

# Pitt Meadows Secondary School Ecole Secondaire Pitt Meadows

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#### 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 our fall evening Meraki Art Gallery event, Pi Day events, our Robotics team participating in the VEX competition, our senior boys and girls basketball teams making it to the provincials, music concerts, cross country and Link Crew events to name a few. We have so much to celebrate about PMSS.

Graduates, your ability to adapt and embrace the unknown was heartening. This is not how any of us envisioned the school year unfolding but you accepted it with grace, integrity and hope. You not only had to adjust to remote learning, but you did so while helping care for your younger siblings, working part time jobs and missing that face to face time with your friends and extended family members. You have experienced so much change. Your collective efforts to stay safe and celebrate in small groups, may be the biggest contribution a grad class has made for safety of our community. We thank you for your grace and your sacrifice and we applaud you and celebrate your efforts.

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. I encourage you to check the website and the parent portal towards the end of August for updates regarding the 2020-2021 school year. Best wishes for a restful summer.

Best wishes, Mrs. Schwarz

## **eReport Cards**

eReport Cards will be available for parents and students on Wednesday, June 24. 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 <u>https://myedbc.sd42.ca/MyClass</u>, or email <u>MyClass@sd42.ca</u>.

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 viewing until July 31. 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 under the staff tab.

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

Brody Herman Jacquie Montgomery Anna Montabello William French Louise Morris Belinda Saèd Steve Vandervelden Allison Wall

#### **Timetables and Lockers**

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

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.

Be sure to check the Parent Portal in late August for more information on school start up.

### **Important Dates**

September 8 – School Reopens September 9 – Full Block Rotation – ABCDEFGH September 14 – PAC Meeting 7pm September 23 - School Growth Plan Day (no school for students) September 24 – Terry Fox Rn during FLEX September 28 - Non-Instructional Day October 12 - Thanksgiving Holiday October 16 - Late Start 9:50am November 10 - Student Led Conferences November 11 - Remembrance Day Observance November 12 - Non-Instructional DayNovember 13 - Remembrance Day Assembly November 18 - Grade 10 Career & Ed Fieldtrip November 20 - Late Start 9:50am December 4 - Term 1 Ends December 11 - e-Report Cards online December 21 - January 1 - Winter Break January 4 – School Reopens

## **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!

## FLEX Schedule for September

The first two weeks of school there will be assigned FLEX blocks. Please see schedule below: September 8 – First day of School September 9 - Run through all 8 blocks September 10 - Assigned Flex A September 11 - Assigned Flex B September 14 - Assigned Flex C September 15- Assigned Flex D September 16 - Assigned Flex E September 17 - Assigned Flex F September 18- Assigned Flex G September 18- Assigned Flex H September 21- Assigned Flex H

This is subject to change.

## 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 is you are experiencing difficulties.

#### Thank yous from leaving staff

I had a great time here and appreciate all the help and kindness from everyone! Until our paths cross again. Mrs. Belinda Saèd

It has been a fantastic 15 years at PITT. Thanks to all the students and staff over the years for the memories. Wishing you all the very best! Jacquie Montgomery

#### **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)

#### CONGRATULATIONS! Class of 2020

Oh Graduating ones You are now finally done You stuck it out and now you've won

This was a stepping stone to what is ahead for you to whatever you decide that you will now do

Not to say you have to decide today just that you are now on your way It's time to fly, to spread your wings To try out the world and all its marvelous things

North, south, east or west only you know which way is best Put your internal compass to the test Life will take care of the rest

While you are searching for your choice of direction finding your purpose, your passion, Find a cause that has meaning

Believe in yourself watch out for scams and schemes Follow your heart and believe in your dreams

Treat others as you would like to be treated Be kind and don't tolerate being mistreated Don't listen to negative voices that are speaking And above all persevere, don't get defeated

As water flows over the rocks in a stream when the going gets tough like salmon swimming upstream Go around, find a different means The choice is yours this is Your Dream.

You are surviving COVID-19 in 2020 You've survived high school, that is plenty So best wishes in whatever you now do Above all else just keep on being you Congratulations Graduates of 2020

Bonita Devauld/EA PMSS