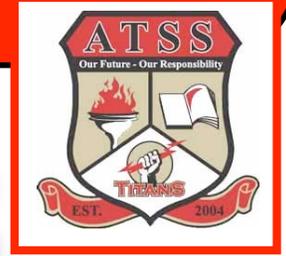


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# ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



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# Welcome to ATSS

## Principal's Introduction

I wish to thank all of our staff, students and you parents for your enduring patience in this year's startup of ATSS. I know there were a number of us who looking at the gravel parking lot a week before school opening and said both to ourselves and to others that there was no way this would be open for school on Tues. Yet with the incredible effort of our district and construction staff it happened to everyone's amazement. Please continue to be patient as the job is nearing completion. If you have had the opportunity to stop in a visit, I'm sure you'll agree they have put a lot of effort into making this site a first class facility. Our thanks to Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church who have agreed to rent us their gym during the first couple of months while we are waiting for the completion of our new gym. Teachers and students are settling in and the laptop computers are being handed out this week. Again thanks to the ITC dept. who have worked hard for most of the summer to ensure the computers were ready and the wireless network operational. We should be ready to go. We are looking forward to a great year this year. Although at times I feel I have been flying by the seat of my pants as we get in and operational I am grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to get us to this point.

## Vice Principal's Message

Hello,

My name is Jason Parker and it is my distinct pleasure to be working as your part-time Vice-Principal in the Middle and Secondary schools. I am excited about joining the Traditional School team this year and look forward to meeting you in person. Please, take a moment to speak with me at your earliest convenience.

Previously, I worked as a Professional Development Coordinator and high school Spanish and Social Studies teacher. I have some 12 years of experience in education, having worked in the public system, as well as, independent schools, both in Canada and overseas. To be sure, moving to a new site is both exciting and challenging. I look forward to taking part in this transition and am optimistic about the advantages both the traditional model and our new facility offer to students.



# ATHLETICS

The ATSS Junior Girls Volleyball Team's season has officially started! Turn out for try-outs was good, and now we are looking ahead to our first game Thursday Sept 21st against Mouat! League games will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays this season! Come on out and support your school's team!

## School Timetable

8:10	Warning bell
8:10 - 8:40	START
8:45 - 9:40	Class one
9:45 - 10:40	Class two
10:45 - 11:43	Class three
11:43 - 12:25	Lunch
12:25 - 1:25	Class four
1:30-2:30	Class five

## '06 Yearbook is here!!

Yearbooks will be distributed at lunch  
pizza sale \$1 a slice!

On September 29.

'07 Yearbooks can be bought at the  
same time - \$45 until fee week,  
\$55 after fee week.  
Order Early!!

Please note that 05-06 school fees  
must be paid in full

# MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

## Meet The Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher night will be on Tues. Sept. 26. for both the Middle School and the High School. As we have not had a Parent orientation time yet we will take the time to show parents around beginning at 6 pm. We will begin the Meet the Teacher night in the gym at 7 pm just after the Middle School. We will follow with parents going to their child's blocks with a short bell schedule of approx. 5 min. for each block. The purpose of this time will be to meet your child's teacher and to hear about the course expectations. We will send a timetable home with your child prior to this evening.

**MOUNT LEHMAN FALL FAIR  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 16, 2006  
@ Mt. Lehman School and Hall**

**Pancake Breakfast  
8:00 am**

**Pet Parade 10:00 am  
Opening Ceremonies  
11:00 am**

**Country Singer Kenny Hess  
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
(free concert)**

**Country Supper 4:00 pm**

**Concession Stand and Tea Room  
Kids Zone**

**Silent Auction**

**Farmer's Market, Petting Zoo  
Bessie Bingo, Haywagon Rides  
Dog Agility Trials, Pony Rides  
FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!**



Canadian Cancer Society  
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON




Give hope  
Fundraise  
Cheer on the team

**Canadian Cancer Society  
Cops for Cancer  
2006 Tour de Valley**



The Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley is a 9-day bike tour by law enforcement personnel through Fraser Valley communities from Ladner to Boston Bar. Cops for Cancer tours help to raise money to fund pediatric cancer research and programs that support children and families. To take part in events in your community, contact the Canadian Cancer Society at 1 888 222.2240 or visit our website at [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)

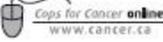
**Join Cops for Cancer at Abbotsford City Hall, Thunderbird Square on Friday, September 22nd for their opening ceremonies!**

Come out between 7:30am and 9:30am and enjoy a pancake breakfast, meet the 2006 Tour de Valley Team; watch a performance by the Abbotsford Children's Theatre and be thrilled by the combined Abbotsford Police Dept Emergency Response Team as they demonstrate their maneuvers!



Canadian Cancer Society  
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

Let's Make Cancer History  
1 888 933-3333 | [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)



Cops for Cancer online  
[www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca)

**PAC NEWS**

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it, fall is right around the corner and here we are once again gearing up for a fantastic year at another "New Campus" of Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School. We would like to express a warm welcome to all new and returning parents, as well as invite you to attend a brief but special Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting in the school library, Wednesday September 20, 2006 @ 8:00 p.m.

"Who or what is the PAC?" You are! Everyone with a child at ATSS is by definition a member of the PAC. These meetings are a parent led forum where parents are encouraged to participate, have a voice, gather information and have questions and concerns addressed.

"Is parental involvement still important at the secondary level?" Absolutely! Our Traditional philosophy of parents as active partners has never been more important. There is an enormous need for parents to be involved and stay involved. Driving to and from school everyday is only a small part of the commitment that is required in the Traditional setting. Your commitment is enormously appreciated and does not have to be onerous. Many hands make light work!

Please plan on attending as you are valued and we have much we would like to share with you. It will give us a chance to welcome our new Principal and Vice Principal. Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Parker will be in attendance and look forward to getting to know parents in this informal setting.

All PAC Executive position are open for nominations, an election will follow in October.

See you there!

Lori Schultz  
Past ATSS PAC Chairperson  
Questions or concerns please call  
Sherry - 604-607-5547

## Newsletters

We will send out newsletters every second and fourth Friday of the month. We will also post them on our website for your convenience.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS REGARDING UNIFORMS, AT THIS TIME IT IS EXPECTED THAT ORDERS WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. STUDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE ORDERS HAVE BEEN FILLED.**

## Springtime in Europe!

Attention all students in Grades 10 to 12: *it's not too late* to join Mrs. Wedel & Mrs. Neufeldt this Spring Break on a European Adventure to **France and Spain!** This amazing trip of a lifetime will whet your appetite for the rich cultural influences that have shaped history around the globe plus provide innumerable opportunities to practice and learn French & Spanish.

The **10-day trip** (March 14 to 23, 2007) begins in the beautiful city of lights, **Paris**, France, where we'll explore as many of the numerous cathedrals, museums, the Versailles Palace as well as other chateaux (castles) and tourist sites that the city and area has to offer. Then, we head south by train to the Pyrenees Mountains, stopping at **Toulouse** and the historic medieval city of **Carcassone**, France, where we'll tour Europe's largest and most complete fortress – the former home to many knights and princesses! Continuing on to **Barcelona**, Spain, we will take in the stunning city and architecture and enjoy an amazing evening of Flamenco Dancing. **Madrid**, Spain is the grand finale of the trip, where we will tour the incredible Palacio Real (Royal Palace), Prado Museum and much more before returning home to Vancouver.

Included in the Trip fees (\$3,076 plus additional costs and spending money) are: return air fare from Vancouver, travel & medical insurance (optional), Euro-rail tickets, all hotels, all breakfasts and dinners during the tour, experienced tour guides in each city, entrance fees to museums, cathedrals, castles and other destinations and an evening of Flamenco Dancing – great value for your money!

Hungry for more information?? Contact Mrs. Wedel for more information and don't miss the student and parent meetings coming up in the next few weeks!

**Bon Voyage!**

## HOMework

When is the Time to Start Doing Homework and Review??? Right Away!

Here is something to help. Check out the homework website. This is a great



# Computer Info.

## ONE-TO-ONE NOTEBOOK COMPUTER PROGRAM

THE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS TO STUDENTS IS NOW UNDERWAY. THE PURPOSE OF THE 1:1 COMPUTER PROGRAM IS TO GO BEYOND THE NORM IN TERMS OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH EVERY POSSIBLE EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGE. NOTEBOOK PROGRAMS LIKE OURS ARE BECOMING MORE COMMON. OTHER SCHOOLS AND ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA ARE ADOPTING 1:1 NOTEBOOK COMPUTER PROGRAMS. WE ARE HELPING OUR STUDENTS TO WORK POSITIVELY WITH AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL THAT THEY WILL NEED IN THEIR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND THAT WILL BECOME STANDARD FARE IN SCHOOLS EVERYWHERE AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE WORK ON CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WITH THE PROGRAM.

ALL STUDENTS HAVE ONE COMPUTER SUPPORT BLOCK EACH WEEK. MISS DEWAR, MR. MACPHAIL OR MR. ENNIS CHECK THE OUTSIDE OF THE COMPUTER FOR APPROPRIATE CARE AND ALSO THE INSIDE OF THE COMPUTER FOR APPROPRIATE CONTENT. EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE EDUCATIONAL USE OF THE COMPUTER. A NUMBER OF OUR TEACHERS WILL BE "PAPERLESS" THIS YEAR WHERE EVERY STUDENT IN THE CLASS WILL USE THEIR NOTEBOOK COMPUTER FOR COMMUNICATION, RESEARCH AND OTHER CLASS WORK.

### COMPUTER SOFTWARE

BOTH THE MAC OSX COMPUTER (iBOOK / GRADE 9) AND THE WINDOWS XP PRO COMPUTER (ACER / GRADE 10-12) COMPUTERS ARE LOADED WITH A VARIETY OF SOFTWARE TO SUPPORT THE ACADEMIC AND ELECTIVE PROGRAMS AT ATSS. SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 IN CONJUNCTION WITH ATSS HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN SOFTWARE FOR OUR ONE-TO-ONE NOTEBOOK COMPUTER PROGRAM. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE MAIN PROGRAMS LOADED ON THE COMPUTERS:

#### iBOOK

- WORD PROCESSING – MICROSOFT WORD
- SPREADSHEET – MICROSOFT EXCEL
- PRESENTATION – MICROSOFT POWERPOINT
- MULTI-PURPOSE OFFICE SUITE – APPLEWORKS
- RESEARCH - ENCYCLOPEDIA PROGRAM (WORLD BOOK) AND WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS WITHIN THE BUILDING USING EITHER SAFARI OR INTERNET EXPLORER WEB BROWSERS
- PHOTO, AUDIO AND VIDEO EDITING – PHOTOSHOP, AUDACITY, ITUNES, IMOVIE
- WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND DIGITAL ART - MACROMEDIA DREAMWEAVER AND FLASH
- COMMUNICATION – DISTRICT EMAIL PROGRAM (FIRST CLASS)
- MARKS – MYGRADEBOOK 24/7 ONLINE MARKS PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO ACCESS

#### ACER

- WORD PROCESSING – MICROSOFT WORD
- SPREADSHEET – MICROSOFT EXCEL
- PRESENTATION – MICROSOFT POWERPOINT
- DATABASE – MICROSOFT ACCESS
- MULTI-PURPOSE OFFICE SUITE – APPLEWORKS
- RESEARCH - ENCYCLOPEDIA PROGRAM (ENCARTA) AND WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS WITHIN THE BUILDING USING INTERNET EXPLORER WEB BROWSER
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VARIOUS OTHER PROGRAMS ARE ALSO INCLUDED WITH BOTH THE iBOOK AND ACER COMPUTERS. THE LIST ABOVE IS A SHORT LIST OF SOME OF THE MAIN PROGRAMS.



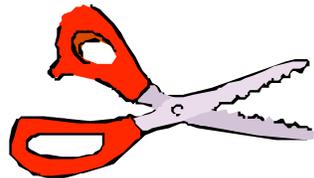
# School Supplies

## 2006/2007

The following is a list of basic school supplies students will need. As your student works with his or her computer, he or she will have a better idea of what is needed and what can be accomplished more quickly and more easily on the computer. Thus, we advise you not to purchase too much initially but to wait and see what your student will use.

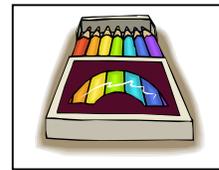
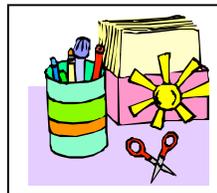
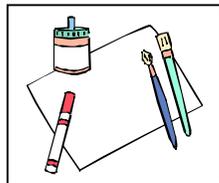
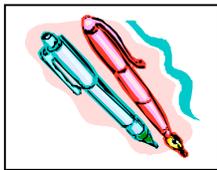
NOTE: Students taking art will need to purchase an art package of paints, drawing pencils etc. available through the school. The pencil crayons, pencils and glue in this list are for general use.

- ⇒ 1 1/2" binders (2)
- ⇒ loose-leaf paper – lined - 3-holed punched
- ⇒ dividers with tabs
- ⇒ scientific calculator – grades 10 through 12
- ⇒ Gage Dictionary
- ⇒ glue sticks
- ⇒ HB pencils
- ⇒ erasers
- ⇒ ruler (30 cm)
- ⇒ pencil crayons - 1 package
- ⇒ pens - red, blue and black



\* Additional supplies will be requested by subject teachers.

\* Students will be issued planners at the beginning of the school year.



### CITY BUSES A BLOCK AWAY!

The city bus system connects ATSS to the Central Fraser Valley System that serves Abbotsford and Mission. There are regularly scheduled routes morning and afternoons.

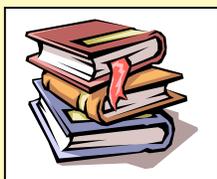
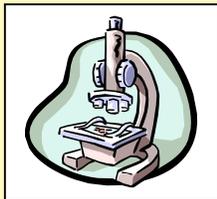
Go to [www.busonline.ca](http://www.busonline.ca) and click on the Central Fraser Valley link for information, or visit the school office for a Bus Timetable.

## PICTURE DAY

YES, WE ARE HAVING A PICTURE DAY! IT WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 A.M.

### CAR POOL

IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN CAR POOLING THERE IS A SIGN-UP LIST IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE THE OFFICE. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT ONE ANOTHER.



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On a related issue – we are endeavouring to avoid scheduling any ‘spares’ (time during the day when students are not in a class) – students should plan on a full course load for the year.

**SCHOOL AND COURSE FEES**

As with all the secondary schools, ATSS will have course fees for some of the specialty courses. In addition, every student is responsible for:

Activity fee	\$18.00
Locker and lock	\$ 7.00
Sports shirt and shorts (logoed)	\$26.00
Grade 8 and 9 iBook Computer (one-to-one) rental per month	\$35.00
Grade 10 to 12 Acer PC Computer (one-to-one) rental per month	\$40.00

Course fees depend on the course choice

**Extra Electronic Courses**

Sometimes students wish to take extra courses or courses ahead of their grade level. If students choose extra courses, they will be responsible for the cost of the course unless the course is required for graduation and is not provided by the school. In this case, the school will pay for the course.



If [students] can conceive it and believe it, they can achieve it. They must know it is not their aptitude but their attitude that will determine their altitude. —Jesse Jackson

# Space at ATSS is limited Is your student returning?

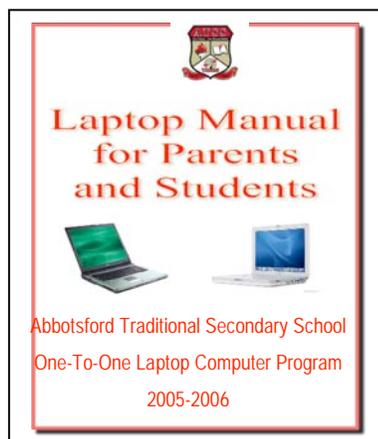
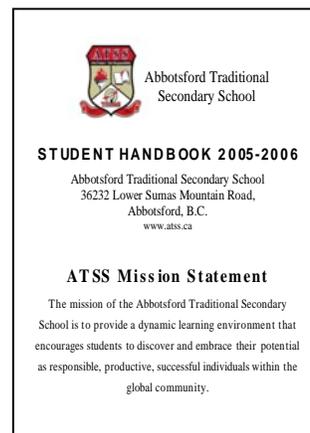
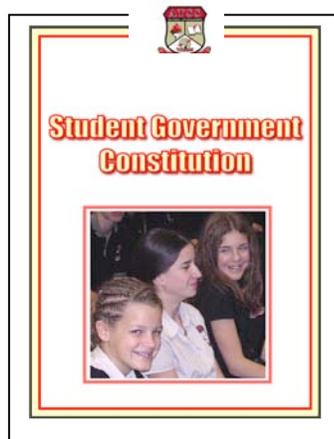
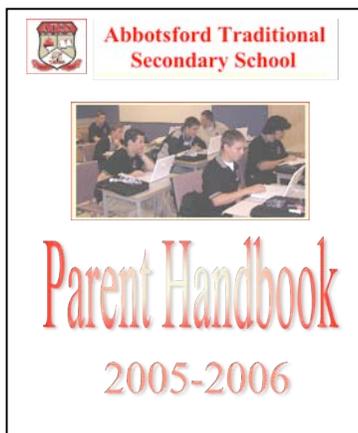
## We currently have wait lists at ATSS

Our grade 8 and 9 classes are currently full with waitlists and our grades 10 through 12 classes are filling up quickly.

Please contact the school and let us know if your son or daughter will NOT be returning in September. We would like to phone the families on our wait list as soon as possible to let them know that there is a spot for their student.

Please call the office at 604-850-7029.

SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS — AVAILABLE ON LILNE AT [WWW.ATSS.CA](http://WWW.ATSS.CA)



Please check our website at [www.atss.ca](http://www.atss.ca) for all of these school publications. Each of these booklets contains information about the programs at ATSS.

Course Booklet and Selection Sheets

Our 2005-2006 Course Booklet and Course selection sheets for grade 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are posted on our school website.

Please check out the courses for next year - with our larger population we have more course choices including advanced courses from grade 9 and up.