

# BITS AND BYTES



## PATTISON HIGH SCHOOL WINTER 2020

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



*Newsletter for Parents and Guardians*

# Important Dates

## WINTER SEMESTER 2020

### **February 14**

Valentine's Celebrations

### **February 14 - 19**

Midterm Exams

### **February 17**

BC Family Day, No Classes

### **February 24**

Midterm Report Card

### **February 27**

Faculty Meeting #5

### **February 27**

Parent Teacher Night

### **March 05**

School Activity Day

### **March 06**

Faculty Meeting #6

### **March 23**

Interim Progress Report #2

### **March 25**

Faculty Meeting #7

### **April 07**

Awards Day

### **April 10**

Easter Good Friday, No Classes

### **April 13**

Easter Monday, No Classes

### **April 14-20**

Literacy Assessment 10 &

Numeracy Assessment 10

### **April 08-15**

Final Exams

### **April 16**

Final Marks Due

### **April 17**

Final Report

### **April 17**

Last Day of Classes, School is in

Session until Friday, April 17

### **April 20 - May 01**

Semester Break, No Classes

### **May 04**

Orientation for All Students  
and First Day of Classes

# A message from our Principal

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE

There is a hint of the Spring to come, with lengthening days and a brightness to the sky. We believe that we have earned the sunshine. Soon the familiar greenery and flower displays will confirm the final month of Winter. The Winter 2020 semester is significant for the three interns that we have the pleasure to host: one candidate for the SFU education program, and two students in progress with the Centre for Teacher Education at the University of Cologne, Germany. Their presence at Pattison High School contributes to professional practice and increases variety in the students' classroom experiences.

Faculty continues to incorporate new approaches in academic learning: 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 academics 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.

In Winter semester 2020, parents, guardians and custodians continue to receive anecdotal feedback of their student's progress - using the 'new' curriculum criteria for courses from grades 9 to 12. The anecdotal reporting, written by the teachers, references curricular and core competencies.

The inquiry and research curriculum is an exciting development in education for the 21st century; it is

21st century; it is promoted and championed by universities in their quest to receive admissions applicants who are adept at, and can apply, the 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 next BC Ministry assessment/exam session takes place April 14 to 17, 2020.

The Winter 2020 calendar includes additional courses to last semester: computer studies 9, economic theory 12, political studies 12, and 20th century world history 12. We continue to offer a full slate of Academic Readiness language classes in grammar, reading, vocabulary and writing - as well as IELTS preparation courses.

As of this writing, three students and their mentor/teacher are on their way to Bangkok, Thailand, in order to compete in the International Math Challenge IX & International Robot Challenge II hosted by the Pan-Asia International School and Rangsit University. We wish them the very best.

The school looks forward to welcoming everyone at Parent - Teacher night on February 27.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Chowne Dip.Ed., MA



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

# Counsellor's Corner

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BY CAROLE MORAN



Happy Winter, soon to be Spring to everyone!

We are now more than halfway through this Winter 2020 semester at Pattison High School. Since we started at the beginning of January, 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! Some of our students are currently in the application process, while others are now receiving their exciting letters of offer, some with very healthy scholarship opportunities. For them, it is time to make decisions about which university to decide upon :) 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!

This time of year also brings the development of careful and thoughtful planning for the next semester of Spring 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.

The month of April will bring our Spring-themed Commencement (details to be announced shortly).

With this Spring theme in mind, I wish you all much sunshine, as you grow towards your own personal goals :)

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."*

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# Commencement Ceremony & Prom Vancouver Art Gallery

On Thursday, November 28th 2020, Pattison High School Graduates, Teachers and Staff Members, celebrated the Commencement Ceremony and Prom of our exceptional Grade 12 Students. Family and Friends joined us for this special event, which recognized all of the hard efforts and academic achievements of our Students, throughout the Fall 2019 Semester.

Vibrant food plates and lively acoustic music, performed by our Music Club, complemented this magical evening.

Valedictorian Tina Edgham congratulated students on reaching this much anticipated milestone, and wished all Graduates the best of luck in their future goals.

From all at PHS, congratulations Graduates!

*"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one." - Malcolm S. Forbes*



# Student Activity Day

**COMING  
SOON!**



**THURSDAY,  
MARCH  
5TH 2020**

PHS Students, Faculty and Staff, will travel to Mount Seymour Provincial Park, in British Columbia and hit the slopes on March 5th, 2020, for a frosty day of fun. Students will have the option of Skiing, Snowboarding, Snowtubing, Snow Shoeing and Tobogganing. Wrap up warm and enjoy the views!



# Lunar New Year

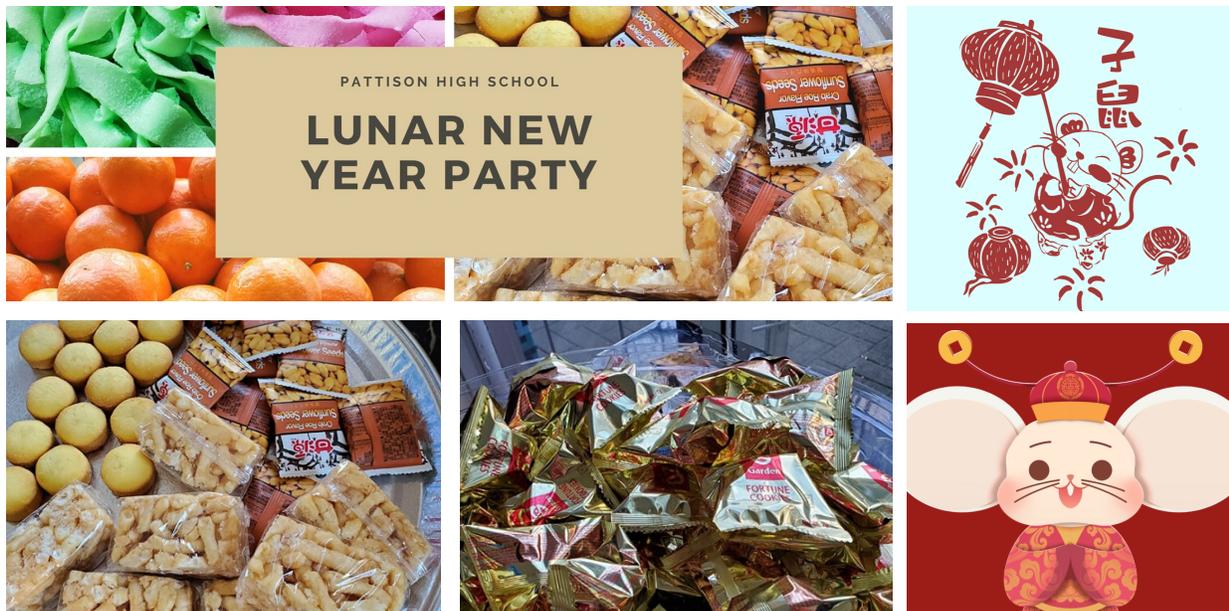
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It's the year of the mouse! Celebrated by many countries throughout the world, including China, Vietnam, Korea, The Philippines, Singapore and many other Asian countries - on Friday, January 23rd 2020 - it was time to celebrate at PHS!

Each student received a lucky bag as they created encouraging and positive wishes for the year ahead, and added them to our Wishing Tree in the Front Lobby.

After school, traditional Asian melodies filled the air, as students had the option of some crafty activities in the Lunchroom! Chinese Calligraphy and Japanese Origami. Traditional treats and snacks from Asia were also enjoyed by the Students.

We wish all a prosperous and joyous New Year!



# Student Events

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## February 14th, 2020 - Valentine's Day

PHS Students, Faculty and Staff showed their appreciation to each other on February 14th 2020, by writing each other Valentine's care cards. These cards included encouraging words of positivity and praise towards friends, family and loved ones. Musical performances by the Music Club happened between Period 3 and 4, as students were treated to Valentines cookies and chocolates.



## February 26th, 2020 - "Anti-Bullying Day"

On Wednesday, February 26th 2020, PHS celebrates "Anti-Bullying Day". All Students and Staff Members are asked to wear pink t-shirts to show their support for this important day. T-Shirts may be purchased from the Front Desk and all proceedings go to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada Charity.



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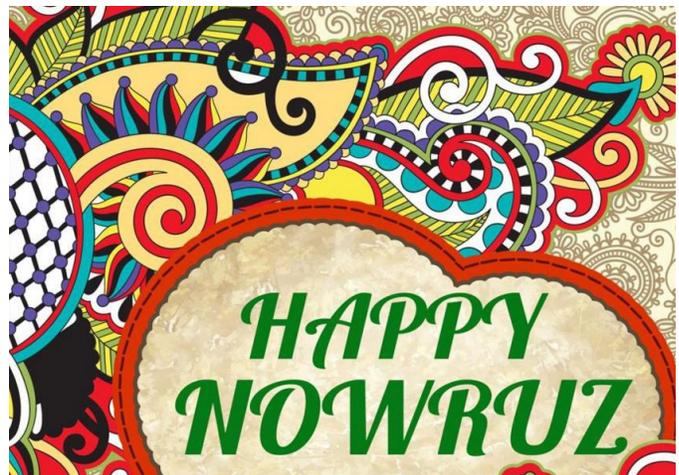


*MARCH 17TH 2020*

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated at PHS on Tuesday, March 17th! Students may partake in some traditional Irish Jig Dancing and help themselves to a selection of green, white and orange tasty Irish goodies!



*MARCH 19TH 2020*



PHS Student Council Members will prepare the *haftseen* with seven items in the Front Area. Each item begins with the letter S in Farsi and is a symbol of spring and renewal. This special occasion will be celebrated with an after-school party in the Lunchroom!

# Student Clubs at PHS

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## **Student Council**

Mondays @ 3:50  
Mr. Arthurs  
Room 112

## **Hatha Yoga Club**

Thursdays @ 4:30  
Ms. Moran  
PHS Lobby - YMCA

## **Grammar Club**

Mondays @ 3:45  
Ms. Subramaniam  
Room 111

## **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

## **Kickboxing Club**

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

## **Weight Training Club**

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

## **Drama Club**

Wednesdays @ 2:50  
Mr. Truman  
Room 110

## **Knitting Club**

Thursdays @ 3:50  
Mr. Joel  
Front Foyer

## **Running Club**

Thursdays @ 3:50  
Ms. Pettinger, Mr. Truman,  
Mr. Nick khoo & Mr. Spangler  
PHS Lobby - YMCA



# Student Clubs at PHS

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## 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

## 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. Spangler

## 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 who are available every Tuesday from 3:45 - 4:15 pm. 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. 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 you will give will be counted towards the volunteering hour requirement for university. See you there!

By Mr. Joel

By Ms. Baylon



# The Student Council

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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

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## 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,**

# PHS Clubs at the YMCA

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## 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!

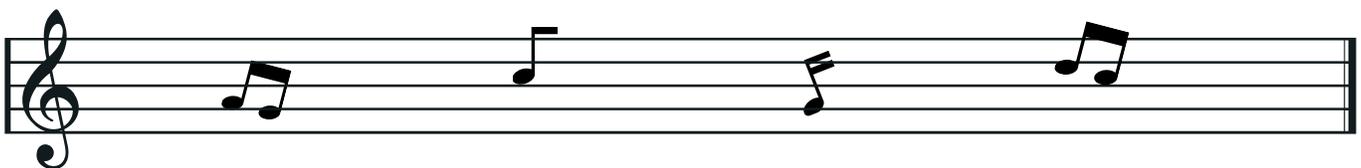




# Music Club

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

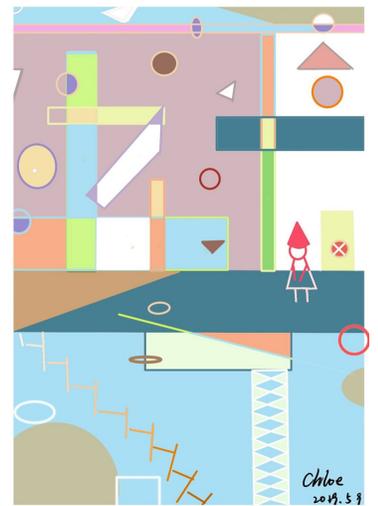
One of our newer courses, visual arts, offers students the opportunity to learn and enhance their artistic styles and techniques. This will help them transform their art from ordinary to extraordinary. Since enrollment is limited, please make sure to make a note for next semester and talk to Ms. Moran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



- Jack's Portfolio



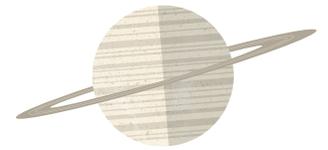
First watercolour  
- by Mea



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

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## BCIT

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

## Canadiam 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)  
Beikkhorassani, 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)

## 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

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In keeping with the tradition of Pattison High School each semester, on December 6th, 2019, 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

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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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