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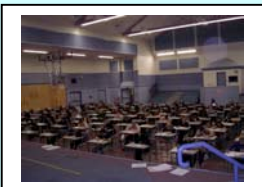
ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



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- NEW SEMESTER — A GREAT TIME TO SET GOALS.
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REMINDER
OUR NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ATSS.CA
FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ATSS



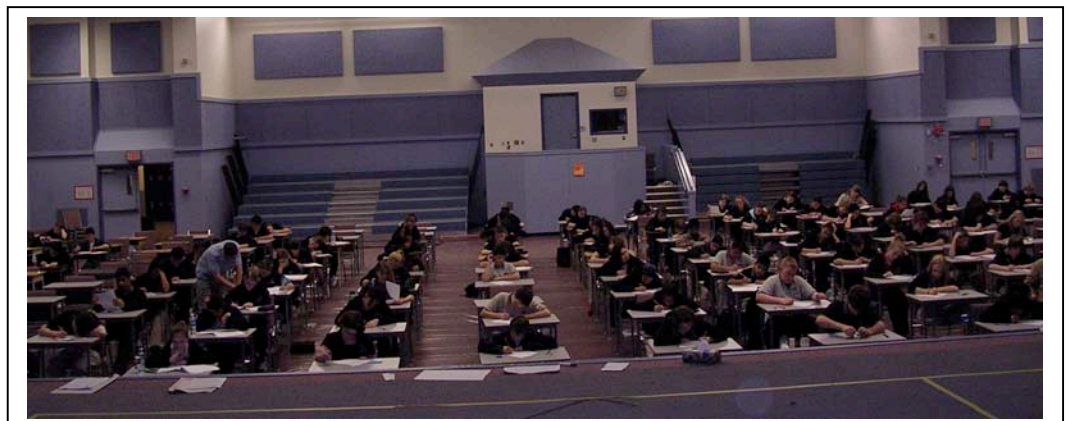
Semester One Reports Will Be Sent Home Next Week

Congratulations to our students on the excellent job they did studying, attending tutorials, and following the procedures during the exam days. Most students were able to demonstrate their learning on the exams. In many cases students were able to raise their semester marks with the great effort they put into the exams.

We hope that students found the whole process helpful, and supportive of their learning. In particular, we trust that students found the exams served to:

1. help them consolidate their learning – assessment for learning.
2. evaluate their progress in each subject area – assessment of learning.
3. help to teach them important exam writing procedures so that they will be prepared to write grade 10 and 12 provincial exams and later university exams.

Reports will be published and sent home next week. They should give an indication of your student's strengths and weaknesses. Where improvement is needed, the most important response is to make a plan, set goals, and then make a determined effort to achieve the goals.



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 CODE 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!

Survivor at ATSS

ATSS has been involved in its own version of Survivor. Students have organized teams that spend two lunch hours a week competing in a variety of challenges. Each week a team is knocked out of the competition and the 'surviving' teams move on to bigger and more serious challenges. Thank you PE department for organizing this great lunchtime activity.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE DRESS CODE!

Most students are looking very smart in ATSS 'dress for success' casual coordinates. Unfortunately there are a few students who are not wearing appropriate dress code on a regular basis.

Students who are not in dress code will be asked to complete a 'Dress Code Think Piece' outlining their responsibility to the ATSS to wear the dress code. Please sign the completed "Think Piece" and have your student return it to the school the following day wearing correct dress code.

Registration for Grade 6, Sept 2005

If you are planning to have a child attend Simpson Traditional Middle School next September, **you must complete a registration form and submit by March 1, 2005.** Priority placement goes first of all to students already enrolled at King, Auguston, and South Poplar. Next priority goes to siblings of students currently attending one of our traditional schools, including Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School. If any seats remain, students on our wait list are contacted according to the date that their registration forms have been received by our secretary, Mrs. Horsman. It is probable that our current five Grade 6 divisions will be nearly filled by our feeder schools. We will not be able to open another division in Grade 6 due to constraints upon our facility and property.

Should you know of friends and neighbours who are hoping to have their children join us at STMS, please remind them of the March 1st deadline. Traditional parents who have not ensured that their students in Grade 5 are registered at STMS will not be guaranteed a seat after that date. Beginning March 2, students on our wait list with "sibling status" will be contacted.

During the week of February 7th, Grade 5 students at our three traditional elementary schools, as well as those who are presently on our wait list, will be invited to come to Simpson for a morning of activities and presentations. Specific information will be sent out shortly to each of the three schools regarding the plans for those days.

Please contact the school if you have concerns or questions about registration for next year. We would not want for you to be disappointed!

National Institute on Media and the Family MediaWise e-News

Watch What Your Kids Watch

MediaWise 9th Annual Video Game Report Card

"Whoever tells the story defines the culture."

Do you know the story in your child's favorite video game?

Have you seen our new Public Service Announcement on video game violence? The PSA, distributed nationally, focuses our attention on the issue of kids & violent media. Check out the following website for a 'report card' on these video games....

<http://www.mediafamily.org/mediawise/index.shtml>

Games to avoid for your children and teens

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| 1. Doom 3 | 2. Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas | 3. Half Life 2 |
| 4. Halo 2 | 5. Resident Evil: Outbreak | 6. Psi Ops: the Mindgate Conspiracy |
| 7. The Guy Game | 8. Leisure Suit Larry: Magna Cum Laude | 9. Mortal Kombat Deception |
| 10. Rumble Roses | | |

"All Shook Up"

The ADTA proudly presents Randy Friskie, as Elvis and more. Special guest, Cassie Friskie as Patsy Cline.

Date: February 17, 2005
 Time: 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM
 Place: ADTA Hall
 2570 Cyril Street
 Abbotsford, BC
 Cost: \$20.00 per ticket or 2 for \$35.00

Light snacks served at 11:00 PM
 Door prizes!

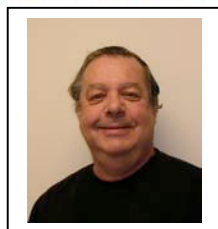


PRESENTED BY YALE SECONDARY

Ray Dancer, Artistic Director

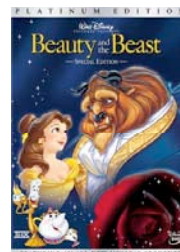
Allen Reynolds, Musical Director

Trevor Fowler & Barb Deane, Producers



Press Release

Disney's Beauty and The Beast Coming To Abbotsford



Yale Secondary School Musical Theatre is proud to announce that its 15th Anniversary will be celebrated in grand style with a production of "Disney's Beauty and The Beast". The local school's Musical Theatre group is one of the first amateur production companies to obtain the rights to the production which has only been released for amateur use in August, 2004. It will make a great follow-up to last year's successful performances of "The Wizard of Oz".

Yale Musical Theatre's production of "Disney's Beauty and The Beast" starts with a special afternoon matinee performance on Sunday, February 6th at 2.30 p.m. Evening performances are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 10th, 11th and 12th at 7.30 p.m. The school matinees scheduled for February 7th and 8th sold out in two days so get your tickets early for this show. Tickets are \$12 each and are available from the Yale Secondary school office during regular school office hours.

Tickets are still available but selling fast. Please pass this information on to family, friends, neighbours, staff and parents. We really want our musical theatre students to be able to play to a "full house". They have worked very hard for months to put this production together. There have also been many staff, students, parents and community members who have been working for months to put together professional sets, program, props and costumes. This promises to be an amazing production. Both children and adults alike will love this show. See you there!

Classes and Courses

Classes and Workshops for children, teen, adults and seniors

The Mission Arts Council is a non-profit umbrella organization for the visual and performing arts in the Fraser Valley. We have ongoing classes and workshops for children, teen, adults and seniors throughout the year. Listed below are classes and workshops starting in February 2005.

Parent & Tot "Craft Corner" 6 sessions \$36 (includes materials) Feb 24 - Apr 7

Watercolour for Kids 8-13 yrs 6 sessions \$45 (includes materials) Feb 5 - Mar 12

Calligraphy for Children 6 sessions \$45 Feb 8 - Mar 15

Printmaking 3 sessions \$20 (includes materials) Feb 21 - Mar 7

Pencil Drawing & Colour Techniques for TEENS 13-17 6 sessions \$45 Feb 21 - Mar 14 & Apr 4 - 11

Sketching for Seniors 6 sessions \$45 Feb 25 - Mar 18

Water + Colour = Paint for seniors & under 6 sessions \$45 Feb 25 - Mar 18

Portrait Class 5 sessions \$60 Feb 15 - Mar 15

Portrait Sketches in Pencil & Charcoal 5 sessions \$60 Feb 9 - Mar 9

Wirey Wearables 1 session \$36 Feb 5

Fabric Wax Sculpture 1 session \$40 Feb 19

Musical Theatre - Silent Auction

On March 15 and 16 our Musical Theatre Class will present "Annie" in our gym. During the evening performances - Dinner Theatre - we will also have a Silent Auction.

We are hoping to have many wonderful items and services available for parents, students and guests to bid on throughout the course of both evening performances.

How can you help? We are asking parents to donate items or services for the silent auction. All the money earned will go toward school projects.

Please help with this great fund raiser - then come out on March 15 or 16 (or even both evenings) to enjoy a delicious dinner, a great show, and pick up some outstanding bargains.

All items should be brought to the school office. Thank you.

COURSE FEES

Course Fees for Semester Two are due now. Invoices will be sent home shortly. 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.

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/