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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



WHAT'S INSIDE?

- IMPORTANT DATES
- NEW WEBSITE FOR STUDENTS TO GET HELP WITH THEIR HOMEWORK — www.fvrl.bc.ca
- COURSE CHOICE FORMS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE — CHECK OUR COURSE SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR
- REGISTRATION FORMS ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE. IF YOU KNOW OF STUDENTS WISHING TO REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR, PLEASE ASK THEM TO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM. SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS NOT TO DELAY.
- SCHOOL WEBSITE LOTS OF GREAT INFORMATION WWW.ATSS.CA

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

Third Term Reports Sent Home!

Term three (linear courses) or mid term (semester courses) were sent home last week. Time is growing short, but there is still an opportunity for students to improve their standing before exams begin on June 21st.

Students who are not achieving the results they would like are encouraged to check with their teachers for help or extra assignments.

Year-end exams will begin on Tuesday, June 21. The exam schedule is printed later in the newsletter.

Track and Field



ATSS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TRAINING FOR LOCAL TRACK MEETS. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN MAKING A GREAT SHOWING

End of Year Schedule

School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Secondary School Year End Procedures June 2005



Classes for Next Year

Classes at every grade level for next year are close to being full.

If your student is not going to return to ATSS next year, please inform Mrs. McMillian in the office.

Cut off for classes for next year:

- Grade 8 - 60
- Grade 9 - 120
- Grade 10 - 90
- Grade 11 - 90
- Grade 12 - 30

There are a few spots left - please let friends know - classes will be filled on a first come basis.

Information to Parents:

This information is intended to inform parents of the year-end activities in secondary schools across the district. At this time of the year, schools administer final classroom assessments in all subjects.

Parents should understand that schools have no control over provincial examination dates and that these dates affect many of the decisions concerning secondary school activities at this time of the year. This year, schools will be administering a full slate of provincial examinations in grades 10 and 11, in addition to grade 12.

All secondary schools will end classes on June 20th. On this day, textbooks are returned and lockers are emptied prior to the beginning of the examination period. This year, for the first time, all secondary schools will adopt dates for a common examinations schedule, for all school based exams grades 9 - 11, and provincial exams in grades 10, 11 and 12.

Examination Information:

- All examinations, school based (grades 8 - 11) and provincial (grades 10, 11, 12) begin on June 21st.
- Only students writing exams need attend school on these days.
- During the examination period, schools will be open during regular school hours.
- Students wishing to come to school to study will be provided supervised study area. Each school will determine where study areas will be set up.
- Morning exams are written from 8:30 - 11:00; afternoon exams from 12:00 - 2:30.
- Provincial Exams - grades 10, 11, 12 - students must stay for 1 1/2 hours before leaving exam room.
- All other exams - grades 8 - 11 - students must stay until they have finished the exam and are dismissed from the examination room.

Bus Information:

- School buses will operate at their regular times on June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 27, during provincial examinations.

EXAM SCHEDULE JUNE 21 - JUNE 27, 2005

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Last day of regular classes.	8:30 a.m. English 8, 9	8:30 a.m. Science 8, 9	8:30 a.m. French 8, 9, 10, 11 Spanish 10-11	8:30 a.m. Math 10 Prov. Exam Biology 11
	12:00 p.m. Social Studies 8, 9, 10 Social Studies 11 Prov. Exam	12:00 p.m. Math 8, 9, 11		
Monday 27			Thursday 30	
8:30 a.m. Science 10 Prov. Exam			Report care pickup Summer school registration	

National Institute on Media and the Family



National Institute on Media and the Family MediaWise e-News

National Institute on Media and the Family Calls upon Take-Two Interactive Software to Stop Killing Cops as Entertainment

Institute Urges Concerned Citizens to Sign Online Petition at
[<http://www.mediawise.org/>] ***www.mediawise.org***

The National Institute on Media and the Family today released an online petition calling on Take-Two Interactive Software to stop depicting cop killings in their video games.

The petition follows a recent 60 Minutes story on the role of "Grand Theft Auto?" in the 2003 killing of two police officers and a dispatcher in Alabama. Dr. David Walsh, president and founder of the National Institute on Media and the Family, appeared in the 60 Minutes segment as a psychological expert based on his book *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* and his standing as the country's foremost authority on the impact of violent video games on children.

Take-Two's Rockstar Games develops the "Grand Theft Auto?" video game series where players are rewarded for senseless and horrible acts such as stealing the guns and squad cars from police officers and brutally murdering them. The online petition calls on Take-Two to publicly apologize and to stop depicting cop killings and other acts of trivialized violence in their video games.

To participate in the online petition, please go to:

[<http://www.mediawise.org/>]www.mediawise.org. The National Institute on Media and the Family also appreciates you urging your family and friends to participate as well.

[http://www.mediafamily.org/images/logos/logo_seal.gif]

Summer School
Information on Website

Upcoming Events

May 4, 7:00
PAC Meeting

May 12
ATSS Public
Speaking
Competition

May 20
Day in lieu –
School closed

May 23
Victoria Day
School closed

June 20
Last day of
classes

June 21
Final exams
begin

June 21
Grade 11
Provincial exam

June 24
Maths 10
Provincial exam

June 27
Science 10
Provincial exam

Summer School 2005 Information is now posted to the School District Website. Please check it out at www.sd34.bc.ca/schools/summer.

More Track and Field Photos



School Goals - 2005- 2006

Our School Planning Council (SPC) has been working very hard to formulate our school goals for the 2005-2006 school year. The following goals have been suggested by the SPC and reviewed by the staff.

Goal One: To supports ATSS students so that they improve the quantity and quality of their writing so that 80% of the students meet or exceed expectation based on the performance standards.

Goal Two: To integrate the educational use of computer technology throughout the curriculum by classroom teachers and students.

What do you think about these goals? Please e-mail Mrs. McDonough with your ideas about these goals at marg_mcdonough@atss.bc.ca

Course Selection Sheets

Course selection sheets for grade 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are posted on our school website.

Check out the courses for next year - with our larger population we will have more course choices including advanced courses from grade 9 and up.