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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



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REMINDER
OUR NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY ON OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.ATSS.CA
FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ATSS



Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Our student government has two several special events for St. Valentine's Day on Monday.

This Thursday and Friday students had the opportunity to purchase a carnation and a chocolate kiss to send to a friend. Notes and flowers will be delivered to students on Monday.



Student committees have also organized a special Valentine's game for Monday. Students will try to see how many paper hearts they can collect at locker break and lunch hour. The person who has the most hearts will win a prize.

One Life Revolution

Our student government has spent considerable time investigating charity programs and relief agencies, and they have been initiating events to support those in need in our world.

On January 14 students organized a 'Non-Dress Code Day to support Tsunami relief', and raised \$800 for this worthy cause.

This week members of the Student Cabinet will launch a new fundraising campaign called 'One Life Revolution'. This program is run and sponsored by WORLD VISION. The idea will be shared with the student body at Committee Meetings on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Student Cabinet Members will hold a General Assembly to show students a video about the devastation caused by AIDS worldwide. They will then outline their ideas to support children and families with AIDS in other parts of the world.

Information on this program is available at the World Vision website at http://domino-201.worldvision.org/worldvision/appeals.nsf/olrview/olr_home?Open&cmp=IL.22534.

Computer News

HOW TO KEEP YOUR COMPUTER CLEAN

Use a small amount of water on a tissue to clean the screen and also the body of the computer. Gently wipe the computer dry with a clean tissue.

LABEL YOUR COMPUTER

Put a small sticker on your computer with your name on it. Other stickers are not recommended; however, if you must have a sticker on your computer it must be small in size and in no way stop heat from venting.

HOW TO GET YOUR COMPUTER SERIAL NUMBER

Go to the Apple Menu in the top left hand corner of the desktop and open "About This Mac." Click where it says "Version 10.3.7" and you'll get to the Serial Number.

Urgent

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!

High Risk Offender in the Community

The Abbotsford Police Department, after careful consideration, is making an announcement in relation to an individual who is currently absent without leave (AWOL) and represents a high risk to members of this community.

The person police are identifying is 36 year old Alexander Bathgate, who has been residing in the Abbotsford area. Mr. Bathgate has three prior criminal convictions for sexual offences against young children and his most recent criminal convictions prior to his release involved the following: Sexual Assault, Assault, Possession of a Narcotic and Theft under \$1000.00, Sexual Assault x2, Fail to Comply with a Probation Order, Robbery and Breach of Recognizance Section 811 of the Criminal Code x3.

Bathgate's offences relate to sexual assaults against young boys and girls. The Abbotsford Police fear on reasonable grounds that Mr. Bathgate will commit a sexual offence against a person under the age of 14 years and consequently the Abbotsford Police obtained the Section 810.1 Recognizance Order under the Criminal Code.

Mr. Bathgate is described as a Caucasian male, approximately 175 cm (5"9") and 68 kgs (150lbs). He has medium length brown hair, a goatee, blue eyes and a fair complexion. A photo of Bathgate is attached to this release.

The Abbotsford Police Department is releasing this information in what is believed to be the public interest for the safety of this community. This information is being released pursuant to **The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**.

Bathgate is currently *Absent Without Leave* from his last known address and a warrant has been issued.

Orientation for Grade 8 and 9 Students for ATSS for next year will take place at ATSS in late February or early March.

New Student Registration for ATSS for Sept 2005

If you have a new student planning to attend Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School next September, **please complete a registration form in the school office.**

Students are accepted into ATSS based on a priority system. First priority goes to students enrolled at Simpson Traditional Secondary School (our feeder school) who wish to move to the secondary school. Second priority goes to siblings of students currently attending any of the Abbotsford traditional schools: King, Auguston, South Poplar or Simpson.

If any seats remain, students on our wait list will be contacted according to the date that their registration forms have been received by our secretary, Mrs. McMillian.

Should you know of friends and neighbours who are hoping to have their children join us at ATSS, please ask them to contact the school for information and a tour, or suggest that they check out our website at www.atss.ca for information on the school.

At the end of February or early March Grade 8 students at Simpson Traditional Middle School and their parents will be invited to come to ATSS for an information meeting and some activities and presentations. Specific information will be sent out shortly to Simpson regarding the plans for this orientation day. We will also be inviting Sumas Elementary and Barrowtown Elementary grade seven students and parents to join us for a similar information session.

We will hold an information meeting in the evening for members of the community to tour the school and find out about our programs and school.

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

National Institute on Media and the Family MediaWise e-News

New Study Links Alcohol Advertising to Adolescent Drinking

A new study from the RAND Institute finds that alcohol advertising may lead adolescents to start drinking or increase their use of alcohol products. The study, supported by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, appeared in the February edition of the journal *Addiction*.

According to the study, adolescents who more often viewed prominent beer advertising in stores were more likely to begin drinking than those adolescents who viewed fewer of these displays. The study also found that adolescents who had already started drinking increased their use of alcohol by a greater amount the more ads they saw in magazines and at sporting and music event beer concession stands.

The study tracked 3,111 South Dakota youth in the seventh to ninth grades.

While the study did not find any evidence that television beer ads lead to adolescent drinking or increased alcohol consumption, the authors advised that more research into television advertising is required.

Additional information about the RAND study can be found at [<http://www.rand.org/>]<http://www.rand.org>.

You can learn more about alcohol advertising and youth by visiting the National Institute on Media and the Family's Web site at [http://www.mediafamily.org/facts/facts_alcohol.shtml]http://www.mediafamily.org/facts/facts_alcohol.shtml.

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!

KEY COMMUNICATORS

KEY COMMUNICATORS, 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, February 16, 2005 at Eugene Reimer Middle School (3433 Firhill Drive). ALL parents are welcome to attend.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

You are invited to the MUSICAL "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" presented by the students of Abbotsford Senior Secondary School featuring choirs from the Abbotsford Middle and North Poplar Elementary.

This *lively* and *colourful* journey through ancient Egypt follows the rags-to-riches story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours.

Place: Abbey Arts Centre

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Dates: Wednesday, March 2 Breast Cancer Benefit
(No tax receipts will be issued),

Thursday, March 3,
Friday, March 4 and
Saturday, March 5, 2005

Prices: Adults: \$15.00 Students/Children: \$10.00
Breast Cancer Benefit Gala Evening: \$20.00

Tickets available at the office at Abby Senior 604-853-3367.

On Wednesday, March 2, 2005, the evening benefiting Breast Cancer, refreshments will be served at intermission.

At all other performances, there will be a concession open.

Musical Theatre Silent Auction



March 15 & 16

Matinees - March 15 & 16

Dinner Theatre
March 15 and 16

The Story of Little Orphan Annie

Little Orphan Annie is a lively musical which tells the story of Annie, a little girl who has spent her whole life in a home for orphans run by Miss Asthma, a dour, severe disciplinarian.

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.

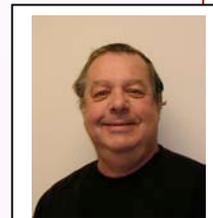
We are hoping to have many wonderful items and services available for parents, students and guests to bid on throughout the course of both evening performances.

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.

What sort of items are we looking for? Any items, large and small that you yourself might be interested in bidding on or your student might be interested in purchasing. In addition, services (such as an hour of legal advice or an hour of gardening etc.) will be most welcome.

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/