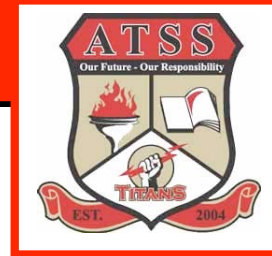


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Principal's Message

I want to take this time to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I encourage all of us to take the time to reflect on the importance of this holiday season, whether it be for religious significance, the focusing on others, family relationship or just a well needed rest. It has been a challenging but encouraging year for all as we have worked hard to settle in to our new facilities. It now feels good to be in a place we can call home. This week marked the celebration of the opening of our new gym. It is truly an amazing facility and this marks the last of our new areas to be occupied and usable. We are looking forward to a new year with all aspects of our facilities in operation. I know our coaches and PE Dept. are eagerly looking forward to this. In light of this I would like to again extend my thanks to Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church for their allowing us to rent their gym facilities without which this would have been extremely difficult. Also our thanks to the School District in their willingness to subsidize this extra expense on our behalf and finally to the workers of Country West Construction for their ongoing work in completing our facilities.

*Sincerely,
Glen Hildebrand, Principal*

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Christmas Banquet Success

I as principal would like to extend thanks and appreciation on behalf of the school to the following teachers, parents and the student leadership class who were involved in putting together an exquisite evening at our third annual Christmas Banquet. It was a fun night with beautiful decorations and a great program of dinner, talent and dance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the evening and looked so impressive in their formal wear. I dare say some were even hard to recognize. Again special thanks to the following for putting the whole evening together. It was great and much appreciated.

*Teachers: Ms. Dewar, Mrs. Van Kleeck, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Kehoe,
Parents: Mrs. Chalkias, Mrs. Gerbrandt, Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Giesbrecht,
Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Strukoff, Mrs. Burnson and
Mrs. Sahlstrom, Mr. & Mrs. Ahn (Amazing LED sign was donated for the
evening) and Mr. & Mrs. Frost (Frost Nursery loaned two beautiful
cedars for the evening),
and finally Mr. Laity & Mr. Radons for giving up the gym all day
Monday. Mr. Hildebrand*



Campus Tidbits



Musical Theatre Update

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

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. Tickets are on sale now at lunch and afterschool in C248, or by contacting Mrs. Myers. Tickets are \$8 per person, and seating at Abbey Arts Centre is assigned.

Our matinees are now SOLD OUT!!

Library News

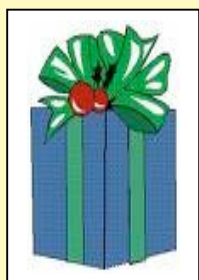
The library is open from 8 - 3:30. Closed from 11 - 11:45 am for staff lunch. There is limited seating for quiet study / homework / reading. No food, or drinks, please.



Leadership

- 1) *Hotdog Eating Challenge on Friday, Dec. 8*
-sponsored by our leadership team
-16 students and 3 teachers competed for the prize
-the 10 minute competition was won in style by Mr. MacPhail
-Congratulations to our winner and all participants

- 2) *Union Gospel Mission Trip*
On Wednesday, Dec. 13 our Leadership Team traveled into the Vancouver Mission to volunteer in helping make up Christmas Hampers for individuals and families on the east side of Vancouver. It was a very rewarding experience and was capped off with dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Gastown. Thank you to all of our students and sponsor teachers: Mr. Abernethy, Ms. Dewar, and Mrs. Van Kleeck



LATES:

JUST A REMINDER TO PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE OUR STUDENTS ARRIVE ON TIME TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. GENERALLY THIS HAS NOT BEEN A MAJOR PROBLEM BUT IT HAS INCREASED RECENTLY. ARRIVING ON TIME IS AN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILL WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE IN OUR STUDENTS. ALSO IT IS DISRUPTIVE FOR TEACHERS TO HAVE STUDENTS ARRIVE LATE TO CLASS IN THE MORNING. YOUR RENEWED EFFORTS IN THIS AREA WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

ABSENCES:

IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY WITH YOUR PERMISSION, COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL THE OFFICE AS SOON AS YOU CAN AND LET US KNOW. AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, ALL ATTENDANCE IS CO-ORDINATED THROUGH THE OFFICE AND SENDING A NOTE TO THE TEACHER WILL NOT NECESSARILY MAKE ITS WAY TO THE OFFICE RESULTING IN YOUR CHILD BEING MARKED UNEXCUSED INCORRECTLY. AFTER HOURS, YOU MAY LEAVE THAT INFORMATION ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE. THANK-YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

PRO D-DAY	DEC 1 ST
MUSIC CONCERT	DEC 12 TH
SS FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	DEC 14 TH
CHRISTMAS BANQUET	DEC 18 TH
LAST DAY BEFORE WINTER VACATION	DEC 22 ND
WINTER VACATION	DEC 25 – JAN 5
SCHOOL REOPENS	JAN 8 TH
MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION	JAN 9-12 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
ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS	FEB 7 & 8 TH
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	FEB 9 TH
NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	FEB 16 TH
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION	MAR 8 TH
COMPENSATION DAYS – NO SCHOOL	MARCH 12 – 16 TH
SPRING VACATION	MARCH 19 – 23 RD
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 6 TH
EASTER MONDAY	APRIL 9 TH
TERM I, SEMESTER II END	APRIL 13 TH
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	APRIL 27 TH
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	MAY 3 RD
VICTORIA DAY	MAY 21 ST
SS FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	MAY 24 TH
GRADUATION CEREMONY	MAY 31 ST
GRAD PROM AND LOCK IN	JUNE 1 ST
MUSIC CONCERT	JUNE 7 TH
YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY	JUNE 14 TH
SEMESTER TWO EXAMS	JUNE 20 – 28 TH
REPORT CARDS PICK UP	JUNE 29 TH



We wish you a Merry Christmas



Remember, Schools back in on January the 8th.


Cultural Exchange

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Families still interested in hosting a student guest from Bogota, Colombia January 16th to 24th, please contact Mr. Parker (jason_parker@sd34.bc.ca)

ANY STUDENTS WHO PARK REGULARLY IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CAR AT THE MAIN OFFICE. THANKS





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