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Principal's Message



Happy New Year!!!!!!!

A New Year begins and Semester One ends. On January 22, Semester One officially ends and final exams begin on January 25th. Please review the exam schedule in this newsletter for dates and times your son/daughter will be writing final exams.

These are very important exams and students need to study and prepare for them. I encourage parents to support their sons and daughters by setting aside a quiet time and space for studying. This will help them to focus and make their efforts more effective. These are stressful times, particularly for our senior students because they are under a great deal of pressure to achieve marks that will allow them to meet

post-secondary requirements. A little understanding and a very large measure of patience will go a long way to promote peace, harmony, and good marks. Our teachers are working hard reviewing and getting students prepared for their exams, so school attendance is essential. If students have an examination conflict, they must see their classroom teacher or their vice principal to make alternate arrangements. All students are expected to write semester end exams during the scheduled times. Students who miss district or provincial exams may be assigned an exam mark of zero, or may be required to postpone writing until the next exam sitting.

Grade 10 and 11 students write ministry mandated provincial final exams in English 10, Science 10, and Math 10 and Social Studies 11. **The results of these exams will be recorded on Student Permanent Record Cards and Ministry Transcripts of Marks.**

Along with the new year come both staff and classroom changes at the school. We expect to have a number of new teachers join the staff for the second semester, and since Mr. Davies has been transferred to Rick Hansen Secondary, we welcome Mr. Manuel as a new vice principal. He will assume, among many other tasks, Mr. Davies' caseload of student whose last names begin with letters "A" to "F".

PAC News

Our next PAC meeting will be held on January 19th in the Mouat library. Please join us at 7:00 for refreshments.

We have some positions available on our PAC and would love to have some new faces come and join us in making this school the best in the district.

Together we can do it!!

Night to Remember 2010

Grade 12 Parents

All meetings will be held at 7.00pm in the school library on:

January 20, 2010

Feb 17, 2010

March 17,31, 2010

April 7, 14,21, 2010



WINTER

FOR SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

Please listen to:

- Country 107.1 FM
- Star 98.3 FM
- CBC 690 AM (91.7 FM)
- CKNW 980 AM
- News 1130 AM

and, when possible: Radio Shere
Punjabi 1550 AM

District Website:

www.sd34.bc.ca

Information also available via voicemail systems at the School Board Office (604 852 2366) and Facilities Services Office (604 855 5278).



Grad Transitions

Just another reminder to all grads that you should be finishing your grad packages as soon as possible.

France Tour 2011

Some spots left for Paris, les Chateaux and Normandy.

For more information, please contact Mme. Joly at school (604-853-7191).



Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the school office.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL W.J. MOUAT FOOTBALL AWARDS BANQUET

The football program will be holding its annual awards banquet on Wednesday, January 20th, at the Legacy Banquet Centre, beginning at 6pm. This event honours the accomplishments of our junior and senior football teams as well as the grade seven and eight team at C&G Howe Middle School. All players, parents and friends are welcome. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the

school office.

This year was particularly successful as our varsity team played in the AAA final and narrowly lost 39-36 to Centennial. Our junior varsity team continued its fine tradition by advancing to the AAA semi-finals.

We are very fortunate to have a large support group which makes our program one of the very best in the province. Our banquet

gives us the opportunity to acknowledge these key contributors. We are also very happy to have a special guest, Mark Washington, who is a B.C. Lions coach as well as a television personality and inspirational speaker of notable repute.

We look forward to a great evening on the 20th. Please make plans to join us!

PARENTS:

Please encourage your children to return their overdue library



Overdue Library Books

PARENTS: Please encourage your children to return their overdue library books! We have a new semester starting soon and many books needed for projects in

second semester are not in the library. This is a huge inconvenience to other students. Please have your children return these library books immediately. Otherwise,

students will be charged fees for these outstanding books.

Important Dates

January

Jan 15 Non Instructional Day (No School)
 Jan 19 PAC Meeting 7 pm
 Jan 25-29 School & Provincial Exams
 Jan 29 Semester Turnaround Day

February

Feb 16 PAC Meeting 7 pm
 Feb 19 Non Instructional Day (No School)

March

March 1–12 Spring Vacation (No School)
 March 15 School Re-opens
 March 16 PAC Meeting 7 pm
 March 24 Spring Music Concert
 March 25 Parent/Teacher Interviews 6-8:30pm

April

April 2 Good Friday (No School)

April 5 Easter Monday (No School)
 April 8 LPI Exam
 April 13 Café Jazz
 April 20 PAC Meeting 7 pm
 April 23 Non Instructional Day (No School)

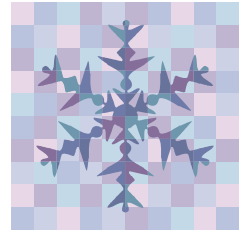
May

May 18 PAC Meeting 7 pm
 May 24 Victoria Day (No School)
 May 26 Graduation Ceremony (**please note date is incorrect in student agenda**)
 Hawk Walk & Graduation Prom

May 28

June

June 14 Music Concert
 June 15 PAC Meeting 7 pm
 June 21-29 School & Provincial Exams
 June 29 Report Card Pick-Up 1-3 pm



Aboriginal Support Room News

Mouat Students are Whistler Bound!

On January 15th, students will be travelling to Whistler's Squamish and Lil'wat Aboriginal Cultural Centre to snowshoe and tour the new \$30 million facility. A day of cultural experiences will include SNOWSHOEING, a native influenced meal in their beautiful cafe, and a chance to make a mini drum or paddle necklace. Celebration Plaza will

also be visited to see where the gold medals will be presented days later.

ATTENTION: All students who have any Aboriginal ancestry (Metis, First Nations or Inuit) are eligible for cultural support through field trips like this, in-school events, scholarship assistance, Aboriginal ancestry

research or assistance with academics. Call Michele Schroeder for more information at 604-853-7191 ext.4111 or email at michele_schroeder@sd34.bc.ca.

Mouat Hawk Wrestling 2010

The W J Mouat Hawks Wrestling Team is up and running again for the 31st consecutive season. The early season outlook is great! The team currently has over 30+ participants (both boys & girls) and we are encouraging more to join. The team practices at the Abbotsford Legacy Building beside the Rotary Stadium track on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3 - 5 pm. Practices are always open to all Mouat students. Join the team for fun, friends, fitness, self defense, and competition.

Early Season Results:

SFU War on the Floor Novice Tournament:

Austin Batra (gr9) **Gold** in Gr 11/12 division
 Melissa Lokombo **Bronze**
 Winning first ever matches in first tournament; Deion Bain, Taylor Hinton, Rahul Narula, Sheridan Lawley, Ryan Humar, Gurbaj Gill, Colin Warmerdam

SFU War on the Floor Elite Tournament:

Mouat sent six wrestlers - Four won Gold:

Winning Gold; Amrit Sund, Sunny Dhinsa, Nikkie Brar, Ashley Topnik. Tania Boyko placed Fifth
 Girls Team placed First
 Boys Team placed Seventh

Upcoming Events: Ogoopogo Invite in Kelowna

Abbotsford will be hosting the BC High School Championships from Mar 4 - 6, 2010.

**Looking For Work?
We Can Help!**

A Job Search and Computer Skills Program for ESL adults who are unemployed or working less than 20 hours a week.

- Workplace English
- Basic Computer Skills
- Job Search
- Resumes
- Cover Letters
- Interview Skills



Learn 60 hours of basic employment related computer skills for free!
• Typing • MS Word • Internet •

You can attend this program and still receive your EI benefits. To attend this program you must be 19 years or older and a landed immigrant or a Canadian Citizen.



English For Living & Working
604-859-3928

WJ Mouat Secondary
32355 Mouat Drive, Abbotsford, BC V2T4E9

Funded in whole or part through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement.

Mothers Who Care

Mothers Who Care is a Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry, offering support to staff and students of W.J. Mouat through prayer and encouragement. We are interdenominational and meet once a week. For more information contact Caroline Thurley at 604-850-5754.



PARENT ADVISORS 1-888-351-9834

Help!

Do you need some?

Do you have a school related question or concern? Call the BCCPAC Parent Advocacy Help Line at 1-888-351-9834 and leave a message. A parent advocate (confidential, trained volunteer) will return your call.



British Columbia-Quebec 6 Month Exchange



Grade 9 students: Are you interested in broadening your horizons? Looking to improve your French language skills? If so, participation in the BC-PQ exchange program may be for you. Quebec students are paired with B.C. students and attend school here from September to the end of November. B.C. students attend school in Quebec from February to the end of April. Last year, there was a \$300 administrative fee to students once

they were accepted.

The formal application process involves a 2.5 hour home interview, so appointments need to be set up. Traditionally, a maximum of four students per school are selected by the Ministry, (this year, we had only two) so get your name in quickly for the possibility of a unique experience. Students interested in applying for this opportunity should contact Mme. Laudadio in room 122 in January 2010.

Abbotsford Community Foundation Awards

Grade 12 students are invited to submit an application for the financial awards offered through the Abbotsford Community Foundation. There will be an information meeting in the theatre at lunch on February 4. The deadline for submitting applications is February 24, 2010.

Parent Alert

Parents should note that the graduation activities organized and supervised by school staff each year include **only** the **Convocation Ceremony**, the **Prom**, and the **'Night to Remember'** - any other off-campus activities you may hear about are not sponsored by W.J. Mouat. We suggest that parents investigate carefully to make certain that other celebrations and activities students may wish to attend are safe and healthy.



School District 34 Provincial & District Exams Schedule - January 2010

All students are required to write final exams at the end of the semester. Final exams count for 20% of the course mark so please assist your son or daughter with making firm study arrangements. Grade 10 students will be writing Provincial Exams for the first time, so additional studying time is recommended. Exam locations will be posted around the school. Exams will be written on the school campus. Grade 12 provincial exams count for 40% of final grade. All students are expected to write Semester End Exams during the scheduled times. Students who miss district or provincial exams for reasons other than illness or family emergency may be assigned an exam mark of zero, or may be required to postpone writing until the next exam sitting.

Mon Jan 25	Tues Jan 26	Wed Jan 27	Thurs Jan 28	Fri Jan 29
<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Geography 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>English 9 Math 11 - Principles Applications Essentials</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Communications 12 Physics 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>Physicis 11 Communications 11 Social Studies 9 Sciences Humaines 9</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: English 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>Science 9 Chemistry 11 Calculus 12</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: English 10 BC First Nations Studies 12 E-only Francais Langue 12 French 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>Biology 11 Earth Science 11</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10:00am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Science 10 Civic Studies 11 E- only English First Peoples 12 E-only</p> <p>District</p> <p>No exams</p>
<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Biology 12 E-only</p> <p>District</p> <p>English 11 Math 9- Principles Applications Essentials</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Principles Math 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>Francais Langue 9, 10, 11 Japanese 9, 10, 11 German 9, 10, 11 Punjabi 9, 10, 11 French 9, 10, 11 Spanish 9, 10, 11</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Social Studies 11 Sciences Humaines 11 E-only English Literature 12 E-only Geology 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>Social Studies 10 Sciences Humaines 10</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Principles, Applications, Essentials Math 10 Applications Math 12 History 12 E-only</p> <p>District</p> <p>No exams</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Chemistry 12</p> <p>District</p> <p>No exams</p>

Parents and Students:

A reminder that the Oral/Listening language exams occur during the last week of regular classes in January (January 18-22). This part of the exam is mandatory and must be completed at the time directed by the classroom teacher. This part, along with the written exam scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th, counts for 20% of the students' overall mark.

Grad Activities

Information re Grad Activities will be posted on the WJM website (www.mouatonline.com) as plans and costs are finalized.

Upcoming Grad Activity Dates:

Friday April 23	Night to Remember at locations TBA
Wednesday May 26	*Formal School Leaving Ceremony at Sevenoaks Alliance Church (note that date is different than shown in the Student Agenda)
Friday May 28	Hawk Walk and formal Grad Dinner/Dance (Prom) at Aston Pacific Resort, White Rock

*Please note that due to the size of the 2010 Graduating Class and facility fire regulations, each student is limited to a maximum of 4 guests at the School Leaving Ceremony.

Upcoming Grad Activity cost/timeline:

January 6 to 15, 2009	<i>Grad Photos</i> —take place at WJM between 2.30 pm and 9.00 pm except 9AM to 11:30 AM on Jan. 15 . Photo appointment information packages were distributed at the end of December to students on behalf of Right Photography.
February 2010	<i>Grad Cap & Gown</i> —rental/purchase of required formal attire for those students planning to attend the School Leaving Ceremony in May—\$25
April 2010	Payment is due for students participating in the Night to Remember (all-night Lock In)—approx \$40
May 2010	Purchase of various Grad Packages ranging from \$25 to \$105 (not including a prom guest).

Please refer to the WJM website for updated information.

Information from the Counselling Centre

Semester 2 Course Changes:

All students should already have complete timetables for 2009-2010 based on choices made last year. Course changes are very difficult to make mid-year, however, the counsellors will accept a limited number of legitimate course change requests on **Thursday January 21 and Friday January 22**. Students requesting course changes must come to the Counselling Centre in person, with a recent copy of their Semester Two timetable.

No teacher change or block change requests will be considered.

Updated Semester Two timetables will be distributed to students in a Homeroom Class earlier in the week.

Course Planning for 2010-2011:

Course Planning begins in early February for current grades 9 to 11. We will continue with the online-only version of our extensive **Course Planning Guide**, which is accessible through the WJM website: www.mouatonline.com. Students will be instructed how to use this innovative resource in group sessions before planning the 2010-2011 timetable.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to use the course planning information available on the school website.

Career Centre Update

Apply now for Housing @ University

SFU

Apply Now! First-come-first-served

www.sfu.ca/residences

UBC

Deadline Feb. 1st

Roommate preferences available!

<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/housing.ezc?pageID=1151>

UFV

Yes. You can stay in residence at the UFV Abbotsford campus!

<http://www.ufv.ca/student-services/student-housing.htm>

UVic

Apply Now!

Roommate preferences available - you will need to know each others student numbers!
<http://housing.uvic.ca/>

To Write or Not to Write?!

Provincial Exams for Admission to Post Secondary:

Admission policies can change from year to year!

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the correct information regarding admission policies for those post-secondary institutions you are applying to.

Here are a few examples:

BCIT Civil Engineering - preference given to those students who write the optional provincial exams for required courses.
<http://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/8660beng#entry>

University of Alberta - marks will be used if optional provincial exams are written

University of Calgary - last year the optional provincial exam blended mark was used if reported by Ministry - Must call admissions to inform them to take the better mark

University of Saskatchewan - marks will be used if optional provincial exams are written

University of Manitoba - last year marks were used if optional provincial exams were written

University of Toronto - marks will be used if optional provincial exams are written

McGill University:

Given that British Columbia students are no longer required to write most provincial

examinations, McGill University does not require BC applicants to write them. In cases where BC students choose to write the provincial exam, the final examination result as well as the school grades will be taken into consideration in the McGill admission decision. Where students opt not to write the provincial exam in a subject, the school grade alone will be taken into account.

<http://www.mcgill.ca/applying/undergrad2009-10/canada/>

The following is an example of B.C. universities that will use your best blended final mark or school mark for 'optional' provincial exams:

SFU

<http://students.sfu.ca/admission/requirements/provinces/bc.html>

TWU

<http://www.twu.ca/undergraduate/admissions/highschool-students/admissions-requirements.html#bc>

UBC

<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/bcyt.ezc>

UFV

<http://www.ufv.ca/ar/admissions/provincial-exam-policy-change.htm>

UVic

<http://registrar.uvic.ca/admissions/admissions/requirements/bc.html>

Important Dates & Events

January

UVic Business Webinars:

* Successfully Applications

* About BCom

* Application process

To register for 1, 2 or 3 webinars email: bssclerk@uvic.ca before 11:00am on the day of the presentation

www.business.uvic.ca

January 12th

Education & Career Fair Vancouver

Free tickets available - see Tracy

@ Science World @ Telus World of Science, Vancouver

9:am - 3:00pm

www.educationcareerfaairs.com

January 23rd

UBC Tech Trek

Presentations from Google, EA and Pixar!

www.techtrek.ca

Jan. 23rd

VanArts Open House

2:00pm RSVP: info@vanarts.com or 1-800-396-2787 ext. 104 www.vanarts.com

Jan. 23rd

Choral Intensive @ Capilano University

www.capilano.ca

email: lkaario@capilano.ca

Jan. 27th

Explore Capilano University Night

www.capilano.ca

January 30th or April 10th

SFU Supertour

Spend 1/2 day in your program!

www.students.sfu.ca/tour

February 4th

2010 North American Computational

Linguistics Olympiad

@ SFU www.naclo.cs.cmu.edu

www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/naclo.html

Applying to University or College?

I have all the applications and can help you avoid making mistakes.

Important note: Most universities use your marks to determine your admission as long as you apply by their application deadline.

* UFV

- **deadline Jan. 31st** for priority

- date of application could make a difference as to when you sign up for classes www.ufv.ca
Report your marks March 1st to March 31st!

* **UVic - deadline Feb. 28th** www.uvic.ca

January 4th 2nd round begins for reporting your marks for admission offers

<http://registrar.uvic.ca/undergrad/admissions/apps/self-reporting/>

* UBC

- **admission deadline Feb. 28th**

- **report your marks ONCE online March 17th to April 30th using your report card**

<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/selfadmission.ezc>

- watch for supplemental application

deadlines for programs such as Science

www.you.ubc.ca

- guaranteed housing deadline - Feb. 1st

www.ubc.ca/housing

* **SFU - deadline Feb. 28th**

NO guarantees this year for admission!

Business - requires broad based application

form - deadline March 31st

<http://business.sfu.ca/bba/apply>

www.sfu.ca

* **McGill - deadline Feb. 1st**

www.mcgill.ca

* **Ontario universities - apply by Jan. 13th**

www.uuac.on.ca