



FALL'21 NEWSLETTER

*Pattison High School's official newsletter
for students, parents & guardians*



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FALL 2021 CALENDAR

September 06
Labour Day, no classes

September 07
Orientation for all students
and first day of classes

October 05
Interim Progress Report #1

October 11
Thanksgiving Day, no classes

October 15
Student Activity Day

October 20-25
Midterm Exams

October 22
Professional Development
Day, no classes

October 27
Midterm Report Card to be
published

October 27
Parent Teacher Night

November 01-05
Numeracy Assessment 10 and
Literacy Assessment 10

November 11
Remembrance Day, no classes

November 24
Interim Report #2 to be published

December 10
Awards Day

December 10-16
Final Exams

December 17
Final Report Card to be published

December 17
Last day of classes

December 18 - Jan 03
Semester break, no classes

January 04 2022
Orientation for all students, first
day of the Winter 2022 Semester

FALL 2021 EVENTS

October 11th
Thanksgiving Day, no classes

October 15th
Fall Semester - Student Activity Day

October 20th - October 25th
Midterm Exams

October 27th
Parents Teacher Night

October 27th
Midterm Report Card

November 1st - November 5th
Numeracy and Literacy Assessment

November 11th
Remembrance Day, no classes



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE



*"Education is not the learning of facts,
but the training of the mind to think".
- Albert Einstein*

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2021-2022 academic year. The Fall semester is notable for its re-energizing and recommitment to an educational plan. For so many students, they are that one step closer to reaching their graduation goal and seeing light 'at the end of the academic tunnel.' We wish them well, as much as we wish all our students well.

In September 2021, the school has returned to the classroom centred educational experience. Our students are pleased to be retuned fully to their learning groups, and the school will be pleased to see the students in full school uniform once again.

The Fall semester Activity Day will take place on Friday October 15, and is in the past by the time that you read this. It is an exciting adventure, encompassing a truly BC experience. So many of us love 'the Island' and the adventure is one that many people – including residents – do not make: BC Ferries from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay, the Malahat Skywalk, downtown Victoria and the provincial Legislative Buildings.

During the first week of November, the school seats the Literacy and Numeracy 10 Assessments, and the Literacy 12 Assessment. On November 17, the school seats the University of Waterloo Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing Canadian Senior and

Intermediate Mathematics Contests.

Faculty continues to refine, elaborate and extend its expertise with uses of the varied approaches to academic. The entire BC school program, including the Graduation Program, is now transitioned to the 'new' BC curriculum with its emphasis on collaborative inquiry and research. This provincially-initiated revitalized 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.

The school has just published the Fall 2021 mid-term report. Teachers, the counsellor and the principal are looking forward to meeting virtually, on Wednesday October 27, with students' families, custodians, friends and agents to discuss student progress.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chowne Dip.Ed., MA
Principal



COUNSELLOR'S MESSAGE

BY MS. ERIN PETTINGER



"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try"
- J.F Kennedy

Happy Fall Everyone!

I hope you are staying safe and healthy while getting out to enjoy the fall weather and taking in the beautiful fall colors. We are now approximately halfway through this Fall 2021 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.

Teachers and students alike have taken an optimistic approach to the transition back into the classroom. Students are benefitting from being with their teachers, getting the support they need, having less distractions and staying focused. I encourage all students to stay engaged in their courses to be best prepared for the next semester.

Our Grade 12 students are excitedly and busily making decisions for their academic futures in university or college. Some of our students are currently in the application process and if they need assistance, they can book an appointment to meet with me in my office. 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!

Previously this semester, I had the joy of traveling to Victoria with students, teachers, and staff for a full day of autumn adventure. We explored the Malahat SkyWalk through a beautiful arbutus forest to a 32m sightseeing lookout. We also toured through downtown Victoria and stopped for photos at the Parliament Buildings. I especially enjoyed seeing new friendships grow within our beautiful international student population.

Our Student Council has been very busy preparing a movie night and Thanksgiving event. I am looking forward to our Halloween party and costume contest!

This time of year, also brings the development of careful and thoughtful planning for the next semester of Winter 2022. I will be messaging all students to discuss their upcoming semester and reviewing once again their individual graduation plans. Please feel free to email or message me anytime. I look forward to helping you on your pathway to the future.

All the best,
Ms. Erin Pettinger

TEACHER MESSAGES



MR. CATALANO

"Hello again students! So far, it has been a very "buzzingly"-busy (I made that buzz word up, so please don't spell check me) semester. In the afternoons, I am here to teach, to answer your questions about supplies, assignments, music tech, etc., and to listen to your stories (but only if you listen to mine). Monday is now the day I host the music club, and this semester we are blessed with some truly amazing talent! If you play something, and want to join in, please feel free to do so any time we are in session. Please, please, please, when music classes are going on in the afternoon, enter quietly and respectfully and try not to distract the players and singers if they are in the middle of an intense rehearsal. If I am lecturing... doubly so. It is a class. Thank you! See you soon!"



MR. VANDERVELDE

"Having students return to the classroom has made the school feel like a school again, and I am hopeful we can continue to build up our community. As a school we continue to strive to be there for you, to help you through what remains of this difficult situation we have been in. Make the most of your time at Pattison, both socially and also as a student. Don't be afraid to talk to someone new or ask your teachers for help!"



MS. SUBRAMANIAM

"Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives you the test first and the lesson afterward."- Oscar Wilde.



MR. BURKE

"Tell me, and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn" - Benjamin Franklin

TEACHER MESSAGES



MS. PETTINGER

"Happy Fall! I hope everyone is doing well and enjoyed the summer break. Try to get outside and stay active while enjoying the fall colors. It is great to have everyone back in the classrooms. Getting involved in school activities and clubs is a great way to build social connections and make new friends. Keep working hard so you will have a successful semester and are well prepared for the winter term."



MR. SOLYOM

"Hey Pattison! In the short time I have been teaching here, I have greatly enjoyed building relationships with both students and my fellow faculty members. I look forward to continuing to help my students further develop their understanding of the English language and various Social Studies concepts. We're now halfway through the semester. Keep putting in consistent effort and you'll be successful!"



MR. SHELDON

"It is great to see all our students back in school again, learning and working together. Although we were online for so long, it feels so natural to be back in person. Students bring a lot of life to the school, and learning is very much a social activity. Let's work hard, help each other, and build a strong community."

Come by room 116 on Tuesdays (or any time I'm free) to play some chess. Even if you don't know how to play, beginners are welcome!"



MR. DEMIR

"I hope you are all safe and healthy. You bring me more joy and happiness than any of you can imagine, and I wish you the very best."

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS TO PHS

Pattison High School welcomed new students to the current Fall semester, in early September 2021.

New students received an introduction to the campus and a guidance session from Principal Chowne and our Counsellor, Ms. Pettinger.

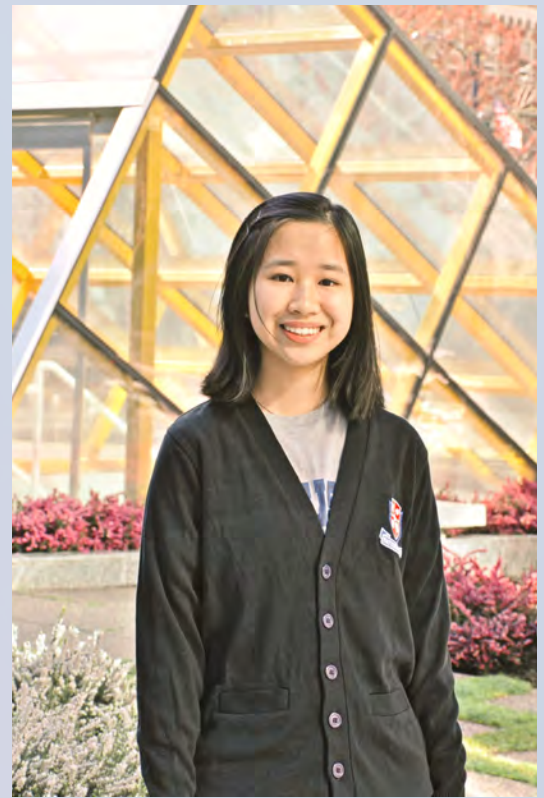


BEST WISHES TO RETURNING & NEW STUDENTS

Pattison High School congratulates all students for working diligently throughout the Spring 2021 semester and into the current Fall semester. Best wishes to you as we begin the academic year together.



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WELCOME TO YOUR NEW COMMUNITY

If you have any questions, please contact your advisor:

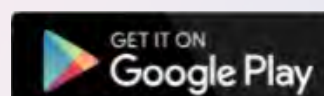
- Ms. Azar Akbari
- Ms. Stella Hoang
- Ms. Lynn Lu
- Ms. Karen Liang
- Ms. Fumiko Uchitani

STAYING SAFE THIS FALL

BC Ministry of Education Daily Health Check

- All students are reminded to check in to the BC Ministry of Education K to 12 Health Check website/ app daily.
- If you are not feeling well, or have symptoms as indicated within the health check survey, please do not come to school and stay at home to rest.
- Directly notify your advisor, parents and/or custodian, to state you are unwell.
- Take good care of yourself.

Download the K to 12 Health Check App



IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.



AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.



WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Maintain at least 2 meters (6 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Extracted from the World Health Organization (2020)

PHS SPRING 2021 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!



Dara A
Parsa A
Shunsuke C
Brian Chak Nam C
Eisuke H
Nur F
Gakuto F

Erfan G
Justin Gia Long L
Mea Meiyen L
Melina N
Parsa O
Thi Phuong Linh P







A MESSAGE FROM MS. LU, PRINCIPAL CHOWNE AND MS. PETTINGER

“Commencement means to start, and you and your fellow graduates are starting on new pathways to future experiences and successes. Graduation from the BC High School program and furthermore to be accepted into post-secondary institutions, is an accomplishment for which you may be justifiably proud.

You, the Class of 2021, will forever be remembered as the graduating class that has had to face an unforeseen and exceptional global circumstance that had a significant effect upon your traditional learning styles. Yet, through your perseverance and strength of character, you continued to challenge yourself and move forward to success during this period. We who are your teachers, advisors, counselors, and administrators congratulate you. We wish you every success and happiness, and ask that you keep us informed of your own future successes.”

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS BY ERFAN

"Many avoid challenges, as they find them unnecessary and difficult to deal with, but I find inspiration in them. I believe it is the obstacles in our lives that teach and encourage us to stay strong and determined on our path."

"It is my sincere wish for each of you to reach your dreams, overcome failure, and become the best version of yourself".





STUDENT ACTIVITY DAY



CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE PARK, CATES PARK
AND KAYAKING AT DEEP COVE, B.C.

Wednesday, July 7th, 2021



STUDENT ACTIVITY DAY



- MALAHAT SKYWALK
- DOWNTOWN VICTORIA, B.C.

Friday, October 15th, 2021

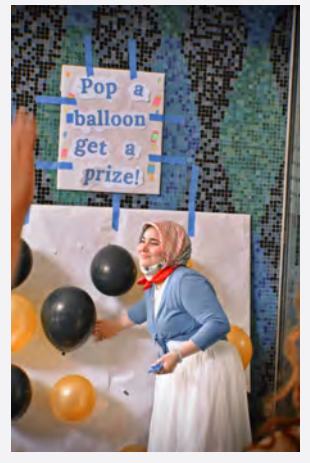


STUDENT EVENTS

CANADA DAY STUDENT BBQ

The Spring semester Student Council excitedly planned a Canada Day BBQ at school! The event took place on the patio outside PHS on Wednesday, June 30th!

There was tasty food, musical performances, charades, balloon popping games and many chances to win prizes! Students thoroughly enjoyed the event.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30th recognizes the first commemoration of Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is a day of reflection and remembrance established to honour children, their families, and their communities that experienced the residential schools system throughout Canada.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION**



STUDENT EVENTS

THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S MOVIE AFTERNOON

The first Student Council event of the Fall semester, kicked off with a movie after school on Wednesday, October 6th. Students enjoyed popcorn, juice and a fun movie together!



THE CANADIAN SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS CONTESTS

The University of Waterloo's Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing, hold student Mathematics competitions every year. This is an excellent opportunity for students to increase their problem-solving skills and have fun with Maths!

Contact Mr. Sheldon if you are interested in participating.

Good luck to all students involved!



**The CENTRE for EDUCATION
in MATHEMATICS and COMPUTING**

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME COMPETITION

The Student Council will be hosting a Halloween Party and a competition for the best-dressed outfit on Friday, October 29th. We will have games, music, snacks and prizes - join the fun!



THE STUDENT COUNCIL

MEET THE NEW FALL 2021 TEAM



**SUPPORTING STUDENTS
& HAVING FUN!**



YEN
CO-PRESIDENT



MAHDI
CO-PRESIDENT



ROBIN
COUNCIL SECRETARY



ZIWEY
COUNCIL SECRETARY



RAY
COUNCIL TREASURER



PASHA
COUNCIL TREASURER



MEHRAD
COUNCIL PUBLICIST



CHLOE
COUNCIL PUBLICIST



BAHAREH
COUNCIL MEMBER



NAVID
COUNCIL MEMBER



NIMA
COUNCIL MEMBER



ARIYANA
COUNCIL MEMBER



PARMIDA
COUNCIL MEMBER

"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.

If anyone is interested in joining the Student Council to earn volunteer hours and professional development evidence (an in-demand university asset), they are encouraged to come and join!"

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Ken, Tongtong, Zimo, Giselle, Erfan, Mahdi, Sam, Ali, Patrick and Alice.



UNIVERSITY PREPARATION



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY





FALL 2021

STUDENT CLUB SCHEDULE

Monday

Music Club

3:45 PM

Mr. Catalano

Lunchroom

Spanish Club

3:45 PM

Ms. S

Room 111

Tuesday

Chess Club

3:45 PM

Mr. Sheldon

Room 116

Homework Club

3:45 PM

Ms. Hand

Room 109

Wednesday

The Student Council

2:50 pm

Ms. Pettinger &

Ms. Hand

Room 109

Thursday

Sports Club

3:45 PM

Mr. Vandervelde

Room 119

English Language Support

3:45 PM

Mr. Burke

Room 114



SPANISH CLUB



MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club meets every Wednesday. Any students who want to perform at school events or to learn about song writing, music arrangement and production are welcome to attend.



CHESS CLUB

Come join Mr. Sheldon and students, learn to play the timeless strategy game of chess. Learn to expand your mind, memorize, and create improved game plays. The Chess Club meets Tuesdays after school.



HOMEWORK CLUB

If you would like time and space to complete your homework before you go home after the school day; the Homework Club may be a great option for you!

Come join Ms. Hand in Room 109, on Tuesdays after school.



SPORT CLUB

Come join Mr. Vandervelde every Thursday for Sports Club! A variety of sports occur, such as Basketball and Badminton. If you would like more details, please speak with Mr. V!

ART STUDIO

PHS is proud to share beautiful oil and pastel paintings, from a highly talented Alumni, Kamiar G. Kamiar's beautifully intricate paintings have been displayed at the Vancouver Fine Art Gallery and multiple other galleries in Canada, the US and Japan. PHS is excited to see what the future holds for you. Congratulations!





RECENT POST-SECONDARY OFFERS

University of British Columbia

JIANG, Zheyu (Julie)
TRAN, Nhu Quynh (Rosy)
ABDOLLAHI, Dara

Simon Fraser University

ABDOLLAHI, Dara
XU, Cheng (Mario)

University of Ottawa

WANG, Hairuo (Harry)

University of Adelaide

NGUYEN, Vuong Dat (Andrew)

New York University

ZHANG, Fei (Fox)

University of Alberta

ZHANG, Jiacheng (Jack)
WANG, Hairuo (Harry)

University of Waterloo

LI, Chenrunge (Raiany)

Western University

LI, Chenrunge (Raiany)
NIKKAR, Darya

University of Toronto

LI, Chenrunge (Raiany)
NIKKAR, Darya

University of Vietnam

CHAU, Kim Dat (Travis)

Langara College

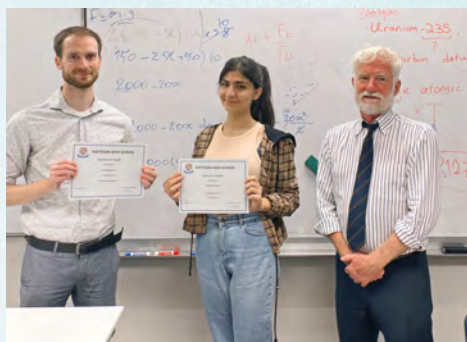
HASSAN NAJARI,
Mohammad Reza
KARIMI, Mohammad
(Pedram)
SHAMS, Emad
TJOA, Bryan
CHONG, Chak Nam (Brian)



SPRING AWARDS DAY

Exemplary students were commended for their outstanding academic performance and achievement in Spring 2021 semester.

PHS congratulates you and wishes you every best.



SPRING AWARDS DAY



Bahareh A
Ziwey GL
Ray F
Erfan G
Erfan R
Mehrad S
Mahdi A
Kiana S

Misato H
Nima K
Mahdi G
Tongtong Z
Amir Hossein AF
Jeremy Q
Ken D
Ayse Begum K



Bahareh A
Mahdi G
Erfan G
Ziwey G L
Misato H
Ayse Begum K
Jeremy Q
Erfan R
Mehrad S
Kiana S
Kenta Y



Graduate Student Testimonials



"Thank you Pattison High School for teaching us to be bold enough to use our voice, brave enough to listen to and believe in ourselves, and strong enough to live the life we've always imagined".

Darya

University of Toronto

"Studying at PHS has been overwhelmingly positive for me as an international student. The teachers of Pattison High School are simply amazing. I was so engrossed with my classes that I found myself listening for the pure joy and forgetting to take notes! They encouraged and motivated me to experience the deepest self-reflection I've ever done".



Dara

University of British Columbia

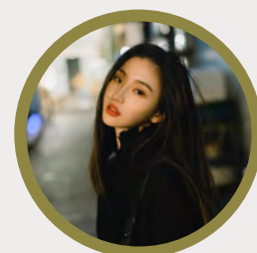


"Even though I've only been at Pattison for a year and learning remotely, that hasn't stopped me from having a wonderful experience. I am very grateful to the teachers who have always patiently guided me, no matter what problems I had."

Harry

University of Alberta

"I am so grateful to all of the teachers at Pattison High School. The understanding and support they gave me meant so much and I would not be the person I am today without their help. Most importantly, I realized how to manage my mentality to face future challenges. This has shaped me into the capable young adult that I am today".



Raiany

University of British Columbia