

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 22, 2006

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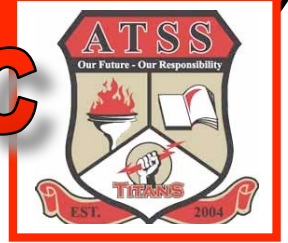
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Open House at CTC

FEBRUARY 23 @ 7:00 AT CTC



Join us at the information meeting at CTC on February 23 at 7:00. This is an opportunity to hear about the new school building and a little about the programs for next year. We will have some samples of student work on display, and you will have the chance to take a walk about the facility (minus the new additions – senior gym, change rooms, art room and home economics lab).

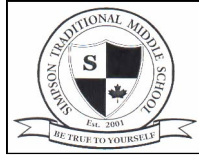


The Building
Should Be
Ready!!!

The Walls
Are
Up!

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. Smith or Mrs. McDonough at the school.



CREST CONTEST UPDATE

The crest committee and Mr. Hildebrand would like to thank everyone for their submissions. There were many to choose from and the judges had a very hard time deciding. In the end it was a three-way tie, with elements from each of the three finalists being combined into our new school crest. The three finalists are, Jasmine Randhawa, Megan Edwards, and Brian Gerbrandt. Congratulations, well done. The final production of the A.T.M.S. crest will be available in the near future.

Thank you again to all who submitted entries.

Early Dismissal Days

Article 8(7) of the Ministry of Education Calendar Regulation states: "A board may, in any school year, shorten not more than 4 of the school days of a school in its district by a period of time that is not more than one hour, for the purpose of facilitating parent teacher interviews that:

- (a) are not otherwise scheduled by way of a non-instructional period
- (b) relate to student progress reports.

Article 4:6.2.5 of the local working agreement between the board and the ADTA states:

"The board shall shorten no fewer than four school days of a school by not more than one hour for the purpose of facilitating parent/teacher interviews related to student progress.

For the 05/06-year, the one-hour early dismissal days will take place on:
Elementary and Middle Schools – June 23,26,27,28,

For high school the dates are varied so as to coincide with reporting periods:
Yale, Hansen, Mouat, Abbotsford Traditional – April 24,25,26,27, Abby Sr. – May 1-4, CTC – May 2-5, Bateman – May 8 - 11.

National Institute on Media and the Family

MediaWise® Network launches MySpace.com Parent Tutorial

Have you heard of MySpace.com? No doubt your kids have. MySpace.com is the most popular social networking web site among young people today. With more than 50 million members, most under the age of 22, MySpace.com has swept the nation. Kids are spending countless hours here chatting, blogging, listening to music, posting photos and searching for others to catch up with online.

Kids have always looked for places to gather to gossip, be seen, be cool, listen to music and "hang out". This isn't new. What is new is where these gathering places are and who else is around. We adults better pay attention because online social sites have just as many, if not more, opportunities and pitfalls as "real world" teenage hangouts.

Want to learn more?

- Check out the MediaWise Spotlight at <http://www.mediawise.org/> to learn more about MySpace.com, why it is so popular and why you should pay attention.
- Join the <http://www.mediafamily.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=219&srcid=219> MediaWise Network to **take a MediaWise tour of MySpace**. We'll show you some of the key features of the site and what kids can do there.

<http://www.mediafamily.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?&pid=219&srcid=219>
Join the MediaWise Network Now!

CALENDAR 2005-2006 - UPDATES

February

Information Evening/Open House at CTC February 23, 2006 @ 7:00
 Spring Vacation March 13 - 17, 2006 inclusive

March

Multicultural fashion show March 3, 2006
 Recognition Assembly March 6, 2006
 Jeans Day - sock hop March 10, 2006
 Spring Vacation March 11, 2006
 Back to school March 27, 2006



April

Last day of Term Three April 5, 2006
 Term 4 Begins April 6, 2006
 Good Friday - School closed April 14, 2006
 Easter Monday - School closed April 17, 2006
 Reports home week of April 18, 2006
 Parent Teacher Interviews April 20, 2006 3:00 - 5:00 & 6:00- 8:00 pm
 Professional Development Day April 21, 2006
 Early dismissal days April 24, 25, 26, and 27 @ 1:40pm
 Public speaking April 27, 2006
 30 Hour Famine April 28, 2006 Friday evening - Saturday noon

MAY

Music Monday May 1, 2006
 School Field Trip May 19, 2006
 Victoria Day - School closed May 22, 2006

JUNE

Convocation/School Leaving Ceremony (Grad) June 2, 2006
 Socials Fair and Music Performance June 6, 2006 7:00 PM
 Sports banquet June 15, 2006 5:00 PM
 Last day of Term 4 June 19, 2006
 School exams June 20, 2006
 Provincial exams June 21, 2006 1:00 - 3:00 pm Span 12
 School Exams begin June 21, 2006
 Provincial exams June 22, 2006 9:00 - 11:00 am Eng. 12
 Provincial exams June 22, 2006 1:00 - 3:00 pm SS. 11
 Provincial exams June 23, 2006 9:00 - 11:00 am Eng 10, Com12
 Provincial exams June 23, 2006 1:00 - 3:00 am MaPrinc 12
 Provincial exams June 26, 2006 9:00 - 11:00 am MaPrinc 10,
 9:00 - 11:00 am MaEss 10
 Provincial exams June 26, 2006 1:00 - 3:00 am Bio 12
 Provincial exams June 27, 2006 1:00 - 3:00 am Chem 12
 Awards Ceremony June 28, 2006 7:00 pm
 Provincial exams June 28, 2006 9:00 - 11:00 am Sc 10, Fr 12
 Provincial exams June 28, 2006 1:00 - 3:00 pm Phys 12
 Provincial exams June 29, 2006 9:00 - 11:00 am Hist 12
 Reports home June 30, 2006

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABBEY ARTS CENTRE

ABBOTSFORD SECONDARY PRESENTS "SCAPINO" DINNER THEATRE

February 23, 24 & 25 - March 1, 2, 3 & 4

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner is served at 7:00 pm; Show begins approximately 7:45

Intermission and dessert at 8:45 pm, Show ends at approximately 9:45 pm

Tickets are \$25 each - Call the school at 604-853-3367 for reservations.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 34 - NIGHTS OF MUSIC

March 6, 7, 8, and 9th - Contact Anne Letendre for more information 604-851-4580

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.

We have quite a few items available in our school store and our consignment store. If you are interested in purchasing additional 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 code.

Non dress code jackets and sweatshirts are fine for outdoor wear but students should wear dress code hoodies inside the school.

ATSS Website
www.atss.ca

REPORT CARDS

Report cards were scheduled to be sent home this week.

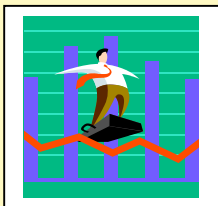
We have been experiencing difficulties with our computer scheduling and report card program.

We are working to correct the problems and complete reports cards as quickly as possible.

We apologize for this inconvenience.

We hope to complete report cards ready at the beginning of next week.

Thank you for your patience.



Thank You

Thank you so much to our parents who provided a wonderful hot dog lunch for the 80 students Simpson students who visited ATSS last week for the Grade 8 Orientation.

Students toured the school, viewed two video productions by students, and visited several of our elective classes. We hope the students enjoyed their visit.



Information Meeting Open House at CTC on February 23, at 7:00

Join us to hear a little about the facility and the programs for next year.





SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34 (Abbotsford)

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Dear Parents:

This letter outlines the process for approving a local school calendar, and provides the proposed school calendar for 2006/07 (see over).

The *School Act* requires school boards to publish a calendar for the next school year by May 31st. The district will hold a public meeting on March 27th to allow the public to provide feedback on the school calendar. The Board of School Trustees will then approve a school calendar at its meeting on Monday, April 3rd. The recommended calendar for 2006/07 follows the pattern of the past four years.

A District Calendar Committee also recommended that the following be considered:

- That the district continue with five common non-instructional days;
- That the district publish an anticipated three-year calendar to assist in long range planning;
- That the calendar be approved by mid-February to allow schools and parents to plan accordingly.

The Calendar Committee reports and survey results are available on-line on the district website:

www.sd34.bc.ca

Public Information Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
W. J. Mouat - Theatre

If you would like to speak at the meeting as an official delegation, please contact Lois Hiebert in the Secretary-Treasurer's office at 604-859-4891. All written submissions must be received by Wednesday, March 22, 2006 in order to be considered by the Board at its March 27th public information meeting.



LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2006 – 2007

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Number of days in session	194
Number of days of instruction	187
Number of non-instructional days	6
Year-end Closing Day	1
Length of the school day	8:15 – 2:40
Length of school operation per day	7:45 – 3:30
Hours of instruction in a school day	5.40 hours
Number and length of recesses per day	1 – 10 minutes
School Opening (1/2 day dismissal)	September 5, 2006
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	September 22, 2006
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2006
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	October 20, 2006
Remembrance Day	November 13, 2006
School Closure (2 days)	November 9 & 10, 2006
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	November 24, 2006
Winter Vacation	December 25 to January 5, 2007
School Reopens	January 8, 2007
School Closure (2 days)	February 1 & 2, 2007
District-wide Non-Instructional Day	February 16, 2007
School Closure (5 days)	March 12 to 16, 2007
Spring Vacation	March 19 to 23, 2007
Good Friday	April 6, 2007
Easter Monday	April 9, 2007
District-Wide Non-Instructional Day	April 20, 2007
Victoria Day	May 21, 2007
Year-end Closing (non-instructional)	June 29, 2007
Non-Instructional Day	* April 27, 2007

* Schools choose one of the six non-instructional days mandated by the Ministry of Education



Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders are now being taken – students need to buy their yearbook **BEFORE** spring break – \$40 for a great hardcover book, colour pages, great memories.

