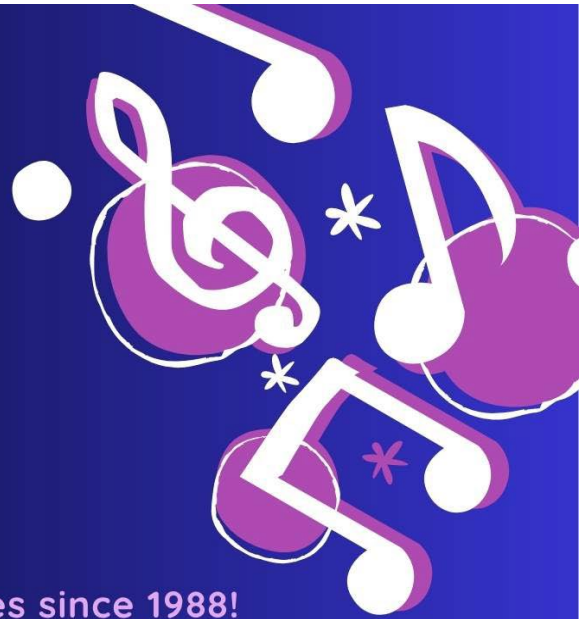
Learn more about vaping products [here](#).

For more information about child and youth substance use, including services, programs and resources available for children and youth, visit [Fraser Health's website](#).



COASTAL SOUND MUSIC

WELCOMES SINGERS



Choir Music Education in the Tri-Cities since 1988!

Coastal Sound Choir registration is now open for the 2026/27 season—and we'd love for you to join us!

Reserve your spot today, with interviews and auditions beginning at the end of May.

We believe singing is for everyone, at every stage of life. From young singers aged 5 to adults, our choirs offer a welcoming place to learn, grow, and make music together. Whether you're trying choir for the first time or already have experience, there's a group where you'll feel right at home. Alongside developing vocal skills and performing beautiful and interesting music, you'll also become part of a supportive, vibrant community that is based in the Tri-Cities.

Our auditions and interviews are relaxed and encouraging, designed to help find the choir that's the best fit for you. All of our choirs are subsidized, and we offer bursaries to ensure that cost is never a barrier—everyone deserves the chance to sing.

sign up at
coastalsoundmusic.com

