



PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

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**Mr. John Yap,
Richmond-Steveston MLA
(right), and Juliana Matallana,
class valedictorian (left),
congratulating the summer
semester class of 2015 (below).**



Principal's Message

IMPORTANT DATES

November

06 Activity Day

11 Remembrance Day,
no classes

20 Bi-weekly
Report #3

December

04 Bi-weekly
Report #4

11 Awards and
Graduation

10-14 Provincial
Exams

14-16 Final Exams

18 Last day of classes

19-Jan 03
Winter break,
no classes

January

04 Student orientation,
first day of classes

12 Last day to add/drop
classes

22 Bi-weekly
Report #1

25-29 Provincial Exams

Pattison High School underwent a focused renovation during the summer semester break, and repurposed some of the space to two new classrooms and a newly positioned Student Lounge. We are very happy with the results, and we look forward to showing you the outcome at Parent / Teacher Night on Thursday, November 05.

On this page, you see representation of the 'ME to WE' event held at Rogers Arena on Wednesday October 21. The Give Where You Live club has been working hard over the last year to contribute to the local community, and to learn about becoming more socially active. October 21st was the day when students and educators from all over British Columbia – some 20 thousand people - gathered at Rogers Arena to celebrate examples of successes, donate to the Food Bank, and be inspired from social leaders such as: the Barenaked Ladies, Henry Winkler, Colbie Caillat and Commander Chris Hadfield. This initiative is closely aligned in purpose with 'Free the Children.' As principal, I am proud of the initiative that the school is demonstrating in its communities.

On page 15 of this edition, you see a welcome to the new members of our faculty and staff. In addition, I wish to recognize the return of Mr Nicholas Skartvedt to faculty. Each is making a significant contribution to the team, and each is much appreciated.



Sincerely,

Daniel Chowne, Principal



Counselor's Corner

We are off to a great start. Students who are engaged in learning are continuing to be successful. The Grade 11 and 12 students will receive a Post-Secondary Information Package. Included in the package is information on the Post-Secondary Selections Form. This must be completed on-line. This document allows the Ministry of Education to send the marks to B.C. and Ontario post-secondary institutions. We had the opportunity to have a speaker from New York University. The event was well attended by our students who received valuable information about the university. Representatives from the following institutions will be here to speak to our students:

- November 17, 9:00–10:00: University of Toronto
- November 20, 10:25–11:55: University of Alberta
- November 26, 12:45–3:30: University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, Langara College, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Capilano University, British Columbia Institute of Technology and Emily Carr University of Art & Design

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend any of the above sessions. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call me.

Mary Eby, Counselor



Britannia Mine Museum



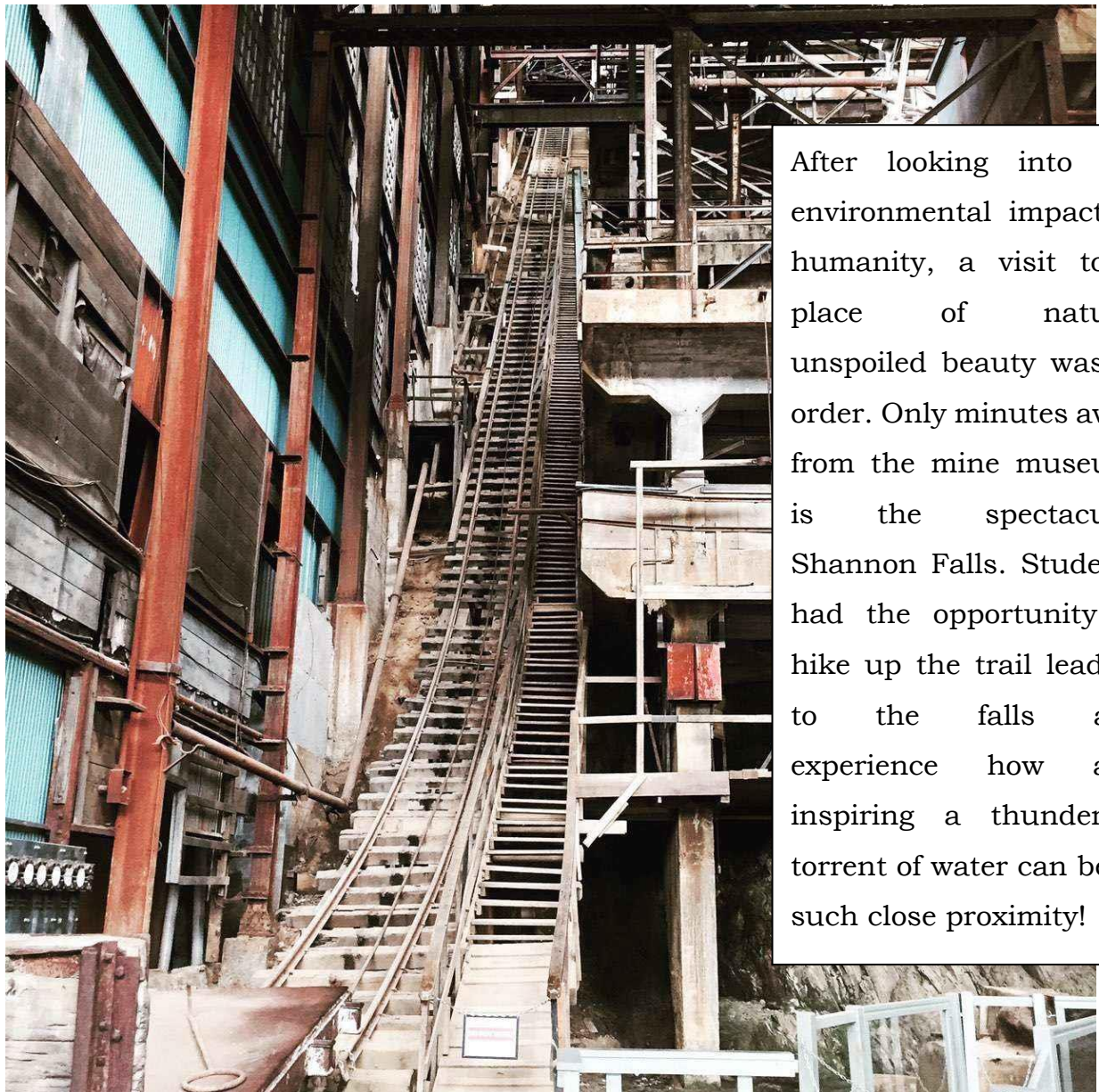
During the summer semester Mr. Williams, Ms. Van and Mr. Klepsch brought students on a field trip to the Britannia Mine Museum.

While there they were asked to think about a guiding question: Mining: Is It Worth It? They were asked to evaluate the costs and benefits of mining as they explored Britannia Mine. One of the trip's highlights occurred when the students boarded a small train and toured the old mining tunnels in their colourful hard hats. The students were educated about the impact of mining at Britannia and elsewhere, by exploring topics ranging from the need for copper, job creation, community creation, lost agricultural land, human health hazards,



waste rock disposal, and water pollution. After the students debated whether mining is worth it, or not, they were able to discover the challenges and rewards of panning for gold. Many of the students soon found, like the prospectors of old, that it's not easy to find gold.

However, Kris, Mina, Tina, and Adam managed to find enough gold to keep as a souvenir that will remind them of their rich time in B.C.



After looking into the environmental impact of humanity, a visit to a place of natural unspoiled beauty was in order. Only minutes away from the mine museum, is the spectacular Shannon Falls. Students had the opportunity to hike up the trail leading to the falls and experience how awe inspiring a thundering torrent of water can be at such close proximity!

Activity Day

During the summer semester, Pattison High School faculty, staff and students spent the day at the PNE's Play Land. It was a rainy day but the rides were still running, and even if it was a little cold we still rode the corkscrew, the roller coaster and other exciting rides.





Students won stuffed-animals, toys and other prizes while shooting water guns, throwing baseballs and hitting targets in the games area.

This summer semester, on November the 6th, we will be visiting Richmond's Olympic Oval and The Zone Bowling. These activity days are a great way to build our community and make friends!





Pattison High Golf Club

The first few outings of the Pattison High Golf Club have been a resounding success!

Every second Wednesday (depending upon the weather), a small group, of students and teachers, journeys to the Stanley Park Pitch and Putt for a round of golf. Any skill level player is welcome! Thus far, the participants' skill levels have ranged from never having touched a golf club, to getting the ball on the green in one stroke.

There are five techniques that are required for you to successfully play a round of Pitch and Putt:

YOUR GRIP

There is no such thing as the perfect grip, but with a good grip it is much easier to bring the clubhead to the ball square and on line, which is the whole purpose of the swing.

YOUR STANCE

The set-up and stance for all shots is similar, the difference being how big a swing you need and how hard you must hit the ball. Aim, ball position, posture and weight distribution are all key elements in helping a player to hit the ball consistently and successfully towards the target.

PITCHING

The pitch is a high shot played with a lofted club with the aim of landing on the green with minimum roll. The club is open at address, the hands are behind the ball and the ball is swept upwards off the tee. Establish a pre-shot routine to get the set-up right every time. This is fundamental to a consistent swing.

CHIPPING

The chip shot is generally played from ten to thirty feet. When you hit a chip cleanly the ball will pop up into the air. How high it flies depends on the angle of the clubface, which is entirely under your control. You may need to hit a high, medium or low chip.

PUTTING

The key to successful putting is to stand still and concentrate on the ball and not the hole. Pitch and Putt greens are small and all putts are short. You can use the putter around the green if the grass is short, dry and the ground even.

By Rick Williams

Summer Picnic



Another great day organized by the Student Council! After morning classes we migrated down to the beach at Stanley Park, which is wonderfully close, and feasted on the veggies, fruit and chips we brought and the pizzas we had ordered in. Then a full-on water fight ensued which ensured that everyone, not hiding on the fringes of the party, got soaked! Thank you PHS Student Council

**We can't wait to
see what they do
for Halloween!**





One Climb – Grouse Grind

Once a year, in support of Free the Children, Whistler Water supports a fundraising event on the Grouse Grind, and every year the Pattison High School community gets involved. This summer Ms. Erfan and Mr. Klepsch led all the interested PHS students to do the Grind and help raise money to bring clean drinking water to villages without potable water in Kenya.



Science Club





The Science club, led by Ms. Erfan, has been extremely active. This is some of what they've been up to: balloon race car races, fettuccine bridges, holograms...

...making an air zooka and smoke machine, testing the force of gravity, building a 3-D printer from scratch and a corn starch and speakers experiment.



Awards



At the end of every semester, students can win a number of different awards including for the most improved, citizenship and artistic merit. If you would like to win one of these awards please ask your teacher how. Two lucky students will also be awarded \$500 scholarships



Frank Fan (above) is holding his medal for excellent performance on the University of Waterloo's Euclid contest. Well done Frank!



Welcome to Pattison High School

We are pleased to welcome the new members of our faculty and staff:



Jennifer Howe

English
Teacher



Darren Boychuk

Recruitment and
Advising Manager



Tamara Langan

Science and Math
Teacher

FALL 2015 – PHS Club activity

CLUB	WHEN & WHERE	TEACHER
Math Power	Every day at lunch: Room 119	Ms. Erfan
Give Where You Live	Mondays after school: Room 114	Mr. Williams
Basketball	Mondays after school: Room 108 and 109	Ms. Stewart and Mr. Rowbottom
Harry Potter	Tuesdays after school: Room 113	Ms. Langan
Make-up Club	Tuesdays after school: Room 120	Ms. Stevens and Alanoud
Science and Games Club	Wednesdays at lunch: Room 119	Ms. Erfan and Mr. Chepkwony
Recycling Initiative	Wednesday after school: Room 112	Ms. Van
Studio	Wednesday after school: Room 120	Ms. Stevens
Soccer Club	Wednesday after school: Weather permitting	Ms. Van
Student Council	Thursdays after school: Room 110, 111, 112	Ms. Howe, Ms. Van, Mr. Klepsch
Harry Potter Movies Club	Fridays after school: Room 113	Ms. Langan

Provincial Exams

Exam	November
English 12	Monday the 2nd 9:00 a.m.
Social Studies 11	Monday the 2nd 1:00 p.m.
English 10	Tuesday the 3rd 9:00 a.m.
Communications 10:	Tuesday the 3rd 9:00 a.m.
Pre-calculus 10	Monday or Tuesday: to be announced
Science 10	

Exam	January
English 12	Monday the 25th 9:00 a.m.
Science 10	Monday the 25th 1:00 p.m.
English 10	Tuesday the 26th 9:00 a.m.
Communications 12	Tuesday the 26th 9:00 a.m.
Social Studies 11	Wednesday the 27th 9:00 a.m.
Pre-calculus 10	Thursday the 28th 9:00 a.m.

Important:

- Please sign-up early
- You must bring photo identification