

BITS AND BYTES

Pattison High School's Newsletter

Fall 2019



PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL

We don't teach a class, we teach individual students in a class

Important Dates

October 3

Student Activity Day

October 14

Thanksgiving Day, no classes

October 17 to 22

Midterm Exams for Students

October 23

Midterm Marks Due

October 24

Parent / Teacher Night and Midterm Report Card due

October 25

Professional Development Day, no classes for students

November 04 - 08 & 12

Literary Assessment 10 and Numeracy Assessment 10

November 06

English 12 Provincial Exam - Faculty Meeting #5

November 07

Communication 12 Provincial Exam

November 11

Remembrance Day, no classes

November 19

Interim Report #2

November 28

Graduation Commencement Ceremony and Prom at the Vancouver Art Gallery

December 06

Awards Day

December 09 to 11

Final Exams

December 12

Final Exam Marks Due

December 13

Final Report

December 13

Last day of Classes. School is in session until Friday, December 13th

January 06

First day back for Winter 2020 Semester



A message from our Principal

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE

There is a brilliant fall display of leaves turning colour all around the school, providing a vibrant tapestry of shape and texture outside our windows. Equally pleasing is the addition of new video features in our school's public areas and additional appliances in the lunch room.

Big changes are also occurring in the academic learning experiences: All grade 11 and 12 courses are now transitioned to the 'new' BC curriculum with its emphasis on collaborative inquiry and research. This provincially-initiated renewed approach to learning is complemented by the inclusion of First Peoples' principles of learning, and an increase in the use of peer and self assessment as a means by which students may gauge their progress.

Parents, guardians and custodians have already received anecdotal feedback of their student's progress - using the 'new' curriculum criteria for courses at the grade 9 and 10 levels. The new criteria are now extended to courses at the grade 11 and 12 levels. The anecdotal reporting, written by the teachers, references curricular and core competencies. The curricular competencies vary depending upon the course on the student's schedule. However, the core competencies are uniform throughout the British Columbia education system.

The six core competency areas - in varying degrees - to each course in the high school program are: communications, creative thinking, critical thinking, personal and cultural identification, personal awareness and responsibility, and social responsibility. You will find that anecdotal reporting will reference these terms.

The inquiry and research curriculum is an exciting development in education for the 21st century; it is promoted and championed by universities in their quest to receive admissions applicants who are adept at, and can apply, these core competencies. The 2019-2020 school year also sees the extension of the Numeracy 10 Assessment, and the introduction of the Literacy 10 Assessment.

The Fall 2019 calendar includes new courses: science 9, social studies 9, computer studies 10, new media 11 and 12, and history 12. We continue to offer a full slate of Academic Readiness language classes in grammar, reading, vocabulary and writing - as well as IELTS courses.

Sincerely,
Daniel Chowne Dip.Ed., MA




"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family."

Kofi Annan


Counsellor's Corner

BY CAROLE MORAN

Happy Fall to everyone! 

We are now more than halfway through this Fall 2019 semester at Pattison High School. Since we started at the beginning of September, our students have been working and studying very hard with the guidance of our outstanding teaching faculty.

Our Grade 12 students are excitedly and busily making decisions for their academic futures in university or college, coming by my office to discuss their post-secondary goals! Applying to post-secondary education is not an easy process, with so many details and dates to think of, but our students are bright, dedicated and are pushing themselves towards success. In order to help with this, all students have now been emailed a copy of the newly updated PHS Graduation Planner to bring them up-to-date with dates, details and policies for University applications.

 This time of year also brings the development of careful and thoughtful planning for the next semester of Winter 2020. I will be meeting with all students to discuss their upcoming semester and reviewing once again their individual graduation plans. I immensely enjoy sharing in all the enthusiasm, energy, and passion that our students bring to our school and into my office. I take great pleasure and honour in having our students share their joy in their successes, as well as sympathizing with their struggles.



Previously this semester, I had the joy of watching, listening and experiencing with students, teachers, and staff as we all traveled south-east of the city into the Fraser Valley for a full day of autumn fun. It was indeed a day of thrills, as we hiked through century old railway mountain tunnels, excitedly explored a massive pumpkin patch in search of our own pumpkins to take home, and painstakingly searching for a way out of a corn maze (all very traditional Canadian autumn activities) :)



Our Student Council has been very busy preparing for every occasion upcoming for this fall, including our **SPOOKY HALLOWE'EN PARTY** on Thursday, October 31st... I can't wait to see what costumes they chose to celebrate this very traditional event!



The month of November will bring our winter holiday themed Commencement and Prom at the Vancouver Art Gallery on Thursday November 28th at 5:30pm.



Soon we will find the Pattison halls decked out in festive boughs of holly, as holiday themed music drifts throughout the school; it is a very magical and festive time of year both inside Pattison High School, as well as outside on the sparkly lit streets and stores of our beautiful city of Vancouver.

Carole Moran, MSc



Some of the most stimulating, challenging and rewarding years of your life are just ahead. We're here to help you meet your future you.

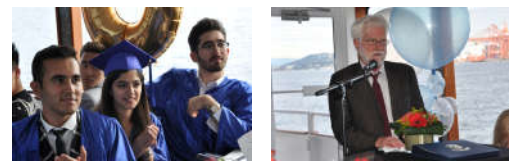
Commencement Ceremony & Prom

Sunset Dinner Cruise

On Friday, July 26th 2019, Pattison High School graduates, teachers and staff members, set sail on a stunning sunset cruise. We sailed through Vancouver Harbour to English Bay, on board an impressive magic charter yacht. The Graduation Commencement Ceremony and Prom were also celebrated on board. Breathtaking ocean and mountain views made way for a beautiful night of celebration and relaxation. A heart felt speech by our Valedictorian, Amelia Dinh congratulated students on their efforts and wished all best of luck with all their future endeavors.

Congratulations to all PHS Graduates!

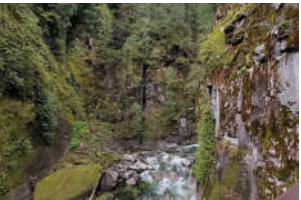
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

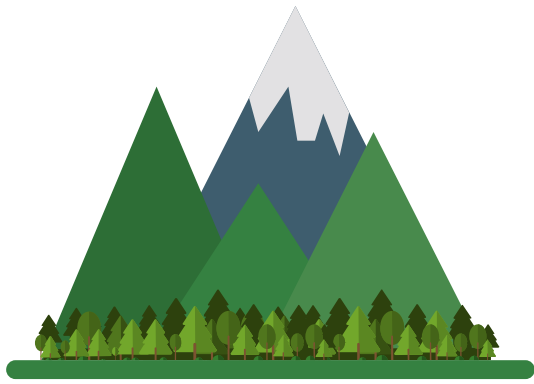


Student Activity Day



Students traveled to Chilliwack, BC for their activity day on October 3rd 2019! Firstly, students visited Ophello Tunnels in Hope, BC. Century old train tunnels, blasted through vast mountain areas. Then they arrived at Chilliwack Cornmaze and Pumpkin Farm. Students played puzzles in the maze and picked their own pumpkin to bring home just in time for Halloween!





STUDENT ACTIVITY DAY 2019

GROUSE MOUNTAIN

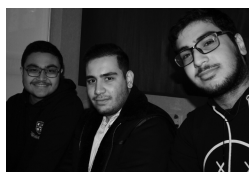
On July 5th 2019, PHS students and staff enjoyed a great day out at Grouse Mountain. Different outdoor activities took place. Students had the choice of zip lining, canopy tree rope-walking, hiking and exploring the gorgeous mountain. Although the weather was foggy and chilly, PHS students embraced the day with smiles on their faces! A brilliant day was had by all.



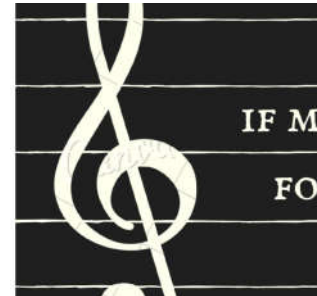
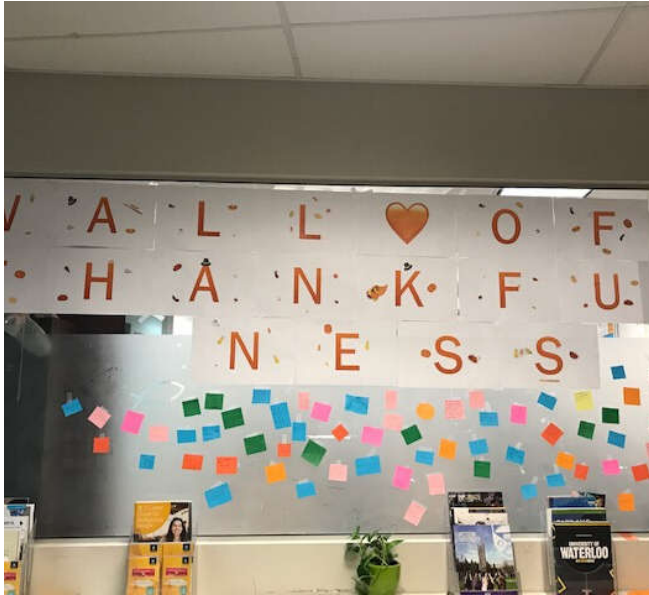
SPOOKY HALLOWE'E'EN PARTY



On Thursday, October 31st 2019, it was Halloween Party time at PHS! Organized and arranged by the Student Council; students dressed as their most scariest selves, and enjoyed games, music and snacks in the lunchroom! We had a "Best Dressed" Competition, won by Ali and Mohammadmir for the students and Ms. S winning for the teachers! :)



Wellness Week



Wellness at PHS! Physical, mental and emotional wellness will be supported and explored during the months of October and November 2019.

Healthy living, Appreciation and Happiness, and Musical and Physical Wellness were some of the daily themes.

A selection of fruits were presented in the front lobby, students participated in Hatha Yoga, and created a "Wall of Thankfulness". We look forward to our second week in November!

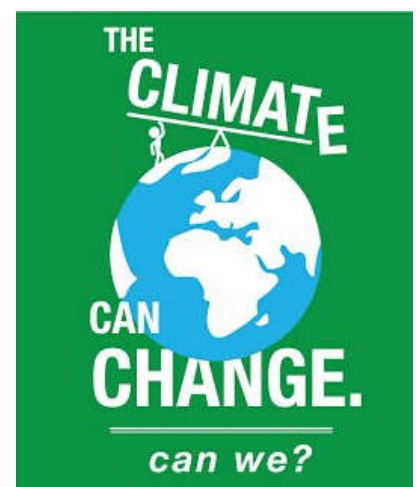
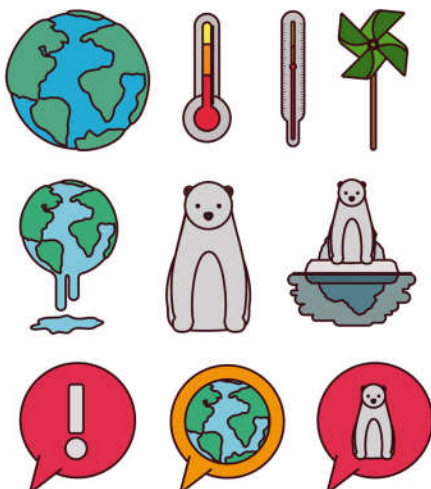
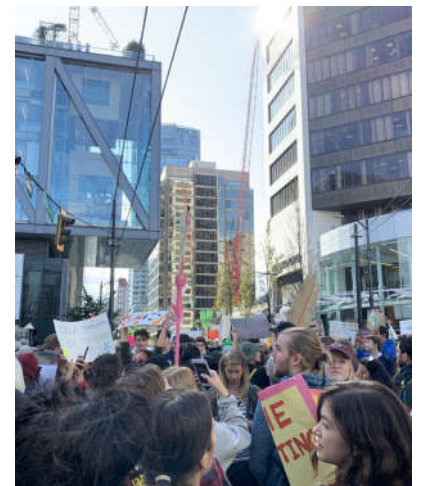
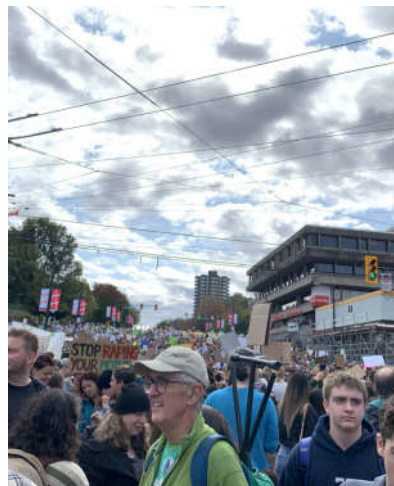




"SAVE THE EARTH"

As national and international Climate Change Protests swept across the globe; PHS students joined in on the action on Friday, September 27th 2019 in Downtown Vancouver.

Students who participated created written reflections about their experiences. Economics 12 students described the protests as "an extraordinary and admirable movement" and a "highly positive social phenomenon". Signs which displayed "Save the Earth!" crowded the streets, as over 100,000 youths and adults joined this "call for action". Our students believe "actions speak louder than words", therefore together we must fight against this imminent social and environmental problem.



TEAM BC Volleyball

PHS Student

- Shayan Molaie



It all started from a try out. Shayan attended the "Team BC Selects Try Outs" on May 25th and 26th 2019. On the second day of try outs, eight teams competed against each other; Shayan's team made the finals and won 3-2, over the other team. On the 5th set, Shayan had a very hard swing, to which everyone stood and cheered for him. The crowd was shocked, as Shayan was the shortest player on the team with such a striking swing. After a week, Shayan received an email to say that he had been invited to the Baden Cup Tournament for U17 Team BC!

This was a five day event located in Kamloops. The tournament included 3 days of training and 2 days of the Baden Cup Competition. By the third day of training, Shayan made so many friends. Eight teams were established for the tournament, and Shayan and his team mates thought they would lose every single game; luckily, they were wrong! On the second day, they made it to the semi-finals! On the third day, Shayan successfully completed a surreal kick save and again, the crowd went wild, telling him afterwards that he "made a new level of setting in

Volleyball" and that he was "The MVP, with insane hands". Unfortunately, they didn't win the final but came solidly in second place!

The TEAM BC announcement occurred immediately after the finals. Twenty-four travel athletes were to go to Halifax and 6 were alternate athletes. As the Team BC names were being called out, Shayan was extremely surprised that his name had been called! They had to practice for one week for the Canada Cup, and in that time he was given the nickname of "Butterhands" as he always smoothly set the volleyball. After a week, Team BC flew to Halifax for the Canada Cup. Shayan and his team members played against other Canadian provinces. They won fifth place in the Canada Cup.

Shayan, through sheer dedication and commitment performed outstandingly in his Volleyball efforts. PHS is extremely proud of you and all your achievements being a member of Team BC's volleyball team. Thank you Shayan, for inspiring others to also live out their dreams.



Canada Golden Maple Film Festival

PHS Student

- Steven Ziyang Zhang

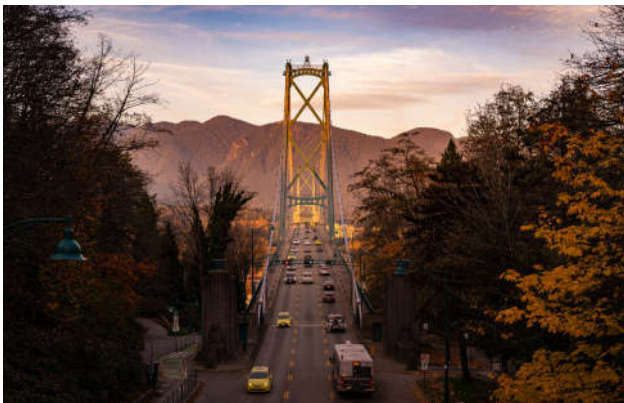


Pattison High School student Steven Ziyang Zhang, is known for his beautiful, captivating and scenic photography skills. Recently, Steven has spent time volunteering at the Canada Golden Maple Film Festival. Congratulations from all at PHS for your determination and brilliant efforts in your cinematic and photographic opportunities.

Keep up the outstanding work and best wishes with your future goals - lights, camera, action!



CANADA GOLDEN MAPLE FILM FESTIVAL
加拿大金枫叶国际电影节



Post-Secondary Days

Throughout the months of October and November 2019, numerous established and quality colleges and universities from Vancouver, to British Columbia, to Toronto to global, came to visit our PHS students and prepare them for life after secondary school within a third level institute.

Post-Secondary days are still happening now - please check the schedule in the lobby to ensure you don't miss the university of your choice at PHS!



SIMON FRASER
UNIVERSITY



THE UNIVERSITY
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Student Clubs at PHS

Student Council

Mondays @ 3:50
Mr. Arthurs
Room 112

Hatha Yoga Club

Mondays @ 3:45
Ms. Moran
PHS Lobby - YMCA

Swim Club

Mondays @ 3:45
Ms. Pettinger
PHS Lobby - YMCA

Games Club

Tuesdays @ 3:50
Mr. Sheldon
Room 116

Math Peer Support

Tuesdays @ 3:45
Ms. Baylon
Room 109

Music Club

Wednesdays @ 2:50
Mr. Catalano
Lunchroom

Chess Club

Wednesdays @ 2:50
Mr. Joel
Room 115

Gold Yoga Club

Wednesdays @ 2:45
Ms. Pettinger
PHS Lobby - YMCA

Weight Training Club

Wednesdays @ 2:45
Mr. Vandervelde & Mr.
Truman
PHS Lobby - YMCA

Drama Club

Thursdays @ 3:50
Ms. Moran & Mr. Truman
Room 110

Knitting Club

Thursdays @ 3:50
Mr. Joel
Front Foyer



Student Clubs at PHS

Chess Club

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

By Mr. Joel

The Inklings

"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 produced, and for assistance with English assignments. We meet after school on Thursdays in room 108.

By Mr. Spangler

Knitting Club

Come join knitting with Mr Joel, where you will start a new fashion trend, one stitch at a time. You are welcome to bring your own yarn and needles, or borrow the school's knitting supply; and if you ever find a pattern, bring the instructions and we'll figure out the steps together! The yarn is calling.

By Mr. Joel

Maths Peer Support Club

If you need extra help with your math homework, or if you are just curious about something mathematical, then you can connect with one of the Math peer tutors. The Math Peer Support club has a sign-up sheet in Room 109, so that you can get connected with the "x"perts - students who think they know where "x" is hiding. On the other hand, if you think that you are an "x"pert yourself, then you can sign-up as a Math peer tutor. As a Math peer tutor, the time frame you will give will be counted towards the volunteering hour requirement for university.

By Ms. Baylon



The Student Council

The 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. So far, during the Fall 2019 Semester, Student Council has been busy organizing the annual Pattison High School Halloween party.

Potentially the most highly anticipated event outside of graduation, Student Council has been busy organizing student leaders and activities for the event. If anyone is ever interested in joining the Student's Council to earn volunteer hours and professional development evidence (an in-demand university asset), they are encouraged to come join the Student Council every Monday after school!



The Student Council

Personal statements from our Student Council Members:

"It has been a privilege to be the Secretary of the Pattison High School Student Council. It has been difficult and challenging, but at times thrillingly rewarding. Being a member of the Student Council made me become a more responsible and social person by engaging in activities that make the school a better place. It helped me learn useful skills from hard-working and supportive students that assisted me throughout the experience."

- Secretary (Minute Taker) of the Student Council,
Ali Nili

"It is my pleasure to work as the Vice President of the Student Council. I had the chance to participate in many of the school's activities and keep the school's spirits alive. I have learned a lot about responsibility and working with other students. I also met amazing friends from whom I had learned great things. Being the Vice President helped me improve my skills and become a better version of me."

- The Vice President of the Student Council,
Nhu Quynh Tran (Rosy)

"The Student Council is a safe environment for students' concerns. Every week the Student Council comes up with ideas to engage students in different activities at Pattison High School. The Student Council is an opportunity for students to gain leadership and communication skills."

- The President of the Student Council,
Kimia Mansouri



PHS Clubs at the YMCA



YMCA Activities

The YMCA offers a variety of activities from Yoga to Badminton. Students can either participate in daily scheduled classes, or they can go in their own free time and take advantage of the gym, swimming pool, hot tub, steam room, and sauna. This semester there are three teacher lead activities taking place at the YMCA. Students can participate in the Swim Club Mondays at 4pm, the Yoga club Wednesdays at 3pm and the Weight-Training club Wednesdays at 3pm. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you at the YMCA. 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!

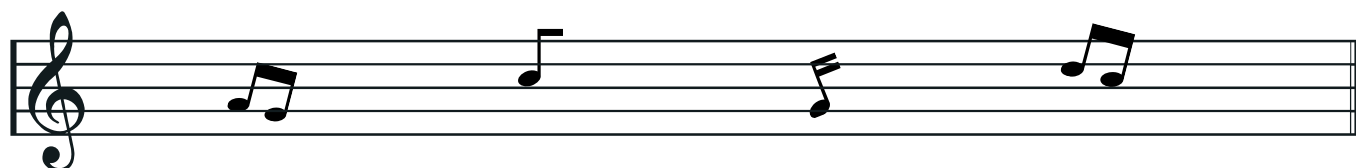




Music Club

Music club meets in the lunch room at 2:45 pm each Wednesday. Any students who want to perform at events (Grad commencement ceremonies, holiday parties, BBQ's, coffee nights, and other events) or to learn about song writing, music arrangement and production, are welcome to attend. We try to integrate all styles of music including Rock, Pop, Jazz, Classical, Folk, Indie, Experimental, Electronic and more.

All instrumentalists and vocalists of any experience level are invited to attend. Just bring your passion for music, and your willingness to collaborate and try out new ideas. You will find that it is always a fun and productive environment to be in!

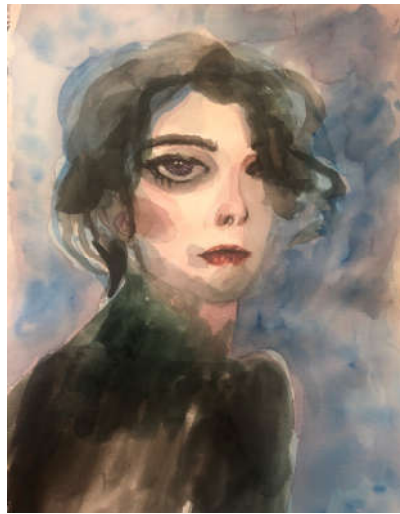


Visual Arts

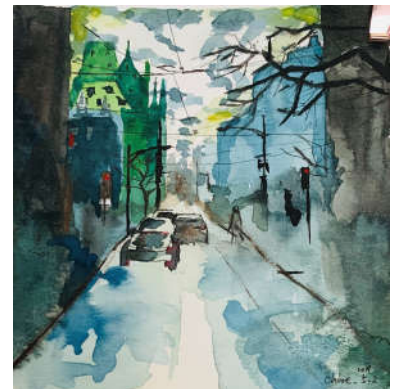
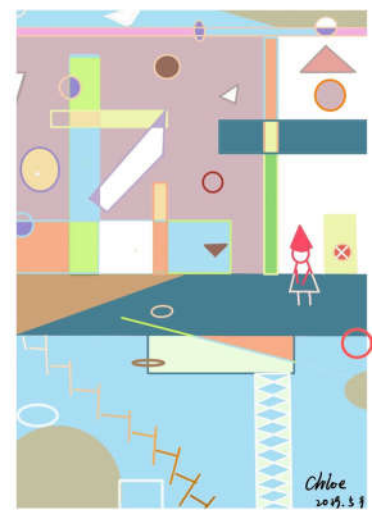
One of our newer courses, visual arts, offers students the opportunity to learn and enhance their artistic styles and techniques. This will help them transform their art from ordinary to extraordinary. Since enrollment is limited, please make sure to make a note for next semester and talk to Ms. Moran about introductory classes!



- Jack's Portfolio



First watercolour
- by Mea



Two artists with one blanket
- by Keenan & Jack

Digital snowboarder, acrylic bottle & street views - by Chloe

Science & Fun



Natural science is the study of the world around us, and is composed of biological sciences and physical sciences. It is both a body of existing knowledge, and the process of acquiring new knowledge through observation and experimentation. As a consequence, science is always evolving as new discoveries are made.

In Science 10, we investigate topics such as genetics and how DNA affects traits and heredity, chemical reactions and energy transfers and how they affect our lives, as well as astronomy and how technology has helped expand our understanding of the universe.

As much as possible, hands-on activities and videos will help students gain a deeper understanding of the world we live in. To discuss enrollment, talk to Mr. Vandervelde or Ms. Moran.



University Acceptance

2019



BCIT

Shahidizandi, Kooshan
Kian, Fahimi
Victor, Gladush
Zhang, Yichen
Manouchehrian, Parsa

Canadian Tourism College

Pham, Khanh Linh (Liz)
Mai, Thuy Linh
Nguyen, Tra My (Hanny)
Nguyen, Thi Thanh Uyen

Columbia College

Do, Duc Anh

Concordia University

Ahmadian, Omid

Douglas College

Runyang, Zang (Justin)

KPU

Tai, Yu-Hsiu (David)
Xing Chang, Yang
Hu, Boyuan (Chris)
Tai, Yu Hsiu
Yang, Xingchang

Langara College

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

Vu, Thu Phuong (Sophie)
Asadi, Sina
Shekari, Seyed Amirhossein
Jamshildil, Mohammad
Li, Jia Xin (Jasper)
Sheiban, Shayan
Jin, Wang (Chloe)
Beikhorassani, Matin
Zou, Wanyun

Medicine Hat College

Setareh Rafiee, Bandary

McGill University

Sang Hoon, Lee

Queen's University

Xue, Qiaoyu

Ryerson University

Li, Yufei (Ruby)
Nguyen, Thuy Hien (Ann)

SFU

Qin, Mengyi (Kassie)
Chuang, Chi-an

University of Alberta

Chen, Zhengyang
Ye, Zhuorui (Tom)

University College London

Zhang, Qingyuan (Jerry)

University of Carleton

Li, Yufei (Ruby)

UBC

Mang Wai, Lam
Shirin, Salehzadeh
Deng, Jinghong
Lam, MangWai (Jacky)

University of New Brunswick

Moradi, Kasra

University of Sydney

Dai, Dawei

University of Toronto

Je Yeon, Chung
Lin, Zhenting (Kevin)
Mu, Yuxuan (Leo)
Gao, Bohan (Harry)
Ge, Hanchao (Damon)
Ren, Quanru
Ye, Zhuorui
Li, David

University of Victoria

Tamara, Tan

Vancouver Film School

Sara, Mokhtar

Western University

Zuo, Minting (Mandy)

York University

Li, Zhengyuan

Awards Day

On July 25th 2019, in keeping with the tradition of Pattison High School, we commended our exemplary students for their outstanding performance and contribution to our school, after completing the Spring semester.

It was a rewarding and positive day hand delivering certificates, as the school congratulated and recognized the students who go above and beyond in their efforts and work every day.

Since this is a continuing tradition, every student is eligible to be nominated and awarded at the end of each semester. Let's keep working hard to achieve greatness together!

Below you will see our Principal Mr. Chowne, and Counsellor, Ms Moran, congratulating numerous students on their outstanding achievements.

Congratulations to all!



Graduate Student Testimonials



Amelia Dinh
PHS Graduate
Nova Scotia
Community
College
Vietnamese

"My time spent at Pattison is an important stepping stone to get ready for what it takes to enter the world with confidence"

"Pattison High School is the place where I experienced the transition from being an inexperienced learner to one that discovers the true meaning of education and all that is encompassed in it. As an international student who lives across the globe from my hometown, I am grateful for having become a member of the Pattison community. I was continuously supported by the prestigious faculty and have made valuable connections with the student body of the school. What makes Pattison stand out, in my opinion, is the teachers' willingness to go above and beyond. They prepared me for the demanding level of academic rigour of post-secondary education and thus, I have now become a more competent learner."



Cecilia Ngoc
Phuong Yen
Nguyen
PHS Graduate
Vietnamese

"I recognized that the knowledge I was learning was mesmerizing, thank you Pattison!"

"After a period of time attending Pattison High School, I realized that I was so biased. The world I saw is not the world I see now. My observation to the world around me is more objective, thanks to the knowledge and concepts that my teachers at Pattison gave me. I was an embarrassed human being, I was afraid of stepping out of my safe zone. However, Mr.Karim, Ms.Subramaniam, Mr.Chowne and my dear counselor- Ms.Moran encouraged me a lot to become a more confident and more brave version of myself. "

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