

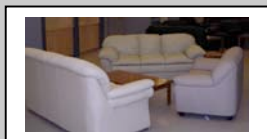
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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Thank
You!



PAC MEETING – OCT. 26

PLEASE ATTEND AND GET INVOLVED

Attention all ATSS Parents,

As you know, as a parent of an ATSS student, you are automatically a member of the ATSS PAC (Parent Advisory Council). We are having our first PAC meeting at ATSS on Oct. 26 at 7:00 pm. in our library. Please come out and get involved. Our agenda will include:

- Principal's Report
- Elections for PAC positions
- Committees Required
- Gaming Funds
- BCCPAC
- Are there any other items that you think we should address

Many recent studies show that the best educational experience for students occur when there is a strong partnership between parents, teachers and students at the school. Our parents are a vital part of ATSS and PAC activities are very important at ATSS. Joining one of the committees initiated by the ATSS PAC at our information meetings is a great way for all parents to get involved and help to shape the structures and activities at the school.

OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

We are most grateful to the following companies that donated items and funds to ATSS:

- Craven, Huston and Powers Architects
- Sears
- Grand Pappy's Furniture
- MJM Furniture (Coquitlam)

THESE GENEROUS COMPANIES HAVE DONATED THE FOLLOWING TO ATSS:

We really need your help with the following committees – please contact Mrs. Swadden if you would like to help.

ATSS Committees

- Library Committee
- Phoning Committee
- Donation and Grants Committee
- Awards and Prizes Committee
- Graduation Committee
- Dress Code Committee.
- Teacher Appreciation Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Safety Committee
- Yearbook Committee

Can you help on one of these committees? If you are the chairperson of one of these committees, please call the office for a list of phone numbers for your committee members.

If there isn't a volunteer chairperson for your committee – will you volunteer? Call the office for the phone numbers of the committee members.

Committees that need members...

- Fund Raising, Donations and Grants
- PAC Constitution
- PAC Newsletter

Can you help with any of these committees?



- \$500 to be used for school programs and materials
- Toasters, griddles and irons for our Home Economics department
- A couch and end-table for our student lounge
- Two couches and an end-table for our library
- A computer with monitor

Thank you for your support!

**IMPORTANT DATES
IN OCT. AND NOV.**

OCT. 13 – DRESS CODE EXCHANGE DAY

OCT. 15 – D DAY (EVERY STUDENT SHOULD BE IN DRESS CODE FROM THIS DATE ONWARD)

OCT. 21 AT 7:00 PM – MEET THE TEACHER – OPEN HOUSE

NOV. 10 – LAST DAY OF TERM ONE

NOV. 10 – REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

NOV. 11 – REMEMBRANCE DAY - HOLIDAY

NOV. 12 AND 15 – SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

NOV. 19 – 1:30 PM – OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING

NOV. 24 – TERM ONE REPORTS SENT HOME

NOV. 25 – PARENT TEACHERS CONFERENCES – 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

NOV. 26 – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – 8:30 AM TO 12:00 NOON.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS – DRESS CODE UPDATE



Dress Code - D Day is on Friday, October 15th

We apologize for the unavoidable delay in getting some uniform items - our much larger student enrolment, the process of deciding on the dress code and designing our school crest and logo, the complexity of our crest (17,000 stitches) and the wide choices of uniform items resulted in an unavoidable delay in supplying items.

Exchange Day - Wednesday, October 13th
Our uniform company has been working very hard and items have been arriving every day. This past Friday we collected items students wish to exchange. On Wednesday we will have a variety of items available for these students to choose from.

Though every student may not have every piece of dress code (we will continue to work hard on this), we expect every student to have enough to be dressed in dress code by Friday, October 15. A very few students may not have dress code items ready for Friday. If your student is in this position, please send a note on Friday to excuse your student.

With your help and the hard work of the uniform company, all students should look very smart in their dress code from Friday onwards.

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

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 sweatshirts 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

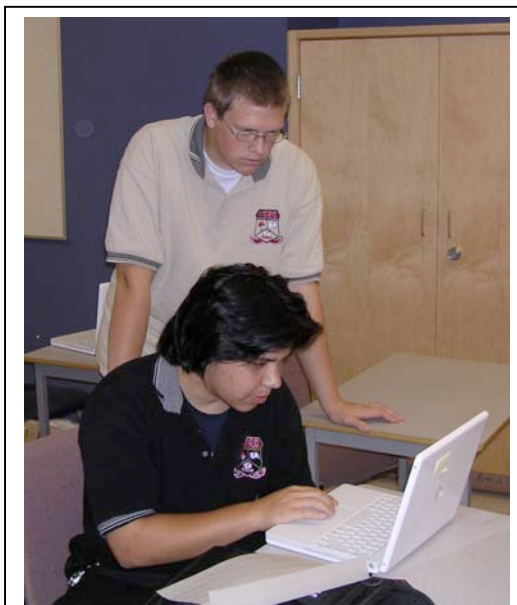
Black or beige A-line skirt

SPORTS – PE STRIP

White T-shirt with ATSS sports logo

Black gym shorts with red stripe and ATSS sports logo

Meet the Teachers - Open House



Meet the Teachers - Open House - Please Join Us

On Oct 21 the staff and student of ATSS will welcome parents to the school time meet the staff, and tour the fully renovate building. In addition to an assembly in our brand new school gym, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their student's teachers in the classrooms to discuss the programs and courses.

Students on our Community Relations Student Committee are planning this special event. They have a great many ideas and plans that will make this event informative and special for our parents, students and teachers. Please put October 21, 7:00pm on your calendar.

Computer News

MARKS INFORMATION - ONLINE GRADEBOOK ACCESS

Online secure gradebook access will be available soon for parents and students. For parents to access their student's marks online they need a password. We require parent email addresses to send the password. Parents, please use your preferred email address for school communication to send an email to our secretary and Mr. Ennis with the following information.....

To: joanne_mcmillan@sd34.bc.ca and david_ennis@sd34.bc.ca
Subject: Parent Email
Message: 1. Your name
 2. Name of student or students

We will copy and paste your preferred email address for school communication from the email that you send us (and thereby eliminate any typing errors). Your

email will not be used for any purpose other than school communication. It will not be given to anyone else or published in print or online.

If e-mail communication is difficult – please complete the form included below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Parents – A reminder to please check with your insurance agent about laptop computer coverage. Here are the computer specifications and serial numbers:

Make: Apple
Model: iBook G4 1064MHZ/256MB/30GB/CD/AP/12.1"
Serial number: Please email Mr. Ennis for details.

NAME: _____ STUDENT(S)' NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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National Institute on Media and the Family MediaWise e-News

New Study Finds Alcohol Advertising Reaches Adolescents: Teenage Girls are Biggest Target

A research team from Georgetown University's Center for Alcohol Marketing and Youth recently published a study showing underage children were exposed to more alcohol advertising in magazines than adults, on a per capita basis, in 2002.

The researchers examined nearly \$600 million in spending on 6,239 alcohol ads in 2001 and 2002, keeping a close eye on differences in exposure between underage girls and women and between underage boys and men. **The study finds that both boys and girls were more likely to see alcohol magazine ads than adults.** Specifically, in 2002, the research shows underage youth saw 45 percent more beer advertising than legal-age adults, per capita. For distilled spirits, these youth saw 12 percent more advertising than legal-age adults, per capita. For maltalternative products such as Smirnoff Ice and Bacardi Silver, the total amount of advertising reaching underage youth increased by 109 percent, and these youth saw 65 percent more of this advertising than legal-age adults, on a per capita basis.

Other key findings of the study include that girls were much more likely than boys to be overexposed to alcohol advertising in magazines, and that underage girls saw more alcohol advertising than legal-age women.

According to the research, underage girls saw 68 percent more beer advertising than legal-age women on a per capita basis. However, underage boys saw only 29 percent more beer advertising than legal-age men on a per capita basis. The study concludes that, while boys generally had more exposure to alcohol advertising, girls' overexposure was much greater. For instance, girls saw 95 percent more maltalternative advertising than legal-age women on a per capita basis, compared to boys who saw 37 percent more maltalternative advertising than legal-age men on a per capita basis.

To learn more about alcohol advertising and youth, please visit the National Institute on Media and the Family at http://www.mediafamily.org/facts/facts_alcohol.shtml. <http://www.teenwiseparents.org>



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

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.

D-DAY — DRESS CODE DAY — OCT. 15

ON OCT. 15 ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE IN DRESS CODE. STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH PIECES OF DRESS CODE TO WEAR DRESS

Facts On Fireworks!!

What are Fireworks?

A composition of combustible or explosive substances used for the purpose of producing visible/audible effects.

Fire works and the Law...

Fireworks are legally available for sale in Canada one week prior to Hallowe'en.

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase or use fireworks other than sparklers. This includes firecrackers and the larger fireworks.

The Fireworks "legally" sold in Canada have been quality and safety tested by Natural Resources Canada.

WARNING...

The fireworks available in the U.S. may not have been **safety and quality** tested and may be defective. You never know when they are going to go off.

What 's a Firecracker?

Firecrackers are a type of fireworks, often dangerous. They are made up of the same things as bombs except that you hurt fewer people with one explosion...maybe YOU!

REMEMBER...

Fireworks are made from explosives, and as such they are unpredictable. Caution should be used at all times.

Fireworks can cause burns, disfigurement, and permanent physical damage.

Some materials (such as the star of a Roman candle) will burn even under water.

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT FIRE WORKS OF ANY SORT ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AT ANY TIME!



Fireworks and Injuries

Sparklers, firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles each contributed to 17% of eye injuries.

Almost half (49%) of the injuries were to children under age 15.

Sparklers can heat up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt gold.

There were an estimated 1,200 eye injuries - the second most commonly injured body part.

Fireworks more often injure bystanders than operators themselves.

There were four deaths from fireworks in 2002.