



# PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

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# Principal's Message

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September

04 Labour Day, no classes

05 Orientation Day

30 Bi-weekly Report #1

### October

09 Thanksgiving Day, no classes

13 Bi-weekly Report #2

20 Professional Development Day

23-25 Midterm Exams

31 Provincial Exams

### November

02 Parent/Teacher Night

03 School Activity Day

11 Remembrance Day

15 Bi-weekly Report # 3

29 Bi-weekly Report # 4

### December

08 Awards & Graduation Day

11-13 Final Exams

15 Last day of classes

17-Jan 01 Semester Break, No classes

Following a long and hot Spring Semester, a somewhat more recognizable west coast weather pattern is now accompanying us into the mid-term period. There is a



brilliant display of leaves turning colour all around the school, providing a vibrant tapestry of shape.

Equally pleasing, and much appreciated in the school, is the renovation that took place during the summer break. Walls were painted, new carpeting was placed throughout, and the finishing touches gave the school an 'all new' and fresh look.

I write this message a few days before the scheduled mid-term assessments. It always comes as something of a surprise that the term is fast approaching its half way point – and that your student will receive a report card. No doubt, the students are aware of this as well.

The calendar includes a new course offering in this semester: Information Technology is offered so that students have access to the development of coding skills. We continue to offer a full slate of Academic Readiness language classes in grammar, reading, vocabulary and writing – as well as two IELTS courses to support students' progress at the upper levels of language acquisition and mainly the university applications.

Another development is the integration of the roles for Student Counsellor

with Student Activity Coordinator for the purposes of a more wide ranging collection of services to our international student community. The Student Activity Coordinator facilitates

a calendar of activities and events – for student engagement and enjoyment. The coordinator position puts in the hands of one person the planning and management of many aspects of the students extra-curricular and social lives.

We have recently bid a fond farewell to Ms. Mary Eby and thanked her for her lengthy contributions to the school. At the same time, we have greeted Ms. Shanti Winters and welcomed her to the counseling and student activity role.

The school looks forward to welcoming everyone at Parent – Teacher night on Thursday November 2. We have just finished some Halloween traditions and next week we will provide an English 12 and communications 12 provincial exam sitting. As many readers will have learned, the format and delivery of provincial exams in BC is changing in the 2017-2018 academic year. Beginning in January 2018, there will be a numeracy assessment. It is best to consult with the counselor, or myself, to find out the requirements in relation to your student’s graduation plan.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chowne Dip.Ed., MA



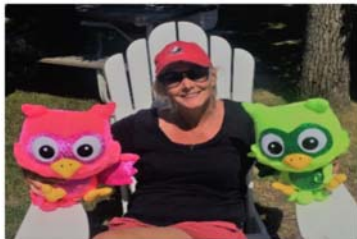


School  
Activity  
Days...So  
Much  
Fun!!!

Thumbs up ... fun for ALL!

## Learning Inside and Outside of the Classroom

By Ms. Moran



As one would expect, here at Pattison High School, students and teachers are dedicated to focusing on a high level of academic learning within our school. Mid-term exams are right around the corner and before we know it, December will be here and the successful conclusion of this Fall 2017 semester academics at Pattison High School will be complete.

In the meantime, clubs and activities abound, bringing with them comradery, new friends, and growing passions for pursuits that will add to a student's education and experience. In addition, coming soon in November, is our school activity day!

The value of outside social activities are essential for a fully, well-rounded international education experience. We need to grow our spirits, in addition to our academic education.

I have heard and noticed that some students think extracurricular activities are not really a necessary or important component of their semester work here, but having experienced the past Spring/Summer 2017 school activity day, I must disagree!

As you can see from these pictures, these activity days are a source of bonding and sharing of smiles and laughter. They are a time to relax and for both students and teachers to enjoy each other in yet another great setting.

In the last semester, the AR classes busily prepared for their upcoming PNE Activity Day through the learning of amusement park vocabulary, readings focused on international parks, writing about feelings



and discussion groups focused on the value of play as a learning experience.

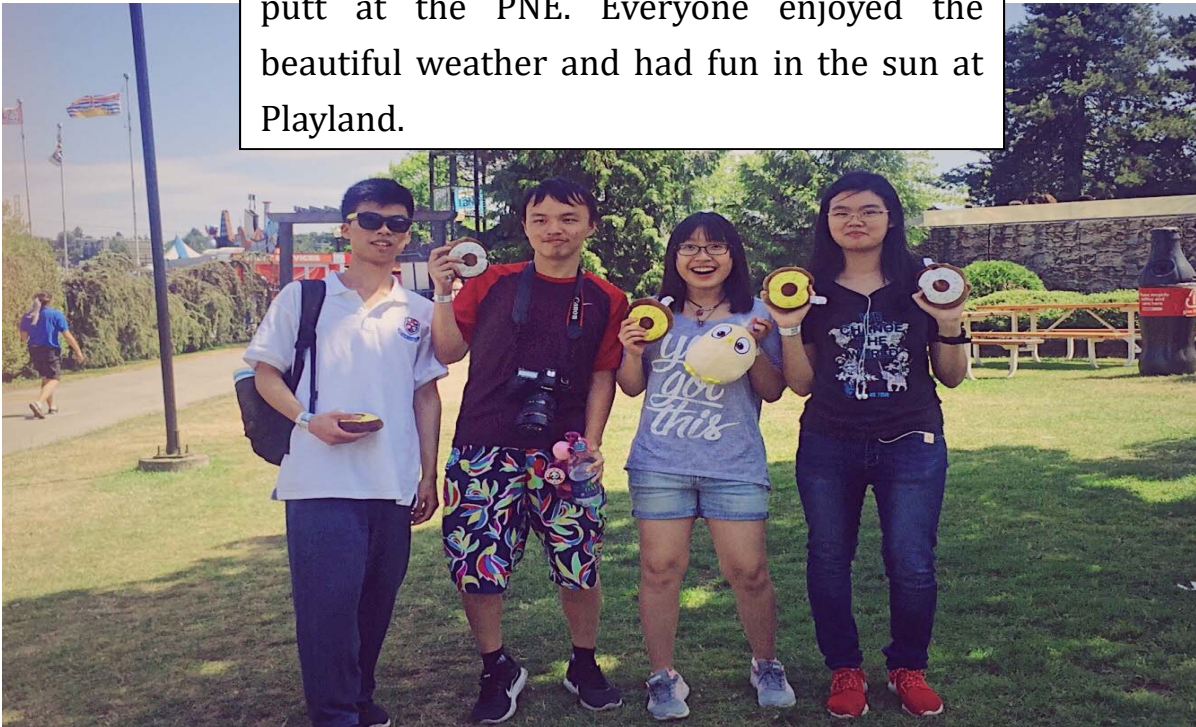
As part of this semester's studies, we will concentrate on topics ranging from setting goals, making choices, collaboration and personal accomplishments. Through research, discussions and essays, we will share our thoughts and feelings of support and teamwork in anticipation of our day at the Olympic Oval on November 3rd.

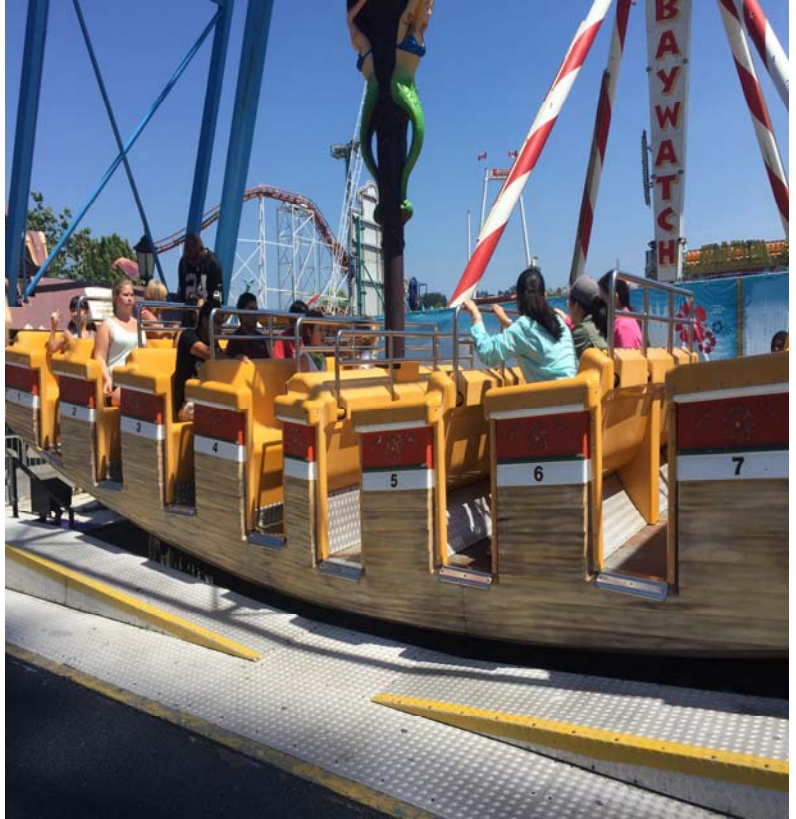
Striving to achieve, with the support of our peers, students and teachers alike, is a wonderful feeling both inside and outside the classroom. I would therefore encourage all students to get excited about sharing these great days together 😊

# ACTIVITY DAY AT PLAYLAND



This summer, on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 our students and staff went on rides, walked through the Haunted House and played mini putt at the PNE. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather and had fun in the sun at Playland.





# SCIENCE & CHEMISTRY



# STUDENT COUNCIL

Pattison student council is a platform that is in charge of both communication between student body and school administration, as well as the planning of the school events. We have organized a number of events this semester, and currently we are working on the Halloween party and the prom, which are exclusive to Pattison students, teachers and staff.



The council includes a wide range of positions and students are encouraged to participate, and make their best to be elected at the beginning of each semester. These roles are: president, treasurer and athletics director, as well as the communications director. Members are encouraged to build up their leadership skills and challenge themselves during their time in the council. We are aware of the dedication and efforts of the students, teachers and staff who participated in the events.



We would also like to appreciate our sponsor teacher, Ms. Jyotsna Subramaniam who has been working with us in order to maintain a higher standard of extracurricular environment at the school. We are looking forward to the future success of the student council and also anticipating more members to join us.

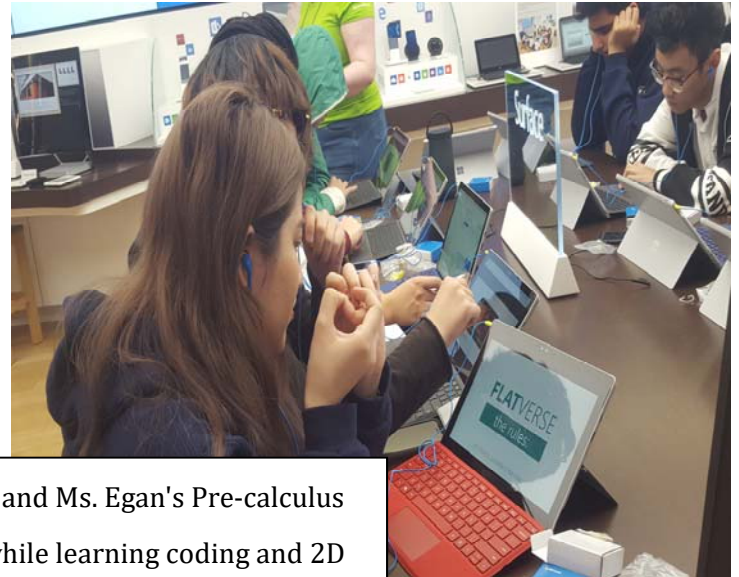
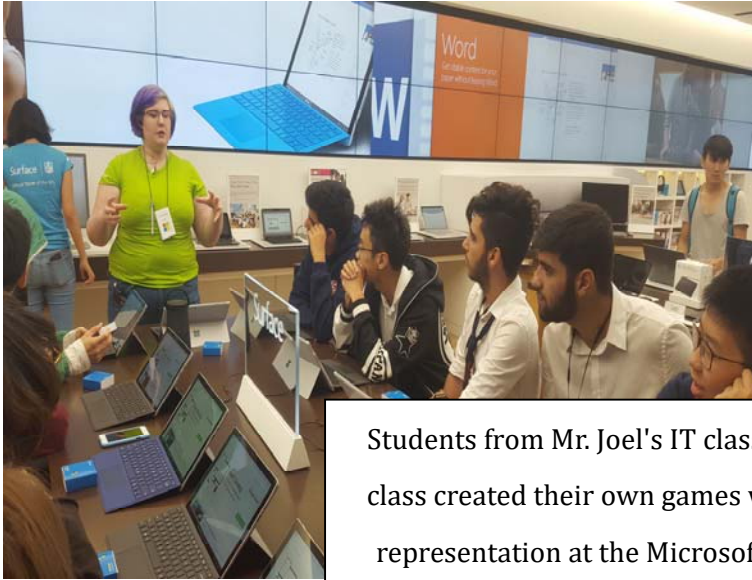




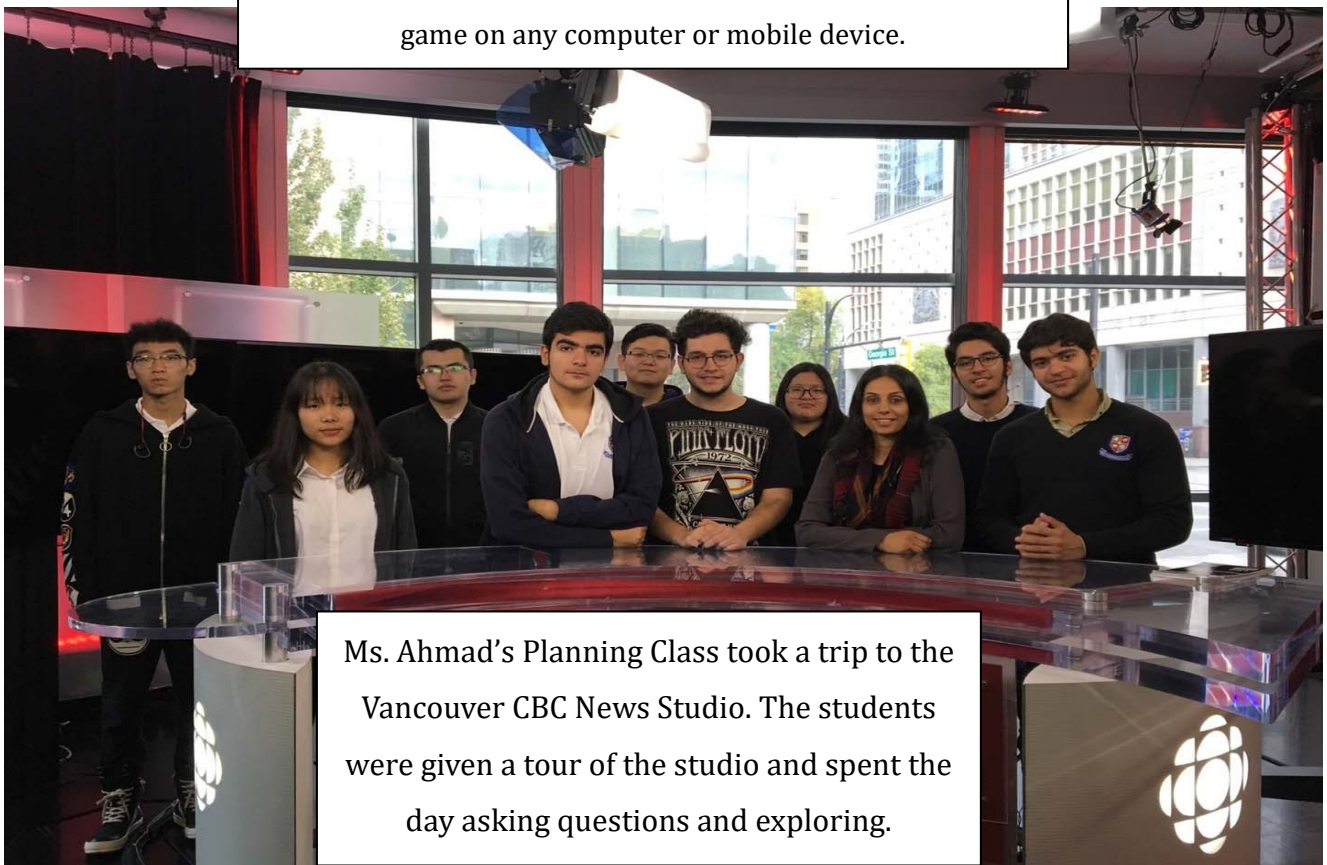
# POST SECONDARY DAY



# MICROSOFT FIELD TRIP & CBC TOUR



Students from Mr. Joel's IT class and Ms. Egan's Pre-calculus class created their own games while learning coding and 2D representation at the Microsoft Store in Pacific Center. The students worked on Microsoft Surface tablets, but can use their game on any computer or mobile device.



Ms. Ahmad's Planning Class took a trip to the Vancouver CBC News Studio. The students were given a tour of the studio and spent the day asking questions and exploring.

# FRASER INSTITUTE

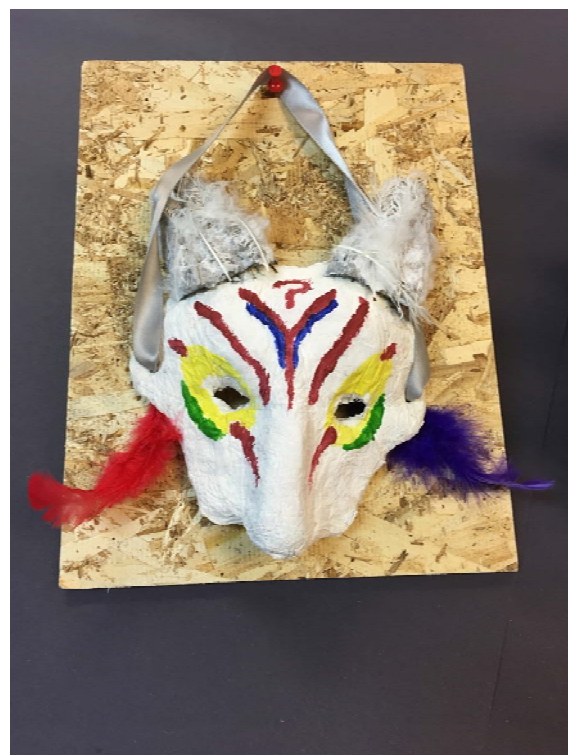


At the Fraser Institute students spent time learning about economics through interactive lessons and games.



# ART AROUND PATTISON

Maya Nguyen & Jane Pham



John Iijima



# ME TO WE



Let's get fundraising!



# AWARDS

Ask your teachers how you can achieve an award.  
Two students may also receive \$500 scholarships.



Each semester students can receive a variety of  
academic achievement awards.



# CLUBS AT PHS

| CLUBS                                   | WHEN & WHERE                       | TEACHER         |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Student Council</b>                  | Thursdays after school: Room 111   | Ms. Subramaniam |
| <b>Me to We/Give<br/>Where you Live</b> | Tuesdays after school: Room 110    | Mr. Verney      |
| <b>Be Your Own Boss</b>                 | Thursdays after school: Room 111   | Ms. Subramaniam |
| <b>Adventures in Art</b>                | Wednesdays after school : Room 120 | Ms. Kulhay      |

Join the fun! If there isn't a club you like now, then it is up to you to take initiative and make it happen! Suggest any ideas you may have to one of your teachers or Ms. Shanti Winters. Keep an eye out for the upcoming basketball drop-in club that will be happening on a weekly basis at the YMCA!

## PROVINCIAL EXAM SCHEDULE

| EXAM              | NOVEMBER                               |
|-------------------|--|
| English 12        | Monday the 6 <sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00  |
| Communications 12 | Tuesday the 7 <sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00 |

### **Important:**

- Please sign up early**
- You must bring 2 pieces of photo identification**