

OCT. 4, 2004

# ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## THE SCHOOL IS LOOKING WONDERFUL — TIME TO ORGANIZE OUR PAC

### Student Lounge

Thank you to Grand Pappy's Furniture and MJM Furniture for their generous donations of couches and tables. These items have been placed in our foyer - our student lounge - and in the library in our reading corner. When you visit the school, please take a moment to visit these two new student areas.

### Physics Lab, Chemistry Lab Ready!

We have moved into our physics lab and we are enjoying the extra space and facilities. Our chemistry lab is ready too, so watch for our move this week. The chemistry lab is the final academic area to be completed – we will have a total of 9 standard classrooms, and 6 special classrooms including the chemistry/biology lab, physics lab, art room, band/music room, media room, and our student support room.

### Gym

Our gym floor has been laid. The next step is sanding and then varnishing. The ETA for the gym is mid October.

### Staffing

Our staffing is now complete as we welcome Mr. Fedyna – science,

maths and technology, and Mrs. Hirowatari – English 8, Technology 8 and Textiles 8&9

### Student Government

We have established our ten school committees and all students have met several times in their committee groups. Students wishing to have a greater role in student government made presentations and a cabinet member and committee chairperson was elected for each committee. We will have our first General Assembly (organized and run by students) as soon as the gym is ready so that we have a large enough space to meet as an entire school.

### One-to-one Computer Program

All students should now have their own computer. If your student does not have his/her computer, please check in at the office to make arrangements.



## THE NEXT STEP - PAC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

We will be holding our first PAC in our new building in the very near future .....we are hoping to organize the meeting this week – our Interim PAC Chairperson and Secretary are working on coordinating this event.

PAC MEETING - ATSS LIBRARY

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR  
DETAILS ON DATE AND TIME —  
[www.atss.ca](http://www.atss.ca)

DRESS CODE ITEMS ARE BEING DELIVERED DAILY. WE ARE WORKING TO HAVE EVERYONE IN DRESS CODE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - D DAY IS ALMOST HERE - EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO WEAR DRESS CODE ON D DAY!

STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY WEARING DRESS CODE ITEMS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

WE WILL ORGANIZE AN 'EXCHANGE DAY' IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO GIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE ITEMS THAT DO NOT FIT.

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO RELAX AND ENJOY OUR STUDENT LOUNGE - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL, AT BREAK AND AT LUNCH HOUR.

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE LOUNGE IS PROVIDED FOR THEIR COMFORT AND ENJOYMENT - STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEANLINESS AND CARE OF THE LOUNGE AND FURNITURE - IT WILL LOOK NICE FOR AS LONG AS WE TAKE CARE OF IT. STUDENTS - PLEASE USE THE FURNITURE APPROPRIATELY AND CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES!

## 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

### 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

## OUR STUDENT LOUNGE!!!



## COURSE AND COMPUTER NEWS – CHECK WWW.ATSS.CA

Students are set in their elective courses and everything is underway. School and course fee forms were sent home two weeks ago. Parents are asked to send cheques to the office (made out to ATSS) as soon as possible.

A full list of the fees is included on the last page of the course booklet for easy reference.

Parents - Please check with your insurance agent about laptop computer coverage. Here are the computer specifications and serial numbers:

*Make:* Apple G4  
*Model:* iBook 1064MHZ/256MB/30GB/CD/AP/12.1"

*Serial number:* Please email Mr. Ennis at [\[mailto:david\\_ennis@sd34.bc.ca\]](mailto:david_ennis@sd34.bc.ca) Mr. Ennis will explain to you how to get the serial number of your son/daughter's computer for the insurance company

Check the school website [www.atss.ca] for updates on our computers and computer program.

## COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSON WANTED

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 and in early September.

The following is a list of volunteers for the various committees to date. We invite the members of each committee to elect a chairperson and arrange committee meetings (call the school for a list of committee members with phone numbers).

### ATSS Committees

**Library Committee** - Kylee Swadden, Holy McClure, Danika Nesvog, Brian Gerbrandt, Sharon Gerbrandt, Diane Cromwell, Suzanne Mathes, Sherree Barnhart, Jamie Sanders.

**Phoning Committee** - Angie Rossit-Lavigne, Wendy Swadden, Sherry Strukoff, Kylee Swadden, Surinder Kooner, Bina Gill.

**Donation and Grants Committee - Awards and Prizes Committee** - Lia Talvio, Kiersten Cromwell, Stephanie Swanepoel, Lexxy Healy, Desiree Cutler, Sarah Prince.

**Graduation Committee** - Lexxy Healy.

**Dress Code and Logo Development Committee** - Holly McClure, Kylee Swadden, Brian Gerbrandt, Danika Nesvog, Ben Robinson, Jas Gill, \* Leah Crocker, Sharon Gerbrandt, Wendy Swadden, Susan Chalkias, Linda Swanepoel, Amber Kooner.

**Dress Code Ongoing Committee** - Sieglinde Robinson, Bonnie Chi, Cindy Chi, Richard Lorkowski, Linda Swanepoel, Colleen Barnhart.

**Teacher Appreciation Committee** - Cathie Collet, Diane Cromwell, Lori Schultz.

**Special Events Committee** - Diane Cromwell, Roman Sangha, Lexxy Healy, Stephanie Swanepoel

**Transportation** - Angie Korkowski, Richard Korowski, Annette McClure, Jocelyn MacKenzie, Jocelyn Tapay, Lori Schultz.

**Safety Committee** - Lia Talvio, Kiersten Cromwell, Kim Martens.

**Yearbook Committee** - Lia Talvio, Kiersten Cromwell, Lexxy Healy, Bonnie Chi, Cindy Chi, Suzanne Matties, Ravina Sidhu, Brittany Collet, Sheree Barnhart, Jamie Sanders, Stephanie Swanepoel, Colleen Barnhart, Ryan McCracken.

\* VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON  
IF YOU ARE THE CHAIRPERSON, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR A LIST OF PHONE NUMBERS.  
IF THERE ISN'T A VOLUNTEER CHAIRPERSON FOR YOUR COMMITTEE – WILL YOU VOLUNTEER? CALL THE OFFICE.

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B.C.

WE NOW HAVE A  
SCHOOL PHONE  
NUMBER

PHONE: 604-  
850-7029

*ATSS PAC  
NEEDS TO  
GET UP AND  
RUNNING –*

*WE NEED  
YOUR HELP  
AND  
INVOLVEMENT  
IN OUR PAC*

COMMITTEES  
THAT HAVE  
NOT BEEN  
SIGNED UP  
FOR YET...

- FUND RAISING AND GRANTS
- PAC CONSTITUTION
- PAC NEWSLETTER
- DONATIONS AND GRANTS

CAN YOU HELP  
ON ONE OF  
THESE  
COMMITTEES?

## LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME THAT YOU COULD SHARE WITH THE SCHOOL?

WE HAVE OVER 1000 LIBRARY BOOKS WAITING TO GO ON THE SHELVES. WE WILL HAVE A LIBRARY TECH TO CODE THE BOOKS, BUT WE NEED HELP TAPING AND PUTTING ON SPINE LABELS — CAN YOU HELP?

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 604-850-7029 IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER SOME TIME.

## PHOTO RETAKE DAY

PHOTO RETAKE DAY IS SET UP FOR OCT. 29.

IF YOUR STUDENT MISSED PHOTO DAY OR THE PHOTOS YOU RECEIVED ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE — PLEASE SEND MONEY (FOR A NEW PACKAGE) OR THE OLD PACKAGE ON PHOTO DAY FOR RETAKES

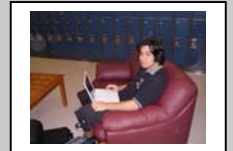


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## Connect to the internet at home...try this

Go to the apple menu in the top LH corner of the desktop and choose System Preferences. Then open Network. Location should be set on "Automatic". Make sure that "Show:" is set to "Built-in Ethernet". Close the window. Basically what you are doing is making sure that AirPort is not activated. You want to use Built-in Ethernet. If this doesn't work let me know next time you see me or on internet. Good luck. Mr. Ennis

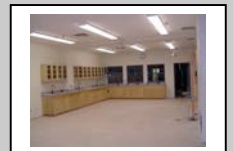


**KEY COMMUNICATORS**, who represent each school's Parent Advisory Council, meet with the Superintendent during the school year. The purpose of the meetings is to provide information of interest to parents. Key Communicators then disseminate the information to their respective PAC's. This year the meetings will be rotating through our middle schools.



## Dress Code Exchange Day

WATCH FOR OUR DRESS CODE EXCHANGE DAY - COMING SHORTLY (CHECK THE WEBSITE) — THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE DRESS CODE ITEMS



## D-Day is Coming

**D-DAY — DRESS CODE DAY** IS COMING — ON D DAY ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE IN DRESS CODE. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH PIECES OF DRESS CODE TO WEAR DRESS CODE FROM D-DAY ONWARD.

