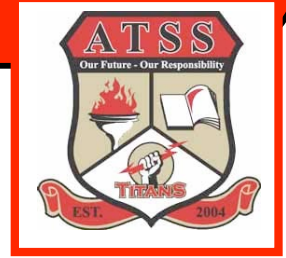


Nov 23, 2006

ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



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ATSS WEBSITE
WWW.ATSS.CA

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GLEN HILDEBRAND

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JASON PARKER

Parent Teacher Interviews

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD ON THURS. NOV. 23 FROM 5:00PM TO 7:30 PM. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO REPORT TO THE ATMS GYM FOR 5 PM TO MEET WITH THEIR TEACHERS. ALL OF OUR TEACHERS WILL BE THERE. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AS MANY PARENTS AS WE CAN PLEASE KEEP THE INTERVIEWS TO APPROX. 5 MIN. IF YOU NEED MORE TIME TO MEET WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT FOR ANOTHER TIME.

MUSIC CONCERT
with Concert Band, Choir,
and Grade 7-8 Band.
Time: 7:00 pm

December 12th at the ATMS school gym. Come out and enjoy the talents of our students and hear the sounds of the season.



Cultural Exchange - Host Families Needed For January!!!

Between January 16th and 24th ATSS/ATMS will be hosting a group of students from Bogota, Colombia.

We are currently looking for families to host these guests. For further details, contact Mr. Parker (jason-parker@sd34.bc.ca) or Mrs. Yankov (laura-yankov@sd34.bc.ca)

This is a great opportunity to act as an ambassador for our school and help others learn about Canadian culture, while exposing yourself to other cultures at the same time. Students currently taking Spanish are strongly encouraged to consider taking part in this experience.

kindest regards,

J. Parker
VP - ATMS/ATSS



Campus Tidbits



Dear Parents and Guardians,

You and your student(s) are invited to our Social Studies Fair! Our students have worked hard to prepare for this, and it will give them an opportunity to showcase their research skills as well as their creative skills.

The date of the fair is December 14th, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. The students will set up their projects in the gym at ATSS on Thursday afternoon, at 2:15. They will then return to the school at 6:45 to present their projects to the adjudicators and other visitors. All visitors will have an opportunity to see these projects and vote on their favourite projects.

All Social Studies students are expected to attend this evening event, and it is part of their mark for this project. We understand if some students are unable to make it due to more pressing appointments. If this is the case for your student please send a note in advance explaining the reason for this absence.

Our Social Studies students have worked hard this year, and we look forward to being able to showcase their skills through this event. We also look forward to sharing the evening with you.

Sincerely,
Abbotsford Traditional Secondary Humanities Department

Lyndon Friesen
Sharon Kehoe
Ken Laity

Laura Yankov
Valerie Neufeldt

Musical Theatre Update
ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

Musical Theatre Update
ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS: "Seussical: The Musical"

Do you have artistic talent? Or organizational ability? Or maybe a truck and a few free hours? We are looking to recruit volunteers to help us with major production tasks for this year's musical! There are three main phases of production: tasks that need to be completed between now and Christmas break, tasks that need to be completed between New Year's and back to school, and tasks that need to be completed the week of production, including tear-down of the seats and removal from Abbey Arts Centre. If you are interested in helping with gathering props, sets/set dressing, transport, lighting, sound or any of the many tasks required to make the musical a success, please contact Mrs. Myers or Mr. Dencer.

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. Advance tickets will go on sale November 27 for the cast and crew, and tickets will go on sale for the general public on December 4th. Tickets are \$8 per person, and seating at Abbey Arts Centre is assigned.

Our matinees are now SOLD OUT!!



Grade 9 and 12 School Immunizations

The Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough) booster for the Grade 9 students, as well as the Meningococcal C vaccinations for the Grade 12 students will occur April the 4th in the morning.

Students will be bringing home a consent form with 1st term report card and will need to return the signed consent ASAP in order to be eligible for the vaccines at the school.

Students absent during the school immunizations, must telephone the Health Unit @ 864-3400 to book an appointment at our immunization clinics for these important immunizations.

Immunizations



SPORTS NEWS

ATSS BC SUMMER GAMES STARS

IN OUR BUSY STARTUP THIS YEAR WE HAVE BEEN NEGLIGENT IN INFORMING OUR COMMUNITY OF THE SUCCESSFUL INVOLVEMENT OF COUPLE OF OUR STUDENTS IN THIS PAST SUMMER'S BC SUMMER GAMES IN KAMLOOPS. OLIVER STRUKOFF QULAIFIED AND COMPETED IN THE SHOOTING OF SMALLBORE RIFLES. MANDEEP SANDHU QUALIFIED AND COMPETED IN WRESTLING AND WON TWO GOLD MEDALS IN THE DUAL MET AND BOYS 63 KG EVENTS. OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR TAKING SO LONG TO RECOGNIZE THE SUCCESS OF THESE OUTSTANDING ATHLETES. WELL DONE GUYS.



Abbotsford School District Gang Information Forum

Abbey Arts Centre
2329 Crescent Way Abbotsford, B.C.
Tuesday November 28, 2006
7:00pm - 9:30 pm

Presentations by:

- Yale Secondary Drama Students
 - B.C. Integrated Gang Task Force
 - Supt. John Robin & Sgt. Shinder Kirk
Abbotsford School District
 - Mr. Franke Roffel
Integrated Border Enforcement Team
 - Cst. Maitland Smith
- Everyone welcome to attend.
Free admission.



PLEASE REMEMBER, EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS, NOVEMBER 29TH AND 30TH. THE LAST BLOCK OF THE DAY WILL BE DROPPED EACH DAY. DISMISSAL WILL BE AT 1:30.

Dates to Remember

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS	NOV 23 RD
EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS	NO29,30 TH
PRO D-DAY	DEC 1 ST
MUSIC CONCERT	DEC 12 TH
SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	DEC 14 TH
CHRISTMAS BANQUET	DEC 18 TH
LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER VACATION	DEC 22 ND
WINTER VACATION	
SCHOOL REOPENS	JAN 8 TH
MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION	JAN 8-12 TH
NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	JAN 19 TH
SEMESTER ONE EXAMS	JAN 29 TH - FEB 2 ND
TERM II, SEMESTER ONE END	FEB 2 ND
SEMESTER TURNAROUND	FEB 2 ND





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November 20, 2006

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On September 29, 2006, a British Columbia Supreme Court decision (*Young vs British Columbia Ministry of Education*) struck down part of the *School Fees Order* placing greater limits on the type of fees that schools may charge. (For more detailed information about school fees and the court order, please access the B. C. School Trustees' Association website, <http://www.bcsta.org>)

Some media reports have incorrectly characterized the court order as "no school fees allowed". Rather, this ruling adds greater clarity to the fees that are permissible, and those that are not.

Fees are NOT permissible for:

- resource materials necessary to participate in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation;
- field trips that are a requirement of a course.

Fees ARE permissible for:

- school supplies and equipment for a student's individual use (e.g. paper, pens, computer discs) if provided through the school;
- optional materials that enhance prescribed learning outcomes (e.g. a finer grade of wood than basic quality provided by the school for woodworking courses);
- optional field trips (subject to hardship policies allowing those who cannot afford the fee to participate);
- extra-curricular activities (e.g. Basketball team expenses);
- optional purchase of student-made projects (e.g. a dress made in Sewing class; a cake made in Foods class; a cabinet made in Carpentry class) but limited to the cost of the materials;
- appropriate personal clothing for school activities if provided through the school (e.g. gym strip);
- charges to rent a musical instrument IF other instruments are available to the student without charge;
- damage deposits and locker rentals;
- student activity fees, grad fees, yearbooks.

The Board is, therefore, reviewing its existing policies and practices. To this end, staff will review current practices in light of the ruling and will report to the Board in December outlining which fees can continue and which activities need to be restructured and/or funded in other ways.

In the meantime, schools will adhere to the existing fees approved by the Board until the review is complete and the recommendations are implemented.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience as we address this issue over the coming months.

Sincerely,

Des McKay
Superintendent

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