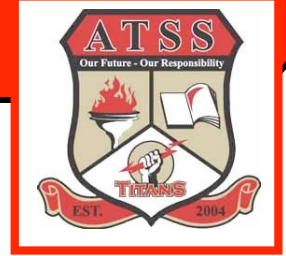


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# ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



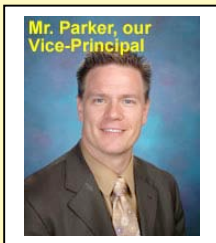
## Principal's Message

**PRINCIPAL:**  
GLEN HILDEBRAND



Mr. Hildebrand, our  
Principal

**VICE PRINCIPAL:**  
JASON PARKER



Mr. Parker, our  
Vice-Principal

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604-850-7029  
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604-850-7028

**OFFICE HOURS**

7:30 A – 3:30 P

**SECRETARIES:**

MRS. SUDERMAN  
MS. DICER  
MRS. MANGAT

OUR WEBSITE:  
WWW.ATSS.CA

There are several important things to update you on:

Some of you may be aware that our bleachers have arrived for our new gym and are currently being installed. We have waited a long time for this and are excited to see this finally happen.

I would like to personally thank all the teachers and parents who worked hard this year to coach our athletic teams. Mrs VanDalfsen, Gr. 9 girls, Mr. Barden, Gr. 9 boys, Mr. Vandervelden and Mr. Baye, senior girls and Mr. Giesbrecht, senior boys. We had good success as both our Gr. 9 boys and girls Basketball teams made the district playoffs. We are very proud that our Gr. 9 girls team was given the league award for the 'Best Sportsman'. Great job girls! Our senior teams were also successful and did well for our size. We are hoping to continue this growth and development into the years to come.

We are beginning our course planning for next year. We have simplified the selection this year somewhat based on the interest shown by students in the past. Our course selection forms will be on-line at our website. We hope to also have our course-planning book on-line and ready by this time. This will explain the different courses, which you may not be familiar with. There are several highlights to mention. We will be again offering Musical Theater but next year will be slightly different, as it will be offered as a full credit, first semester course. We are also introducing our Advanced Placement program by offering Pre-AP at the Gr. 10 level next year for both Math and English. This is for those who are definitely university bound and are in the top 5 % of their class. This program will expand into the higher grades, the following year. The AP Program provides the option for those students who achieve a top score on their Gr. 12 AP exams to get credit for first year university courses equivalent to the AP course that they take.

We are currently doing the Gr. 8's this week and in early March will begin this process with our Gr. 9-12s. We do require that parents sign the course planning form before the student hands it in. This is to ensure that you as parents are aware and agree with the selection your child is making. Also to note, although French 9 will not be required for all students this year, those who plan to proceed into university education will need a language at the Gr. 11 level which will require Fr. 9. Please make selections, which provide the best possible options for the future.

We are also continuing with our committee to study the Laptop program and how it will be applied next year. We will be surveying all of our students, parents and teachers, so please keep a look out and respond so that we can have a solid comprehensive feedback base for our decision-making. Your committee members are parents, Mrs. Strukoff, Mr. Draayers, Mrs. Verrault: teachers, Mr. Ennis, Ms. Dewar, Mr. MacPhail, Mr. Parker, VP and myself. Please feel free to contact any of us with your input.

Thanks  
Glen Hildebrand, Principal

**Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up:**

We have had a request from our business neighbors across the street, (west-side), to not park there for student drop-off and pick-up. They are very concerned about both the safety of students walking through the area with commercial vehicles around and the loss of use of the parking lot for their customers. If you could please either use the street parking lanes or the school parking areas for this. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

We are requesting that students who are called to the office pay special attention to not blocking either hallway entrances or the office entrance itself. Please remember, that unless you are called to the office or have special business in the office itself, **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO CONGREGATE IN THE OFFICE OR ENTER TO VISIT OTHER STUDENTS AT ANY TIME.** Please remember that secretarial staff requires the office itself to be orderly and quiet to conduct their duties effectively.

Kindest regards, J. Parker, VP - ATMS/ATSS

ABBOTSFORD FEMALE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Is your DAUGHTER interested in playing HOCKEY?

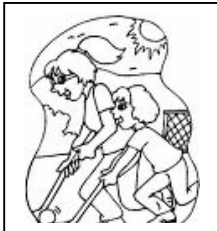
Females of all ages play because they love it. Hockey is fun, focused on fair play, fantastic exercise, and it's a great way to make new friends. Our Canadian passion for the game combined with exhilaration, excitement, technical skills, and challenge are what female hockey is about.

All female hockey uses the "no intentional body checking" rule. Body contact is allowed. The rule has helped encourage a brand hockey that places emphasis on skill and finesse. This rule is consistent from the beginner level right to the Olympic level. Source: HockeyCanada.ca

We are looking for girls to join FEMALE HOCKEY ages 5-17 for the 2007/08 season.

**ABBOTSFORD CURRENTLY HAS OVER 75 GIRLS PLAYING ORGANIZED HOCKEY.**

**REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AT MRC 1 1:00 - 4:00.**



for more information on registration call Deb Ward 604 855-7166

[www.abbotsfordfemalehockey.com](http://www.abbotsfordfemalehockey.com)

**THE ATSS PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 2, BEGINNING**

**AT 8:15 A.M. IN THE GYM. PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

**THE CONTEST WILL CONCLUDE AT ABOUT 9:40 A.M.**

**PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR  
FOR UP TO DATE CHANGES ON GRAD  
ACTIVITIES.**



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*ATSS CALENDAR*



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

TERM II, SEMESTER ONE END	FEB 2 <sup>ND</sup>
SEMESTER TURNAROUND	FEB 2 <sup>ND</sup>
SEMESTER TWO START	FEB 5 <sup>TH</sup>
TRIP TO PARIS MEETING	FEB 6 <sup>TH</sup>
ONE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS	FEB 7 & 8 <sup>TH</sup>
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	FEB 9 <sup>TH</sup>
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY	FEB 16 <sup>TH</sup>
FIELD TRIP ESL	FEB 28 <sup>TH</sup>
PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION	MAR 2 <sup>ND</sup>
COMPENSATION DAYS - NO SCHOOL	MARCH 12 - 16 <sup>TH</sup>
SPRING VACATION	MARCH 19 - 23 <sup>RD</sup>
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 6 <sup>TH</sup>
EASTER MONDAY	APRIL 9 <sup>TH</sup>
TERM I, SEMESTER II END	APRIL 13 <sup>TH</sup>
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	APRIL 27 <sup>TH</sup>
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	MAY 3 <sup>RD</sup>
CAFÉ MUSIC CONCERT	MAY 7 <sup>TH</sup>
BAND AND CHOIR FIELDTRIP	MAY 10-12 <sup>TH</sup>
VICTORIA DAY	MAY 21 <sup>ST</sup>
SS FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	MAY 24 <sup>TH</sup>
GRADUATION CEREMONY & LOCK IN	JUNE 1 <sup>ST</sup>
GRAD DINNER AND DANCE	JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup>
FIRST NATIONS/INT. FIELD TRIP	JUNE 6 <sup>TH</sup>
MUSIC CONCERT	JUNE 7 <sup>TH</sup>
YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY	JUNE 14 <sup>TH</sup>
SEMESTER TWO EXAMS	JUNE 20 - 28 <sup>TH</sup>
REPORT CARDS PICK UP	JUNE 29 <sup>TH</sup>

**A REMINDER THAT TAMPERING WITH SCHOOL COMPUTERS BY ADDING AND/OR REMOVING COMPONENTS WILL VOID THE COMPUTER WARRANTY AND COULD RESULT IN STUDENTS BEING HELD FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DANGER.**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN AT A NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOOL AND WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHILDREN CONSIDERED TO ATTEND ATMS, WE NEED TO HAVE ALL BRAND NEW TRADITIONAL STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS INTO OUR OFFICE BY MARCH 1, 2007 TO QUALIFY FOR SIBLING STATUS. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ATMS OFFICE.**



**Check out the new ATSS Student Services web site for all your course planning needs:**

[http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentservicesite/](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentservicesite/)

The AD/HD Parent Support Group, which meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, is hosting a Professional/Parent Question and Answer period about the Various Perspectives of AD/HD. The 4 panelists will touch on issues about behavior management, social skills, and parenting.

Date: Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: 102-32885 Ventura Ave., Abb. (Fraser Valley Child Development Centre)  
Anyone caring for a child/teen with AD/HD, ADD is welcome to attend this free session.

Refreshments will be served.  
Unfortunately child care is not provided.  
Please contact Leona Fountain at 604-852-2686 ext 246 for more information.

Looking for something to do on the weekend?

*Visitez le Festival du bois!*

Join the celebration of Canadian folk, Celtic and world music, dance, craft and food... All with a French twist! Great fun for the whole family!

**WHEN?** March 3 & 4

**WHERE?** Blue ridge Mountain Park, Coquitlam (rain or shine). Check out the website (in French & English!) for more details (and a map).

**WHAT TO DO THERE?**

- Listen to **GREAT** music & entertainment (both in French & English) – you might even be tempted to join in dancing a gig!
- Tour the displays to learn more about the Franco-Canadian culture in BC
- **EAT!!!** Try some yummy poutine, a tourtière, crêpes, maple sugar pie and delicious maple taffy on snow.

...plus MANY more fun family activities!

**COST?** Adults: \$12/day; students: \$8/day; Children 5 – 12: \$5/day; Family: \$30/day

Visit [www.festivaldubois.ca](http://www.festivaldubois.ca) for more information



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'S® 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.LABELSFOREUCATION.CA](http://WWW.LABELSFOREUCATION.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.  
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