



PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL WINTER NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school year is well underway and it has been an exciting and energizing time at Princess Margaret. As always, the staff is focusing on improving student learning through collaborative work. Working towards becoming an International Baccalaureate (IB) school has certainly galvanized the staff as we work collectively around a common goal. Read more about our IB journey and how it will benefit your child on page 5.

Aside from a new initiative like IB, the school values the traditions that make Princess Margaret a great place to learn. Every September we have an evening for our grade 9 and 10 parents; the Welcome Back BBQ. It was very well attended and gave parents, students, and staff an opportunity to meet and discuss every aspect of school life in an informal setting. I had a number of conversations with parents and each one spoke of an appreciation for the work we do at the school. The staff at Princess Margaret care very deeply for the students and that is reflected in the things they do to support students learning within and beyond the classroom.

Princess Margaret has a long tradition of athletics. The Fall season includes field hockey, swimming, volleyball, and cross country running. Having gone to a number of games and matches over the season I was able to witness first hand, not only the intense competition, but also the tremendous teamwork and resiliency our athletes exhibited. Our teams were well-represented at the zone and valley championships; the Senior Boys Volleyball team was the one team that progressed beyond regional play by qualifying for the Provincial Championships. Read more about all of them on page 4.

The performing arts are also hallmarks of Princess Margaret. And this year has been no exception. The band has been practicing diligently for all of their performances, including two over the next few weeks. Theatre Troupe will be presenting their rendition of the ever-popular Mamma Mia. Attending any or all of these events will be an opportunity to experience the wonderful work that is done in these two areas. We have so many talented students at this school and they are to be commended for the time and effort they put into their craft. For more details, please see page 3.

Being part of the community is also part of what we value at Princess Margaret. The Haunted House, which was a student-led event, raised thousands of dollars for Penticton's YES Project. This event has now become a tradition for the school and the city. On Remembrance Day, both our school and Penticton Secondary came together to honour all those who have given service to our country, especially those who lost their lives. It was a truly emotional event and once again demonstrated the principles that we hold in high esteem at our school:

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I encourage students to continue to follow their passion, involve themselves in activities that enhance their life and the lives as other, and take advantage of all that the school has to offer.

Sincerely,
Roger Wiebe, Principal

ACTION ITEMS FOR PARENTS

REPORT CARDS:

- Report cards were uploaded to the MyEd Portal on November 19th. If you are having troubles accessing your account please contact Mr. Travis Bond at tbond@summer.com

PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS:

- Please **complete and return** this form to the school office by Nov 30th. If you require another form please have your son/daughter pick one up at the office.
- Without this completed form students will not have access to the internet, be permitted to travel on field trips and sports teams, or have their photo in the yearbook.

POLICIES OF NOTE

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL:

- Please contact the school (250-770-7620) or email maggie@summer.com if your son/daughter is going to be absent.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL:

- Any student who arrives late for school/class, **must first report to the Main Office.**
- The office staff will record the student name and give the student a **“Late Arrival” slip.**
- The students must give the classroom teacher the “Late Arrival” slip upon entry to the class; students will not be admitted to class without the slip.
- **A pattern of continued and unexcused late arrival to class will result in a meeting with the grade appropriate administrator, followed by a parent meeting and progressive consequences if the pattern continues.**

CELL PHONES:

The staff at Princess Margaret truly believes in using our instructional time to fully engage in the act and art of learning. We realize that technology has a valuable place in the 21st century classroom and that the educators in the school must lead students in their use of technology as it pertains to their learning.

- With that in mind, **we will require that students do not use their cell phones from “Bell-To-Bell,”** meaning, that during class time, students are to have their phones put away or deposited in the compartmentalized boxes that some teachers have elected to offer for the students who feel that having them in their bags or pockets will be too tempting to use during the period.
- Parent support is, as always, an important factor in this new initiative. We ask that parents refrain from calling, texting, snap chatting etc. their child(ren) during class time. **If an emergent issue arises, please call the office and we will ensure that your child contact you as soon as possible.** Going through the switchboard is the best way to make sure you get through to your child.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Students require 80 Credits (20 recognized courses @ 4 credits each) to graduate
 - To “Cross the Stage” on June 27th, prospective graduates must
 1. Be in good standing with the school; positive school citizen
 2. Attend classes regularly up to and including June 21st
 3. Complete required assignments as outlined by each teacher
 4. Have all fees paid by **May 17, 2019**
 5. **By April 25th, be in a solid position to complete 80 credits of course work by the end of June**

STUDY BLOCKS:

Only Grade 12 students are eligible for a study block. Post-secondary institutions prefer that high school students have full schedules. Students who have a study block are to be in one of the following places:

- **The Learning Commons** (Library): As it is called a Study Block, the library is the best place to be as it has the required space and resources to best assist students who are studying.
- **Under the direct supervision of a teacher.** Some teachers will allow students to study quietly in their rooms; for example, when they themselves are not teaching.
- **Off campus.** Students in the senior grades are permitted to sign-out without parent or school consent. Some students with study blocks, especially in fourth period, have jobs or community related activities to go to.

MAGGIE LEADERSHIP EVENTS

- On November 8th the Leadership class, led by Grace Robinson, combined forces with Penticton Secondary School Leadership class to present a great Remembrance Day ceremony at the Penticton Cenotaph, and Gyro Bandshell. The event involved over 1700 students. A meaningful time for Penticton students.
- One of the biggest events of the year happens on **November 29th**. Our annual **10,000 Tonight** food drive is happening at PM and PSS. We need parent drivers for this event. If you can drive for a few hours that evening please get your child to let Dr. Grant(dgrant@summer.com) know. Fill out the Volunteer Driver form and the school Conveyance form. Our goal is to canvas every house in Penticton for food donations to the Penticton Food Bank. Please have your bag of non-perishable food on your doorstep by 4:30 pm that evening.
- The Maggie **Senior Winter Formal** is scheduled for December 18th. Seniors should book this evening for a night of great memories with their Maggie friends. More on this later!
- Our annual **Christmas Lunch is scheduled for December 13th**. This is always a great gathering that helps some of the less fortunate in our school and community. Tickets are \$8.00
- Our leadership group helped assemble 2000 bags of dried soup mix that we use as a fundraiser for our Tanzania project and our leadership group. If you would like some of this tasty soup please contact Dr. Grant dgrant@summer.com to make an order. Tip: These make great Xmas gifts! \$8 per bag.

MAGGIE DRAMA

- Mamma Mia is coming to Maggie and Cleland stages January 31 to February 10.
- What a great gift idea for Christmas! Hope to see you there.
- In the meantime, the Theatre Troupe students performed at our Remembrance Day ceremony, the OSNS Telethon, and the Penticton Downtown Lightup.
- Maggie Drama students will be caroling at the following Christmas events:
 - The Santa Parade December 1st
 - Caroling at Redwing
 - Singing with the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra at Christmas Concerts in Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton on Dec. 20th, 21st, and 22nd.
- The Cast wishes you a Merry Christmas!



MAGGIE MUSIC

The junior and senior concert bands are combining with Summerland Secondary School and Penticton Secondary School for a great show on **Nov 28th** at Maggie. The show starts at 7:30pm. Come out and hear some good concert band music!

The Maggie Music Winter Concert is **December 19th at 7:30pm** in our Multi Purpose Room. Come out and hear our concert and jazz bands!

MAGGIE SPORTS

X-Country Running Team

Maggie had a small but mighty cross country team this year. Each runner was dedicated to practices after school including hill repeats, negative split runs on the KVR, speedplay at Skaha Beach, and the famous and picturesque Wiltse mountain peak. The team consisted of Madi Boerner our only female runner(42nd Junior Girls), our graduating runner Isaac Kohler- Mergel(34th Senior Boys), Trystin Simon (43rd Senior Boys), and two German exchange students, Moritz Gehrke (35th Senior Boys), and Yannic Radlmayr (32nd Senior Boys). The Valley Championships were held at Stake Lake this year and great efforts were shown by all members in their new red Jerseys!



Coaches want to thank the kids for a wonderful season!
Keep on Running!
Mr. Cooke, and Ms. Woolner.

Field Hockey Team

The Mustangs Senior Field Hockey team ended their season by placing second in the South Zone league and third in the Valley finals. Coaches, Makeena Hartmann and Joycelyn Legary, were very pleased with the final result. Hard work, determination and great teamwork helped the girls to finish the fall league successfully. The team was fortunate to have very supportive parents and would like to thank Aron Boyle, Mark Hartmann, Jim Kelly, Theresa Maurer, Barb Simpson and Keith Pearce for their help. Team members are: Alice James, Brooke Scott, Alyse Kohler-Mergel, Kayla Francisco, Kalayna Devlin, Eden Pearce, Christine Maurer, Kara Stayberg, Haruka Kubo, Yuki Tange, Chihiro Kondo, Susie Robinson, Annika Wright and Jeanine Florence.

Volleyball

The senior boys volleyball team is finishing off a very successful season with a trip to the provincial championships in Langley at the end of November. The team has been ranked in the top ten of the province for much of the season. They finished league play with a 9 win 2 loss record and played in the Okanagan Valley Championships, finishing second in the valley. Members of the team are: Seth Kennedy, Nate McLennan, Kyle Conquergood, Jordan Gilfillen, Caleb Rousseau, Rowan Brown, Colton Olexa, Nolan Tredrea and Issac Halverson.



News from Maggie's Library Learning Commons

Students are invited to visit often to check out new books, read, study, do homework, use the computers or hang out with friends.

Upcoming December Events

1. "Cozy Up and Read" ~ December is a perfect month to cozy up and read a book! Every time you sign out a book for pleasure, you will receive a ticket for "Cozy up and Read" draw prize. We will announce the winner on Wednesday, December 19 at lunch hour.
2. Holiday Party! Wednesday, December 19 during lunch hour. Everyone is welcome! Come make a tree ornament or card and enjoy some treats. It will also be a great opportunity to sign out books for the holidays. Please sign up in the Library by December 17.
3. "Bagels & Books" – Staff event on Wednesday, December 19 from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Staff are invited to join us in the Library for a light breakfast and to sign out books for the holidays!

Mrs. Berrisford, PMSS Teacher-Librarian
Ms. Bate, PMSS Library Assistant
<http://magglib.weebly.com/>

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP) UPDATE

Our IB-MYP Application was submitted in September and the anticipated dates for the IB Verification Team's visit are February 14th and 15th. The purpose of the visit is to review the work that has been done by the school and verify it meets with the standards of IB. Teachers and administrators have collectively spent hundreds of hours learning, collaborating, planning, and preparing to become an IB-MYP school and ensure that your child is receiving a very high quality education that is both internationally recognized and designed to meet your child's individual needs.

Once the team has come and met with our staff, spoken to students and parents, and observed classes, they will write a final report that we anticipate will grant us full authorization. When that occurs, students entering Grade 9 and 10 in September will be our first group that gain the benefits of the fully implemented Middle Years Programme.

As a result of the work that has already been done, we have already noticed that students are viewing their own education in new and exciting ways. With the focus shifting from acquiring knowledge to understanding concepts, students are recognizing how the concepts being examined relate to a variety, if not all, subject areas. Teachers are collaborating on units that connect different classes together so that students can investigate the commonalities and gain a deeper understanding of how the process of learning is even more valuable than the product.

Becoming an IB-MYP school is one way in which the teachers and staff at Princess Margaret strive to ensure your child receives the best educational opportunities possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Wiebe or Mr. Fitton.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 28	Jr. & Sr. Band Concert 7:30pm – Multi-purpose area
Nov. 28	PAC meeting 7pm
Nov. 29	10,000 Tonight Food Drive Leadership Event
Dec. 13	Christmas Lunch
Dec. 14	Cody Bates Student Presentation
Dec. 18	Senior Winter Formal
Dec. 18	Library Holiday Party at lunch
Dec. 19	Winter Band Concert 7:30pm Maggie Multi-purpose area
Dec. 21	Winter Concert – altered bell schedule
Jan. 14	Cody Bates Student Presentation
Jan. 16	Grade 8 Transition Parent Info Night 6:30pm at Maggie
Jan. 23	Last Day of Semester One
Jan. 30	PAC meeting 7pm
Jan. 31	Grade 9 Immunizations 9:30am - 11:30am
Jan. 31-Feb 3	Mamma Mia Drama Performances at Maggie
Feb 7 – Feb 9	Mamma Mia Drama Performances at Cleland Theatre
Feb 15	Pro-D Day – no classes in session
Feb 18	Family Day – no classes in session

ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE DAYS:

Dec. 6	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: red; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Collaborative Planning Bell Schedule</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Warning Bell</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">9:38</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class 1</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">9:42 – 10:46</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Break</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">10:46 – 10:54</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class 2</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">10:54 – 12:01</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Break</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">12:01 – 12:09</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class 3</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">12:09 – 1:13</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Lunch</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1:13 – 1:58</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Class 4</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">1:58 – 3:02</td> </tr> </table>	Collaborative Planning Bell Schedule		Warning Bell	9:38	Class 1	9:42 – 10:46	Break	10:46 – 10:54	Class 2	10:54 – 12:01	Break	12:01 – 12:09	Class 3	12:09 – 1:13	Lunch	1:13 – 1:58	Class 4	1:58 – 3:02
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May 8	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42																			
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CAREERS PROGRAM

www.Careers67.ca

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

November 30 th	Kelowna Career Fair – trip for interested students
December	Penticton Hospital Tour - for students interested in a career in the Health Industry
February	Trades Gateway Program (applications due by November 30 th)
February	Technology Gateway Program with Okanagan College (to be confirmed)
Spring Break	Youth Fire Academy in partnership with Penticton Fire Department
May	RCMP Youth Academy with School District 22

Trades Apprenticeship Programs start throughout the year and interested students should book an appointment with Mr. Knowlton (tknowlton@summer.com)

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Are you an adult wanting to obtain your high school diploma?
 Need to upgrade for further post-secondary education?
 Courses required for graduation or upgrading are free of charge.
 Did you know that you can obtain credit towards your high school diploma for your current work experience?

Work from home at your own pace!
 For further information call (250) 770-7718.



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