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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

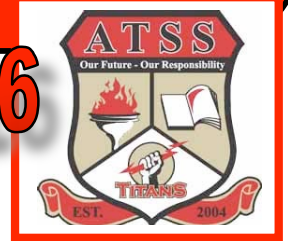
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Welcome to the BC Lions, who are holding their training camp in Abbotsford.

School Field Trip - May 26



We have planned a school field trip (grades 9 - 12) to bring parts of the curriculum at each grade level to life for the students.

Grade 9 students will travel to **Storyeum** in Vancouver

Grade 10 students will travel to the **Stave Falls Power House**

Grade 11 and 12 student have a choice - they may choose to go to:

UCFV or Storyeum or the Stave Lake Power House



Storyeum - Vancouver

(Social Studies, Health and Careers curriculum)

Our grade 9 students will leave the school early on May 26 to head out to Vancouver. After a picnic lunch in Strathcona Park, the students will attend the Storyeum exhibit in Gastown.

Storyeum is a 65-minute live theatrical adventure under the streets of historic Gastown. The show begins as students descend below the streets of Vancouver in one of the world's largest passenger lifts. The students will be engaged in a visually and orally entertaining lesson of 400 years of BC history. The guided tour will take students through a series of seven unique sets while stories from BC's past magically come to life around them. The final stage (there are 6 in total) is a 46-foot high, 360° visual experience of modern day, multicultural BC, which should be a grand closure!

Stave Falls Power House Tour (PE, Social Studies, Science curriculum)

The students will start our adventure with a 6km hike down a historic railway trail to Stave Lake. We will then tour a 1912 generating station to learn more about power production and transmission. The tour will also describe the development of the area and give the students an idea of what life was like at the turn of the century.



UCFV

(Science curriculum, Career and Personal Planning)

On Friday May 26 a group of aspiring scientists from ATSS will be heading to UCFV to participate in "Genomics on the Road".

This program is presented by Genome BC and allows students the opportunity to conduct forensic DNA analyses. As crime scene technicians, the students will use PCR and gel electrophoresis to analyze and compare the genotypes of suspect and crime scene DNA. These activities will also allow the students to explore the applications and impact of genetic technologies on Canadian Society.





JONATHAN HORST WINS THE CHILLIWACK-FRASER ROTARACT CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST

The Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club is a community service organization, affiliated with the Rotary Club. This organization donates time and money to projects local to the Fraser Valley, as well as to projects overseas.

The club was in need of a website to promote their activities, and so they sponsored a web design contest for the ICT 11/12 class at ATSS. All of the students worked very hard to develop a website that met the needs of the Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club.

Rotaract representatives Robin Wallden and Angela Toop visited ATSS on Friday, May 12 to attend the final presentations made by our students. They selected Jonathan Horst as the contest winner. Congratulations Jonathan on an outstanding submission!

Thank you to the Chilliwack-Fraser Rotaract Club for the sponsorship of this exciting contest.

August Provincial Exams

An important message for all secondary students on the Graduation Program (10-12).

The provincial examinations and re-writes will be held at the Abbotsford summer School, Yale Secondary School - August 11 - 16. Students not registered in a summer school course must pre-register to re-write an examination.

Students may visit <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/august/> for information on August exams. To register for an exam in August, students are to register through summer school.



May 17, 2006: Spanish 11 Field Trip

The Spanish 11 class, after a great year of growth and development in their spoken Spanish, ventured out to put their skills to the test. The class spent a delightful afternoon at Tacos Mexico Sabroso, a delightful Mexican restaurant in Abbotsford that serves delicious authentic Spanish food. The students experienced not only the food of Latin America, but the culture that comes with the atmosphere and service of the El Salvadoran couple that owns the restaurant. ¡Que rico!

French 11 Field Trip to Place des Arts, May 17, 2006

--By Jordy Hamel & Mme Wedel--



The Grade 11 French class took a trip to Place des Arts Cultural Center, Maillardville in Coquitlam on their class recent field trip. They learned a little about the early 1900s, and the French people living in BC at that time. A brief tour of the center helped students learn more about the living style of the early 1900s and the sawmill "Fraser Mills", owned and operated, primarily, by French employees.



Students practiced their French while participating in two French workshops that had them improvising scenes from French fables and sketching an important mode of transport of the 1900's: the work horse. In between workshops students relaxed and indulged in "pique-nique" of French cuisine: baguettes, cheeses, cold cuts and fruit. All-in-all, a great way to spend the day!



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May 3, 2006

Dear Parents:

At its meeting May 1st, 2006 meeting, the Board of School Trustees passed a motion to adopt a local school calendar that will create a two-week Spring break by adding 9 minutes to secondary instructional school days, and 8 minutes to elementary and middle instructional school days. This will create four more instructional days than the previous modified calendar. This newly adopted calendar represents a compromise between the previous local calendar of the past four years which added 15 minutes a day to create a two-week Spring break and 4 other days off throughout the calendar year, and the standard school calendar which only has a one-week Spring break.

The Board of School Trustees is dedicated to maximizing student instructional contact time; therefore, under the newly adopted calendar, secondary schools will move to a five-block day which will increase the number of teacher contacts with students by 25%. In addition to increasing the number of instructional contacts, there will be fewer short weeks throughout the year. In 2006/07, all weeks will be five-day weeks, with the exception of those weeks with a statutory holiday or professional development day (13 weeks).

The Board of School Trustees takes its responsibility to provide our students with the best education possible very seriously. It is committed to working with teachers, administrators, support staff and parents to make our schools the best place for students to learn.

For more information about the newly adopted local school calendar please refer to our District website: www.sd34.bc.ca or contact your local school.

Sincerely,

Des McKay,
 Superintendent

MediaWise

Is 'YouTube' the next 'MySpace'?

For parents who have been paying attention to the explosive popularity of online teen hangout MySpace.com, make sure you log into YouTube.com as well. This online video-sharing site is another popular website where teenagers can "express themselves." While YouTube.com and other video sharing sites can be fun places for teenagers to share their digital creations, things can get out of hand on this unsupervised online environment where pushing the envelope is cool. [Learn more.](#)



[Join](#) the MediaWise Network to take a **FREE** Parent tour of YouTube.com

Is your student returning to ATSS in September? If NOT, please let us know ASAP - we have students on the wait list waiting for a spot.

CALENDAR 2005-2006 – UPDATES

MAY

French/Spanish Field Trip	May 17, 2006
Victoria Day – School closed	May 22, 2006
School Field Trip	May 26, 2006
All School Fees Due in the Office	May 30, 2006

JUNE

Graduation Ceremony	June 1, 2006	5:00 PM	
Graduation Evening Dinner and Dance	June 2, 2006		
Socials Fair and Music Performance	June 6, 2006	7:00 PM	
Dress Code Fitting and Ordering Day	June 15, 2006	3:00 – 6:30 PM	
Computers collected	June 19, 2006	Homeroom	
Last day of Term 4 – regular classes	June 20, 2006		
School exams begin	June 21, 2006		
Provincial exams	June 22, 2006	12:00 – 2:00 pm	SS. 11
Provincial exams	June 23, 2006	8:30 – 10:30 am	Eng 10, Com12
Provincial exams	June 23, 2006	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Maths Princ 12
Provincial exams	June 26, 2006	8:30 – 10:30 am	Maths Princ 10, 8:30 – 10:30 am Maths Ess 10
Provincial exams	June 26, 2006	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Bio 12
Provincial exams	June 27, 2006	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Chem 12
Provincial exams	June 28, 2006	8:30 – 10:30 am	Sc 10
Awards Ceremony and Sports Banquet	June 28, 2006		
Reports ready to be picked up	June 30, 2006		

Will your student be returning to ATSS in September? If NOT, please let us know in the office ASAP. We have people on the wait list waiting for a spot!

DRESS CODE

FITTING DAY
JUNE 15
3:00 – 6:30

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.

Students who are not wearing dress code will be asked to work in the office for the day.

Our school consignment store quite a few dress code items. Please check in the school office for store hours.

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.



SCHOOL EXAM POLICY

Students must write exams at the time scheduled or the course will be considered incomplete. A note from a parent is not usually sufficient to be granted a rewrite from a scheduled exam except in a family crisis. An exam rewrite will be scheduled if a signed note from a medical doctor is received for illness.

PROVINCIAL EXAM POLICY

Students must write exams at the scheduled time or receive no mark. The next provincial exam write is in August. Students arriving more than 30 minutes late to an exam will not be permitted to sit the exam.

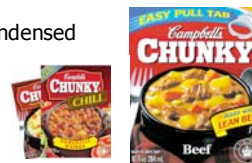
Dear Parents:

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,
ATSS Pac

Mygradebook

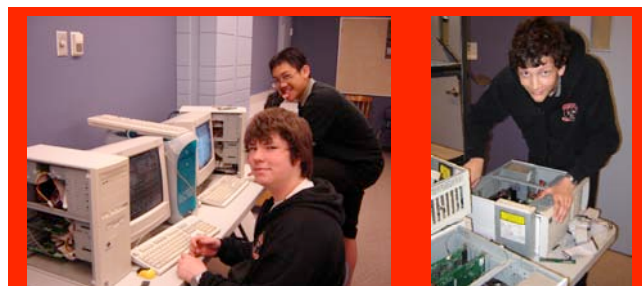
Individual teachers are in control of mygradebook passwords for students. Passwords do not randomly change. If they do change it is the teacher who changes them and then supplies the information to the students. If there is an issue with a student supplying a password to a parent the parent should call 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.



Band and Choir Field Trip

On May 12, 2006 the ATSS Band and Choir went to Seattle to visit the Experience Music Project and Pike Place Market.

Mr. Ennis, Mrs. Wedel and Mr. MacPhail arranged the trip and were our chaperons. Thank you to these teachers for arranging this exciting trip.



A FEW PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



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.



Sports News

Congratulations to the ATSS Track and Field Team on a good season! We had five of our 13 athletes advance to the Fraser Valley Qualification Meet:

1. Sheldon Seymour Jr. Boys 100 & 200 m
2. Andrew Kim Jr. Boys 100 m
3. Lydia Abrahams!! Qualified for 3 events!!!
GR. 8 100m , high jump and long jump
4. Caitlin Blondin Gr. 8 400m
5. Maddison Miller Gr. 8 800m

From those five Sheldon Seymour moves on to represent ATSS at the Fraser Valley Track and Field Championships in the Junior Boys 100m this week! Other team members include Jas Gill, Misha Otanga, Stephanie Swanepoel, Sheree Barnhart, Simran Sandhu, Eric Boer, Scott Bartleman, and Tia Klassen; many of whom had some personal bests this season!



Volleyball Nationals in Saskatoon, Oliver Strukoff - grade 8 - is a member of this team that won the Tier Two, Silver medal



Proposed Addition to the Dress Code - What Do You Think?

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

Please let us know what you think about these new additions to the dress code.....

	Good idea	Not in favour
a) a black hooded sweatshirt with a kangaroo pocket crest on the left chest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) an 'A' lined girls skirt in black and/or beige knee length and ankle length	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) a plaid (Royal Stuart) pleated skirt with gathered waist - knee length	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>