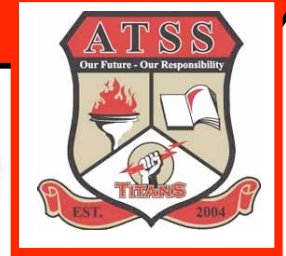


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ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Principles Message

Laptop Computers: Some Parent Information

As we have been hard at work to get into our new building one of the lesser priorities for me has been to get up to speed on our One to one laptop program. A number of you have approached me with very legitimate questions relating to cost, programming, the use of personal computers etc. After spending some time in discussion with a variety of knowledgeable people here are the answers to some of your questions.

- **Cost:** Our program is a four-year lease to own program. For iBooks it is \$350/yr. Acers are \$400/yr. In addition to the laptop this includes, all the software possibly needed for the four years, network set up each year, full warranty for the four years, incl. one-time drop me warranty for Acers, our own tech. troubleshooting for network or other problems and financing for the laptop for the four years of the lease.

- **Personal Laptops:** As I first became involved with the discussion there was no direct answer to whether one could have their own laptop or not. Again, as I have become more aware of this issue, we are now taking a definitive stand that **no personal laptops** will be allowed to access our network for school use. The reason is threefold. First, we have software site licensing which does not allow us to download onto personal computers. The actual cost of individual licensing for the programs we use over the course of four years would equal several times the cost of the laptop, for eg. one program, Macromedia, is almost \$1,000 itself for a personal license. These "hidden" costs may result in students not being able to take courses later on because of related software costs. Secondly, each computer has to be "imaged" to run and access our network programs. This is done over the summer each year. As we have only two types of computers this work is then easily cloned on to the identical machines making it feasible time wise. Each different computer would have to be individually imaged. Even if parents were willing to pay for the 2 hrs to do this we do not have the available tech time to do so. Thirdly and most importantly is Security. We would have little or no accountability with personal laptops in regards to chat rooms and other inappropriate or illegal software being used or shared. This would allow someone to access our network acquiring usernames and passwords for staff. Shortly we will change the access to our wireless network so that only our laptops can access.

- **Startup Grant:** This gov't grant was exactly that, a start up grant to set up the initial infrastructure etc. It does not cover the ongoing costs of the program for the school which is why a lease to own program was established. More details for the above issues and others will be covered in a meeting we have scheduled for all parents regarding the One to one laptop program here at ATSS on **Wed. evening at 7 pm on Oct 25** in the library. Mr. George Murray and Mr. Des McKay and others of the District Management Team have agreed to hold a parent informational meeting regarding the Laptop program. They will provide information on a number of things including those mentioned above.

We are attempting to provide this information to you as parents as you need to be adequately informed. Thanks for your patience.

Sincerely Glen Hildebrand, Principal.



Campus Tidbits

CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

We would like to remind families that ATSS is a closed campus. Students are to arrive on campus in the morning and stay for the entire day. Parents need to come to the office in order to sign students out. In particular cases where a parent is unable to come in person, special permission is required from the principal. For spare blocks during the day, students report to teacher supervised studies. This is not free time. They are to be on campus and engaged in homework. We hope this clarifies any questions some of you may have. We feel strongly that this policy contributes significantly to the overall safety of our student body. Thank-you for your continued support.

Time definitely goes quickly! Now that we are into October, both teachers and students are settling into their routines. It's a pleasure to pass classrooms and see teachers conducting their lessons, while students are attentive and engaged. Moving into Autumn, we are thankful for the efforts you make to get students to school on time and in uniform. Should you be prevented from arriving on time, a letter or short visit to the office to explain your circumstance is of benefit. Otherwise, unexcused lates are expected to report for lunchtime study hall.

Thank you to those parents who have taken time to either call or see me in person. We appreciate your feedback and continued support as we work together to create a structured learning environment for your children.
Mr. Jason Parker

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



Vehicles On Campus

Now that things have settled, we ask all of our students who are driving cars to school to register them with the office. This is in accordance with District Policy and the practice of other District High Schools. This also assists us in the case of any theft or insurance issues as well as provides for an accurate record in case of emergency issues. We will have registration forms at the office for students to pick up.

Photo Retakes will take place Thursday, October 19th from 8:00 to 11:00.

Photo Retake Day

Students are advised to show up in proper uniform with retake envelope and money or their original photo envelope. Students that missed the first photos can show up and have a photo taken for their I.D. Photos will be taken in the cafeteria.

DRESS CODE NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE WORK ON GETTING YOU YOUR DRESS CODE ITEMS. SOME THINGS HAVE CHANGED WITH HOW WE WILL BE ORDERING OUR DRESS CODE ITEMS. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY YOUR ORDERS WILL NO LONGER BE PROCESSED BY THE SCHOOL BUT BY THE SUPPLIER, JTB SERVICES. THIS SHOULD SPEED THINGS UP AND AVOID ERRORS. THERE ARE NEW ORDER FORMS IN THE OFFICE, JUST FILL THEM OUT AND ATTACH YOUR PAYMENT TO THE ORDER FORM, ORDERS WILL BE PICKED UP AND DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL. WE WILL PROCESS ANY 'SCHOOL' ORDERS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED AND WE WILL LET YOUR STUDENT KNOW AS SOON AS THEIR ORDER COMES IN. ALSO YOU NO LONGER NEED TO PURCHASE YOUR PANTS AND SHORTS FROM THE SUPPLIER. DICKIES BRAND PANTS ARE AVAILABLE AT MANY LOCAL MERCHANTS, LIKE MARKS WORK WEARHOUSE, ZELLERS AND WAL-MART AS WELL AS ARMY & NAVY IN LANGLEY.

WE WILL BE CARRYING A SMALL QUANTITY OF SELECT LOGOED ITEMS IN THE 'DRESS CODE DEN' FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASES HOWEVER IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU PURCHASE YOUR UNIFORM ITEMS FROM THE SUPPLIER DIRECTLY.

WE WILL NO LONGER BE RUNNING A CONSIGNMENT STORE. A BULLETIN BOARD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PARENTS TO POST ITEMS FOR SALE.

JUST A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT OUR DRESS CODE; SWEATPANTS ARE A GYM WEAR ITEM AND NOT TO BE WORN DURING CLASS. BOYS MAY WEAR WHITE UNDERSHIRTS UNDER THEIR POLO SHIRTS PROVIDED IT IS NOT HANGING OUT AT THE BOTTOM. GIRLS MAY LAYER UNDER THEIR BLOUSE PROVIDED THEY KEEP IT TO THE SCHOOL COLOURS, BLACK, RED AND BEIGE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR DRESS CODE.

SINCERELY,

LEAH CROCKER

DRESS CODE COORDINATOR

'DRESS CODE DEN' HOURS OF OPERATION:

LOCATED ACROSS THE HALL FROM THE OFFICE, WE ARE OPEN THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 2:00PM - 3:00PM.

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.

TRAVEL NEWS

EUROPE TRIP,
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE EUROPE TRIP! ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS NEED TO ENROLL BY OCTOBER 27TH. PLEASE SEE MRS. WEDEL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THERE WILL BE A PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING ON OCTOBER 25TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM C 140 FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

Musical Theatre Update
ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

"Seussical: The Musical"

Please contact Mrs. Myers for more information, or if you are interested in helping out with producing this year's show!

"Seussical" isn't just a musical. It's a lose-your bluesical, loosey-gooseical lollapaloozical show!

This magical musical includes a brilliantly conceived story using a host of Seuss characters and a musical score that is one magical and entertaining number after another. Kids and parents who grew up on these stories will find it appealing. Seussical belts out one delightful song after another, along with the whimsical set, colorful costumes, and unflappable energy. Kids are riveted by the nonstop action, antics, and fun – and there's even a little subtle humor for parents – so don't miss this one!

This year's production, "Seussical the Musical" will run for four matinees and two evening performances at the Abbey Arts Centre. The show will run for 75 minutes. Matinee tickets will be \$4 per person, and evening tickets will be \$8 per person. Tickets will go on sale at the end of November (advance sales will be available for cast and crew).

Tuesday January 9 (afternoon show 12.30 p.m.)
Wednesday January 10 (morning show 10.30 a.m.)
Thursday January 11 (afternoon show 12.30 p.m.)
Thursday January 11 (evening show 7.30 p.m.)
Friday January 12 (morning show 10.30 a.m.)
Friday January 12 (evening show 7.30 p.m.)

HOMEWORK

Here is something to help. Check out the homework website. This is a great place to go for help with all subject areas.

Homework website
- www.fvrl.bc.ca

WHO ARE THE MEN
IN UNIFORM?????????

SOME OF YOU
WERE WONDERING
AS TO WHY THERE
ARE MEN IN
UNIFORM AROUND
OUR CAMPUS.
THEY ARE A GROUP
OF 20 ENGINEERS
WHO ARE WORKING
FOR THE DEPT. OF
NATIONAL
DEFENSE.
A NUMBER OF
OFFICES ON OUR
SECOND FLOOR
ARE IN USE BY THE
DND, AND WILL
CONTINUE TO BE
THERE FOR THE
DURATION OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR.

Item #2: Take Our Kids to Work Day - Grade 9 Students

On Wednesday, November 1, 2006, hundreds of thousands of Grade nine students will spend the day at workplaces across Canada.

Take Our Kids to Work is a national program of The Learning Partnership and has existed since 1994. More than 1.5 million young Canadians and tens of thousands of workplaces have participated in the program.

Parents of Grade 9 students at ATSS will be receiving information and a permission form shortly from the Grade 9 Homeroom (START) teachers. If parents are unable to provide a suitable

workplace experience, students are encouraged to ask another adult such as an aunt, uncle or family friend if they may go to that person's place of work. For more information, go to: <http://www.takeourkidstowork.ca/>

STUDENTS WILL BE SELLING CHOCOLATE BARS FOR \$2.00 EACH IN THE FOYER AND CAFETERIA AT LUNCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PROCEEDS GO TO THE ABBOTSFORD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION & THE DRY GRAD.



P.A.C. News

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

THE PAC ELECTIONS WERE HELD OCTOBER 2, 2006. YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE FOR THE 2006/07 SCHOOL YEAR AT ATSS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PAC CHAIRPERSON	SHERRY STRUKOFF	604-604-5547
VICE CHAIR	CORDELL DRAAYERS	604-856-1940
TREASURER	LORI SCHULTZ	604-855-4620
SECRETARY	SUSAN CHAKIAS	604-855-7029
DIRECTOR	SUZANNE MATTIES	604-864-9066
DIRECTOR	DONNA VERRAULT	604-835-0396
TAC REP	LORI TOEWS	604-857-2233
TAC REP	SHERRY STRUKOFF	604-607-5547

BCCPAC REP AND DPAC REP ARE POSITIONS THAT ARE PRESENTLY VACANT. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED OR HAS QUESTION PLEASE CALL THE CHAIRPERSON. THESE POSITIONS ARE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR SCHOOL IN REGARDS TO EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS IN THE DISTRICT AND AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL.

THANK YOU TO MRS. SHARON GERBRANT FOR HEADING UP THE TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE FOR THIS AND PREVIOUS YEARS AND ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

TRADITION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IS OCTOBER 17, 2006. THE ABOVE TAC REPS WILL ATTEND ON BEHALF OF ATSS PARENTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO BE ADDRESSED, PLEASE CALL EITHER ONE.

NEXT PAC MEETING IS NOVEMBER 6, 2006 @ 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY. YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND AS THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP DECIDE ON THE BUDGET AND ALLOCATION OF PAC FUNDS.

Important Dates to Note on your calendar

COMPUTER MEETING with school district officials and parents is October 25, 2006, Wednesday @ 7:00 pm in the library. This meeting is in regards to the "One to One" computer program. This is an excellent opportunity for parents who have questions or concerns about the fees and program to have them personally addressed.

Last years Yearbooks can be picked up from Mrs. Silzer's office C135, and this years can be payed for at the Main Office, \$45.00 until October 31st.

November 9, 2006 in the gym. Please join us for a very special Remembrance Day ceremony.

SCHOOL CALENDAR



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 and click on the Central Fraser Valley link for information, or visit the school office for a Bus Timetable.

