

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

MAY 16, 2005

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- 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 YOU 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

School Board Meeting at ATSS

On Monday, May 16 the Abbotsford School Board will hold their monthly meeting at ATSS. In addition to the usual business of the meeting, ATSS students will have the opportunity to show off some of their video making skills before the meeting.

Parents are invited to join us at 6:45 for a video presentation by our students.



Polling Station at ATSS

ATSS will double as a polling station on Tuesday, May 17, from 8:00am to 8:00pm. Members of the public will visit ATSS on Tuesday to cast their votes in the provincial election.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 7:30 - 9:30
ATSS STUDENT PRESENTATION
6:45 PM

Dress Code Day



On May 26 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm parents are invited to order dress code items in the gym at ATSS. We will have items for students to try on for sizing between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Items ordered on May 26 will be delivered to the school on June 23 when we hold our second Dress Code ordering evening (4:00 pm to 7:00pm).



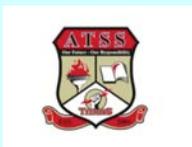
ATSS Public Speaking Competition

"Friday's speech competition that took place after lunch in the gym was absolutely amazing!"

Seven students competed for the top honours at our Public Speaking Competition this Friday. Congratulations to all of our speakers for their outstanding presentations.

-The ATSS Torch,
May 2005

Exam Schedule - June 05



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	Chemistry 11 12:00 p.m. Math 8, 9, 11		

Monday 27
8:30 a.m. Science 10 Prov. Exam

Thursday 30
Report care pickup
Summer school registration



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.

KEY COMMUNICATORS

Key communicators represent each school's Parent Advisory Council. This group meets 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 final meeting for 2004/05 is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at Colleen and Gordie Howe Middle School (3174 Clearbrook Road). ALL parents are welcome to attend.

Gifted Students Forum

STMS is interested in hosting a forum for parents of bright and gifted students.

Judy Chapman and Cathy Merkel have set Monday, May 30 as the date for such a forum at STMS. We are extending the invitation to the traditional family of schools.

PAC Executive Members

Chair:	Mrs. Bourassa
Vice Chair:	Mrs. Schultz
Secretary:	Mrs. Chalkias
Treasurer:	Mrs. Martens
BCCPAC:	Mrs. Martens
DPAC:	Mrs. Swanepoel
Key Comm:	Mrs. McCracken
Gen. Member:	Mrs. Matties
SPC Members:	Mr. Ottom, Mrs. Swadden, Mrs. Schultz

Volunteer Recognition

The Bugle is currently looking for volunteers who deserve to be recognized. The recognition includes the full name of the volunteer, a picture and a description of the volunteer work that is done by this special person.

This not a contest, it is simply a recognition for volunteers of every skill and experience.

Each school has volunteers within their system and we would like to give them a public "pat on the back."

If you know of a special volunteer, contact

The Abbotsford Bugle at 604.870.4767 or email to abby@arcadiapublishingcorp.com

Thank you.

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New Study Finds Movie Rating System Deficient

A new study from the UCLA School of Public Health, *An Evaluation of the Motion Picture Association of America's Treatment of Violence in PG-, PG-13-, and R-Rated Films*, reveals that the Motion Picture Association of America's (MPAA) rating system does not accurately predict the frequency of violence in movies. In fact, some movies rated PG contain as much violence as those rated R.

The study examined the 100 top-grossing American films of 1994, established by the *Hollywood Reporter*, and found that the total average number of violent acts for each rating category increased from PG (14 acts) to PG-13 (20) to R (32). However, the study also shows the MPAA rating system does not accurately predict the frequency of violence in individual movies. According to the study, PG films contained anywhere from one act of violence to 97 acts of violence. R-rated films contained a similar range from one to 110 acts of violence.

These findings underscore the need to find out about the content of a film before deciding if it is appropriate for your child.

The study was published in the May issue of the journal *Pediatrics* and was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For additional information about *An Evaluation of the Motion Picture Association of America's Treatment of Violence in PG-, PG-13-, and R-Rated Films*, you can visit [<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/115/5/e512>]<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/115/5/e512>.

For KidScore movie ratings and reviews from the National Institute on Media and the Family see our website at [<http://www.mediafamily.org/>]www.mediafamily.org/]www.mediawise.org.



Upcoming Events

May 20
District-wide
school closure
day. School
closed.

May 23
Victoria Day
School closed

June 20
Last day of
classes

June 21
Final exams
begin

June 21
Socials 11
Provincial exam

June 24
Maths 10
Provincial exam

June 27
Science 10
Provincial exam

**Summer School
Information on Website**

Summer School 2005 Information is now posted on the School District Website. Please check it out at http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~vijay_mmanuel/summerschool

School Plan - What Do You Think?

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 support ATSS students so that they improve the quantity and quality of their writing so that 80% of the students meet or exceed the writing performance standards at their grade level.

Goal Two: To further integrate the educational use of computer technology throughout the curriculum by 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

Through the hard work of our School Planning Committee (SPC) members: Mrs. Swadden, Mrs. Schultz, Jas Gill, Amber Kooner, Mr. Fedyna and Mrs. McDonough, our School Plan is ready to submit to the school district. The goals that were decided upon (listed above) are explained and expanded upon in the School Plan. Strategies for achieving the goals are also included in the School Plan. Parents are encouraged to visit our website to review the School Plan.

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 on our school website. With our larger population we will have more course choices and also include advanced course options for some students.

Uniform Consignment Sale At Auguston Traditional Elementary May 26th from 2:00-3:30 & 6:00-7:00

We would like to offer dress code items from all of the Traditional Schools, so tell a friend!

If you are interested in consigning please contact Nikki Geber @ 604-852-1797 for a consignee package.

Summer School 2005 http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~vijay_manuel/summerschool

Spring & Summer 2005 Courses starting in May & June

June 22 - July 20, time: 7-9pm	ANIMAL DRAWINGS IN PENCIL AND CHARCOALS (\$60)
June 9 - July 7, time 7-9 pm	PORTRAITS IN COLOUR 5 sessions (\$60)
May 28, time 1-4pm	WIREY WEARABLES 1 session (\$36)
June 23 - July 28, time 7-9pm	STAINED GLASS ART - Intermediate 6 sessions (\$48)