



PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY SCHOOL WINTER NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the close of the First Semester, I find myself reflecting on what has already happened this year. I am pleased to say that we have seen many individual and collective successes in all areas of our school, including the arts, sports and scholastics.

Second semester is a chance for all students to recalibrate and remind themselves of the importance of starting off on the right foot. For parents it is an opportunity to assist their child in setting them up for success. I encourage you to find out what classes your child is taking and who is going to be guiding their education until the end of the year. The teachers at Princess Margaret appreciate parental involvement and always strive for clear communication regarding academic progress.

February is also the month when course planning takes place. It is important that parents discuss their child's selections with them as students plan not only for the next school-year but also for their futures beyond high school.

During our course planning sessions with the students, I speak to them about what it means to make informed decisions. I let the students know that if they are unsure about which courses to take, they need to speak to the instructors, consult with parents, and make a selections based on sound reasoning and with a thought to their future plans.

A "Verification Sheet" will go home in late April/early May so that you can review your child's selections before they become finalized. Once the courses are finalized in May, no changes will be made except for the following reasons:

- A course has been closed due to insufficient enrollment
- A change in academic status (eg. a student needs to retake a course, a grade 12 student has altered their post-secondary plans, a teacher/administrator/counsellor/parent has initiated a conversation about a needed course change for the benefit of the student)

Moving on to the next stage of education, whether it is to a college, university, trade school or the next grade, is an exciting prospect but one that requires careful and thoughtful planning. And before we know it, the next academic year will be upon us.

But before we race towards the coming year, there is much to look forward to during the last four months of the 2018-2019 school-year, including the wrapping up of this year's musical, "Mamma Mia", basketball playoffs, spring sports, and graduation. I encourage us all to take part in all that our school community has to offer.

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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 February 4th. If you are having troubles accessing your account please contact Mr. Travis Bond at tbond@summer.com. As it's the end of the Semester, copies of the report card have also been mailed home.

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.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 15	Pro-D Day – no classes in session
Feb. 18	Family Day – no classes in session
Feb. 27	PAC Meeting @ 7pm PMSS Library
Mar. 13	PAC Meeting @ 7pm PMSS Library
Mar. 15	Last day of school (Spring Break)
Apr. 1	School Reopens
Apr. 15	Pro-D Day – no classes in session
Apr. 19	Good Friday – school closed
Apr. 22	Easter Monday – school closed
Apr. 24	PAC Meeting @ 7pm PMSS Library
May 20	Victoria Day – school closed
May 29	PAC Meeting @ 7pm PMSS Library
June 27	Grad Ceremonies
June 28	Administrative Day – no classes in session

ALTERED BELL SCHEDULE DAYS:

Feb. 14	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42
Mar. 13	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42
Apr. 11	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42
Apr. 17	Parent-Teacher Interviews ~ classes end at 1:05
Apr. 18	Early Dismissal Day ~ classes end at 1:05
May 8	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42
June 6	Collaborative Planning ~ classes begin at 9:42

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

MAGGIE MUSIC

There is lots of activity in the Maggie Music Department these days. Parents should have received updates through the MyEd email service. Here is a quick overview of the activities between now and spring break.

Surrey Jazz Festival

February 21-22nd – Junior and Senior Jazz Bands (before school bands)

Okanagan Concert Band Festival

March 5-6 – Penticton Trade and Convention Centre and Cleland Theatre

Combined bands with SSS, PSS, and PM.

Junior band plays in Cleland at 11:30 on March 5th

Senior band plays in Cleland at 11:30 on March 6th

There are numerous in-school combined rehearsals prior to this event. These will be in the updates sent to parents. Parents are welcome to attend any of the above performances.

MAGGIE LEADERSHIP EVENTS

The leadership class has been super busy over the past few months, and we have many great events coming up in the Spring! A review of some of our biggest successes!

10,000 Tonight coordinated by Bailee Ewen combined with other schools in our district to collect over 20,000 items for the Penticton Food Bank.

Our Tanzania/ PM Leadership soup sales fundraiser, coordinated by Isabella Biggs, sold over 800 bags of soup.

Remembrance Day Ceremony, coordinated by Grace Robinson, was a tremendous success at Gyro Bandshell with Penticton Secondary School.

Kevin Styba-Nelson is writing a bi-weekly column in the **Penticton Western News** that summarizes the life of a student in Princess Margaret School.

The **Cross-City Challenge** hosted in November was a great success.

We are working closely with the **South Okanagan Gleaners**.

We are looking forward to starting a great service for some of the elderly in Penticton, the **iPod for Alzheimer's** project is in the works!

MAGGIE SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

The Jr. Girls Team, coached by Ms. M. Buckley and Mr. J. Buckley, showed incredible growth throughout their season. As a young team, the girls worked hard to develop skills and focused on teamwork. A season highlight was winning in the finals against Summerland and earning the honour of hosting the Valley Championships. The Jr. Girls competed well against the top teams in the Okanagan and demonstrated tremendous perseverance and improvement as a whole.

The Jr. Boys Team, coached by Mr. T. Haberstock, qualified for Valley Championships in Kamloops after defeating Pen High: finishing as finalists, second to Summerland Secondary School in the South Zone Championships. It was a successful season for the boys with very good tournament results, with strong Grade 10 athletes ready to make the transition to Senior next year.

The Sr. Boys Volleyball Team, Mr. R. Corrie, enjoyed a strong season finishing second in the South – Central Okanagan Volleyball League. The team played their best volleyball of the season at the Okanagan Valley Championships, making the finals and finishing second and advancing to the Provincial Championships in Langley. In the provincials, the team narrowly lost in the consolation semi-final finishing 11th in the province.

The Sr. Girls Volleyball Team, Coached by Ms. M. Wilms, had a successful 2019 season. The girls worked extremely hard on and off the court to improve their skills. They really came together as a team throughout the season and it paid off when they finished second in the South Central League and attended the Valley Championships.

BASKETBALL

The Jr. Girls Basketball Team, coached by Ms. M. Irish, finished 4th in league play this year. They have experienced a year of growth and development and have come extremely far with their abilities! In January they played in tournaments each weekend: Vernon, Kamloops, Maggie and Lumby. Each time they improved a little and grew as a team. They play their first game of zone playoffs on Tuesday February 5th at 5:30 pm at Maggie. They have to win in order to continue their season.

The Jr. Boys Basketball Team is currently in third place in league play and have won two tournaments and have the potential to finish the year as Champions of the South zone and attend the Valley's with play-off victories. Coaches are Mr. M. Redford and Mr. A. Sexton.

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

The school has worked diligently during this Authorization Year in order to be prepared for our Verification Visit, which is tentatively scheduled for March 7th and 8th. 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 gains the benefits of the fully implemented Middle Years Programme.

As a result of the work that has already been done, we have 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. Teachers are collaborating on units that connect different classes together so that students can investigate their 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.

News From Maggie's Library Learning Commons



Library Learning Commons
UPCOMING EVENTS

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK
FEBRUARY 14

You should never judge a book by its cover; this is why we've wrapped them up for you! Check out our **Blind Date with a Book** display and read the personal ad on each book. Take a chance on romance...or mystery...or science fiction... Each book comes highly recommended and if you fill out our included date card, you can trade it in for a sweet treat!

BREAKFAST & BOOKS
MARCH 14
8:00-8:35 a.m.

For all students and staff
Join us in the Library for a light breakfast and an opportunity to sign out some great reads for the Spring Break!

CAREERS PROGRAM

www.Careers67.ca

2018-2019 Calendar of Events

Spring Break **Youth Fire Academy** in partnership with Penticton Fire Department

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



International Math Kangaroo Contest 2019

In 2017, over 6 million students from **grade 1 to grade 12**, from over 65 countries, participated in the contest. Among them, there were 5,274 Canadian students. As of 2017, the Math Kangaroo contest is hosted in over 48 locations across Canada and continues to grow!

Canadian specifics of the contest:

Register online at kangaroo.math.ca. The early registration fee is \$17 per student until February 18, after February 18 the fee increases to \$25. **The registration deadline is on March 4.** This deadline is strictly enforced.

Further details:

1. There are six age groups: grades 1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8, 9–10, and 11–12.
2. The contest is offered in English and in French.
3. Students solve a set of multiple choice questions divided into three levels of complexity: *Grade 1–2: 18 problems in 45 min.; Grade 3–4: 24 problems in 60 min.; Grade 5–12: 30 problems in 75 min.*
4. Calculators are not permitted.
5. Maximum number of points is 150 (120 or 96, for grade 3–4 or grade 1–2, respectively). A correct answer earns 3 points (level A), 4 points (level B) or 5 points (level C). A negative score of (–1) is given for a wrong answer, regardless of the difficulty level. Unanswered problems are not given any points. Each participant starts with 30 (24 or 18) points, in order to avoid negative total scores.

Canada-wide online training sessions are also available; see kangaroo.math.ca for details. For general information, email info@mathkangarocanada.com.

Important details for the Kelowna location

In Kelowna, the Math Kangaroo contest is offered for the fourth time and it takes place on **Sunday, March 24th, 10:00 am** at Okanagan College, KLO campus, in the **E Building**, address: 1000 KLO Rd. Kelowna

PARKING: enforcement is relaxed on the weekends so we have permission to park in any **parking lot**, except in visitor parking.

Email kelowna@mathkangarocanada.com if you have **Kelowna specific** questions.

The Kelowna team (Satoshi Tomoda, Okanagan College and Heinz Bauschke, UBC Okanagan).

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