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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

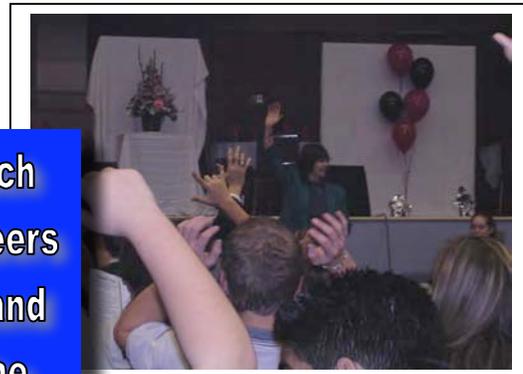
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OUR

Grand Opening A Great Event!

Our grand opening ceremonies took place on Friday. Students, staff members, and parents took part in the celebrations of our school – the first traditional secondary school in British Columbia. Student presenters did an excellent job of sharing music (Kasey de Jong, Becca Carson) and poetry selections (Shanna McKinnley, Becca Carson and Alex Klawitter). The dignitaries had many positive things to share about the staff, students and parent who have worked so hard to establish ATSS.



Thank you very much to the parent volunteers who helped set up and supervise during the ceremony.

IMPORTANT DATES
IN NOV. AND DEC.

NOV. 24 – TERM ONE
REPORTS SENT HOME

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

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

DEC. 17 – LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL BEFORE THE
WINTER BREAK.

FEBRUARY 14 AND 15 –
ANNIE - DINNER THEATER

School Dress Code

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

PE Runners!



**A REMINDER TO
ALL FAMILIES**
ALL STUDENTS
SHOULD HAVE A PAIR
OF RUNNING SHOES
JUST FOR PE –
THESE SHOES MUST
NEVER BE WORN
OUTSIDE!
PLEASE HELP TO
KEEP OUR FLOOR
LIKE NEW – BRING PE
RUNNERS!

PAC Meeting - Dec. 1 at 7:00pm

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND TALENTS

Our next PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting will take place on
Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00p.m.



Two of the very important items on the agenda are our
committees and the PAC Executive and SPC representatives.
Committees that need volunteers...

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| Graduation Committee | Dinner theatre Committee | Fund Raising Committee |
| Constitution Committee | Library Committee | Donation and Grants Committee |
| Phoning Committee | Awards and Prizes Committee | PAC Constitution Committee |
| Dress-Code Committee | Teacher Appreciation Committee | Special Events Committee |
| | | Safety Committee |
| | | Yearbook Committee |
| | | Donations & Grants Committee |
| | | Graduation Committee |
| | | Transportation Committee |
| | | PAC Newsletter Committee |

P A C A g e n d a

1. 6:55 Meet and Greet
2. 7:00 Call to order - Welcome
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. PAC Reports
 - 4.1 Principal's Report
 - 4.2 Treasurer's Report
 - Donations
 - PST workshop December 9th
 - 4.4 DPAC Report
 - 4.5 BCCPAC Report
 - BCCPAC Fall Leadership Conference - update
5. New Business
 - 5.1 PAC Elections
 - 5.2 Committees
 - Yearbook - Sue McKinley, Lori Schultz, Johannes Klawitter
 - Fundraising
 - Graduation - Sue McKinley
 - Library - Annette McClure, Surinder, Wendy Swadden
 - Decoration
 - Constitution
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

Please attend

Volunteers needed for PAC Executive Positions and SPC Positions ...

Are you interested in getting involved in the school – can you help with the PAC committees? Volunteers are needed for several PAC positions. Find out which positions are open and what the positions entail – come to the PAC meeting on Wednesday, December 1st. at 7:00 p.m.



Rules for Drop-off and Pick-up

1. Parents – the first driveway as you approach the school is the EXIT driveway. Please do not enter. Use the far driveway to enter the school.
2. Please do NOT use the turn-around at the front door – it becomes congested very quickly.
3. Please drive to your left down the driveway to the lower parking lots where there is lots of room to stop and drop-off or pick-up students.
4. The roadway that runs along the back of the school (the one we are currently using) will now be the EXIT DOOR.
5. Do not drop-off or pick-up students **at the side of the school** (the doors by the counselling office). This will ensure that the current entrance and exit driveway is kept clear for people leaving the school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Term One report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Thursday evening, Nov. 25th (6:00 to 8:00pm) and Friday morning, Nov. 26th (8:30 to 12:00 noon). Parents are encouraged to come and speak with their student's teachers. All interviews will be in the gym on a first come basis.

This first report card marks the end of Term One - which is half way through semester courses or one quarter of the way through linear courses (all year). To the students who are pleased with their results - CONGRATUALIONS! To the students are are disappointed with their showing - there is still time to turn things around - it is up to you but don't wait too long... time is limited!

You need to make a commitment to yourself to make a concerted effort with your studies. One way to improve achievement is to complete homework assignments on time and carefully.

Homework Is Important

Homework is an important part of your academic program. It is assigned on a regular basis at every grade level for the following reasons:

- to complete work not completed in class
- to check your understanding of items covered in class
- to provide extra practice
- to serve as preparation for future lessons
- to reinforce material that was taught in class
- to complete a long term project.



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More Opening Ceremony Photos



Remembrance Day Message

“For evil to flourish, all it takes is for good people to do nothing.”

By Chelsey Faire

War – the most tragic answer to the utterly most desperate outcry of a struggling nation. Or perhaps, war is the result of untamable power and greed, or power and prejudice. Whatever the excuse for the war, the loss is always immense, almost incomprehensible. The profit, however, is undeniably most commonly for the elite, but not always. In the words of Napoleon Hill:

“ War grows out of the desire of the individual to gain advantage at the expense of his fellow man.”

Remembrance Day, ladies and gentlemen, calls us to recognize the impact that a soldier standing in battle has had on our lives today. For example, the impact the North American nations had made when they willingly left the comfort of their homelands to struggle against a great and growing force, a force that had been indulging in the genocide of the Jewish people and all those who opposed. This genocide, known as the Holocaust, was an event in which over eleven million Jews were slaughtered ruthlessly.

Our forefathers did not stand by to just watch this! To overcome the horrendous powers of the Nazi regime, they willfully intervened forceful battle, risking their lives, losing most. The impact we feel today, being of course, the rights and freedoms we appreciate so much.

The ability to fight and use arms is not a power in which mankind should take any pride in. However, the willful power and ability to answer the desperate outcries of struggling nations is something most worth mourning, appreciating, and remembering. “For evil to flourish, all it takes is for good people to just do nothing.”

Timetable Times

HR	8:15-8:20
Per 1	8:20-9:20
Break	9:20-9:30
Per 2	9:30-10:30
Per 3	10:30-11:30
Lunch	11:30-12:10
START	12:10 – 12:40
Per 4	12:40-1:40
Per 5	1:40-2:40



Please Support The Dress Code

CASUAL COORDINATES – DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Casual coordinates have been established for Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School for many reasons. These reasons include:

1. To help develop a strong school focus and team spirit
2. To give your student a sense of belonging to a unique school
3. To discourage competition base on clothing

Your student is expected to wear the school casual coordinates. It is your student’s responsibility to wear the casual coordinates appropriately and with pride. When your student is involved in a school-sponsored event (field trips, public speaking competition, writing workshop, etc.) he or she must wear casual coordinates.

Too often, students are arriving at school not wearing school dress code. They often use the excuse that “their dress code is in the wash!” We need your help! Please help us to ensure that all our students are in dress code every day. If it is difficult to arrange to wash dress code items so that they will be ready for school – purchase a second item and rotate them in the wash.