



# Pitt Meadows Secondary School *Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows*

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## June 2019 News Update

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

It is an honour to be your principal and be a part of so many inspiring things that make PMSS a wonderful community. It has been an amazing year with lots to celebrate such as the opening of our Meraki Art Gallery, our Battle of the Books team taking home the district trophy, our Spoken Word club doing well at districts, our various sports teams proudly wearing the Marauder jersey as they represent our school, music concerts, Pi Day and students who went on a Humanitarian trip to the Dominican Republic during Spring Break to name a few. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, restful summer vacation shared with family and friends.

Thank you to the staff of PMSS for the many opportunities they create for students. It is a privilege to work with the students at Pitt Meadows Secondary who continue to inspire us daily. I look forward to welcoming everyone in September and hearing about your summer adventures.

Best wishes,  
Mrs. Schwarz

### eReport Cards

eReport Cards will be available for parents and students on Wednesday, June 26. You will receive a notification through your parent MyClass account (the report card is not attached to the notification email). You will need to log into your MyClass account (this is different from the Parent Portal account). Your password may have expired since the last reporting cycle. If you require assistance go to the following School District link <https://myedbc.sd42.ca/MyClass>, or email [MyClass@sd42.ca](mailto:MyClass@sd42.ca).

As we no longer provide printed copies of report cards, please print and save a copy of the eReport Card for your records, as it will only be available for 30 calendar days (until July 26). Once you log into MyClass, the eReport will be available under "Published Reports".

If you have questions regarding marks/grades, please contact individual teachers directly. Teacher email addresses are available on our school website [pmss.sd42.ca](http://pmss.sd42.ca) under the staff tab.

**Best wishes to the following educators on their new adventures for the fall. We will miss you at PMSS:**

**Rebecca Aitchison – temporary assignment**

**Jeff Curwen – moving Riverside Centre**

**Marc Dalton – temporary assignment**

**Sarah Larocque – temporary assignment**

**Alisha McLaughlin – moving THSS**

**Alison Shields – moving to SRT**

**Marlene Treleaven – retirement**

**Alicia Vankoughnet – temporary assignment**

## **Did you Pass your Government Exam and Course???**

If you took the following courses this past year: English 12, Communications 12 or FRAL 12, the mark on your June report card **IS NOT YOUR FINAL MARK**. You need to log on to the BC Ministry of Education website @

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/> and create an account.

**Note** that you will need your PEN number which can be found on your report card.

Once you have created an account you can check what your provincial exam scores were AND what your final mark in the course was. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to ensure you have passed all required courses for graduation.

## **School App**

**The school app is used to ‘push out’ important information relating to events happening at the school.**

**Notices like:**

- **Upcoming events**
- **changes to schedules**
- **friendly reminders**

**This app is an important communication tool that parents, and students can access easily on their phones.**

**Go to the App Store, search for My School Day, then select province, SD42 Pitt and download.**

**Stay connected and be in the know!**

## **Important Dates**

**August 21 – Link Crew Leader Training @ Loon Lake**

**August 28 – Grade 8 Orientation 9am-2:30pm**

**September 3 – School Reopens @ 10am with full school assembly followed by Block A homeroom**

**September 4 – Full Block Rotation – ABCDEFGH**

**September 23 – School Growth Plan Day (no school for students)**

**September 24 – Student Photo Day**

**September 25 – Terry Fox Run during FLEX**

**September 27 – Awards Assembly during FLEX**

**October 11 – Late Start 9:50am**

**October 14 – Thanksgiving Holiday**

**October 22 – Student Photo Retake Day**

**October 25 – Non-Instructional Day**

## **FLEX Schedule for September**

The first two weeks of school there will be assigned FLEX blocks. Please see schedule below:

September 4- Run through all 8 blocks

September 5- Assigned Flex A

September 6- Assigned Flex B

September 9- Assigned Flex C

September 10- Assigned Flex D

September 11- Assigned Flex E

September 12- Assigned Flex F

September 13- Assigned Flex G

September 16- Assigned Flex H

September 17 - Regular Rotation (Flex A)

## PARENT PORTAL

If you have not signed up for the **Parent Portal** yet, we recommend that you do so before August. We no longer send home paper forms for field trips, newsletters, announcements, etc., so this is a great way to stay informed and connected!

The **Parent Portal** *is an excellent way to let the school know your child will be absent from school.* The **Parent Portal** absence report is the best way to notify the school that your child will be absent or late because the portal shows the correct spelling of the student name includes the Student ID number, grade and the parent who is making the absence report.

Your current email address as required so if you change your email, please advise the office so MyEd may be updated. Please contact the office if you are experiencing difficulties.

## Timetables and Lockers

**On the first day of school homeroom classes are posted for students to view on the main entrance doors.**

**After the all grades assembly at 10:00am, students will report to their homeroom (Block A) classes where they will receive their timetables and lockers.**

**Students taking PE need two locks – one for their assigned locker and one for gym locker as all personal items need to be secured while participating in PE.**

## Are you or do you know a 2018 Grad?

We have 63 Official Dogwood Certificates together with the Cap and Gown pictures that were taken at the formal graduation ceremony in June 2018. If you know any grads, please have them contact the school to arrange pickup. They will be kept these items at the school for one more year before they are sent to our District Education Office.

## Slam Poetry Club

The **Slam Poetry Club** had another great year here at PMSS and really worked hard to develop as writers and performers. Students had the opportunity to work with professional poets from Vancouver Poetry House, courtesy of a generous grant from our PAC, which was an incredible experience for all involved. We also hosted our first school Slam event and had some amazing competitors from throughout our school community share their passion for the written and spoken word. Finally, our team represented PMSS proudly at the District Slam held at MRSS in May. All of the poets did an amazing job, with special mention going to Myah Steeves who won for “Most Humorous Poem”.

Another highlight this year was our “team gear” with logo designed by member, Solana Kihien, and supported by our principal, Mrs. Schwarz. All of the team has shown tremendous growth in their understanding of how to write and perform poetry this year, and I couldn’t be prouder of their hard work and support of each other.

We look forward to welcoming new members in the Fall! Listen to announcements in September for more details — we are always looking for new members to share in our fun! All grades and experience levels welcome!

## School Supplies

**There is no set supply list for students. However, it is recommended that students have the followings tools:**

- **Pencils (HB)/Erasers/Pens**
- **3 ring binders**
- **Lined paper**
- **Calculator**
- **Ruler**
- **2 Locks (1 for PE change room)**

Be sure to check the PMSS website to stay informed ... [pmss.ca](http://pmss.ca)