



# WINTER'22 NEWSLETTER

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

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# WINTER 2022 CALENDAR

Jan 01  
New Year's Day, semester  
break continues

Jan 07  
Professional Development  
Day, no classes

Jan 10  
Orientation for all students and  
first day of classes

Feb 02  
Interim Progress Report #1

Feb 14  
Valentine's celebration

Feb 15-17  
Midterm Exams

Feb 18  
Student Activity Day

Feb 21  
BC Family Day, no classes

Feb 25  
Midterm Report Card

Feb 25  
Parent Teacher Night

Mar 23  
Interim Progress Report #2

Apr 07 – 13  
Literacy & Numeracy Assessment  
Final assessments & exams

Apr 12  
Awards Day

Apr 14  
Final Report Card to be published

Apr 14  
Last day of classes

Apr 15  
Easter Good Friday, no classes

Apr 16 – May 01  
Semester break, no classes

# EVENTS

Jan 01  
New Year's Day

Jan 31  
Lunar New Year' s Day

Feb 14  
Valentines Day

Feb 18  
Activity Day

Feb 21  
BC Family Day

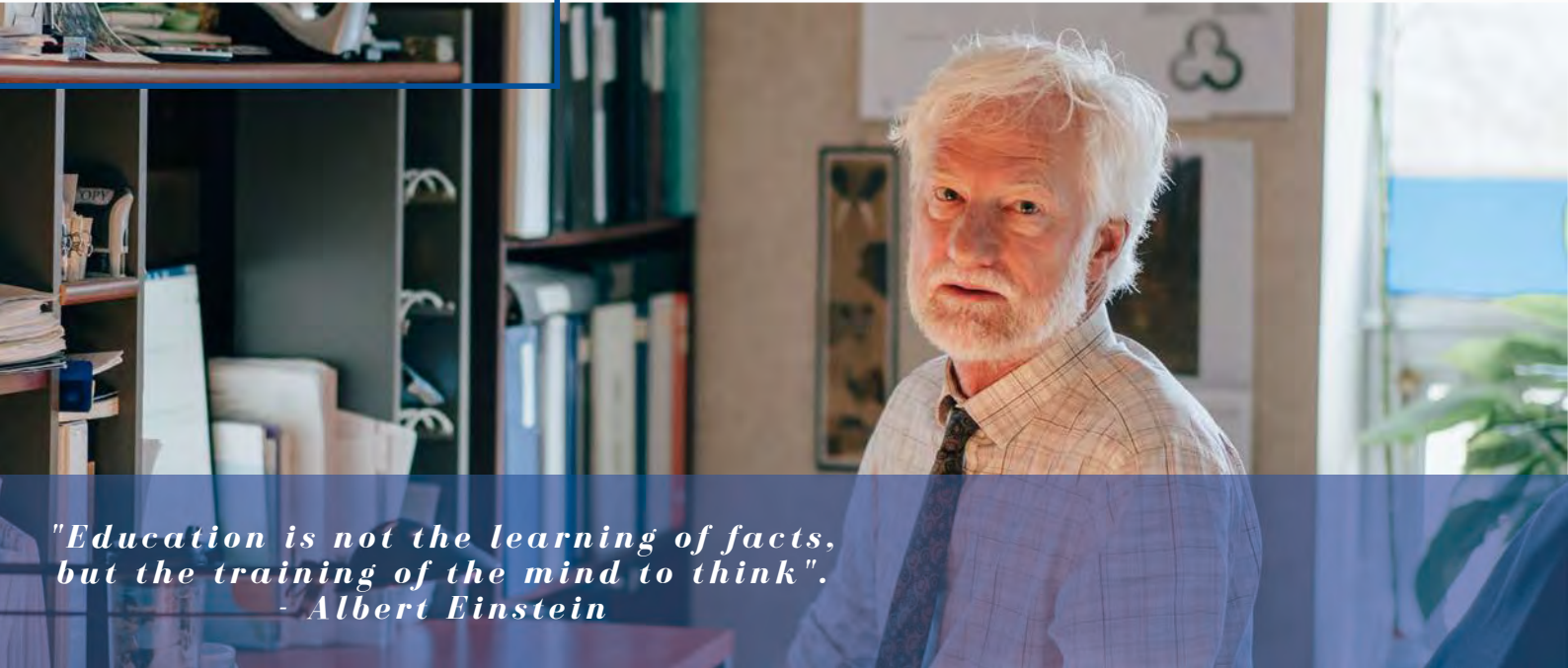
April 15  
Easter Good Friday





# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE



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

I sit in brilliant sunshine, overlooking the sometimes populated Supreme Court steps at the corner of Nelson and Hornby Streets. Students, teachers and I have been witness to a number of 'social justice' activities, gatherings and protests over the past several months. Today's quiet sunshine is a welcome reprieve from the busy-ness of the plaza within our view.

This is the second newsletter of the 2021-2022 academic year. The school learning community is pleased to see, and engage 'masked-face' to 'masked-face' with the entirety of the community. It is gratifying how well we know each other, and connect with each other, with only the eyes to guide us. In January 2022, the school completed the full return to the classroom centred educational experience. Students and teachers are pleased to be returned fully to on-site learning groups.

The Winter semester Activity Day took place on Friday February 18. It was an outdoors centred learning experience along the Sea-to-Sky corridor from Vancouver to Squamish - encompassing a truly BC experience. The BOOM! presentation at Britannia Mines was a singular learning experience, and the Sea to Sky Gondola is a spectacular destination.

From April 25 to 29, the school seats the BC provincial Literacy and Numeracy 10 Assessments, and the Literacy 12 Assessment. On April 05 2022, the University of Waterloo Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing sponsored Euclid mathematics contest will be held; U of W also sponsors the Hypatia contest on April 12.

On February 25 the school will publish the Winter 2022 mid-term report. Teachers, the counsellor and the principal are looking forward to meeting virtually, on Friday the 25th online, between 14:45/2:45pm and 16:00/4:00pm Pacific Time with students' families, guardians, 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 Winter, soon to be Spring to everyone!

I hope you are staying safe and healthy while getting out to enjoy the winter weather. We are now a little more than halfway through this winter 2022 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.

Teachers and students alike are thrilled to be back in the classroom! Students are participating in our various clubs, including chess, basketball and knitting. They are also taking advantage of our after-school tutoring classes. 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 on TEAMS 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 the Britannia Mines Museum and the Sea to Sky Gondola with students, teachers, and staff for a full day of winter adventure. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing in the fun and laughter as we explored the Britannia Mines, rode the Gondola and snow tubed. I especially enjoyed seeing new friendships grow within our beautiful international student population. Our Student Council has been very busy and put on a great Valentine's Day Event. I am looking forward to our Saint Patrick's Day and Nowruz activities!

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

All the best,  
Ms. Erin Pettinger

# TEACHER MESSAGES



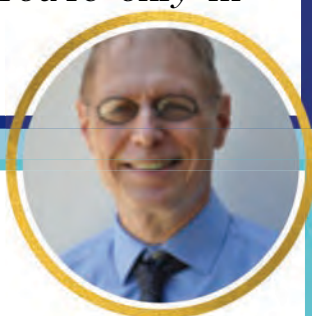
MR. BURKE

*Covid is coming to an end soon and our lives will eventually go back to normal. After two years of adapting to life under the virus we have lost much time together. I hope all of you will take the time to experience life and learn together and rely less your devices and screen time for your education and enjoyment of life!*



MR. VANDERVELDE

*It has been wonderful having students back in the school again, rebuilding our school community. Make the most of your time at Pattison, both academically and socially. Strive to do your best work, and don't be afraid to talk to your teachers or step out of your comfort zone and make new friends. You're only in High School once!*



MR. CATALANO

*I just want you to know that I am usually around in the afternoon to teach music and art, but also to be there if you ever want to chat or ask questions related to my classes or other interesting topics/situations that come up in your life. I like to talk (a lot), but occasionally I am a pretty good listener too. If you have questions about music related stuff, be warned: I will never stop talking about it! I hope you all finish the semester well, and that we have a beautiful, productive and joyous spring! Be well, take care, and enjoy this place you are in as much as possible!*



MS. SUBRAMANIAM

*"The great events of the world take place in the brain"*  
- Oscar Wilde.



# TEACHER MESSAGES



MS. PETTINGER

*I hope everyone has been enjoying the winter weather. The days are now starting to get longer and spring is around the corner. It's great to have everyone back at school connecting with their teachers and classmates. There are a lot of great after school clubs you can still get involved in. Keep working hard so you will finish the semester successfully and are well prepared for the spring.*



MR. SOLYOM

*Hello Pattison! I hope everyone has been enjoying the semester thus far. Given the uncertainty in the world right now, it has been encouraging to see students continuing to maintain positive attitudes towards their schoolwork and each other. Keep it up! Brighter days are ahead.*



MR. SHELDON

*It is great to see students engaging with the school community and bringing a lot of life back to the school. The student council has done a great job bringing the school together with events. I am also happy to see students engaged and learning skills in Chess club, Knitting club, and Sports club. Remember to stay curious and engaged with the world.*

*"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known" – Carl Sagan*

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS TO PHS

Pattison High School welcomed new students to the current Winter 2022 Semester! 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 last semester and into the current Winter 2022 Semester! Best wishes to you as we begin the academic year together.



## 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

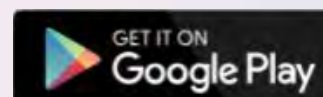


# STAYING SAFE THIS WINTER

## 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 FALL 2021 GRADUATES

# CONGRATS!

*SEYEDMAHDI A*

*BAHAREHV A*

*HOURAD B*

*ALI E*

*ZIWEY G*

*SAM H*



*PIN-YING H*

*CHEN-WEI H (BRIAN)*

*BAO VIET N (VILLY)*

*MARIA S*

*PARSIA S*

*ALI H*

*ERFAN R*





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### 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. Education really is a gift from your parents and perhaps other family members. Education is a gift of effort that you give to yourself. How fortunate we all are that these gifts can be made and received and that you have made so much value from these gifts.

You, the Class of 2022, 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, wish you well, and ask that you keep us informed of your future successes.”



## VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS

*"Congratulations everyone, you guys made it! We all knew this day would come, sooner or later. So let me remind you of the things you achieved and the memories which you experienced during these sweet and memorable years. You all put in lots of hard work and determination, you spend days and hours studying and improving your skills, you passed many tests, difficulties and tough days. You made many new friends from different countries, and learned about different cultures. You found a new family, who made the immigration and tolerating loneliness easier, which is one of the most significant things that happened to me at PHS."*

*"Now everyone, today, be happy, laugh, dance, spend time with your friends, and celebrate one of the most important and beautiful days of your life. Spend it in a way that you would remember it 10 years later. Start preparing yourself to write a new chapter of your life, and experience new things. Thanks for your time, and enjoy!"*

**From Bahareh A**



*"I feel very fortunate to form part of the Pattison High School community. Each teacher has their own essence and uniqueness when it comes to teaching, but I can ensure that they are very patient and supportive to every student. The staff members are amazing, every time I had a problem or found something challenging they helped me right away. During this journey, I had learned a lot from my teachers and classmates. They impregnated me with new knowledge and values. Thank you PHS, I feel prepared to face new challenges and form part of a more diverse world."*

**From Ziwey GL**



# STUDENT ACTIVITY DAY

The Winter 2022 Activity Day took place on Friday, Feb 18th! PHS students and staffs visited the Britannia Mine Museum, watched a spectacular BOOM! show, took an interesting underground mines tour and took the Sea to Sky Gondola to the summit for amazing views. Our students love snow tubing and they all had a well-spent day!











# STUDENT EVENTS

## HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME COMPETITION

The Student Council hosted a Halloween Party and a competition for the best-dressed outfit on Friday, October 29th. We had so much fun with games, music, snacks and prizes !





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## LUNAR NEW YEAR

The PHS community celebrated the Year of Tiger 2022 with the Lunar New Year event hosted by our Student Council. Our students received lucky envelopes, enjoyed some traditional snacks and played fun mini games!





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## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

On Monday February 14, PHS celebrated Valentine's Day! The Student Council distributed Valentine's Day cards and organized some fun games for our PHS community! What an amazing day filled with chocolate, sweet treats and coziness!





# THE STUDENT COUNCIL

## MEET THE NEW WINTER 2022 TEAM



*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!*





*Giselle B*  
*President*



*Younes B*  
*Vice President*



*Ariyana M*  
*Communications*



*Kay Z*  
*Treasurer*

*"From the first day I arrived at Pattison High School, I knew I wanted to become more involved in this wonderful community. It was such a great honour to be selected as the Student Council president. With all the support from teachers, staffs and other students, I am able to improve myself everyday and make an unforgettable time for the community. Being the leader of PHS Student Council, I have learned to be a good team player and a good listener while communicating and understanding other students' concerns. I look forward to organizing more fun events for students at PHS!"*

*~Giselle B*



**WINTER 2022**

# STUDENT CLUB SCHEDULE

## *Monday*

### **Knitting Club**

**3:45 PM**

Ms. S

Room 111

## *Tuesday*

### **Chess Club**

**3:45 PM**

Mr. Sheldon

Room 116

## *Wednesday*

### **The Student Council**

**2:50 pm**

Mr. Solyom

Room 112

## *Thursday*

### **Math and Science Support**

**3:45 PM**

Mr. Vandervelde

Room 119

### **English Language Support**

**3:45 PM**

Mr. Burke

Room 114

## *Friday*

### **Music Club**

**2:50 pm**

Mr. Catalano

Room 120

### **Volunteer Club**

**3:45 PM**

Ms. Pettinger

Room 109

### **Basketball Club**

**3:45 PM**

Ms. Hoang & Ms.

Pettinger

Room 109





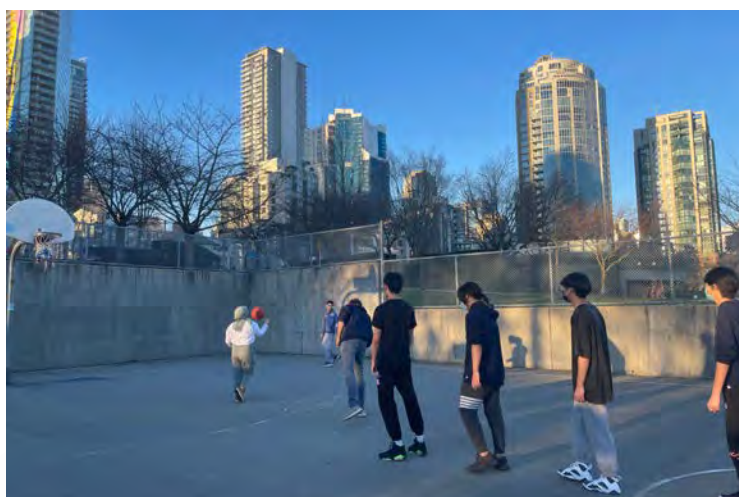
## MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club meets every Friday. 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.



## BASKETBALL CLUB

Come join Ms. Hoang every Tuesday for Basketball Club! Learn basketball and have some fun games together! All students are welcome to join!





# 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)





# WINTER AWARDS DAY

Exemplary students were commended for their outstanding academic performance and achievement in Winter 2022 semester. PHS congratulates you and wishes you every best.





# WINTER AWARDS DAY



*Bahareh*  
*Tran Khanh Nhi - Giselle*  
*Yinjie*  
*Mehrad*  
*Huizi - Kay*  
*Amir Hossein*  
*Pasha*  
*Roben*  
*Ariyana*

*Guangwei - Grant*  
*Mahdi*  
*Erfan*  
*Richard*  
*Ali*  
*Rozan*  
*Danial*  
*An Thuyen*  
*Ye Lydia*  
*You - Ken*  
*Parmida*  
*Marziyeh*



*Bahareh*  
*Duan You*  
*Parmida*  
*Ye Lydia*  
*Seira*  
*Mehrad*  
*Keigo*  
*Haocheng - Blake*  
*Bairong - Roben*  
*Huizi - Kay*



# 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

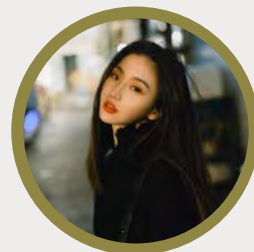


*"Even though I've only been at Pattison for a year and learning remotely, that hasn't stopped me from having a wonderful experience. I am very grateful to the teachers who have always patiently guided me, no matter what problems I had."*

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