

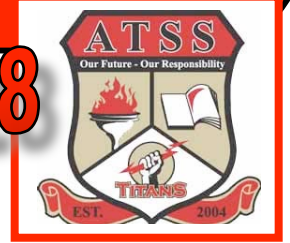
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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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30 Hour Famine - April 28



Sponsored by our International Committee First, a little about our Student Government

We believe that students acquire the capacity to cope with difficult situations when they have been given the opportunity to take on consequential responsibilities in relation to others, and are held accountable for them.

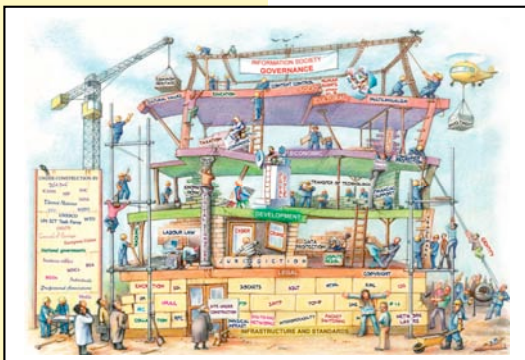
Students need to develop the habits that equip them with the social and problem solving skills to take their place in adult society as functional, purposeful, fully rounded citizens.

To support students to acquire these skills we encourage them to: seek to know and to understand, question of all things, search for data and their meaning, demand verification, respect logic, investigate each premise, and consider consequences.

Students at ATSS are organized into 15 committees. Each committee takes the lead in organizing a special event at the school. This weekend, we will hold our 30 Hour Famine.

Students will arrive at school as usual on Friday, and then spend Friday night to Saturday morning at the school. There will be numerous activities organized by students and supervised by ATSS teachers. We look forward to a very worthwhile event to support this worthy cause.

WILL THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING BE READY FOR SEPTEMBER?



Many parents have asked if the new school will be ready for September - the answer is **YES**. We have checked with our district personnel and with the construction foreman and we are assured that both the middle school and the secondary school will be ready. We are told not to expect a lot of extra time to move in, but everything should be ready to go for September.

Is your student returning to ATSS in September? Please let us know ASAP in the office so we can let those on the wait list know there is space!



Abbotsford Soccer Association 2006-2007 Registration
 Saturday, May 6th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Seniors Resource Centre, McCallum Road

You need to Bring: A copy of the player's Birth Certificate
 Players born 1995 or prior: wallet-sized picture

For more information or on-line registration, please visit our website at www.abbotsfordsoccer.com



District Scholarship Competition

The District Scholarship Competition is being held at Seven Oaks Mall on Tues April 25 9:00 – 5:30.

One of our Grade 12 students, Daniel Hutchings is entering. Be sure to visit the mall to see the amazing student presentations and support Daniel.

National Institute on Media and the Family

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Go to [<http://www.mediawise.org>] www.mediawise.org to see all four parts of the Internet Safety Series.

This series outlines the major perils for kids online and gives you powerful tips and tools on how to manage the Internet in your home.

- Part 1.** [http://www.mediafamily.org/online/onlinesafety_part1.shtml] Internet Pornography
- Part 2.** [http://www.mediafamily.org/online/onlinesafety_part2.shtml] Internet Addiction
- Part 3.** [http://www.mediafamily.org/online/onlinesafety_part3.shtml] Cyberbullying
- Part 4.** [http://www.mediafamily.org/online/onlinesafety_part4.shtml] Cyberstalking and online predation

Early Dismissal Days
 April 24, 25, 26, and 27 at 1:40 PM.
 Busses will run an hour early on the early dismissal days



CALENDAR 2005-2006 - UPDATES

Early dismissal days	April 24, 25, 26, and 27 @ 1:40pm
30 Hour Famine	April 28, 2006 Friday evening - Saturday noon
Titan Day - Recognition Assembly	April 28, 2006 4 th period

MAY

Music Monday Choir Performance	May 1, 2006
Music Seattle Field Trip	May 12, 2006
Victoria Day - School closed	May 22, 2006
School Field Trip	May 26, 2006

JUNE

Convocation/School Leaving Ceremony (Grad)	June 1, 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

Will your student be attending ATSS in September? Please let us know ASAP in the office so we can save you a space.

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.

Dear Parents:

Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School is currently participating in the Campbell's® Labels for Education™ program, and with your help, our school can earn FREE merchandise for our school.

Participation in the program is simple - save labels from eligible Campbell products and send them to the school. Products eligible for redemption in the program include:



- Campbell's® soups - including Chunky, Ready to Enjoy and condensed soups, and Ready to Enjoy broths
- Campbell's® Chunky Chili
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® crackers
- V8®
- Selected Campbell's® Foodservice products



Triple your efforts by asking your friends and family to collect labels on behalf of our school!

Don't forget to visit www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete listing of eligible products and more information about the program.

Thank you for your support. Together with Campbell's® Labels for Education™ -- we can help provide educational resources for our school and our kids - one label at a time.



Sincerely,
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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.

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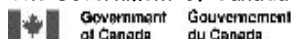


Our popular ESL Job Search Program has many new Computer Software Programs to help you improve your English and Essential Skills.

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'ENGLISH FOR LIVING AND WORKING'
AT 604-859-3928**

REGISTER EARLY AS CLASSES FILL QUICKLY!

The Government of Canada has contributed funding to this initiative.



**Each session runs for 6 weeks for 5 days per week,
Monday- Friday ♦ 9:15 AM to 1:15 PM**

SESSION DATES: Session 1 = Sept. 6 – Oct. 14, 2005
 Session 2 = Oct. 17 – Nov. 25, 2005
 Session 3 = Nov. 28 – Jan. 20, 2006

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be returning to
ATSS in September?
Please let us know
in the office ASAP
so we can let
people on the wait
list know that
there is a spot!**

How Boys & Girls Learn Differently!
A Seminar for Teachers and Parents

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2006 7:00-9:00pm
Yale Secondary Theatre, 34620 Old Yale Road, Abbotsford
This workshop is part of the Parents Make A Difference series.

ATSS Website
www.atss.ca



Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information about the school, coming events, and our school publications.



Classroom School Uniform Survey of NSBA members

Classroom School Uniforms surveyed over 5,472 National School Board Association members who attended the 2005 National Conference in San Diego. Over 300 members (8.4%) participated in the survey. These members represented school districts in the Midwest and Northeast and a majority of them considered their district's location to be in suburban areas. Of those responding districts with dress code or uniform policies, there are more with mandatory uniform policies than with voluntary policies.

The information in the survey is especially important as it shows a shift from urban schools looking for and using uniforms to suburban schools, and from voluntary policies moving to mandatory policies. Participants, in both urban and suburban areas, cited that reducing peer pressure was the major reason for uniforms although most districts do not periodically review their programs. Over 90% of all participants felt dress codes mattered and felt that dress is a leading cause of distraction and loss of focus in school. Over 20% of these NSBA members did have uniforms in their districts but all stated that they have a dress code of some sort in their schools and that uniforms are part of a school's larger strategy to improve educational standards. 91% of those respondents stated that they would consider school uniforms if their community wanted them.

Key Findings:

- Schools in suburban areas are looking into uniform programs
- 93% of respondents said that what a student wears to school matters.
- Over 23% of the respondents stated that they have a uniform or dress code policy.
- Community support causes districts to consider or discuss a uniform policy.
- The greatest benefits for school uniforms are in the reduction of peer pressure, the positive effect on behaviour in the classroom and the creation of a positive school policy.
- Price, comfort and availability of sizes are vital to a successful program. The happier parents are with the ease of finding uniforms, the easier the program will be to implement.
- The definition of a school uniform varies from district to district. For some, it's colours, for others it's specific items.
- Participants cited that school uniforms cost about \$100-\$150 a year.
- Over 85% surveyed agreed that school uniforms do save parents money.
- Over 39% stated that their uniform policies were mandatory. This reflects a shift from previous years when most programs were voluntary.
- Repercussions for not wearing a school uniform vary from none to detention. It all depends on the individual district and/or school.
- Most school districts do not have a periodic review system; districts allow individual schools to review the programs themselves.

Proposed Addition to the Dress Code

A student delegation has approached the Student Cabinet and the School Administration to propose a change to the school uniform. The delegation has surveyed the student population and offered several suggestion. At the present time the group is investigating possible items, availability of the items, costs, etc. They are focusing on three main items they would like included in the dress code:

- a black hooded sweatshirt with a kangaroo pocket - crest on the left chest
- an 'A' lined girls skirt in black and/or beige - knee length and ankle length
- a plaid (Royal Stuart) pleated skirt with gathered waist - knee length

ATSS Students Win Prizes in One-Tonne Challenge Poster Contest

ATSS students recently participated in the Better Air for Abbotsford Design Contest, put on by the city of Abbotsford to promote the one-tonne challenge. Students in grades 9-12 designed banners promoting energy efficient ways of getting around and students in grade 8 designed t-shirts showing ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Our school won a total of seven prizes, six individual student designs won cash prizes ranging from \$50-\$100, and ATSS won the secondary school participation prize awarded for the highest percentage of entries which came with \$2000 for the school.

Congratulations to the student design winners:

See the winning designs on our school webpage

Grades 9-12 Banner Design

at www.atss.ca

1st - Melissa Coy

2nd - Stephanie Banai

3rd - Jennifer Jeon

Grade 8 T-Shirt Design

1st - Kailey Enns

2nd - Megan Kelly

3rd - Sarah Bhardwaj