

JAN, 17TH 2005

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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REMINDER
OUR NEWSLETTER IS
PUBLISHED WEEKLY
ON OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.ATSS.CA

ATSS Raises Over \$800 for Tsunami Relief



Students at ATSS saw the need and reacted. Several students approached the Student Cabinet who discussed the issue and formulated a plan. The plan was presented to the student body and to the staff and administration and 'Non-Dress Code for Tsunami Relief' was organized. Students and staff at ATSS joined the Traditional family on January 14th and raised funds to send to aid the victims of the Tsunami.

Thank you to everyone who donated money to this very worthy cause. Students and staff really got into the spirit of the day – most paying \$5.00 (or more) so that they could wear jeans.

This was a fantastic group effort – thank you staff and students! Thank you also to students for their responsible behaviour in the choices they made for non-dress code clothing items.

Exams Begin Jan. 26

School exams begin on January 26th with two exams each day. Students in grades 8 through 11 will write two-hour exams for all academic subjects. All students are expected to be at school every day as tutorial sessions and study blocks are organized to help the students prepare for their exams.

Grade 10 – All grade 10 students write two government exams this year – English and Maths. English 10 is scheduled for January 28th at 1:00 to 3:30 and Maths Principles 10 is scheduled for January 31st from 1:00 to 3:30. Maths Mechanics and Essentials 10 are scheduled for the April session.

Grade 10 students do not write exams on January 26 and 27, but it is important for them to be at the school to take part in the tutorial sessions in maths and English.

These exams are very important – for semester courses (ending in January) they could make the difference between passing and failing. For linear courses (all year) the exams mark the mid-point in the course and a good indication of how the student is doing.

Grade 11 students will have individual schedules depending on the courses they are taking. They are expected to be at school daily for tutorial and study sessions.

ATSS Consignment Store – clothing items are available at half price through the consignment store – dress well and save money – check in the office for items.

DRESS CODE

A REMINDER THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR SCHOOL DRESS CODE AT ALL TIMES. WE HAVE NUMEROUS ITEMS IN OUR CONSIGNMENT STORE IN CASE YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES FINDING DRESS COED ITEMS.

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 Runner:

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A PAIR OF RUNNING SHOES JUST FOR PE - THESE SHOES MUST NEVER BE WORN OUTSIDE!



KEY COMMUNICATORS - parents who represent each school's Parent Advisory Council, meet with the Superintendent several times during the school year. The purpose of these 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 next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at Chief Dan George Middle School (32877 Old Riverside Drive). ALL parents are welcome to attend.

SNOW ALERT

(Possible School Closure)

It is a difficult decision whether to keep schools open or to close them when snow is forecasted for the community. Our policy is to make a collaborative decision at 5:30 a.m. The Transportation Department will complete a road check and then, in conference with the Superintendent, will make the decision. The Superintendent will inform the following radio/TV stations as to the level of school closure:

- 107.1 STAR FM
- 96.9 JACK FM
- 980 CKNW (only closures announced)
- NEWS 1130 AM
- CITY TV
- District Website: www.sd34.bc.ca

The final decision to send students to school resides with parents since they know the road and weather conditions in their respective areas.

Parents/guardians should be reminded to dress their children warmly during inclement weather conditions, as schools are sometimes cooler than normal.

Please do not call the school - any questions should be directed to the School Board Office at 604-859-4891.

Community Activities

Fastball

Registrations for the 2005 fastball season will take place at the Matsqui Rec. Centre Viewing Room in Abbotsford on Saturday January 22 and 29 from 9:30AM to 5:00PM and on Friday January 28 from 6PM to 9PM.

After School Program

Club Rec. is for 6 - 12 year olds. Be a part of the new After School Program including dodge ball, hip hop dance, musical theatre, parachuting and a homework hut! Free trial session Tuesday, January 25, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., Ag Rec Building, Exhibition Park. For more information call 604-850-5536.

Sock Monkey Workshop

Sock Monkey Workshop. This is a fun and easy craft for ages 8 years +. All supplies included. Younger children may need parent's assistance. Saturday, January 22, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Cost \$20.00. To register call 604-850-5536.



WINTER IS BEAUTIFUL BUT.....



Musical Theatre dates changed to March 15 and 16

When Adversity Happens Are you the Carrot, the Egg or the Coffee?

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as though as soon as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her daughter to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last pot she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

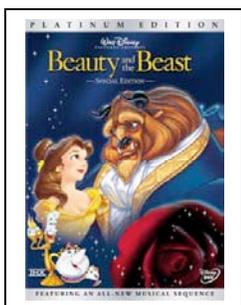
Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she smelled its rich aroma and tasted its robust taste. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity ... boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity it wilts and becomes soft and loses its strength? Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Do you have a fluid spirit, but after a difficulty such as a financial hardship or some other trial, do you become hardened and stiff so that on the outside you look the same, but on the inside you are bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?"

Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Yale Secondary School



.....presents its 15th annual musical.

This year's show will be the newly released "Disney's Beauty & the Beast".

The show will take place in February 2005 at The Abbey Arts Centre. Performances start with a special family matinee at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, February 6th, with evening performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 10th-12th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Yale Secondary School office from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

MARCH



JOIN US FOR
DINNER
THEATRE ON
FEB 15 AND
16 WHEN OUR
MUSICAL
THEATRE
GROUP WILL
PRESENT
ANNIE.

Course Fees Due
next month
Semester Two
begins on
February 7th.
Reports for
Semester One will
be sent home
early in February.

Students will
begin their second
semester elective
courses on Feb.
7th as well, so
semester two
course fees will be
due.

If you have not
paid your first
term fees, please
do so as soon as
possible in the
school office.



Our own Mr.
Dencer who is
producing and
directing Annie
with the ATSS
Musical Theatre
Group is also the
director of the
Yale Musical -
Beauty and the
Beast!

Exams Happen in Less Than Two Weeks

Here are Some Exam Writing Tips

The DETER Strategy for Taking Tests

To do well on a test or exam, you must have good knowledge of the information that is being tested, but you must also have a strategy for taking the test that allows you to show what you know. The DETER strategy can help you do your best on any test. Each letter in **DETER** reminds you what to do...

D = Directions

- Read the test directions very carefully.
- Ask your teacher to explain anything about the test directions you do not understand.
- Only by following the directions can you achieve a good score on the test.
- If you do not follow the directions, you will not be able to demonstrate what you know.

E = Examine

- Examine the entire test to see how much you have to do.
- Only by knowing the entire task can you break it down into parts that become manageable for you.

T = Time

- Once you have examined the entire test, decide how much time you will spend on each item.
- If there are different points for items, plan to spend the most time on the items that count for the most points.
- Planning your time is especially important for essay tests where you must avoid spending so much time on one item that you have little time left for other test items.

E = Easiest

- The second **E** in **DETER** reminds you to answer the items you find easiest first.
- If you get stuck on a difficult item that comes up early in the test, you may not get to answer items that test things you know.

R = Review

- If you have planned your time correctly, you will have time to review your answers and make them as complete and accurate as possible.
- Also make sure to review the test directions to be certain you have answered all items required.

Using the **DETER** strategy will help you do better on tests and get better grades. Time is running out – there is less than two weeks remaining in semester one – so the time is now to review for the school and government exams.

All students in grades 8 through 11 write school exams beginning on January 26th. In addition, grade 10 students will write the English and Maths government exams on January 28 and 31.

ALL students are expected to be at school during the exam days – there will be tutorial and study sessions organized for all students.



ARE YOU
READY FOR
THE EXAMS?
ASK YOUR
TEACHER
FOR A LIST
OF EACH
ASSIGNMENT
YOU HAVE
MISSED AND
SOME REVIEW
MATERIALS
FOR EXAMS.

Virtual Library

Our Musical Theatre teacher, Ray Dencer has developed a virtual online library. This library is now available on the web.

The virtual library is a tremendous resource for students – with huge potential for research and projects.

Check out the virtual library at.....

www.sd34.bc.ca/schools/virtuallibrary/