

SEPT 17, 2004

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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- PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) EXECUTIVE – GETTING STARTED
- COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND SIGN-UP
- CAFETERIA NOW OPEN!!! LIGHT LUNCHES ARE AVAILABLE AT SPECIAL 'UNDER CONSTRUCTION' PRICES.

OFF TO A GREAT START - THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

Today marks the end of the first full week of our inaugural year at ATSS and what a busy week it has been.

When we opened our doors for the first time on September 7th, our building was not quite complete, but each day has brought something new, additional areas and rooms opened for use. (see photos in this newsletter)

Thank you so much parents, students and teachers, for your patience during this 'finishing' process – we will have an outstanding facility totally complete in the very near future

Facility Update

We moved into our art room on Tuesday, and the physics lab opened today. As of today, all of the regular classrooms are complete and in use. All of the specialty rooms are also

complete with the exception of the gym (expected October 10) and the chemistry lab (expected next week).

Program Update

Student Government – based on their top three interest areas, students have all been assigned to one of ten school committees. We had our first committee meeting on Thursday, and we will be electing Cabinet Members and a Committee Chairpersons next Monday.

Electives

Elective courses are underway with students involved in two elective course options this semester.

One-to-one computer program

We are putting the finishing touches on the wireless network at the school. We will hold our Parent Information Meeting on Monday, Sept 21 and then begin distributing the computers to the students.



COMPUTER PROGRAM PARENT INFORMATION MEETING COMPUTERS

We will be holding an information meeting to review the One-to-one computer program at ATSS. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 in our school library (downstairs). Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to find out more about the program and the computers. We plan on distributing the computers to students as soon as possible after the meeting beginning with grade 11.

PARENT INFORMATION
MEETING ON ONE-TO-
ONE PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPT. 21ST
AT 7:00 PM.

DRESS CODE ITEMS THAT WERE ORDERED ON SEPT 2ND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON SPET. 20. ORDERS PLACED AFTER THAT DATE MAY BE A WEEK AWAY.

PLEASE SEND CHEQUES (MADE OUT TO ATSS) TO THE SCHOOL WHEN YOUR STUDENT PICKS UP THE DRESS CODE.

THE GYM SHOULD BE READY ON OCTOBER 10. IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE COMPLETING THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PORTION OF THE PE PROGRAM. STUDENTS ARE BEING BUSSED TO VARIOUS VENUES IN THE ABBOTSFORD AREA.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS – DRESS CASUALS

While we are getting the rest of the dress code items produced, students are expected to dress as close to the dress code as possible. This means that they should wear dark pants, plain shirts, golf shirts or hoodies (with no bare tummies) or thin straps.

BOYS Tops

- Black or beige golf shirts with crest
- Black hoodies with crest
- Black or beige sweat shirts with crest
- Black vest with crest
- Black, beige or red dress shirt with crest

Slacks

- Black or beige slacks
- Black or beige walking shorts

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE WITH THE DRESS CODE – WE HOPE TO HAVE ALL ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

GIRLS Tops

- Black or beige golf shirts with crest
- Black or beige or red dress T-shirt with crest
- Black hoodies with crest
- Black or beige sweat shirts with crest
- Black vest with crest

Shirts and Slacks

- Black or beige slacks – full length
- Black or beige slacks – Capri length
- Black or beige walking shorts
- Black or beige A-line skirt

SPORTS – PE STRIP

- White T-shirt with ATSS sports logo
- Black gym shorts with red stripe and ATSS sports logo

THE BUILDING IS LOOKING WONDERFUL!!!



SCHOOL, COURSE AND LAP TOP FEES ARE DUE NOW

Now that students are registered in elective courses, school and course fees are due in the office.

A full list of the fees is included on the last page of the course booklet. Please review this page so that you are aware of the costs for your student's program.

The one-to-one computer lease and lease to own program costs \$30.00. Parents are asked to give 10 post dated cheques (\$30) to the office (made out to ATSS). Details of the lease to own program will be outlined at the Parent Information Meeting on Tuesday Sept 21.

COMMITTEES – WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

Every parent at ATSS is automatically a member of the ATSS PAC (Parent Advisory Council). The PAC usually elects a PAC Executive – PAC Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Currently, in order to be able to apply for the Lottery Funds, the PAC elected an interim PAC Chairperson – Mrs. Gerbrandt, and a PAC Secretary – Mrs. Swadden.

A PAC meeting will be called in the near future and these positions will be reviewed.

In addition to the PAC Executive, the PAC has established numerous committees. Parents had the opportunity to sign up for these different committees at the Information Meetings held during the summer.

Parents who have not volunteered for a committee but who are interested in helping at the school are invited to sign up for any of the various committees in the school office.

COMMITTEES INCLUDE:

- PHONING
- DRESS CODE
- TRANSPORTATION (CAR POOL AND BUS)
- FUND RAISING/GRANTS
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- YEARBOOK
- LUNCH TIME SUPERVISION
- LIBRARY
- PAC CONSTITUTION
- PAC NEWSLETTER
- TEACHER APPRECIATION
- SAFETY
- GRADUATION
- AWARDS AND PRIZES

*ATSS PAC
We need to
GET UP AND
RUNNING –
WE NEED
YOUR HELP
AND
INVOLVEMENT
IN OUR PAC*



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WE NOW HAVE A
SCHOOL PHONE
NUMBER

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ABOVE — THE ART ROOM

BELOW — THE UPPER HALLWAY

Key Communicators represent each school's Parent Advisory Council, meet with the Superintendent during the school year. The purpose of the meetings is to provide information of interest to parents. Key Communicators then disseminate the information to their respective PAC's. This year the meetings will be rotating through our middle schools. The first meeting for 2004/05 is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at Cascade Community Church/Salvation Army.



Topics for September 22nd meeting:

- District Review
- New Organization Chart
- Accountability Contract
- Enrolment
- Textbooks