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# BITS AND BYTES

Pattison High School's Newsletter for Parents and Guardians

## FEATURING

### 3% PROJECT

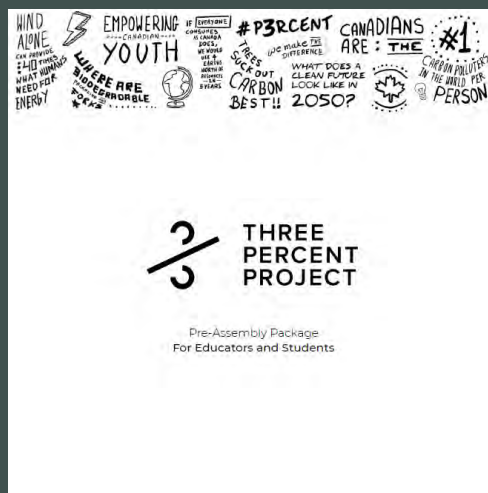
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# Important Dates

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**March 1**

Activity Day -  
Whistler Trip

**March 19**

Interim Report 2

**April 05**

Awards Day

**April 08-10**

Final Exams

**April 12**

Final Report  
Last Day of School

**April 15-26**

Semester Break,  
No Classes





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE

Just when we thought that we could not become any busier, we have increased the size of the student community with a few more students - and life is a little more vibrant than last semester. What remains the same is that over 200 students are focused on developing academic success. This focus is complemented by a variety 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.

School life includes student initiated and generated interest groups and communities. As I write this message, students are preparing for a Valentine event for the afternoon. On March 1st, we will make a day trip to Whistler and focus on both the outdoor and cultural aspects of that famous community. As if we have not had enough snow in the city last week, we will go in search of more this Friday.

With good luck and a good climate, we should be looking at warm, sunny days – and blossoming trees – on Sunday April 14 when students, staff and faculty will participate in

the annual Vancouver Sun Run which will take us 10 kilometres around the city. This event is to bring out the marathon capabilities in all of us: Go Pattison Panthers!

This is the second semester when we incorporate collaborative inquiry and research curriculum at the grade 10 level. Students are becoming increasingly active in self assessment processes and peer assessment procedures. This is a British Columbia Ministry of Education initiative where the purpose is to increase the level of recognition that the student shows in the development of core competencies and curricular skills. The process may include a range of learning experiences in the high school environment, and better prepare the graduate for the university experience. Finally, we welcome everyone at Parent – Teacher night on Thursday February 28. We always look forward to the evening, when all of us here may talk to you about your student's progress.

"A man, as a general rule, owes very little to what he is born with – a man is what he makes of himself. "

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Alexander Graham Bell



# COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

BY CAROLE MORAN

As I write this, we are now more than half-way through this Winter 2019 semester at Pattison High School. Over the past 8 ½ weeks since we started at the beginning of January, our students have been working and studying hard with the guidance of our outstanding teaching faculty and now students and parents alike, are eagerly anticipating the mid-term grade report cards.

Within the counselling office there is so much talk of current classes and future goals. Most applications for Universities and Colleges have been sent and I am thrilled every time a student pops happily and excitedly by my office to report that they have been accepted into their post-secondary school of their choice. It is indeed a very exciting time of year.

Beyond academics, I also rejoice in seeing new friendships grow within our beautiful international student population. Some of these friendships have developed through classroom work and shared goals, but also through our many various clubs and activities.

We were all delighted to enjoy the past Valentine's Day event and our Student government has been busy preparing for all and every occasion that is upcoming!

In addition, the Pattison "Panthers" (our running team) have been out "pounding the pavement" training for their 10K Vancouver Sun Run event coming in April! This week alone, will be a busy one, as we prepare to greet and welcome all parents, guardians and custodians at our Parent/Teacher night Thursday, followed very early the next morning by our most beautiful all-school activity day up to Whistler, BC! Between traveling up the picturesque sea-to-sky highway, our gondola ride to the mountain top for lunch, the most glorious Peak-to-Peak gondola ride, as well as our one-of-a-kind visit to the Lil'Wat Nation village, and exploring the delightful Whistler Village, we are all excited to spend the day together in this once Olympic-site Canadian treasure.

I so enjoy sharing in all the enthusiasm, energy and passion that our students bring to our school and bring to my office. I have shared in their successes, as well as their struggles, and have had the pleasure and honour of their shared stories. I wish all our students the best over the remainder of this Winter 2019 semester and their future pursuits... both academics and socially.

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

EBERHARD ARNOLD





THREE PERCENT PROJECT  
Pre-Assembly Package  
For Educators and Students

3% project's mission statement is: "Mobilizing 1,000,000 Canadian youth (that's 3% of Canada) with one goal: to educate and empower us to plan and take action towards climate change solutions in local communities."

This semester we had the privilege of welcoming 3% project into our school.

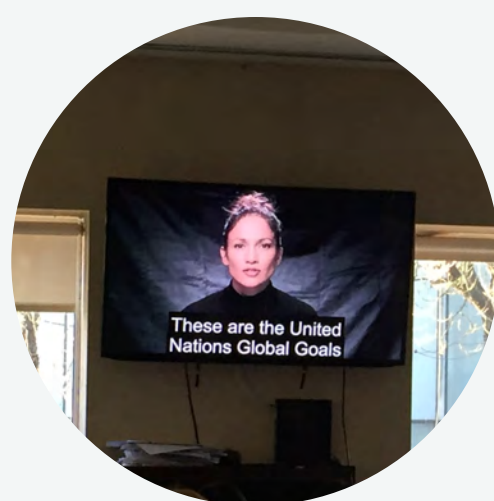
3% project is an organization that specializes in:

"MOBILIZING A GENERATION ON CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

3% Project is going to schools to provide real, employable skills to youth to help them create sustainability solutions locally."

During the interactive presentation students were able to learn more about climate change and how to get involved.

Students also got training on how to organize themselves around issues that they are passionate about!







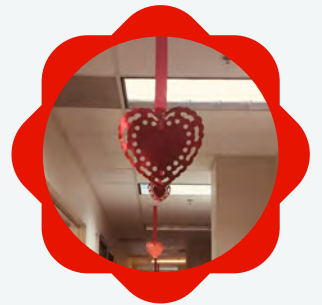
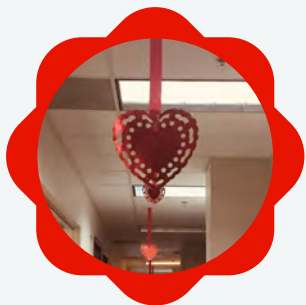
# Valentine's Day Celebration

Every February 14, across Canada and in other places around the world, flowers, candy and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine.

This celebration's origin has many myths and tales. But they all have to do with the power of love.

Sending flowers, candy and gifts is a way for us to show the people in our lives we are thinking of them and we value them.

At Pattison High School students wrote notes and sent candy to each other on February 14th. A music performance was held in the lunch room and students got to experience the magic of friendship and giving.





# Lunar New Year

February 5th was Lunar New Year for many countries!

The Lunar New Year is a very big holiday in Vietnam, China and Korea. Most people get multiple days off ! Lunar New Year is a time to spend eating good food and making memories with family.

On our right we have two students, Liz and Kim, wearing traditional Vietnamese Dresses.

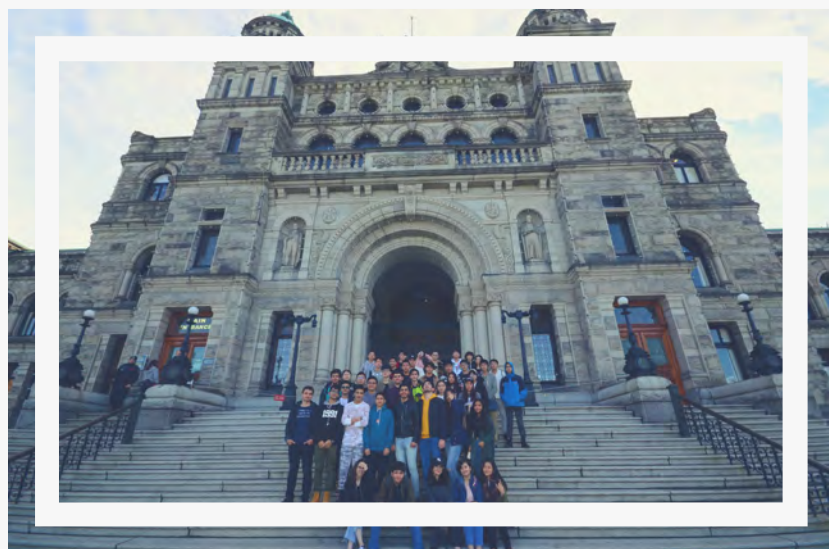






On a beautiful and sunny day we woke very early and went to Vancouver Island!

We boarded a bus and headed to the ferry where we were out on the open ocean for about two hours. Upon docking we explored the Butchart Gardens and the esteemed Legislative building!



## Next Activity Day: March 01 2019: Whistler Sightseeing Tour!

Our next Activity Day is March 01 2019! We will be going to Whistler! We have a variety of activities planned. Some of which will be the peak to peak gondola ride and learning about indigenous traditions of the area.





# Youth Team Challenge

**Vancouver  
Sun Run**  
April 14 2019



**YOUTH TEAM CHALLENGE**  
*Community Fun for Everyone.*



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**  
REGISTER TODAY AT [VANCOUVERSUNRUN.COM](http://VANCOUVERSUNRUN.COM)  
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TEAM NAME: Pattison High School  
TEAM CAPTAIN: Ms Moran PHONE: 604-608-8788  
EMAIL: activities@pattisonhighschool.ca

35 YEARS RUNNING  
**VANCOUVER SUN RUN**  
APRIL 14 2019  
PRESENTED BY  Go Further   Go Further

Students will be running for a good cause with Ms. Moran, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Chowne, and Ms. Pettinger

Training takes place weekly outside and at the YMCA. See Ms. Moran for the dates!

# Model UN Goes to Vancouver Model United Nations

January 31 2019 Model UN goes to Model United Nations Vancouver. Read their stories below.

Liz Pham

Mr. Arthurs

VMUN Experience - 31 January 2019

Vancouver Model United Nations



"VMUN 2019 left me with many memories and valuable lessons for myself. I made new friends, learned how to overcome fears, improved my public-speaking skills and joined the fast-paced committees. After the conference I realized that there are always young people who desire to create a more peaceful world, who are interested in politics, economy and society. I could not have participated without the help that came from my school. I am sincerely thankful to Pattison High School, VMUN 2019 and Mr. Arthurs for giving me and my friends the opportunity to join VMUN."



Amin Sharifi

Mr. Arthurs

VMUN Experience - 31 January 2019

Vancouver Model United Nations

"VMUN for me, was a great one time experience in which I learned so many things such as diplomatic manner, parliamentary debate procedure and crisis management. This three day educational simulation helped me to find new connections and new friends coming from different schools of Vancouver or even other cities. The staff encouraged me to think more critically in order to solve real issues of the world. In the end, I believe the atmosphere of VMUN helped me achieve better debating skills."





Aida Khayambashi  
Mr. Arthurs  
VMUN Experience - 31 January 2019  
Vancouver Model United Nations

“VMUN was an amazing experience that I will never forget. It gave me a chance to study and become informed of other countries’ problems and try to solve them. VMUN proved to me that even high school students can change the world and make it a better place for everyone if they try to. I also met lots of awesome friends that made my weekend even better!”

By Student GovernmentHa Anh Dinh  
(Amelia)  
Mr. Arthurs  
VMUN Experience - 31 January 2019  
Vancouver Model United Nations

“I have benefited so much from the experience gained at VMUN. I have had the chance to meet many inspiring students coming from different countries and backgrounds. In several short days, my knowledge about surrounding topics and trending news has broadened. The delegates are incredible, to say the least; they continuously amazed me with their presentation skills, their deep knowledge and social skills. I strongly believe that the VMUN organization board has also been working relentlessly to ensure every participation receive the best experience during our stay at the Hyatt Regency. I certainly have had such wonderful and memorable time, thank you Vancouver Model United Nations!”



# Clubs at PHS

## **Chess Club**

Tuesday @ 4:00

Mr. Joel

Room 115

## **Math Club**

Thursday @ 3:45

Mr. Joel

Room 115

## **Spanish Club**

Wednesday @ 3:00

Ms. S

Room 111

## **The Inklings**

Thursday @ 4pm

Mr. Spangler

Room 108

## **Vancouver Model United Nations**

Date: TBA

Mr. Authurs

Room 114

## **Student Council**

Tuesday and Thursday @ 3:45

Mr. Authurs

Room 114

## **Basketball Club/YMCA Activities**

Every day after school

Ms. Pettinger

YMCA

## **Music Club**

Wednesday @ 2:45

Mr. Catalano & Ms. Egan

Lunch Room



“The real potential of in-depth living requires involvement, by recognizing a need, overcoming fear and taking responsibility. Watching from the sidelines does not achieve worthwhile goals and provides little fulfillment.”

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**Peter Sheperd**



# 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!



## The Inklings

By Mr. Spangler

“The Inklings” is a creative writing and book club with English peer support. Join us to discuss books you have read, books you want to read, to get inspired and break through writer’s block, to share creative writing you have created, and for assistance with English assignments. We meet after school on Thursdays in room 108.



## 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

## Math Club

By Mr. Joel

Students have the opportunity to compete in math competitions! This club meets weekly to practice math together and prepare for the upcoming competitions held here in Vancouver!

# Academic Clubs

## Student Council

Student Council at Pattison High School invites students to gain experience in administrative and parliamentary procedure, group planning and cooperation, along with planning events, providing peer mentorship and collaborative experiences. This type of activity is intended to prepare students for joining student clubs, along with student governments, at the university level.

During the Fall 2018 Semester, student council was responsible for organizing a Halloween party as well as a coffee house party to raise funds to help students attend the 2019 Vancouver Model United Nations. Moreover, during the Winter 2019 semester, student council has begun reshaping of its mission, values and expectations of members.

Any student interested is welcome to join student council every Monday after school. Come, take the pledge and participate in our school culture!



## Vancouver Model United Nations (VMUN)

On January 25, 2019, four students attended Vancouver Model United Nations in downtown Vancouver. The experience was enlightening, showing the students how social issues are explored, researched, debated and resolved at an international level. The three day conference was intensive and the students showed great maturity and exceptional professionalism.

Although PHS could not bring all the students the VMUN this year, it is our hope to be better prepared for next year's conference so that as many students can participate as possible. Well done!



# 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 Ms. Pettinger and meet us at the YMCA Wednesdays at 3:00pm!



## YMCA Activities

The YMCA offers a variety of activities from Yoga to badminton. They have scheduled classes daily that students can be apart of, or they can go on their own free time and take advantage of the gym, swimming pool, hot tub, steam room and sauna.

Ms. Pettinger is our YMCA lead. If you have any questions about how to get involved or what classes might work well for you talk to her. You can find her in room 118!





# Music Club

By Ms. Egan and Mr. Catalano

Music club welcomes all students who want to practice performing music or just playing music for fun. We are excited to be celebrating one year of music club at Pattison High School. We usually play a variety of contemporary music as well as some older classics.

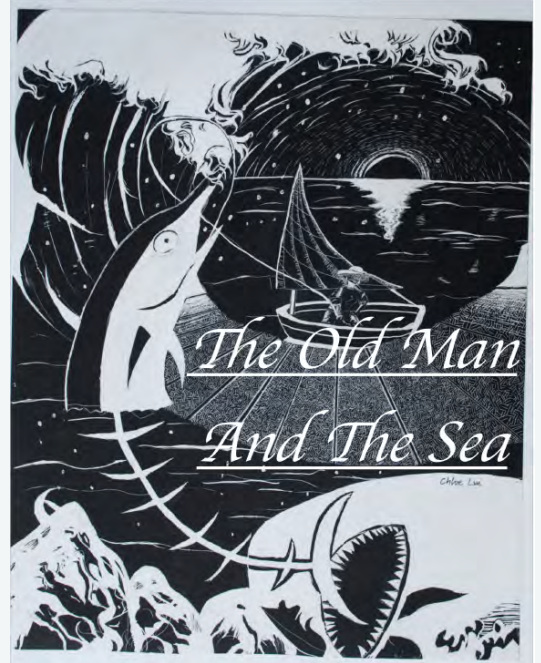
We have enjoyed performing at school assemblies and events such as the commencement ceremony and the Christmas pageant. We are busy practising for upcoming events such as St. Patrick's Day and this semester's commencement ceremony. As always, we would love for more students to join us. New members are always welcome!





# 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.



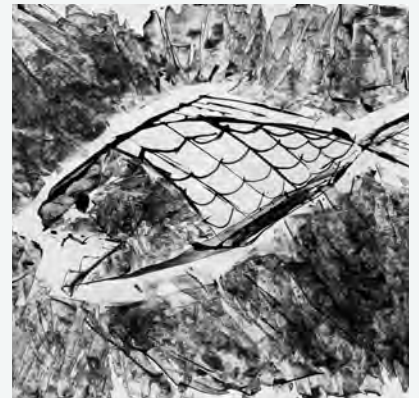
By: Chloe Liu



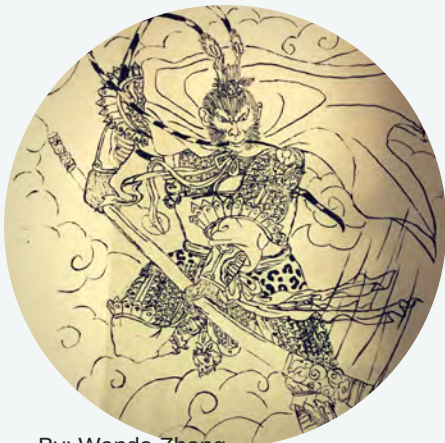
By Mohammad Beiraghian



By: Nhu Quynh TRAN (Rosy)



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By: Wenda Zhang





# 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 and so much more.

This year science takes a new hands-on approach with Mr. Ford 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.



# University Acceptance

of Spring 2018-Winter  
2019



## BCIT

Chuhan, Shao  
Kian, Fahimi  
Victor, Gladush

## Capilano University

Lude, Huang  
Haowei, Shi  
Wenxuan, Song

## Concordia University

Ahmadian, Omid

## Douglas College

Runyang, Zang  
Xinyu, Cao

## KPU

CAI, Suixin  
TAI, Yu-Hsiu (David)

## Kwantlen University

Xing Chang, Yang  
Suixin, Cai  
Dong, Yu Yang

## Langara College

Wanyun, Zou  
Le Ha My, Nguyen  
Minh Tri, Tran  
Emad Tabrizy  
Tarjoman, Shervin  
Asadi, Sina  
Shekari, Seyed Amirhossein  
JamshidiI, Mohammad  
Li, Jia Xin (Jasper)  
Sheibani, Shayan

## Medicine Hat College

Setareh Rafiee Bandary

## McGill University

Sang Hoon, Lee

## Simon Fraser University

Qin, Mengyi  
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 December 07 2018 we awarded our exemplary students for their outstanding performance after completing the Fall 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.

