

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

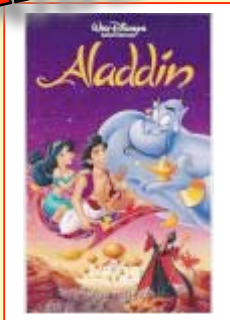
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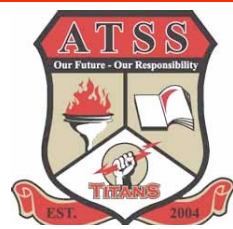


HELPERS NEED FOR OUR ALADDIN PRODUCTION — CAN YOU HELP? PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 604-850-7029 TO VOLUNTEER.

- MINISTRY EXAMS HAVE BEEN MOVED A WEEK — SEE THE UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ATSS.CA
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Tickets available for the evening performances and dinner theatre will be available in the office shortly



Welcome to Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! All of your favorite characters are here in this stage adaptation of the Disney hit, including Aladdin, Jasmine, and of course, the Genie. Filled with magic, mayhem, and flying carpet rides, audiences' spirits will soar with excitement. Most of all, the tuneful, Academy award-winning score with songs including "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me" will certainly make this musical a favorite for many years to come!

Disney's resourceful young hero and wisecracking genie come to life on stage in this special Broadway Junior adaptation of one of the most popular animated movies of all time.

Music by: Alan Menken
Lyrics by: Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by: Jim Luigs
Music Adapted and Arranged by: Bryan Louiselle
Based on the Screenplay by Ron Clements and John Musker:
Ted Elliot and Terry Rossio

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 assist with costumes, props, or helping with the dinner theatre and auction.

If you have some time and would like to be part of this exciting project, please contact Mrs. Salstrom (play), Mrs. Chalkias (dinner and auction) or Mrs. McDonough/Mrs. Giacometti in the office.

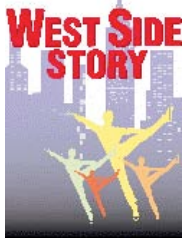
Silent Auction January 20



We really need everyone's help!!

We are planning a silent auction to be held on January 20 during our Dinner Theatre. We are looking for donations of items and services for our silent auction. If you have large or small items or you can donate a service (eg. one hour of free legal advice) please send the item to the school or contact Mrs. McDonough or Mrs. Giacometti in the school office.

We really need your help to make this fundraiser a success. No item is too small - if every family donates one item, we will have an exciting silent auction and a great evening. Can you help?



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

BROADWAY'S FAMOUS MUSICAL ADAPTATION OF **ROMEO AND JULIET**


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



Make Your Own Calendar




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 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT SESSIONS! THERE ARE STILL TWO SESSIONS LEFT TO ATTEND AND ENJOY.

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

Make your own calendar and help the school at the same time.

Mountain West (our photograph company) will publish a 2006 calendar with your photos and special dates for each month. The calendars cost \$25.00 with \$5.00 from each calendar going toward school projects. Make your personalized calendar and support ATSS.

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.

Mygradebook

Individual teachers are in control of mygradebook passwords for students. Passwords do not randomly change. If they do change it is the teacher who changes them and then supplies the information to the students. If there is an issue with a student supplying a password to a parent the parent should call the school and leave a message for the teacher or ask the secretary for the teacher email address. The teacher can give the parent the password. There is an easy to set up system for multiple class logins so you only need one password. The instructions are at the login page of mygradebook. Just click on set up multiple class login.

CALENDAR — TO SPRING VACATION

Career Fair – Grade 11 & 12 students	December 6, 2005
Recognition Assembly	December 6 @ 12:50
Honour and Effort Roll Luncheon	December 7, 2005
Ban/Choir Field Trip	December 8, 2005
Social Studies Fair and Music Presentation	December 8, 2005 @ 7:00 – 8:30
C.A.R.S. Assembly	December 9, 2005
Christmas Banquet and Talent Show	December 12, 2005 @ 6:30 – 8:30
French 10 Fieldtrip	December 14, 2005
Christmas Assembly – informal celebration	December 16, 2005
Winter Vacation	December 19 to 30, 2005
School Reopens	January 3, 2006
Aladdin Matinees	January 17, 18, 19 & 20
Aladdin Evening Performance	January 19 – tickets - \$10.00 (child - \$5.00)
Aladdin Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction	January 20 – tickets - \$15.00 (child - \$8.00)
Last day of term 2	February 1, 2006
School Exams – All Grades	February 2 & 3, 2006
Provincial Exams – Grades 10, 11 & 12 Begin	February 6, 2006
Semester Turnaround – Last Day of Term 2	February 8, 2006
Compensation Days (no classes)	February 9 & 10, 2006
Term 3 begins	February 13, 2006
Valentine's Day Activities	February 14, 2006
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	February 17, 2006
Reports Home	Week of February 20, 2006
Recognition Assembly	February 21, 2006
Spring Vacation	March 13 – 17, 2006



DRESS CODE

Parents - please help with the school dress code – students should have at least two school uniforms so that they have dress code to wear when one set is in the wash. We often have students using “it’s in the wash!” as an excuse for not wearing dress code. Students who are not wearing dress code will be asked to work in the office for the day.

Please remind your student that wear non-dress code shirts, coats or hats may not be work in the school building.

We have quite a few items available in our school store and our consignment store. 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.

Parents – please support the school dress code – remind your student to wear dress

ATSS Website
www.atss.ca

PAC News

PAC Nomination forms are Available in the Office. 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.

Parents are ENCOURAGED to complete a nomination form today.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent Parent/teacher Interviews last week. If you didn't get a chance to meet with all of your student's teachers and you would like to discuss your student's progress with any of the teachers, please contact the office to arrange an interview or e-mail the teacher directly.



- ATSS CREST:** Designed by our Founding Committee of students. Parents and staff
- The torch represents character
 - The book represents the mind and learning
 - The Titan symbol (our sports logo) represents the body and activity

ATSS MOTTO: Our Future - Our Responsibility

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. Parents, 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.

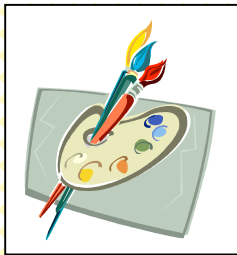
REMINDER: when school breaks for the winter holiday (Dec. 16), all items that have not been claimed from the lost and found will be:

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

Please check the lost and found today!



SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR AND MUSIC PRESENTATION - RESCHEDULED TO DECEMBER 8TH, 7:00PM - 8:30 PM.
THIS EVENT WAS RESCHEDULED FROM LAST WEEK DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE



If you know of any 'creative' students thinking of careers in the arts (Animation, Acting, Cooking, Film, Recording, Fashion, Design etc) there is a workshop put on by the Art Institute of Vancouver over spring break (March 20-24 2006). Interested students should see Mr. MacPhail - the cost is \$30, and students need to apply with a written essay by Dec 16. Students should see Mr. MacPhail for information or visit www.aiv.aii.edu. Students who have attended in the past have really enjoyed the course.

Computer Corner



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.

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. 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 needs to be small in size and in no way stop heat from venting.

WANT A FASTER CONNECTION?

Have you noticed that the network is slow at certain times? If you stream movies onto your computer you are slowing the network down. Do not stream movies onto your computer at ATSS unless you need them for class work, projects or assignments.

MAKE YOUR BATTERY LAST LONGER

Choose to "Turn Airport Off" in the menu attached to the icon at the top of your computer desktop when you don't need the Internet, email, dropboxes or your backup folder. This stops your computer from constantly looking for a signal and using additional battery power. You may need to log out and log back in to the network when you turn Airport back on.

What happens if it's snowing - will the school be open? (Possible School Closure)

It is a difficult decision whether to keep schools open or to close them when snow is forecasted for the community. SD 34 policy is to make a collaborative decision at 5:30 a.m. The Transportation Department will complete a road check and then, in conference with the Superintendent, will make the decision. The Superintendent will inform the following radio/TV stations as to the level of school closure:

107.1 STAR FM
96.9 JACK FM
980 CKNW (only closures will be announced)
NEWS 1130 AM
CITY TV

District Website: www.sd34.bc.ca Please do not phone the school - it overloads our phones!



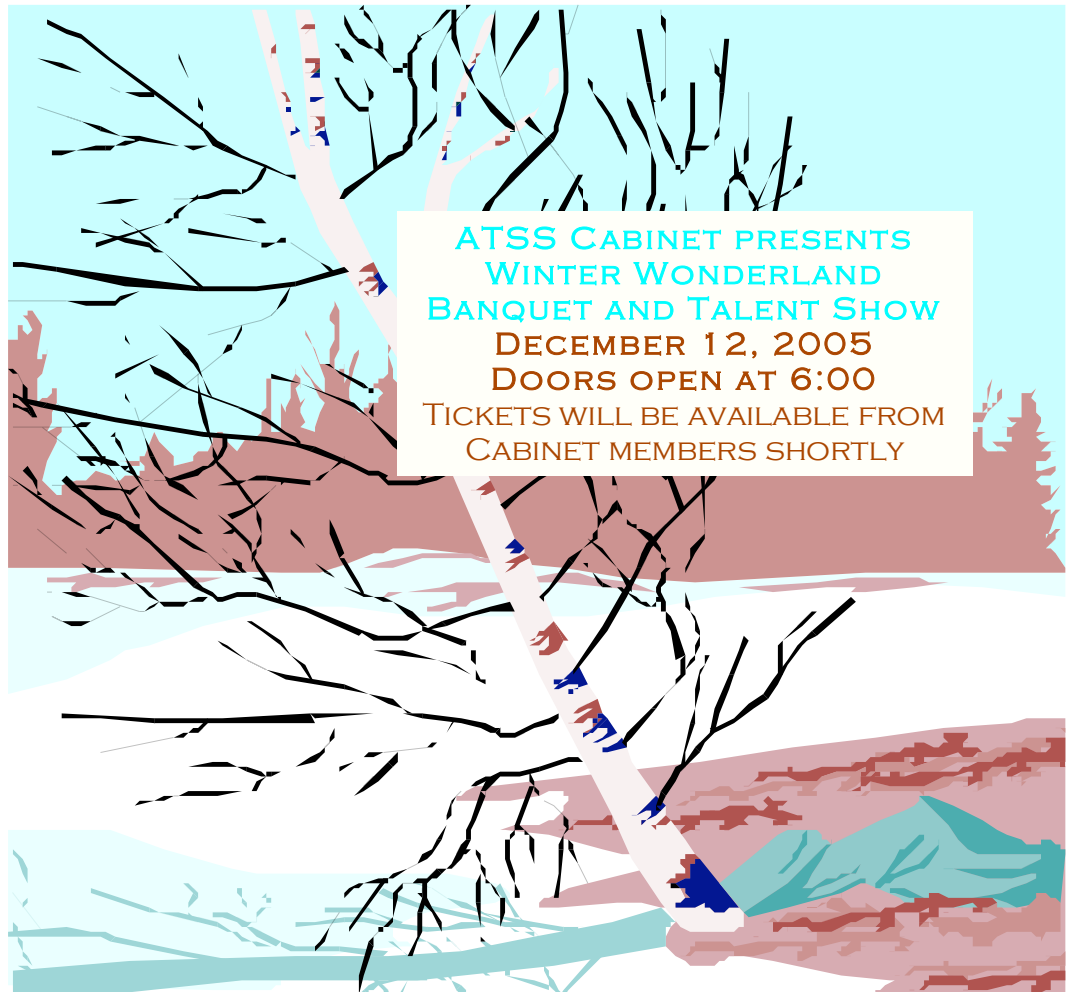
Merry Christmas



THIS WILL BE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER OF 2005 – WE WILL PUBLISH OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY 2006. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE TO GET THE LATEST UPDATES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND SPECIAL EVENTS.



WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALL THE BEST FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON – MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



ATSS CABINET PRESENTS
 WINTER WONDERLAND
 BANQUET AND TALENT SHOW
 DECEMBER 12, 2005
 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00
 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
 CABINET MEMBERS SHORTLY



Winter Wonderland
 Monday, December 12 – Tickets
 available soon!

SILENT AUCTION JAN. 20

We will be holding a Silent Auction during our Dinner theatre on January 20.

Can you help with this school fundraiser?

Please bring items suitable for the silent auction to the school office. Services such as certificates for lawn work, are also most appreciated.

