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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MR. DANIEL CHOWNE



This message is written one week before Summer begins on Tuesday June 21. It is exciting to see some elements of normal behavior and planning make themselves evident among Faculty, staff and students.

By the time that you read this, the international learning community will have marked Indigenous Peoples' Day with three local activities:

- A visit at the Museum of Vancouver titled 'Canoes an interview with Nooksack master carver George Swanaset' & 'We Were So Far Away: The Inuit Experience of Residential Schools'
- A lunch break at Kitsilano Beach & a guided exploration of Granville Island.

It is truly wonderful to see all of us engaging in greater measure with the characteristics that make "being in school" fun and so rewarding for all. And ... in one week it will be the longest day of the year. We will hope for brilliant sunshine and a lovely heat. We truly welcome Summer.

The Spring semester Activity Day will take place in July, with a focus on Cultus Lake in the eastern Fraser Valley. This is expected to be an extraordinary day. From June 13 to 17, the school conducted one week of the provincial assessments. This was the last session of the 2021–2022 school year. We wish the very best of results to those who wrote. Results should be known by the end of July.

Faculty continues to refine, elaborate and extend its expertise with uses of the varied approaches to academic inquiry. The entire BC school program, including the Graduation Program, is no transitioned to the 'new' BC curriculum with its emphasis on collaborative inquiry and research. This provinciallyinitiated 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 gage their progress.

The school has just published the Spring 2022 midterm report. Teachers, the counsellor and the principal are looking forward to meeting virtually, on Thursday June 23 with students' families, custodians, friends and agents to discuss student progress.

Sincerely, Daniel Chowne Dip.Ed., MA



COUNSELLOR'S MESSAGE

BY MS. ERIN PETTINGER



Happy Spring Everyone!

I hope you are staying healthy and getting out to enjoy the beautiful sunny weather. We are now a little more than halfway through this Spring 2022 semester at Pattison High School. Since we started at the beginning of May, our students have been working and studying hard with the guidance of our outstanding teaching faculty.

Teachers and students alike are thrilled to be back in the classroom and returning to regular activities! Students are participating in our various clubs, including chess, volleyball, music and mythology club. They are also taking advantage of our after-school tutoring class on Thursday. 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 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! This semester we have several activities and events taking place. The school community just took part in a Wellness week at the beginning of June focusing on physical, mental and social wellness. To observe National Indigenous People's Day, we are visiting the Vancouver Maritime Museum and Granville Island to learn more about Indigenous culture and history. I am really looking forward to this semester's Activity Day at Cultus Lake Waterpark. I am anticipating a lot of fun and adventure. I especially look forward to seeing new friendships grow within our beautiful international student population. Our Student Council has been very busy preparing for the Canada Day BBQ. They will also host a Spirit week with daily themes at the end of July.

This time of year also brings the development of careful and thoughtful planning for the next semester of Fall 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,

Erin Pettinger

TEACHER'S MESSAGES



MR. BURKE

Hey everyone! Summer officially begins in just a few days. I want to encourage all of you to get outside as much as you can. I know the weather has been poor lately but things will be getting better soon. So plan some outdoor events that get you some exercise and away from all the indoor fun that will still be there when you get home!

MS. SUBRAMANIAM

"Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live. It is asking others to live as one wishes to live." - Oscar Wilde





MS. PETTINGER

I hope everyone has been enjoying the warmer weather. Summer has just arrived! Take advantage of the long days and spend some time at the beaches and parks. It's great to have school almost back to normal. 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 fall.

MR. VANDERVELDE

As we return to a feeling of normalcy, it is nice to be surrounded by a community at the school once again. I appreciate the effort made by the students and as always encourage everyone to make the most of their time at Pattison. Don't be afraid to talk to your teachers or strike up a conversation with someone new. "We must use time wisely and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right." - Nelson Mandela.





MR. CATALANO

I know many of you are already thinking of things like graduation, perhaps concerned about tests and marks and finishing up your high school years, but while you are still in the thick of it all, remember to take time after all your work is done to embrace the warm summer days and exciting summer nights. Doing so will not only give you respite from some of the stresses of daily life, but it will also rejuvenate your complete sense of well-being. When you feel good, you think more clearly, work more efficiently, and enjoy life so much more. That is what summer is for! See me in the art or music spaces if you want to talk about anything!

MR. SOLYOM

Hello Pattison! I hope everyone has been enjoying the new semester thus far. I know the last couple of years have been difficult, but I wanted to acknowledge how encouraging it has been to see faculty and students continue to maintain a positive attitude despite it all. This is my final semester at Pattison, and I am going to miss seeing all of your wonderful faces. For those of you who are struggling with your studies, I have some parting advice: you get out of your education what you put into it. Keep up the good work!





MR. SHELDON

Welcome back everyone, and welcome to our new students. It is great to see students getting involved in clubs, and I am looking forward to our school activities this term. All students are welcome to join Chess club, from beginners to advanced players. Join us after school in Room 116 on Tuesdays. "Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known" – Carl Sagan

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS TO PATTISON

Pattison High School welcomed new students to the current Spring 2022 Semester! New students received an introduction to the campus and a guidance session from Principal Chowne and our Counsellor, Ms. Pettinger.

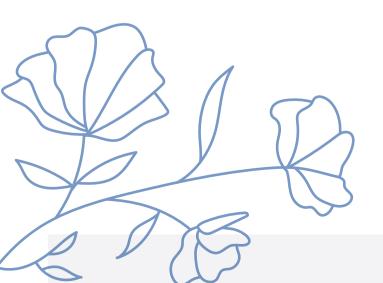
BEST WISHES TO RETURNING & NEW STUDENTS

Pattison High School congratulates all students for working diligently throughout the last semester and into the current Spring 2022 Semester! Best wishes to you as we begin the academic year together.

WELCOME TO Your new community

If you have questions, please contact your advisor:

- Ms. Azar Akbari
- Ms. Mia Phung
- Ms. Lynn Lu
- Mr. Johnny Jing
- Ms. Fumiko Uchitani







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BULLETIN TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Covid19, its variants, and continued vigilance

From a BC Public Health perspective, it is acknowledged that the original threats rooted in December 2019 are largely behind us as we transition our behaviors from pandemic to endemic. Nonetheless, 'it' is not over ... We must continue our vigilance.

I confirm that Pattison High School has a large supply of Rapid Tests, enough to provide immediately for anyone who wants to do so. They may also elect to test before period 1 and after period 4.

Although the BCCDC advises that a person is considered to be 'clear' of viral infection following a 5 day self-isolation, it may be more reassuring for the school community to have returning students – and staff and Faculty - continue with the masking protocol for a further 5 days, following the return, so that the learning community feels more secure.

I have told everyone that they may conduct the test in my office, in order to have a measure of privacy when doing so.

Anyone who suspects to be viral symptomatic, or otherwise unsure of health status, must follow pandemic level protocol with the masking behaviour until the individual health status is confirmed.

Thank you,

Daniel Chowne Dip.Ed., MA

Principal

COMMUNITY SAFETY GUIDELINES

PHS STUDENT COUNCIL

SPRING 2022

"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.

Anyone interested to join Student Council to earn volunteer hours and evidence of professional development (an indemand university application asset), is encouraged to come and join!"





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I have always been invested in Pattison High School since the first day, so I wanted to be more engaged in this amazing community. It was an incredible honour to be elected president of the Student Council. With the help of teachers, staff and other students, I am able to better myself, and I have made a promise to myself to provide a memorable experience for the school. As the president of the PHS Student Council, I have learned to be a good team player and listener while conveying and understanding the concerns of other students. I'm looking forward to arranging more enjoyable activities for PHS students. **Giselle B.**



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I have been on the student council for two years now, and I can say that I have always been attracted to it both in terms of discussing various trivial matters and the clear division of work among students. I jumped at the chance to become vice president this year because I believe it will be a valuable experience and an opportunity to improve my skills in all aspects. **Grant L.**



STUDENT EVENTS

Wellness Week: June 6 - June 9

Wellness week at PHS!

Each day focussed on a different area of wellness, including mental, physical, and social wellness. Students were given healthy snacks, and took part in a bullying prevention workshop, as well as a meditation workshop!



Indigenous People's Day Field Trip: June 21

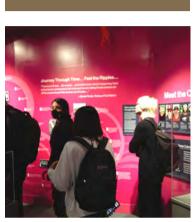
In honour of Indigenous People's Day, students and faculty visited the Vancouver Maritime Museum, to develop a better understanding of Aboriginal culture and history, and the maritimes.































UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING 2022





Canada Day Student BBQ



June 30th 2022 PHS Patio The Spring semester Student Council is excited and busily planning for a Canada Day BBQ. The event will take place on the patio outside PHS on Thursday, June 30.

There will be tasty free food, musical performances, charades, games and chances to win prizes.



Cultus Lake Waterpark Activity Day



July 8th 2022 Cultus Lake, BC

- **O** Photo @cultus.ca

This semester's Activity Day will take place at Cultus Lake Waterpark on Friday, July 8th.

Cultus Lake Waterpark has a variety of water-based rides and activities, including slides, spray, tubing, hot tubs and more. With the hot summer weather approaching, this semester's Activity Day will give students and faculty a chance to cool off.















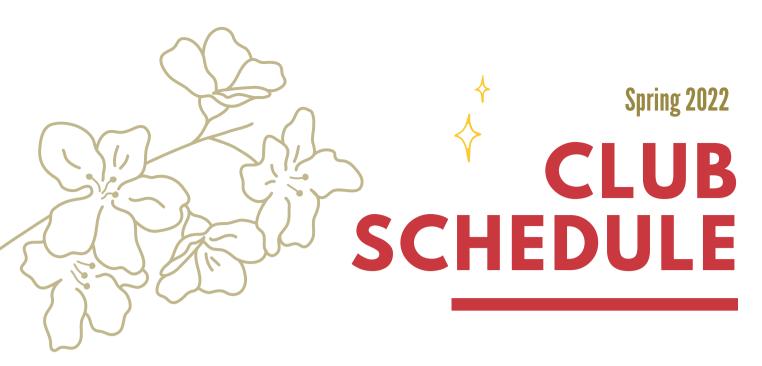
















Music Club - Mr.Catalano

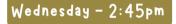




Chess Club - Mr.Sheldon Room #116



Volleyball Club - Mr. Deng & Ms. Pettinger Room #109





Student Council - Mr.Burke & Ms.Pettinger Room #113





Classics Club - Ms.Subramaniam Room #111



Homework Club - Mr.Vandervelde Room #119



Swimming Club - Ms.Lynn Room #109





The Music Club meets every Tuesday after school. 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

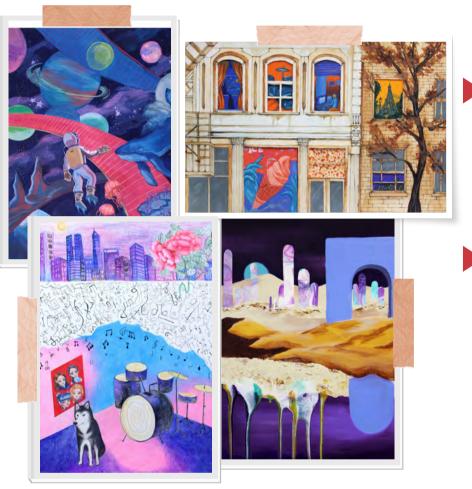
Come join Mr. Sheldon and students, learn to play the timeless strategy game of chess. Learn to expand your mind, memorize, and create improved game plays. The Chess Club meets Tuesdays after school.

VOLLEYBALL

Interested in playing volleyball? Join Mr. Deng and the team every Tuesday to learn about volleyball and play some fun games together. All students are welcome to attend.



PHS CURRENT STUDENTS'



Artwork by Richard

- Richard received the Comic Art Silver Key from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards this past January for his artwork, "Godzilla"!
- He was also a key member of the collaborative artwork "Revive Tomorrow", which was exhibited in Art Vancouver 2022 at the Vancouver Convention Center this May 2022!



Artwork by Alice



ACHIEVEMENTS

VIOLIN - RIN

Rin has played the violin since the age of 5! She has played for the Mito Junior High Orchestra, as well as multiple other orchestras throughout Junior High. At 11, Rin was recommended to audition for a recital in Chiba, Tokyo, where she earned the 1st Violin position.



PIANO - MICHAEL

Michael started playing the piano at 9 years old, and has had success in competitions in China. Some of these include placing first overall in the Xicheng district in Beijing, and placing second overall in the city of Beijing.

VOLLEYBALL & SOCCER - ERFAN

Erfan has experience playing professional volleyball and soccer (football) in Iran. He's amassed a number of impressive individual and team-based achievements, such as first place rankings in multiple tournaments, as well as the *Top Goalscorer* award in the Football Champion Cup.





SWIMMING - NIMA

Nima was on the Iranian National Swimming Team and swam between two islands in the Persian Gulf. The total distance was 18 km, and lasted seven hours! He also participated in the Iranian Swimming League for two years pre-COVID. Nima continues to practice swimming on a daily basis, including club training.

PHS WINTER 2022 GRADUATES





CAO, HONGJIE DANG, AN THUYEN (CHLOE) DUAN, YOU (KEN) FENG, YINJIE (RAY) GHOLI ZADE, MAHDI HO, PIN-YU

Congratulations

LU, YE (LYDIA) NGUYEN, YEN NGOC OWAN, SEIRA PENG, MUYUAN (TOM) SUZUKI, MARIA SALIMI, MEHRAD TAREMIAN, PASHA ZHANG, BAIRONG (ROBEN) ZHANG, TONGTONG ZONG, HUIZI (KAY)





Congratulations to the Winter 2022 Graduates!



#Friendship goals Congratulations on your new milestone!





you did it!





A Message From Ms. Lu, Principal Chowne, Ms. Pettinger, Faculty and Staff

"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

From Mehrad Salimi

I want to give a big congratulations to everyone, including myself, for being here today. The world we live in is plagued with dangers, Ebola, Corona, Global Warming and despite all the odds, we still managed to graduate. So let's give a big round of applause. It was only one or two years ago that we came to the labyrinth called Pattison High School. As young, timid sophomores we found ourselves lost in its big halls like they were the changing stair cases of Hogwarts. Although nervous as sophomores, we started getting the hang of things and Junior year many of us brought experience and hear we are; done with high school. As Charles Dickens put it, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." We have survived "WHS screenshots" and "basketball sounds" and last but not least, we have realized that we are the most attractive class ever. Now at the end of our careers as students, we have an opportunity: now is our time to take on the world, and to find and pursue our passion; to quote unquote, "Leave a Legacy." Willam Shakespeare, and also Channing Tatum, once said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." In life, we can't always count on being born great, or having greatness thrust upon us, but always, remember that the opportunity to achieve greatness is within our grasp. Keep in mind that many of our social and political leaders and heroes started their lives as an average person, just like you and me. Despite the failure and mistakes, we will make, and we may be "average", we find that the average can achieve greatness, whether recognized by the world, or just a few. Greatness comes from our friends reaching out to us, those who go out of their way to be thoughtful; the unsung heroes. If there's anything you take from today, remember that to "leave a legacy" and to "achieve greatness" is not getting money and recognition, it's to leave those with whom you cross paths with a little more happiness and hope. Class of 2022, it's been a #splendid semester with you, and from the bottom of my heart, I wish you all the very, very best.





From Huizi (Kay) Zong

"Hello everyone, I am Kay (Huizi) Zong. First of all, I appreciate all the support from my teachers and classmates in the past few years. It is a great pleasure for me to have this valedictorian speech. I want to share my high school experience with you. I have been studying abroad alone since grade 8. I studied in Singapore for one year, and then I came to Vancouver in grade 9 to study until now. Time flies, and I'm already a high school graduate student. So far, I have received offers from many universities, such as UT, SFU, Mcgill, University of Alberta, etc. However, my high school life was not always smooth. I often find it hard to be without my family. I've been alone for the past few years, but I learned something precious: to enjoy loneliness but not let it bother me. When I spent time at school, most classmates complained that they thought they were a failure because they were not good at certain subjects or their grades were not good enough, and students who have good grades are smarter. Let me tell you this, I failed more than ten courses when I was in grade 11, just because I thought studying was boring. I see this as not a failure but a life task, a task that needs me to solve but not to escape. I studied hard, I passed it, and here I am. Even Albert Einstein was terrible at history, and he thought it was a waste of time. However, he still became the greatest Theoretical physicist. You should know that the grades do not define you. You may feel lost at some point during your life, but you will find your path eventually, just like me. The rainbow always comes after the rain. Finally, if anyone needs help with their university applications and offers, I'm willing to help."



WINTER 2022 AWARDS DAY



Exemplary students were commended for their outstanding academic performances and achievements in the Winter 2022 semester. PHS congratulates you and looks forward to your future successes!



























WINTER 2022 AWARDS DAY



CAO, Hongjie (Chris) BUI, Tran Khanh Nhi (Giselle) AZIMI FARID, Amir Hossein SALIMI, Mehrad HAMIDIFAR, Parmida TAREMIAN, Pasha FADAEI KERMANI, Ariyana JAIN, Simran MIYAR, Ariyana ZONG, Huizi (Kay) NAJIBA, Matin



LI, Guangwei (Grant) GHOLI ZADEH, Mahdi NAJAFI, Amirsadra SIROUSI, Kasra XU, Haoting (Richard) DANG, An Thuyen (Chloe) BAZMI, Younes QI, Jianpeng (Jeremy)

Honour Roll



AKBARABADI, Danial BUI, Tran Khanh Nhi (Giselle) FATTAHI, Mahdieh KOCABAS, Ayse Begum LU, Ye (Lydia) OWAN, Seira PENG, Muyuan (Tom)

FIVE - YEAR UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Canada

Capilano University CarletonUniversity Concordia University Dalhousie University Kwantlen Polytechnic University **McGill University McMaster University Queen's University** Ryerson University **Simon Fraser University** Emily Carr University of Art & Design Vancouver Island University Western University York University Vancouver Film School University of Adelaide University of Alberta **University of British Columbia** University of Calgary University of Fraser Valley University of New Brunswick University of Ottawa **University of Toronto** University of Victoria **University of Waterloo** British Columbia Institute of Technology Canadian Tourism College Douglas College Langara College Medicine Hat College

United States

Art Institute of Chicago California State University Fresno Harvard University Summer School Maryland Institure College of Art Monash University New York State University Orange Coast College Otis College of Art & Design (Los Angeles) Parsons College of Design Pratt Institute (New York) School of Visual Arts (New York) University of Buffalo University of Wisconsin

United Kingdom

University of Manchester University College London University of Essex University of the Arts London Architectural Association School of Architecture - (AA) London



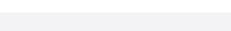
International

Digital Hollywood University (Japan) Sapporo Medical University (Japan) The Nippon Dental University (Japan) Chuo University (Japan) Yonshei University (South Korea) Korea University (South Korea) Swiss Hotel Management School (Switzerland) Vietnam National University (Vietnam) University of Melbourne (Australia) University of Sydney (Australia) Suzhou University (China) Istituto Marangoni (Italy)









GRADUATES' TESTIMONIALS



"Although the time in Pattison High School is very short, only half a year, but the experience here is hard to forget. Many thanks to my dedicated, friendly and supportive teachers, without their help, I can't be who I am today. And I also appreciate the help from my friends, and the support from my family. Thanks to all the people who have helped me, I will keep moving forward with this gratitude and my original intention."

> MA, YangChen (Chloe) University of Toronto

"Thank you for the wonderful time the school gave me. Thank you teachers for teaching me. Thanks to my classmates for bringing me company and making my life colorful. Hope the school will be more excellent and perfect in the near future."

Feng, YingJie (Ray) University of British Columbia





"I want to thank and appreciate the teachers and staff who dedicated their time to helping students and being there for them when they needed it the most. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in trying to assist us in gaining our academic goals. And mostly, thank you, Pattison high school, for giving me the opportunity to create a high school experience that I will forever cherish.

> Anahita Golab Lee University of British Columbia

"I want to thank everyone who supported me through these years such as my parents, friends and the teachers i had. I am usually not the person to be good with these messages but I wish all the current and upcoming students, the best of luck in their life."

> Pasha Taremian University of Manitoba





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

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