



MOUNT BOUCHERIE SENIOR SECONDARY

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SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

OUR PURPOSE:

We will do all that we can... to educate and support our students in realizing their unique and full potential, and in living purposeful lives.

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to getting back into school routines and activities. Our School Planning Council has determined that our school will continue to focus on our two main goals:

- 1) To improve our grade to grade transition rates and maintain our graduation rate.
- 2) To adopt quality assessment practices and improve student engagement in the classroom.

We want our school community to know what is happening at MBS. Please be sure that the office has a record of any changes in address, telephone contact numbers and email accounts. We have a telephone call out system and an MBS Parent Email system that we use to keep parents informed on upcoming dates and events. I would also encourage families to bookmark our school webpage - <http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca/> where all future newsletters will be posted. Hard copies of the monthly newsletter will be available at the office for parents/students to pick up. Also, you will find the list of Passport to Education recipients posted on our website. Congratulations to those students.

Our Career Mentorship Program was such a success for our students that we are planning to continue and expand this year. We are looking for Peachland & West Kelowna community members who are interested in mentoring grade 12 students in specific career interest areas. Our goal is to connect students with a community member who is employed in their desired future career. As part of the student/mentor connection we hope to discuss post-secondary and apprenticeship experiences, work experiences, and networking tips. Students and mentors would meet as a mentoring group two times over the next school year for approximately two hours each time and then spend two other days at work together. For more details, or if you are interested in being a career mentor, please contact Ashley Bedwell at abedwell@sd23.bc.ca or 250-712-7040.

I would like to extend a special welcome to a new member of our admin team. Mrs. Linda Ross is moving over from CNB to join us as vice-principal. I know she will be a great addition to our team.

We are always looking to increase opportunities for parent involvement in our school. Please do not forget that one of the most significant indicators of a student's success is the extent to which parents are involved in education. Please keep close contact with your student's teachers and please help me in making all our new staff and families feel welcome to the school. With all the changes we have made we are anticipating an excellent school year.

Mr. John Simonson, Principal

Mount Boucherie's Administrative Team

PRINCIPAL

Ms. John Simonson, Ext. 5225, Email: jsimonso@sd23.bc.ca

VICE PRINCIPALS

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*IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7-9 Student parking passes, 7:30 am in the Multipurpose Room
 19 PAC Meeting held in the Library at 6:30 pm
 20 Photo Day
 28 Grade 12 Parent Evening, 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

STUDENT HANDBOOK, FEES AND LOCKERS ON OPENING DAY:

All students will be provided with a **Student Handbook**, which they can use to help plan their year. The Student Handbook is an important document with valuable information in it about our school. Students are encouraged to carry this book with them to all classes.

Each student is assessed an **Activity & Cultural Fee**. Students new to School District #23 will also be assessed a **Textbook Caution Fee**. Students will be financially responsible for any lost or damaged texts not covered by the Textbook Caution Fee. Lockers will be distributed once all fees have been paid. Students who have not paid their fees will not get access to a locker. Grade 12 students not paying their fees will not participate in the year-end graduation ceremony. **Payment can now be made online at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>** . (Cheques should be made payable to Mount Boucherie Secondary School.)

School Fees for 2011-2012 School Year

*Textbook Caution Fee for new Gr. 10 & 11 students:	\$50
*Textbook Caution Fee for new Gr. 12 students:	\$10
*Activity & Cultural Fee:	\$30
*Yearbook (preorder price until December):	\$50



THANK YOU PARENTS!

Students should consult the various teachers for specific details about the following fees:

- ***Band Instrument Rentals** (Band students should consult Mr. Thomson).
- ***Project Upgrade Fees** (specific to certain courses. Students should consult teachers for details).
- ***Optional Field Trip Fees** (registration, transportation & lodging costs).
- ***Deposits:** (for items borrowed such as Graphing Calculators, etc.).
- ***Athletic Fees:** (separate athletic fee for each sport. Specific fee details will be provided by the coaches).

We do not want the "ability to pay" to prevent a student from completing the goals of his/her educational plan. Please contact an administrator if you have a concern in this regard.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School District No. 23 does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. It is possible for parents and guardians to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance at a reasonable cost. Application forms for a program underwritten by **Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance** will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Visit our website: www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca for all information regarding District & School Policies and Procedures. Our Parent Calendar/Handbook & Student Handbook contain the following School Policies regarding: Attendance, Awards, Dress Code, Graduation Ceremony, Locker Services, Transition Information, Valuables, Visitors and Withdrawing from School. If you require a paper copy, please contact our office.

SCHOOL STORE—Calling all parents!

Parent volunteers are urgently needed for the school store this upcoming year. Please contact Josie Briker at jbriker@shaw.ca or phone 250-768-1394 for more information. Let's continue to make our store available to our students by volunteering some time.

RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Students are reminded to conduct themselves in a respectful and courteous manner at all times especially when visiting the local Petro Canada mall near MBSS and when walking through our neighborhoods! Please remember that Riffington Place (through the walk way) and the District of West Kelowna offices are "No Smoking" areas.

ABORIGINAL PROGRAM

The goal of the Aboriginal Educational Program is to improve the success rate for our students of Aboriginal heritage. The program supports students through specific needs and problems that affect academic performance or school relationships and provides an opportunity for all students to learn more about their culture. In an effort to increase Mount Boucherie's involvement with our aboriginal families, a parent meeting will be scheduled at Sensisysten for one evening in early fall. The funding for this program is provided by the provincial and federal governments and is available for all school districts that enroll aboriginal students. In our school, we are fortunate to have **Leanne Louie and Jim Aleck** as our Aboriginal Student Advocates. **They will be providing support, monitoring attendance and will be the link between home and school.**



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION INFO 2011-2012

Parents, guardians, and students are reminded that students must be registered riders with bus passes in order to ride the school bus. Friends and clients of afterschool care are not eligible for school bus service at any time during the year unless they are registered riders. Alternate forms of transportation need to be arranged for after school social plans and daycare arrangements. This is a good time to review the safety rules for bus riders. These rules are posted on the transportation website at:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/SafetyRules>

Online applications (<https://ereg.sd23.bc.ca/transportation/>) for courtesy riders submitted will be confirmed this month on a space available basis by our transportation office. The number of courtesy seats will depend on the number of seats remaining on each route after eligible riders have been accommodated. Priority is given to students based on the age and the distance between home and school within the catchment area.

Due to the volume of applications for courtesy rides, it may not be possible to contact each applicant individually. If you have not had a courtesy application confirmed by October 15, it may mean that there are no additional seats available. However, if you believe there is space still available on a school bus passing through your neighborhood, please contact Transportation at (250) 491-4040. Phone lines are open between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Please note that courtesy seats are subject to cancellation at a week's notice should seats be needed for additional eligible riders.

For more information about school bus transportation, please visit our website at:

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/transportation>

STUDENT PARKING

Parking pass applications will be issued to interested students from Sept. 7th - 9th at 7:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. Students will not be required to pay for a pass but **MUST** register their vehicle with our school and obtain an official student parking pass. The student's driver's license and vehicle insurance must be documented by our school at that time. Without a parking pass, students are not able to park at the school or near the arena. Please note that all unpaid fees and textbooks must be cleared before you may receive a parking pass. ***All vehicles parked without a pass may be towed, without warning.***

PHOTO DAY: Tuesday, September 20, 2011

All students will be photographed. Since parents and students will be able to proof the images before purchasing no payment will be required on photo day. Students will receive their I.D. cards free of charge. Proofs will be sent home approximately 2 weeks after students are photographed. If you choose to order please return your proof flyer with payment to the school by the due date listed on the flyer. Your order will then be printed and sent back to the school. Orders returned after the due date will be subject to a \$10 late fee.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who were photographed on the original photo day but require a retake MUST bring their original proof flyer with them to the photographer on Photo Retake day .

"WELCOME BACK" FROM YOUR PAC

There will be many decisions that need to be made that will directly benefit and affect your students. As a parent, you have a forum at the Parent Advisory Council. Our PAC Executive would like to welcome each of you to a new school year. They are excited to meet the many new parents involved in our school. Please plan to attend the first PAC meeting on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm. See your MBS Parent Calendar/Handbook for all PAC dates.

PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Building positive links between parents, student and staff in our community.

We are currently recruiting Parent Ambassadors for our grade 10, 11 and 12 parent groups for 2011-2012.

Primary Objectives of our Parent Ambassadors:

- To convey information to parents regarding activities, school procedures and policies and current topics of interest.
- To provide a personal link to all grade 10, 11 and 12 parents.
- To build a home-school connection between parents, teachers and students through our homerooms.

If you require more information or wish to become a Parent Ambassador, please contact Dr. Grodzki, Vice Principal at jgrodzki@sd23.bc.ca.

Family Life Education Information Session

September 15, 2011 - 7:00 pm

**Hollywood Road Education Centre - Room #3
(1040 Hollywood Road, Kelowna)**

Parents and guardians are invited to attend an evening information session to learn more about course content for Family Life Education classes that are offered to children in Grades 4 to 10. Two District Family teachers will present material about the courses and answer parents' questions.

For comments, please contact:

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction: 250-860-8888

Jennifer Rabinovitch or Leanne Shephard, Family Life Teachers: 250-470-8487

GRADE 10 PASSPORT TO EDUCATION RECIPIENTS

Kirsten Allen
Breanna Anderson
Cassidy Benson
Teagen Boll
Rebecca Bonkowski
Lauren Boorman
Shelby Bragagnolo
Peter Briker
Sandy Brown
Simon Buck
Hannah Caldwell
Laura Chapman
Miranda Curtis
Jesse Cuthbert
Madisson Davison
Mackenzie Dunlop
Emilee Enns
Caleb Falke
Jaymie Fehr
Taylor Gammel
Joseph Ganie
Anna Glass
Hannah Glockner
Kaija Gnazdowsky
Kaitlyn Grandy
Devyn Gylytiuk
Nathan Hambrook
Courtney Hannigan
Keanu Herzog
Alexandria Hiebert
Erin Holt
Laura Kalmakoff
Thomas Katelnikoff
Stephanie Klym

Christina Krause
Celine Lapointe
Haley Loudoun
Taylor Lowenberg
Dayna Lueck
Sarah MacFarlane
Kimberly MacRae
Teagan MacRae
Anica Manders
Jerrica McGuire
Luke McIntosh
Jessica Messier
Brenden Mills
Brienne Moore
Brock Morford
Megan Morgadinho
Tyler Nelson
Kai Neubauer
Kerri Olsen
Bonnie O'Rourke
Kathleen Owen
Jasmine Peachey
Kelsey Perra
Maddison Rine
Alexa Roberts
Brandon Robertson
Dustin Rouleau
Jonathan Sader
Michelle Savoie
Danielle Schlehahn
Silke Schuster
Catherine Slamka
Hannah Smailes
Everton Smith

Nicole Smith
Phillip Sorensen
Joseph Sorestad
Maegan Spicer
Jessica Sturn
Stacey Takenaka
Patrick Voth
Kria Wall
Allison Wardle
Kolton Wiczorek
Evelyn Zahn

GRADE 11 PASSPORT TO EDUCATION RECIPIENTS

Kyle Berthaudin
Michelle Blackburne
Jackson Blobel
Taylor Charron
Jolynn Collier
Spencer Cummins
Nicole De Jong
Jonathan Dean
Megan Domerchie
Michael Dyck
Brittney Fedoruk
Joshua Fender
Brandon Fieseler
Colleen Fish
Troy Fournier
Jude Frie
Janelle Glover
Tessa Gordey
Samuel Griffin
Jake Halsall
Myles Hanna
Christopher Hoggard
Kanisha Holliday
Viviane Hornbacher
Kalina Hunter
Julia Jennings
Kyle Kannan
Christie Kneller
Melissa Kopp
Nolan Koriath
Tomas Lammers
Rachael Lesosky
Nathan Lewke
Jaymie Mackenzie

Laura Maclaren
Reuben McCann
Jonathan McNulty
Jayme Miller
Terrina Mock
Cole Mullen
Nicole Nairismagi
Jamie Nearing
Danica Norton
Hanny Nussen
Benjamin Olafsen
Jake Olson
Connor Oughtred
Ashleigh Parker
Christopher Paterson
Oceana Phoenix
Tahnee Pierson-Roberts
Natalie Pohl
Austin Potts
Megan Ramstad
Brenlee Reid
Cydney Richardson
Shelby Roberts
Raymon Sandhu
Brittany Scheidegger
Leesa Schlenker
Carolyn Sherman
Mikayla Sherry
Kristi Simonson
Breanne Smith
Ashley Smith
Corey St Pierre
Claudia Stancec
Megan Stancec

Victor Sun
Jolene Swetlikoe
Kelly Taverner
Samantha Thomson
Aaron Trops
Stephanie Turner
Aryn Usher
Erin Van Hagen
Mason Van Vliet
Morgan White
Chloe Worrall

GRADE 12 PASSPORT TO EDUCATION RECIPIENTS

Shannon Abraham
Natasha Agar
Siobhan Aleck
Julia Anderson
Daniel Andrews
Mark Antturi
Shelbie Bach
Brianna Bonkowski
Meagan Carrier
Amanda Chase
Jocelyn Coupland
Sydney Creed
Chantal Daigle
Dana Dalgleish
Alex Dauncey-Elwood
Shellby Dawick
Evan Dudzik
Riley Dunkin
Tim Ellis
Erin Esser
Ines Eswein
Cam Fish
Sara Fletcher
Tyler Frohlich
Alexander Ganje
Olivia Glockner
Alexie Glover
Alexandra Gracia
Celine Grainger
Lore Green
Alicia Green
Stephanie Greenwood
Steven Harbaruk
Kaley Hildebrand

Garrick Hofer
Christopher Hornbacher
Travis Hughson
Taylor Ink
Payette Jaicee
Garrett Kehler
Michelle Kenyon
Kat Lee
Aimee Lemieux
Cassandra Louie
Alex Lysakowski
Alexander MacDougall
Corin Manders
Bethan Mansell
Byron Maroney
Danica Massey
Rachelle Mathieu
Steven McCullough
Katie Mercer
Gordon Minaker
Zoe Moshansky
Kelly-Ann Muir
Emily Nagel
Erika Nairismagi
Caitlyn Nearing
Sydney Neubauer
Austin Nicholl
Janine Olsen
Jordan Olson-Lyons
Hal O'Mara
Logan Peachey
Camille Pettit
Hannah Reiner
Bradley Rendulic

Darci Ritchey
David Rojas
Brittani Rutherford
Buckley Samantha
Jordan Schroeder
Ellen Spacey
Amanda Stickland
Uday Suri
Nolan Thorn
Eli Trapnell
Lindsay Wardle
Jared Wasden
Jasmin Welder
Chelsea Williamson
Crystal Yeoman-Wilson
Meaghan Ziebart