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# Important Dates

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**November 2**

Activity Day -  
Victoria Trip

**November 5-6**

Provincial Exams in English 12  
and Communications 12

**November 7**

Graduation Numeracy  
Assessment

**November 11**

Remembrance Day

**November 12**

No Classes

**November 20**

Interim Report 2

**December 7**

Awards Day

**December 10-12**

Final Exams

**December 14**

Last Day of Classes

**December 17 - Jan 1**

Semester Break

**January 2 2019**

First day of Winter Semester





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE

The learning community at Pattison High School is bigger and busier than ever before, with 200 students focused on developing academic success. This focus is complemented by a varied collection of extra curricular activities that take place in the school and at the YMCA. Students are very much engaged and energized by the range of pursuits on offer to them.

The school is pleased, as I expect that most of us are, to welcome the mid point of the Fall 2018 semester. Seven weeks are behind us, and seven weeks are ahead of us. The tree blossoms are also in the past; they have given way as the cooler air has arrived. And then the leaves seemed to depart almost too hastily.

In this semester, we welcome the advent of the collaborative inquiry and research curriculum at the grade 10 level.

Students will become increasingly involved in self assessment processes and peer assessment activities. This is a Ministry of Education initiative where the purpose is to increase the level of engagement that the student experiences in the high school environment, and better prepare the graduate for the university experience.

As I write this letter, the school's Student Activity coordinator is making the final arrangements for student participation in the November 2nd activity day. The learning community will travel by coach to Vancouver Island where students will visit the world renowned Butchart Gardens and tour Victoria's downtown inner harbor. This has all the makings for an exciting day trip.

The following week, the school looks forward to the first iteration of the Numeracy Assessment which is a combined electronic and paper based evaluation of mathematical problem solving. We wish the very best to our candidates.

Finally, we welcome everyone at Parent – Teacher night on Thursday November 01. We always look forward to the evening, when all of us here may talk to you about your student's progress.

Sincerely

Daniel Chowne  
Principal

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. "

Malcom X



# COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

BY CAROLE MORAN

With a new semester comes the joy of new friendships and classes. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the new faces and greeting the old.

Utilizing my Master's Degree in Psychology from Trent University in Ontario, I embrace the opportunity to work closely with all students and teachers, as well as the multitude of University and College representatives to provide the support and encouragements they so much need at this pivotal time of their lives. I consider this to be a great honour to be so involved and welcome all students to visit and discuss their current plans, their feelings and their future goals.

Having previously been the language review teacher, it is a real treat to now be the counsellor of Pattison High School as well as the activities coordinator.

Planning fun trips like the Victoria sightseeing tour, helping students discover which clubs they would like to join, and helping match each student to their preferred class schedule keeps my days full and exciting.

I am looking forward to seeing what these bright students will bring to the rest of this semester.

“Only those who look with the eyes of children can lose themselves in the object of their wonder.”

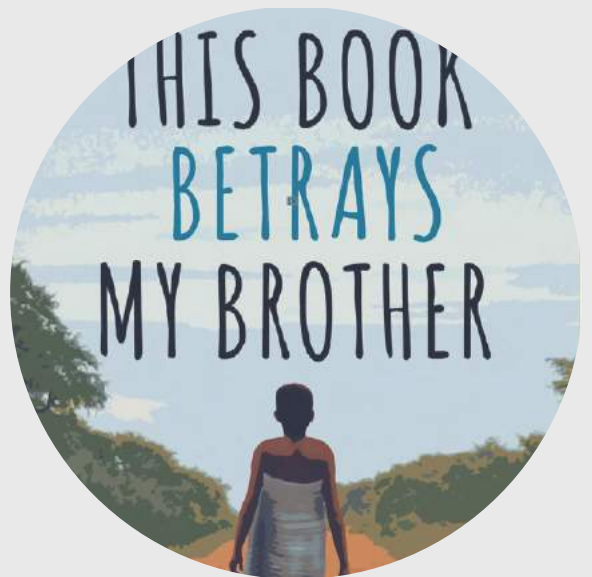
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# Award Winning Author Visits Pattison High School

On October 12th Kagiso Lesego Molohe came and talked with students about her award winning book "This book betrays my brother." The book has won multiple awards and speaks to topics that are hard to talk about in every day life. The book is set in her hometown in Africa and is about her as a young girl witnessing her brother do something illegal. Will she choose family or morality? The author answered questions that the students had and helped shed further light on how her decision affected her life. We were honoured to be able to have here engaging with Pattison High School students.





# Coffee House

By Student Government

On July 23 2018 the student government orchestrated the event "Coffee House!" Their inspiration was that they wanted to have a space to share talents and raise money for charity.

The student government went through the process of getting the event approved and funded to setting up and making it happen. It was such a fun day witnessing people's talents, eating good food and buying art the art class painted.

All proceeds from the event went to a local charity and the students got the reward of a fun, entertaining charitable event. We are so excited for the next one!



# Welcome Assembly

## at Scotia Bank Theater

This year we had the pleasure of holding our assembly in the Scotia Bank Theater. Here we were able to share our schools values, introduce our staff, and inform students of upcoming activities and clubs.

Having the large media screen

and sound system was a treat for everyone as we listened to the music club perform the projects they had been working on.

Below are some pictures of this years assembly. Just like our students, we are always striving to go above and beyond. We are excited to see what this semester will bring.





# Halloween at Pattison

## High School

October 31 is a well known celebration here in Canada where children and adults get dressed up, eat candy and spend time with friends and family.

Halloween has many origins. Here in Canada long ago, Halloween was believed to be a time where dark spirits were able to come out and scary costumes were worn to keep them away. Now days, we wear costumes in festivity, some are scary, some are funny, some are fancy. An age old tradition modified over the years and still celebrated to this day!

The student government put together Halloween festivities for their fellow students and it was a blast! With snacks, candy, games, entertainment and more the fun kept coming as students got to participate in a timeless Canadian tradition.







On a beautiful and sunny day we went to Playland where we got to ride all of the fun rides, eat lots of mini donuts/ fair food and play lots of fun carnival games! We cannot wait for the next activity day!



Next Activity Day: November 02  
2018 Victoria Sightseeing Tour!

**VICTORIA**  
SIGHTSEEING TOUR  
November 2nd

PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

**INCLUDES**

- Round trip bus transportation
- Ferry cruise through the Gulf Islands
- Experienced tour guide
- Guided sightseeing through Victoria
- Lunch at Old Spaghetti Factory
- Games & prizes
- Butchart Gardens

**INCLUDED!**

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# Hockey Night in Canada



## Vancouver Canucks VS LA Kings

**November 27 @ 7pm**

Tickets include food, drink and the experience of a life time! We are so excited to have the opportunity to go as a school.

If you have not signed up already, get your ticket today before they sell out!

To get your ticket see the Ms. Angela at the front Desk.





# Clubs at PHS

## Chess Club

Tuesday @ 4:00

Mr. Joel

Room 115

## Math and Peer Support

Tuesday & Thursday @ 3:45

Mr. Joel & Ms. Egan

Room 112

## Basketball Club

Wednesday @ 2:45

Mr. Vandervelde

YMCA

## Newspaper Club

Friday @ 4pm

Ms. Moran & Ms. Yu

Room 114

## Yoga Club

Tuesday and Friday @ 5:00

Ms. Moran & Ms. Lu

YMCA

## Student Government/ Model UN

Tuesday and Thursday @ 3:45

Mr. Authurs & Mr. Karim

Room 114

## Spanish Club

Wednesday @ 3:00

Ms. S

Room 111

## Music Club

Wednesday @ 2:45

Mr. Catalano & Ms. Egan

Lunch Room





# Academic Clubs

## Chess Club

By Mr. Joel

Come to room 115 and learn to play the timeless strategy game of chess. You will learn to expand your mind, memorize, and create game plays better. Many of the brilliant minds play chess to stay fresh and alert. Join today to keep your mind as tuned as the masters!



## Math and Peer Tutor Club

By Mr. Joel and Ms. Egan

Peer tutor and math club are a place where students can come and work on their homework together/ learn skills to teach each other.



Mr. Joel has added math club to this where students will have the opportunity to compete in math competitions! If you are

better at your course subjects, helping your classmates, and possibly competing in a math competition, join this club!

# Academic Clubs

## Student Government/ Model UN

Student Government/ Model UN is a place where students can come and have a say in what happens in their school. Some of their accomplishments so far are planning Halloween parties, planning and implementing the event coffee house, helping in creating the graduation ceremony and much more. If having an active role and voice in what happens at school interests you, join this club!



## Spanish Club



Hola amigos! If you are interested in learning Spanish, join the Pattison High School Spanish Club! We will be learning basic phrases and sentences, watching movies, and listening to music! So come and make some friends, and learn a cool new language that is spoken in over 20 countries!

Spanish Club will be held in Room 111 every Wednesday at 3, with Ms.S.

Si eres un hispanohablante, ayuda a Ms.S para poder conseguir horas de voluntariado



# PHS Clubs at the YMCA

## Basketball Club

Every week our students have the opportunity to play basketball together at the YMCA. Here we learn what it means to be a team player and how to accomplish our goals together. If you want to exercise, have fun, and be a team player join the basketball club! Talk to Mr. Vandervelde and meet us at the YMCA Wednesdays at 3:00pm!



## Yoga Club

Yoga has been proven to be an excellent way to destress, build muscle and gain clarity of mind. Ms. Moran and Ms. Lu have started facilitating the yoga club held at the YMCA this semester. If you are looking for a new way to get fit, make friends, clear your mind, or gain flexibility talk to Ms. Moran or Ms. Lu about joining yoga club! Every Monday and Friday at 5 pm at the YMCA.

Not sure what to do until your club starts? The YMCA has many facilities such as a swimming pool, sauna, hot tub, complete gym and much more. Arrive early and make the most of your visit!







# Music Club

By Ms. Egan and Mr. Catalano

Music is all around us and such an important part of many cultures.

In the music club at Pattison High School you are able to exercise your existing skills and gain new ones as you learn more complex pieces with your club mates.

For those who like to or want to perform, this is a great club to join. The music club often performs at different school events such as graduations, assemblies, and other special events!

We currently have a state of the art sound system, microphones, keyboard and much more. We know your own instrument is easiest to play and encourage you to bring it. Let's learn and create magic together!



# Visual Arts

One of our newer courses, visual arts offers students the chance to learn styles and techniques that will help them move their art from ordinary to extraordinary. Since enrollment in this course is limited, make sure to mark it down for next semester and talk to Ms. Moran about enrollment dates.



# Science and Fun

Science is a great course to learn about the world we live in. It offers insight into the human body, the weather, the earth we live on and so much more.

This year science takes a new hands-on approach with Mr. Ford and Mr. Joel leading the students in safe, informative and fun science experiments.

If you want a first hand experience learning about the world we live in, see Ms. Moran early to discuss course enrollment.





# Post Secondary Day



On October 26 2018 we had eight different post secondary schools come and give presentations about their institute to the students. The schools that visited on this day were: UBC, BCIT, University of Calgary, KPU, Vancouver Island University, Swiss Education Group, and The Kings University.

Our upcoming dates for post secondary introductions are:

November 7th: University of Toronto, Capilano University, York University, SFU, Dalhousie University

November 21: Emily Carr University of Art and Design

November 22: University of Alberta

November 23: University of Ottawa

November 28: MacEwan University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, UBN

December 5th: University of Saskatchewan



# University Acceptance

of Spring 2018



## BCIT

Chuhan, Shao  
Kian, Fahimi  
Victor, Gladush

## Capilano University

Lude, Huang  
Haowei, Shi  
Wenxuan, Song

## Douglas College

Runyang, Zang  
Xinyu, Cao

## Kwantlen University

Xing Chang, Yang  
Suixin, Cai

## Langara College

Wanyun, Zou  
Le Ha My, Nguyen  
Minh Tri, Tran  
Emad Tabrizy

## McGill University

Sang Hoon, Lee

## Medicine Hat College

Setareh Rafiee Bandary

## Simon Fraser University

Yuxin, Dai  
Yuxin, He  
Xinyi, Chen  
Yunqing, Zhang

## University of Toronto

Zhenyu, Wang  
Je Yeon, Chung  
Michael He

## University of Victoria

Zhijie, Wang  
Tamara, Tan

## University of British Columbia

Mang Wai, Lam  
Shirin, Salehzadeh  
Yiqing, Zhang  
Haiping, Lai

## York University

Rui, Zhao

## Vancouver Film School

Sara, Mokhtar

# Awards Day

As tradition stands, on July 26 2018 we awarded our exemplary students for their outstanding performance after completing the spring semester.

It was such a great and rewarding day hand delivering certificates, congratulating, and recognizing the students who went above and beyond.

Since this is a tradition

that is done every semester, every student is still eligible to be nominated and awarded at the end of this semester. Let's keep working hard to achieve greatness together!

Below you will see our principal Mr, Chowne congratulating the students on their achievements.

