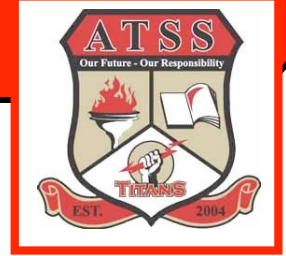


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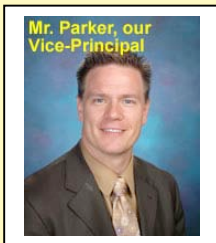
ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



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7:30 A – 3:30 P

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OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.ATSS.CA

Principal's Message

I want to congratulate Mr. Ennis, Mrs. Wedel and Mrs. Yaniv and all of our students, both Middle and High for their outstanding performance this past week. Our Sr. Band, Gr. 7 & 8 Band, Gr. 6 Band and the Sr. Choir performed in front of a packed house at Abby Arts. The performance by all of the above was by far the best of the evening with complicated pieces performed with precision. You all did us very proud. "Way to Go"

Spring Break:

I'm sure we are all looking forward to our spring break. We trust all will have an enjoyable and relaxing time for the two weeks off. Please be safe and all come back safely on Mon. Mar. 26. We want to wish Mrs. Wedel, Mr Parker and our Spring Break student travel group well as they are traveling to France and Spain over the break. Again travel safely.

Course Selection:

Our students by now should have completed their course selection for next year. If you haven't already, please check it over and sign the form before they return it. It is important that you have reviewed their selection as these decisions have a major impact on what choices they may have in the future.

In addition to some new course offerings discussed in last newsletter we are moving to a mandatory Gr. 11 PE course. This decision was made for several reasons. All the research is now pointing to a definite need to keep our young people active as there are growing health concerns regarding teenage lifestyle, obesity and diabetes. We want to ensure our students have the best opportunity to develop a healthy lifestyle. Another reason is that we need to continue with a year long computer course with an accountability factor built in to it to sustain our laptop program. A year long PE course will make this possible to timetable. And finally this will enable all of our students to meet the 80 hr Rigorous Activity requirement of the new Grad Program. For these reasons we are choosing to adopt a mandatory Gr. 11 PE program.

*****IMPORTANT LAPTOP SURVEY INFORMATION*****

We will be sending home a very important survey for all of our parents regarding our laptop program. Your response is crucial as we decide how to update the program under the current ministry guidelines regarding school fees. You should have one e-mailed directly to you or there is a copy attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return either electronically or with your son/daughter as soon as possible. We would ask for one response per family please. To ensure it is counted properly please identify your family names on the survey. It is very important we hear from every parent regarding this very important issue.

Thanks
Glen Hildebrand, Principal

Class Info

ONE-TO-ONE COMPUTER PROGRAM SUPPORT CLASSES

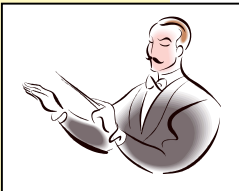
The main purpose of "tech. support block" (once per week for every student in the school) is to:

1. Help students with individual computer issues.
2. Help students make wise choices that reflect high standards of ethical use including online safety and age appropriate content.
3. Teach preventative maintenance with the computer hardware and the software.
4. Check computers for age appropriate content and compliance with the ATSS computer agreement rules. In particular, showing respect for the district web filtering by not trying to add any additional programs to the computer.
5. Check student computers for physical damage.
6. Help students maintain access to the school district email system and also to mygradebook, our online gradebook program.
7. Teach and share information relevant to student computer users. For example, how to use a school printer:
 - Email the file you want to print to yourself using the school district abbynet email system.
 - Go to the library and login to your email account on the library laptop that is connected to the printer.
 - Pay Ms. Malmas 5 cents for each page printed.

ONLINE MARKS

EACH CLASS HAS A UNIQUE "CLASSWORD" THAT IS NEEDED TO ACCESS ONLINE MARKS AT WWW.MYGRADEBOOK.COM. THE PASSWORD IS THE 9-DIGIT STUDENT PEN (PERSONAL EDUCATION NUMBER), WHICH IS THE SAME NUMBER, FOUND ON THE REPORT CARD. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE CLASSWORD GO TO WWW.ATSS.CA AND SEE IF THE TEACHER HAS A CLASS WEBSITE THAT LISTS THE CLASSWORDS. IF THAT METHOD DOES NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU NEED, SEND AN EMAIL TO THE TEACHER OR PHONE THE TEACHER. ALL TEACHER EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE LISTED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE ON THE "STAFF" PAGE.

CLASSWORDS OFTEN LOOK LIKE THIS:
 CONCERT BAND: ATSSCONCBAND
 DIGITAL MUSIC: ATSSDIGIMUSLIN, ATSSDIGIMUSC1, ATSSDIGIMUSC2



MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our band and choir students for their recent performances this past Tuesday evening at the district "Nights of Music" event at the Abbey Arts Centre. Students played and sang well. It was also positive to see ATSS students encouraging other groups with their warm applause at this event, which involved students from Primary school through to Secondary school ages.

CAPTAIN THINGVOLD OF THE ABBOTSFORD ENGINEERING FLIGHT SQUADRON # 192 BASED WITH US HERE AT ATSS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ANONYMOUS ATSS STUDENT WHO LEFT A BOX OF BAKED GOODS ON THEIR DESK TO SAY THANK-YOU FOR THEIR CHALLENGING SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THIS STUDENT FOR HONOURING AND DEMONSTRATING THE VALUES WE HOLD AS IMPORTANT HERE AT ATSS. GREAT JOB, WELL DONE.



THIS WEEK, RESERVIST CPL. KEVIN MEGENEY (25) FROM THE 1ST BATTALION NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLANDERS WAS KILLED IN A FRIENDLY FIRE INCIDENT IN KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN. MAY WE REMEMBER THE BRAVERY AND DRIVE OF OUR TROOPS OVER SEAS.

ATSS CALENDAR

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
CAFÉ MUSIC CONCERT	MAY 7 TH
BAND AND CHOIR FIELDTRIP	MAY 10-12 TH
VICTORIA DAY	MAY 21 ST
SS FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	MAY 24 TH
GRADUATION CEREMONY & LOCK IN	JUNE 1 ST
GRAD DINNER AND DANCE	JUNE 8 TH
FIRST NATIONS/INT. FIELD TRIP	JUNE 6 TH
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



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.

Bradner Flower and Garden Show
 April 13, 14 and 15
 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily
 at the Bradner Community Hall
 5305 Bradner Road, Abbotsford
 Admission: \$2.00/person; children under 6/free
 Floral displays, plant sales, art/pottery/horticultural displays, tearoom and much more



COURSE CALENDAR HANDBOOK

THE NEW COURSE PLANNING HANDBOOK WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA OUR ATSS WEBSITE. SIMPLY LOG ONTO ATSS.CA AND GO TO STUDENT SERVICES AT THE TOP RIGHT. THE WEBSITE WAS CREATED BY OUR OWN MR. ABERNETHY AND WILL HAVE THE COURSE CALENDAR BOOKLET AVAILABLE ONLINE.

ATSS Spelling Bee

ATSS HOSTED OUR FIRST ANNUAL SPELLING BEE AT LUNCH ON FRIDAY, MARCH 9 IN THE GYMNASIUM. THE FINALISTS WHO COMPETED WERE AS FOLLOWS: MELISSA FRIESEN, BECKY BROWN, MEGAN EDWARDS, RENEE CAMPBELL, PATRICK JOLICOEUR, MICHAEL SCOULAR, TAYLOR HUNT, AND JAS GILL. OUR MODERATOR WILL BE MRS. NEUFELDT. MANY ATTENDED THIS COMPETITION! THANKS TO THOSE LEADERSHIP STUDENTS WHO ORGANIZED THE EVENT! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER – MEGAN EDWARDS.

The Abbotsford AD/HD Parent Support Group invites all parents/caregivers to our upcoming meeting Thursday, March 15th 7 - 9 p.m. at the Fraser Valley Child Development Centre 102-32885 Ventura Avenue. Psychologist Dr. Gerry Koe, Mission Counseling Centre, will be speaking on Does your Child Really have AD/HD? If you require more information please contact Leona Fountain @ 604-852-2686 ext 246.

Faith Based Initiative

SCHOOL PRESS RELEASE

Parents, are you looking for a team activity for your children to join... one that emphasizes "family fun-time", community spirit and good sportsmanship while easily fitting into your budget and weekly schedule? Then sign them up for the Kids Interchurch Baseball League that is open to all kids in the community!

The league runs for eight weeks beginning on May 3rd and finishing on June 21st with a family hot dog barbecue. Games are played on Thursday evenings ONLY, beginning with a pre-game practice of skills to help the children learn the sport of baseball. Proper baseball equipment is supplied to ensure safety.

The cost is only \$25 per child, which includes awards, team photos, team ball caps and the family barbecue. Registrations are now being accepted for boys and girls ages 5 to 12 for both co-ed T-ball and Junior teams. Register at the Sevenoaks Alliance Church office (2575 Gladwin Road, behind West Oaks Mall) during office hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) or call 604-853-0757 for more information. You can also check out the web site at: [<http://www.kidsinterchurchbaseball.com/>]
www.kidsinterchurchbaseball.com

Early registration better ensures a playing spot for your child. Registration runs from March 9 to April 23, 2007.



GRAD CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

\$100 TO BUY ADVERTISING SPACE IN NEXT YEAR'S FULL COLOR, PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED SCHOOL CALENDAR

ALL FUNDS GO TO THIS YEAR'S DRY GRAD!

DEADLINE MARCH 9TH

CONTACT MRS. FABER OR MRS. THAIN 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.
- CAMPBELLS® 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.LABELSFOR EDUCATION.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. SINCERELY ATSS PAC.

PAC NEWS:

THE "***SPRING SWING***" PLANS ARE WELL UNDER WAY AND PROMISING TO BE AN ENTERTAINING EVENING FOR ALL. "HAPPY DAYS" ALL OVER AGAIN WITH ITS 50'S THEME AND A SWING DANCE TO END THE EVENING. SO, DIG IN YOUR TRUNKS, DUST OFF YOUR SADDLE SHOES, AIR OUT THE POODLE SKIRTS AND GET READY TO ROCK AND ROLL. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY MARKED YOUR CALENDAR DO SO NOW, MAY 4TH DINNER, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE AND MAJOR FUN.

AT PRESENT WE HAVE SOME SILENT AUCTION ITEMS BUT WE STILL REQUIRE MORE. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE AN ITEM, GIFT CERTIFICATE OR YOUR TIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU. PLEASE THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, ASK A MERCHANT YOU FREQUENT OR PERHAPS YOUR EMPLOYER. I TOO WAS HESITANT BUT WAS SUCCESSFUL ON MY FIRST ATTEMPT.

I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE RAFFLE PRIZES ARE UNBELIEVABLE. AT PRESENT WE HAVE ACQUIRED A Wii, A VIDEO IPOD AND A PORTABLE DVD PLAYER WITH A 7" LCD SCREEN. THE TICKETS WILL BE PRINTED AND DISPERSED AFTER SPRING BREAK. THEY ARE \$2.00 EACH IN BOOKS OF 10. THERE WILL BE A CASH PRIZE OF \$50.00 FOR THE STUDENT THAT SELLS THE MOST. WE ARE ANTICIPATING A RAPID SELL OUT SO BUY THEM ASAP. THANK YOU TO MRS. SAHLSTROM FOR HER DEDICATION AND PATIENCE IN TRACKING DOWN THE Wii AS THEY ARE VERY HARD TO COME BY.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 26TH @ 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY. PAC BUSINESS WILL BE BRIEF AS WE WILL BE FINALIZING ALL PLANS AND ORGANIZATION FOR THE MAY 4TH "***SPRING SWING.***" THIS IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. ONE OF THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF TRADITIONAL IS PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. WE NEED YOU AND THE KIDS NEED YOU. LETS LEAVE OUT WHAT THEY WANT FOR NOW AND REMEMBER, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US AS THIS WILL BE THE EVENT OF THE YEAR AND ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO DIRECTLY BACK INTO THE KIDS PROGRAMS.

DATES:

MARCH 26TH 7:00 MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

(FINALIZING PLANS FOR MEAL, SILENT AUCTION AND DANCE)

MAY 4TH *SPRING SWING ATMS & ATSS GYMS DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION*
6:30PM
AND SWING DANCE.

SINCERELY,
SHERRY STRUKOFF,
PAC CHAIRPERSON
604-607-5547

ONE-TO-ONE COMPUTER PROGRAM PARENT SURVEY

March 2007

Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

A committee of parents, teachers and administrators has had two formal meetings regarding the one-to-one computer program. This survey comes from the committee. We require one response from every ATSS family to make this survey as valid as possible.

BACKGROUND

The Abbotsford School Board has determined at this time that ATSS may not insist upon the payment of fees for notebook computers. This leaves us with a number of options to consider for next year. The committee recognizes the great amount of parent fees collected and the potential for the notebooks to enhance education along with the need for continued staff development to increase the effectiveness of the program. It should be noted that the committee was not interested in seeing notebook computers eliminated from ATSS. One parent made the comment that within 5 years senior students in schools all over the province will routinely expect to be able to bring their own laptop to school to use as a tool for learning. It was agreed that to make further decisions the committee needed to hear from all ATSS families.

SURVEY

Please return one survey per family before the end of March to the ATSS office or homeroom teacher. Surveys may also be emailed to: david_ennis@sd34.bc.ca

Family name: _____

Names of student(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Please rank the following options for your family (1 is your first choice):

_____ Lease - parents lease a school computer that they will own after 4 years. This is what we currently do.

_____ Rent - parents rent a school computer for considerably less money than the lease cost. Families will never own the computer.

_____ Personal computer - students bring their own notebook computer, with guidance from the school, rules of use, and web filtering in place.

_____ Family plan - if you have more than one student at ATSS you lease a school computer for one child. Additional children receive a rental computer at no cost.

_____ Mobile carts – notebook computers are available at school on mobile carts for some classes, not to take home. No fee. This option eliminates the one-to-one program.

Please include any additional comments:



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MARCH 8, 2007

DEAR PARENTS:

THIS LETTER OUTLINES THE PROCESS FOR APPROVING A LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, AND PROVIDES THE PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2007/08 (SEE OVER).

THE *SCHOOL ACT* REQUIRES SCHOOL BOARDS TO PUBLISH A CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR BY MAY 31ST. THE DISTRICT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING ON APRIL 10TH TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR. THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES WILL THEN APPROVE A SCHOOL CALENDAR AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 23RD. THE RECOMMENDED CALENDAR FOR 2007/08 FOLLOWS THE PATTERN OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
W. J. MOUAT - THEATRE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING AS AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION, PLEASE CONTACT LOIS HIEBERT IN THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE AT 604-859-4891. ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2007 IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD AT ITS APRIL 10TH PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING.



LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR
2007 - 2008
Abbotsford Traditional Secondary

Number of days in session	191
Number of days of instruction	184
Number of non-instructional days	6
Year-end Closing Day	1
Length of the school day	8:20 - 2:36
Length of school operation per day	7:45 - 3:30
Hours of instruction in a school day	5 hours and 14 minutes
School Opening (1/2 day dismissal)	September 4, 2007
Non-Instructional Day #1	September 21, 2007
Thanksgiving Day	October 8, 2007
Non-Instructional Day #2	October 19, 2007
Non-Instructional Day #3	November 9, 2007
Remembrance Day	November 12, 2007
1-hour Early Dismissal Days	November 28 & 29, 2007
Non-Instructional Day #4	November 30, 2007
Last day before Christmas Break	December 21, 2007
Winter Vacation	December 24 to January 4, 2008
School Reopens	January 7, 2008
Provincial Exams	January 28 – February 1, 2008
In-School Exams	*January 30 & 31, 2008
Semester Turnaround Day	February 1, 2008
Non-Instructional Day #5	February 15, 2008
Spring Vacation	March 17 to 21, 2008
Good Friday	March 21, 2008
Easter Monday	March 24, 2008
Day in Lieu of Good Friday	March 25, 2008
Days in Lieu – Schools not in session	March 26 to 28, 2008
School Reopens	March 31, 2008
1-hour Early Dismissal Days	April 16 & 17, 2008
Non-Instructional Day #6	April 18, 2008
Victoria Day	May 19, 2008
In-School Exams	*June 19 & 20, 2008
Provincial Exams	June 18 – 26, 2008
Year-end Closing (non-instructional)	June 27, 2008

* Note: Length of school day will be varied on these days only.