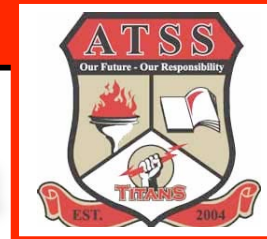


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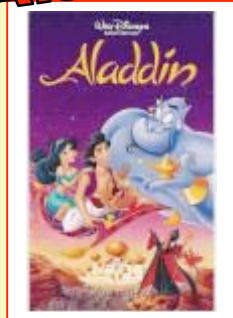
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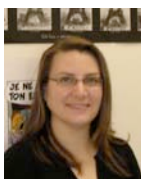
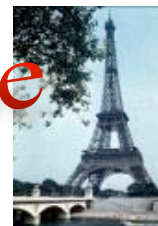


Congratulations to Mr. Testa who been awarded the principalship of the brand new Fine Arts Secondary School in Chilliwack. We are delighted that Mr. Testa has been chosen to organize, develop and run the brand new fine arts school. While we wish Mr. Testa every success, at the same time we are very sad that he will not be working with us at ATSS for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Testa will be leaving the Abbotsford District for his new job on November 15th. Thank you, Mr. Testa, for all of your hard work at ATSS – we wish you all the best in your new position – we will miss you very much!

Mrs. Myers will teach Mr. Testa's French class for the rest of the school year while Mrs. Hirowatari will be teaching the maths 8 class.

Springtime in Europe



Thank you so much Mrs. Wedel and Ms Fergusson for all of your time and hard work organizing our field trip to France & Spain. Unfortunately there has not been adequate sign-up for this year so we will have to cancel the trip for this year.



While this is disappointing, we have not actually cancelled the idea of a trip; we have simply postponed the trip until next year. Any students who think that they will be interested in a school trip to Europe during the 2006/2007 school year should stay tuned for information and meetings about this exciting event.

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Performances:

- Matinees - January 17, 18, 19 and 20
- Evening performances - January 19
- Evening performance, dinner theatre and silent auction - January 20th.

We are looking for parent helpers to help with costumes, props, or organizing the dinner theatre and auction,

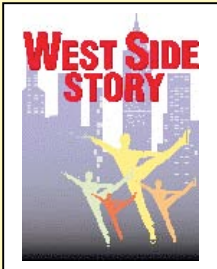
If you have some time and would like to be part of this exciting project, please contact Mrs. Salstrom, Mrs. McDonough or Mrs. Giacometti in the office.

PAC News

PAC Meeting – Monday, November 21st
at 7:00pm

Parents are encouraged to attend our PAC meeting on Monday, November 21 at 7:00 pm in the main hallway.

In addition to many important items on the agenda, nominations are being accepted for the PAC Executive positions for this school year. Three of these positions are the parent representative positions on the School Planning Council – the council that develops and evaluates our school plan for the year.



Yale Secondary School Musical Theatre presents **WEST SIDE STORY**

BROADWAY'S FAMOUS MUSICAL ADAPTATION OF **ROMEO AND JULIET** By Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents.

Public Performances: February 12 (2.30 p.m.), 16, 17 and 18 (7.30 p.m.), 2006

Special Schools Only Matinees (10.30 a.m. curtain) February 13 and 14, 2006

Abbey Arts Centre



**ABBOTSFORD SCHOOL BOARD – SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 2005 TO DECEMBER 2005**
All public meetings will commence at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING	DATE	LOCATION
Regular Board Meeting	November 7, 2005 (Monday)	School Board Office
Inaugural Board Meeting	December 6, 2005 (Tuesday)	School Board Office
Regular Board Meeting	December 12, 2005 (Monday)	School Board Office



Parents Make a Difference

Mark your calendar!
Sessions take place Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm
Yale Secondary Theatre
34620 Old Yale Road
Abbotsford, B. C.

Be sure to attend some of these informative workshops on issues that affect our students.

November 29
"Raising Successful Students"
District 34 Staff

January 24
"Internet Safety"
Merlyn Horton

April 4
"Boys and Girls Learn Differently!"
Bruce Ivany



For more information contact Jolene Davies at 604-851-4580

Scholarship and Bursary Help Needed.

Parents, we need help supporting our first and future graduating classes at ATSS! We are looking for people who may be interested in offering scholarships or bursaries to support our graduates in their post secondary studies. If you would like to make a donation or establish an ongoing scholarship or if you know someone who may be interested in doing this, please call Mr. Testa at the school.

Grad Committee

Each of our grade 12 parents is a member of the Grad Committee of the Whole. We hope all of our parents will be involved in planning the special events for this very important year – it is time to start planning for the NOW! Mr. Testa will be sending information home with grade 12 students in the near future. The information package will include an initial meeting date for the parent organizing committee. We hope to see all of your parents at the meeting.



Important Dates

CALENDAR – SEMESTER ONE

Remembrance Day Ceremony	November 9 @ 10:30am
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2005
Compensation Days	November 10 & 14, 2005
PAC Meeting	November 21 at 7:00pm
Term One reports Sent Home	November 21
Recognition Assembly	November 23
Parent/Teacher Interviews	November 24, 3:30-5:00pm 6:00 – 8:00pm
Professional Development Day	November 25
Social Studies Fair and Music Performance	December 1
Music Students Field Trip to Seattle	December 2
Christmas Banquet and Talent Show	December 12
Winter Vacation	December 19 to 30, 2005
School Reopens	January 3, 2006
Aladdin	January 17, 18, 19 & 20
Last day of term 2	January 25
Semester Turnaround	February 1, 2006
Compensation Days	February 2 and 3, 2006
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	February 17, 2006
Spring Vacation	March 13 – 17, 2006

DRESS CODE ORDERS NOV. 9TH

We will be submitting a dress code order on November 9th. This will be the last order before Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing addition dress code items including hoodies now that the colder weather has arrived, please check in the office for an order form.

We do have some dress code items available in our Dress Code Store.

Students who are not in dress code (without a valid reason) will work in the office for the day.

Parents – please support the school dress code – remind your student to put dress code items in the wash so that they will be ready for school the following day.

Photo retakes will be returned

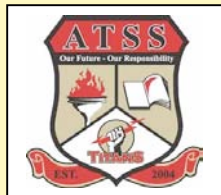
in time for Christmas

ATSS WEBSITE - A GOOD PLACE TO GET INFORMATION

ATSS WEBSITE AT [WWW.ATSS.CA](http://www.atss.ca) CONTAINS UP TO DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL, SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES. ALL OF OUR SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE INCLUDING OUR BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER. PLEASE CHECK THE ATSS WEBSITE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR PARENTS WELL INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ATSS, WE PLAN TO E-MAIL OUR NEWSLETTER TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS WITH E-MAIL. IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE E-MAIL MRS. GIACOMETI IN THE OFFICE ([LORRENE.GIACOMETTI@SD34.BC.CA](mailto:lorrene.giacometti@sd34.bc.ca)) WITH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

ATSS PARENTS!



You are invited to a special 'Meet & Greet' evening meeting of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). This is a perfect opportunity for you to meet other ATSS parents and voice your opinion on important issues at ATSS. Please joins us - we have many exciting items to discuss. November 21st at 7:00 in the main foyer.

Hoodie Gone Missing

Somebody has accidentally picked up Kevin Fritzke's hoodie (named) and left their hoodie (unnamed). Please check to ensure that you do not have Kevin's hoodie by accident - if you have it. Please return it to room 312.

Graphing Calculator Lost

A graphing calculator went missing on Monday. The calculator is clearly named on the back - Jonathan Horst. If you see this calculator, please return it to Jonathan in room 210.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found box (2 feet by 2 feet by 6 feet for a grand total of 24 cubic feet) is overflowing with shirts, slacks, hoodies, shoes, and more. Please remind your student to check the lost and found box on a regular basis.

Something that everyone can do to make claiming lost items easier is to name all of their belongings. Parent, please check to make sure that your son or daughter has brought home the correct shirt or hoodie - we have some students who have named their clothing but it has gone astray and an unnamed item has been left in its place.

REMINDER: when school breaks for the winter holiday, all items that have not been claimed from the lost and found will be:

- a) donated to our consignment store (dress code items)
- b) donated to a charity

Please check the lost and found today!

TERM ONE REPORTS

Term One reports will be sent home on November 21st with the students. Please contact the office if you do not receive your student(s)' report card.

This report marks the mid point of semester one (or the first quarter of linear [all year] courses). If your student did well, congratulations - keep it up. If your student did not do well, there is time to pull up the marks and complete the course successfully.

Here are a few things to talk to your student about if his or her results are not where they could be:

- a) use the agenda - planning is a large part of success in any field
- b) complete homework - review and practice are vital
- c) ask the teacher if you don't understand or for extra help
- d) help on a regular basis - cramming for a test is a short term gain and will not help for the end of course exam
- d) read...read... reading is a key to success

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Interviews on:

Nov. 24, 3:30 - 5:00pm and 6:00 - 8:00pm.

We will follow the same structure as we did last year..... the teachers will be at tables around the gym. Each table will have two chairs for parents and several extra chairs for parents waiting to speak to that teachers. Parents are invited to meet with teachers who are free or wait for teachers who are already speaking with a parent.

We request that you keep your interview with the teacher brief so that everyone has the opportunity to meet with all of their student(s)' teachers. If you feel that more time is needed, please book an appointment with the teachers when you can schedule more time.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our parents at our Parent/Teacher Interviews on November 24.