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Principal's Message

We are entering the last and most challenging term of the school year. As the weather improves and the days grow longer, students find it more and more difficult to focus on their studies. June exams are just around the corner and, of course, these exams are very important! School based final exams are worth 20% of the grade for the course. The provincial exams are worth 40% of the final grade for grade 12 students and 20% of the final grade for grade 10 and 11 students. For our senior students, these exams will determine which post secondary school and program they may enter and which scholarships and bursaries they may win. Simply by achieving a grade of 86% on three or more government exams students will receive a \$1000 scholarship from the Ministry of Education.

Already, we have many students who can win provincial scholarships if they

do well on their June exams. I encourage you to discuss year-end exams with your son/daughter and give him/her the encouragement to stay focused and to study hard.

I highly recommend that parents look for ways to assist their children with maintaining good attendance, study habits and exam preparation routines. The literature shows that students who have a daily routine for doing their homework, and those who have parents who take an interest in their schooling, are more likely to do well in school.

Another big event for the month of May is the timetabling of students for next year. We are implementing the Ministry of Education mandated BCeSIS system for next school year, and this process has created some new challenges for building our timetable schedule. For most students, course selection is complete and they are awaiting their course selection confirmation.

They can expect these confirmations to arrive during the summer. Many of our sections will be full, and few changes will be possible, but we will provide an opportunity for students to discuss course changes with counselors before September.

Graduation preparations are well underway. Our Ceremony is on **Wednesday**, May 26th and the prom and "Hawk Walk" are on **Friday**, May 28th. Once again this year, due to fire regulations, we must limit the number of guests that can attend the ceremony and the "Hawk Walk". Each graduate will be able to purchase up to 4 tickets for the ceremony and 2 tickets for the "Hawk Walk". All guests will be required to present their tickets at the door to gain entrance to these events.

If you need more information about year end events and final exams please check the website or give us a call.

Final Exams

Now is the time to begin planning for **June exams**. As a semestered school we have two final exam sittings, the first in January and the second in June. **Final exams are very important**, and all **students must write them at the scheduled time**. Both school exams and Provincial exams begin on June 21st. **Please keep these dates in mind when planning your family appointments and vacations.**

Dress Code



Spring is here and so is the good weather. We have reminded students that we do have a school dress code. Students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to the school setting. Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, sex or that is inappropriately revealing is unacceptable.

PLAN
For the Future

There is still time to apply to some colleges and universities including UFV

See Tracy in the Career Centre room 117 for help.



Career Centre Update

Grade 12's

Don't forget to authorize the Ministry to release your marks to the universities. Go online through the Student Secure Web: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams

There is still time to apply to some colleges and universities including UFV. See Tracy in the Career Centre room 117 for help.

Been accepted to college/university? Don't forget to pay your registration deposit. If you change your mind and have paid a deposit, don't forget to officially withdraw - you could be charged full tuition if you don't!

Café Jazz

Once again this year, the Mouat Jazz Bands and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Dan Hearty, delighted their audience with a musical blend of jazz, swing, latin and blues at the sixth annual Café Jazz. To add to the feast for the ears was an equally tantalizing feast for the eyes and taste-buds, as the guests indulged in dessert creations by Chef Michael Dicks of CTC catering and Q's Steakhouse.

Many thanks to Stacie Chartrand, Cindy Rintoul and Paula Kast for all their hard work in making this event such a success.

June 1st - UBC deadline for accepting most offers and paying deposit.

Science have their own advisors you can make appointments with: scienceadvice@ufv.ca

Registering for 1st year

Do you know what courses to take for 1st year? Do you know how to create a timetable and register? Sign up and attend an orientation or advising session offered by the university!

UVic May 29 Experience UVic 2010
www.uvic.ca/experience

UBC

Plan your classes with the help of the online calendar.
www.calendar.ubc.ca

UFV Advising

General advising appointments can be made by calling: 604-854-4528 Arts have their own advisors you can make appointments with: arts.advice@ufv.ca

FOLLOW MOUAT NEWS ON TWITTER!

<http://www.twitter.com/wjmouat>

Important Dates



May

May 24	Victoria Day (No School)
May 26	Graduation Ceremony (please note date is incorrect in student agenda)
May 28	Hawk Walk & Graduation Prom

June

June 14	Music Concert
June 21-29	School & Provincial Exams
June 30	Report Card Pick-Up 1-3 pm
June 30	Non Instructional Day

Mouat Pitches In May

Theme: FOOTPRINT REDUCTION

Did you know?

By the age of only six months, each Canadian has consumed as many resources as the average person in developing countries consumes in a lifetime!

Tip of the Month:

Figure out your current carbon footprint using a fun and easy carbon footprint calculator like <http://calc.zerofootprint.net/youth>
Follow the suggestions to reduce your footprint!

www.pitch-in.ca

Important Dates

May 30: Abbotsford's 3rd Annual Run for Water

Promote healthy physical activity and community spirit as well as raise funds for clean water development in under-privileged communities by volunteering or participating in a ½ marathon, 10km run, or 5km family fun run! Register at www.runforwater.ca

May 31 – June 6: Bike to Work Week

Get a team of your co-workers together to ride their bikes to work and promote the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation! Register at www.biketowork.ca

June 8: World Oceans Day

Join the Junior Leadership Team as they "Wear Blue and Tell Two" to celebrate the world's oceans. For more info visit www.theoceanproject.org

Junior Varsity Spring Football Camp

All Grade 9's as well as Grade 8's attending Mouat next year are welcome!

No football experience is needed, just an eagerness to learn and participate!!

Be part of the best High School Football Program in BC !!!

Equipment Pick Up:
May 20, 21, from 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Practices:

2:45 - 5:00 pm

Mon May 31st to Fri June 4th (5 days)

Mon June 7th to Thurs June 10th (4 days)

Scrimmage: Friday June 11th at 4:00 pm at Mouat vs Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary

Cost: \$50 includes equipment, 9 practices, scrimmage, T Shirt & Shorts

Fee also goes toward 2010 fall season fees.

For further information contact coaches: Jon McCarthy (jon_mccarthy@sd34.bc.ca)
Jim Mitchell (jim_mitchell@sd34.bc.ca)

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.



March's Student of the Month is Ryan Hamon

Ryan Hamon is a physical education student who leads by example. His enthusiasm for sport is exhibited on a daily basis and his positive attitude is encouraging to all levels of athleticism (of those) around him. He has also been involved in the PE Leadership class where he has been a part of a team who have planned and implemented activities for Mouat's Intramural program. Ryan has

been an integral contributor on the Sr Boys Rugby team and thoroughly enjoyed the competition in Australia this past spring. With an overall 80% average to date, Ryan will pursue a career in Nursing following graduation. Thank you Ryan for your positive influence and leadership in the PE Department. Best of luck as you continue in your post-secondary endeavours.



April's Student of the Month is Gurbir Grewal

Gurbir Grewal is admired by both staff and students alike. The reason for this is his boundless energy and efforts in all areas. His academic performance in the humanities is exemplary. His contributions to our school community are many. He has organized events such as our multicultural showcase, 30 hour famine, Night of Thousand Dinners, to name only a few. He is a member of our senior leadership team, as well as one of the editors of our yearbook. He is

compassionate and empathetic to the obstacles that others face. These qualities are rarely so well developed in young people. Gurbir truly appreciates the need to understand things from a larger global perspective. With regard to his attitude, it is rare to encounter a student so passionate about learning with citizenship in mind. We look forward to seeing what he will surely accomplish in his bright future.



Yearbooks! Yearbooks!

Almost 75% have been sold, leaving just over 200. Don't miss out—buy one today for \$50 from the office. Also, if you are interested in buying last year's yearbook, they are available for \$20 and can also be purchased at the office.

Attention Grade 12 Students

GRAD TRANSITIONS - Grade 12 Parents, has your son / daughter completed their Grad Transitions? This **mandatory** requirement should be completed by the end of April unless students are in WE 12. Contact Mr. Spann for details.

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

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

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32355 Mouat Drive, Abbotsford, BC V2T4E9

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.



Mouat Wrestlers Shine at the Nationals

The W J Mouat Hawks Wrestling Team competed at the 2010 National Cadet & Juvenile (high school) Championships in Burnaby.

The Hawks continued their outstanding season with stellar results at the Nationals. The Girls 2010 BC Championship team placed second in Canada.

BC Champions Nikkie Brar and Ashley Topnik both won National Silver medals narrowly missing the Gold. First year wrestler Melissa Lokombo placed fifth

in Canada.

The Mouat Boys team also did well at the Nationals! Amrit Sund won Gold in the Cadet division and placed third for Bronze in the FILA CADET Tournament.

Amrit was voted as the Most Outstanding Cadet Wrestler at the 2010 National Championships. Tyler Declare placed fifth in the Freestyle tournament and captured the Bronze in the Greco Roman Championship.

Sunny Dhinsa has won three more National Championships since winning his second BC Championship March 6th. Sunny won the National Juvenile Gold medal in both Freestyle and Greco Roman.

Dhinsa recently travelled to Fredericton to compete in the National Junior (under 20) Championships winning Gold. Sunny is now selected to represent Team Canada at the 2010 Junior World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

School Fees & Textbooks

Please submit any unpaid fees to the office and return all overdue library books and textbooks as soon as possible. Thank you.



PAC News

The next W J Mouat PAC meeting is September 21st, 2010. Please join us!

We meet the third Tuesday of the month in the library at 7:00 pm.

Important Grad 2010 News

Grads will have a full Grade 12 Assembly on Thursday, April 15---at that time, they will be given a detailed memo with very specific information covering the following activities:

Grad Photos	Grad Cap & Gown
Night to Remember	School Leaving Ceremony
Grad Hawk Walk	Grad Prom/Dry Grad

If you do not see this detailed memo, please ask your son/daughter to share the information with you. See below for a brief overview---check the distributed memo for much more information.

\$\$\$Final Grad Package Costs (not including "Night to Remember")**\$\$\$**

PKG #1 (\$100) includes:

School Leaving Ceremony and Reception for Grad and maximum 4 guests
 Diploma in embossed holder
 Individual 5 x 7 photo of grad receiving diploma
 Long stemmed flower
 Hawk Walk for Grad and maximum 2 guests
 Return bus transportation to Prom
 Formal Dinner/Dance (Prom) for one grad (guest is extra---see below)
 Dry Grad refreshments after the Prom at WJM
 11 x 14 grad class composite photo
 Original "Class of 2010: Memories" DVD

OR....

PKG #2 (\$20) includes:

School Leaving Ceremony and Reception for grad and maximum 4 guests
 Individual 5 x 7 photo of grad receiving diploma
 Long stemmed flower
 Diploma in embossed holder
 11 x 14 grad class photo composite

OR....

PKG #3 (\$35) includes:

Everything in PKG #2 plus the "Class of 2010: Memories" DVD

AND (OPTIONAL)....

PKG #4 (\$75) includes:

One guest to the Formal Dinner/Dance (Prom)
 Return mandatory bus transportation to Prom
 Prom Guest Approval form must also be submitted and verified by WJM Administration. There is a limit to the number of Prom Guests who will be approved so early completed applications are recommended.

Grad Package sales start on April 20th--deadline for sales is **Friday, May 7th**. PLEASE purchase your package directly from Ms. Merrick in the Counselling Centre every day after school during this period from 2:30 to 2:45 PM. If you are using a Debit Card, pay in the Main Office and then bring your receipt to Ms. Merrick for registration. You must register with her to be included in any Grad activities listed above. After purchasing a Grad Package, there will be a School Leaving Ceremony Wait List available for potential extra tickets, however, we will not know until after May 10th, if there will be any extras at all. Any available extra tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 each.

The "Class of 2010: Memories" DVD is currently in production---if you have digital photo files of current Grade 12 students/activities that you are willing to share, please tell Ms. Merrick; she will provide you with a CD or email address---your assistance will be appreciated! Effort is made to include as many grads as possible on the DVD but cannot be guaranteed.

Please note that any student requiring financial assistance in order to take part in any school-based Graduation activity should contact Ms. Merrick or Mr. Manuel to discuss privately.

GRADS ARE REMINDED THAT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY TO TAKE PART IN ANY W.J. MOUAT SCHOOL-SPONSORED GRADUATION ACTIVITY THEY MUST MAINTAIN THEIR GRADE 12 STATUS AT THIS SCHOOL.

Overdue Books

George Washington 220 years late with library books, owes \$300,000 in fines!

George Washington owes a surprising \$300,000 in library fines for two books still outstanding on his account 221 years later, according to the BBC. America's first president signed out two books from the New York Society Library, then the only library in Manhattan. He borrowed *Law of Nations*, an essay on international affairs, and a tome of

debate transcripts from Britain's House of Commons. The material was borrowed on Oct. 5, 1789, and an aide wrote "president" in the library borrower's ledger next to the titles to indicate who had the books. They were never returned, and have been racking up fines ever since, the BBC reports. Librarians came across the breach when digitizing the library's historic ledger. The New York Soceity Library does not plan to pursue the fine. Rather, it would just like the books returned. (from

the *National Post*, April 19, 2010).

Coincidentally, the W. J. Mouat Library would like its overdue books returned also. We, however, will not wait 221 years to collect overdue library fines or forgive them. We will start collecting fines in June. So, return your overdue library books and flashdrives immediately!

Junior Boys Rugby News

The junior boys rugby team has just finished a strong season. The team finished 2nd with an impressive 7 and 2 record in the very tough South Fraser Division. The team enjoyed big wins over crosstown rivals Yale and Rick Hansen Secondary. This year's team has relied on returning grade 10 veterans JD Paul, Kris Bush, Sebastian Gibson, James Rahe, Mitch Vedder and Devon Logan. Timmy, Jimmy, Jason have also

contributed to the team chemistry, and Jordon Olson has made an impact switching from the centres to the flanker position. Several of these veterans gained valuable playing experience in Australia while they were on tour with the senior boys team. The solid play of the grade tens has been paralleled with the great work ethic of the grade nines.

The grade nines have shown great

improvement through their hard work; this has helped the team improve. There are also several players who have never played rugby before this year. Despite no previous experience, these players have made an impact as starters and as Super Subs, coming onto the pitch in the second half. The juniors play Port Moody in the first round of the Upper Fraser Valley playoffs and expect a strong run in the playoffs.

Seven Oaks Art Show

W.J. Mouat's Art Department invites you to visit this year's art show at Seven Oaks Mall. Fine works of art from Abbotsford's secondary schools will be on display from Tuesday, May 18th-25th.



W J Mouat's spring play "The Crucible" was a huge success. Our one act festival play was selected as "Best Overall Production" and will be showcased at the provincial drama festival in New Westminster next Thursday night. Congratulations to all who were involved in this great production.

REVISED Semester End Exam Schedule—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. Exam locations will be posted around the school. Exams will be written on the school campus. Students must be on time for all exams. Grade 12 provincial exams count for 40% of final grade.

Mon June 21	Tues June 22	Wed June 23	Thurs June 24	Fri June 25	Mon June 28	Tues June 29
<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Physics 12 Geology 12</p> <p>District: Communications 11 Chemistry 11 Social Studies 10 Sciences Humaines 10 Science 9</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: English 12</p> <p>District: English 11 Math 9 - Essentials Applications Principles</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Communications 12 Chemistry 12 English Literature 12 E- only</p> <p>District: Francais Langue 9,10, 11 German 9.10.11 Japanese 9, 10, 11 Punjabi 9, 10, 11 Spanish 9, 10, 11 French 9,10,11</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: English 12 First Peoples E-only French 12</p> <p>District: No exams</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Science 10</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Math 10 – Principles Applications Essentials</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay 10am for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Japanese 12 German 12 Punjabi 12 Spanish 12 Mandarin 12</p> <p>District: No exams</p>
<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2pm for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Principles of Math 12 Applications of Math 12</p> <p>District: Math 11 - Essentials Applications Principles English 9</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2pm for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Social Studies 11 Sciences Humaines 11 E-only Civic Studies 11 E-only</p> <p>District: Social Studies 9 Sciences Humaines 9 Calculus 12</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2pm for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: English 10 History 12 E-only</p> <p>District: No exams</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2pm for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: BC First Nations Studies 12 E- only Biology 12 E- only</p> <p>District: No exams</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2pm for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Francais Langue 12</p> <p>District: No exams</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay 2pm for provincial exams)</p> <p>Provincial: Geography 12</p> <p>District: No exams</p>	

Spring Cleaning???

Do you have pieces of fabric that you are never going to use??? Buttons?? Thread?? Other Notions? Consider donating them to the Home Economics Department for use by some deserving student! **Please no scraps.** Thank you in advance.