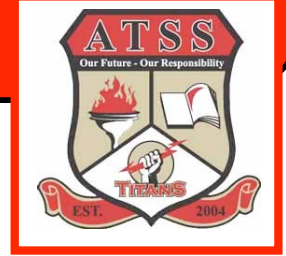


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# ABBOTSFORD TRADITIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



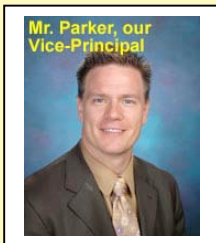
## IMPORTANT ATSS DATES

PRINCIPAL:  
GLEN HILDEBRAND



Mr. Hildebrand, our  
Principal

VICE PRINCIPAL:  
JASON PARKER



Mr. Parker, our  
Vice-Principal

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PHONE:  
604-850-7029  
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604-850-7028

OFFICE HOURS

7:30 A – 3:30 P

SECRETARIES:

MRS. SUDERMAN  
MS. DICER  
MS. MANGAT

- **Reminder, Parent - Teacher Interviews next Thurs. May 3, 5 pm to 8 pm**
- **A reminder to all that the last block on Friday is crucial for our laptop program in checking the laptops, holding students accountable and ensuring proper laptop use is followed. It is not an extra, no need to attend period. We encourage parents to make appointments for after schools hours. Gr. 11's and 12's who miss this block will have their laptops pulled in on Monday to complete the checks.**
- **Report cards should be coming home today with your son or daughter.**
- **Special thanks to Harm Gill and the students who assisted in putting together the Vaisakhi Celebration event last Friday. Students & staff enjoyed a great day of cultural dress, lunch hour of cultural dance, food and singing. We would like to specifically thank Mrs. Gill for supplying the Samosa lunch and the Cultural Dance Group who performed for us at lunch.**
- **Thanks to our students who committed themselves as volunteers to assist in the Multiple-Sclerosis Walk-a thon last Sunday, Meghan Larsen, Savreen Sidhu, Kirstie White, Sass Ward and Meghan Sahlstrom.**

### Assembly

**Anatomy of an Ambulance Call**  
**April 30th**  
**10:45**

**“Car crashes still remain the #1 killer of youth in British Columbia”**

**ATSS is pleased to announce the school wide assembly, *Anatomy of an Ambulance Call*, sponsored by ICBC's Autoplan Broker 2007 Road Sense Speaker Tour.**

**The presenter, Ted Swan, has been a Paramedic for 14 years, attending to more than 12,000 Ambulance calls. He takes his audiences through each gripping step of a trauma call and the devastating effects a crash can have on everyone involved.**

**This is a timely assembly for our youth as many are approaching or are already in the process of becoming fully licensed drivers. Our aim is to arm our youth with valuable, factual and realistic information so they can make appropriate choices when behind the wheel or as a passenger of a motor vehicle.**

**Parents are invited to this assembly, that will be held April 30th, 10:45 am, at ATSS.**

**If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Rayburn, CYW, at ATSS. Please be warned that there will be some graphic material presented at this assembly, and those that are sensitive may choose to sit out.**

# TRAVEL WITH ATSS

Spring 2008

**REMEMBER TO SEE MR. FEDYNA REGARDING THE SPRING BREAK 2008  
FIELD TRIP TO JAPAN.  
TRAVEL TO THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN FOR A UNIQUE AND LIFE  
ENRICHING EXPERIENCE**



This Friday, April 27, students at ATSS will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine. The 30 Hour Famine is a fundraising event sponsored by World Vision, to promote awareness of and raise funds for starving children in developing countries. Our student participants will be fasting for thirty hours, beginning on Thursday night and ending on Saturday morning. Those students who have raised at least \$50 to support World Vision efforts to bring food and clean water to all people, will be staying overnight at the school and participating in group activities, and will join together to end their fast with a breakfast on Saturday morning. The event is being organized by ATSS Student Leadership, and their goal is to raise \$5000 for this very worthy cause. Wish them luck!

**DOGWOOD BOWLING YOUTH  
(NO TAP) SPRING LEAGUE  
AGES: 8-18 YEARS  
BOWLERS WILL BOWL FOR 13 WEEKS.  
LEAGUE WILL RUN FROM APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> -  
JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2007 & BOWLING EVERY  
SATURDAY MORNING AT 10:00 A.M.  
FOR INFO OR REGISTRATION:  
604-859-2695**

**Abbotsford Child and Youth Mental Health is pleased to announce the launching of The FORCE (Families Organized for Recognition & Care Equality).**

**The FORCE's mission is to promote and influence change in intervention and equality of care in children's mental health. The FORCE provides support, education, advocacy and navigation to parents, families and professionals. If your child is living with anxiety, depression or another mental health concern you may want to attend.**

**The first monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7 from 7-9 pm at the Child Development Centre located at #102-32885 Ventura Ave. For more information about The FORCE log on to [ file://www.bckidsmentalhealth.org ]www.bckidsmentalhealth.org**

**Notice of a grad parent meeting Thursday May 3 at 6pm.  
Come to parent teacher interviews for your grad and attend  
an important informational meeting. Grad fees are due at  
this time.**



**How to access your students online marks:**

Two items are needed to access mygradebook. First, the unique **classword**, which students know. The classword is also available from teachers. A quick email can be sent to specific teachers requesting classwords (teacher email addresses are listed at [www.atss.ca](http://www.atss.ca)). Alternatively, many teachers have class websites with their classwords listed (class websites are also listed at [www.atss.ca](http://www.atss.ca)). Secondly, the **password** is the 9 digit student P.E.N. (personal education number). This is the same number that is on the report cards. Students know this number. Student access to my gradebook is checked regularly in tech. support block. In many cases classroom teachers make their students go into mygradebook during class time to check their evaluations. This has been encouraged as a strategy to help students not only know how they are doing but also to help students better appreciate the work of their teachers.

Mr. Ennis

DOWN TO EARTH  
 HOBHOBBERS

Those needing user pay bussing for next year should be filling out the form by may15th and sent to our transportation dept in order for your student to be considered for user pay bussing in September 2007. It does not guarantee a seat on the bus, however to arrange the bus routes for September, they are requiring this advance registration. Forms may be returned to the school, your bus driver or faxed to the transportation office at 604-854-1448, Forms available at the main office.

## ATSS CALENDAR

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM I, SEMESTER II END	APRIL 13
SD ART SHOW	APRIL 17
ATSS ORIENTATION	APRIL 19
VAISAKHI CELEBRATION	APRIL 20
REPORT CARDS SENT HOME	APRIL 26
30-HOUR FAMINE	APRIL 27
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS	MAY 3
SPRING FLING	MAY 4
CAFÉ MUSIC CONCERT	MAY 7
BAND AND CHOIR FIELDTRIP	MAY 10-12
VICTORIA DAY	MAY 21
SS FAIR & MUSIC PERFORMANCE	MAY 24
GRADUATION CEREMONY & LOCK IN	JUNE 1
GRAD DINNER AND DANCE	JUNE 8
FIRST NATIONS/INT. FIELD TRIP	JUNE 6
MUSIC CONCERT	JUNE 7
YEAR END AWARDS CEREMONY	JUNE 14
SEMESTER TWO EXAMS	JUNE 20 - 28
REPORT CARDS PICK UP	JUNE 29

### ATSS TRAVELS FROM "PARIS TO THE PYRENEES". SPRING BREAK 2007



We had an incredible trip with lots of great memories! For more pictures and trip highlights, talk to any of the people in the picture, (including Mrs. Wedel!), or check out the display outside her classroom.

Next year Mr. Fedyndy will be taking a group of students to the 'Land of the Rising Sun' – Japan! Contact him for more information – planning is currently underway.

The Abbotsford School District has a large ESL population and future trends indicate this ESL population will continue to grow in our community. The District is committed to providing the best education possible for all students; therefore, Dr. Gunderson was contracted to conduct a Review of District ESL Programs in January and February of this year.

Dr. Gunderson has completed his report and will be presenting it at a public meeting on

Wednesday, May 2nd  
 at 3:30 p.m.  
 at the Cascade Community Church, 34190 Delair Road

Please accept this invitation to hear Dr. Lee Gunderson's findings and suggestions for ESL education in School District No. 34 (Abbotsford).

Teachers, parents, community members and other interested parties are welcome to attend.





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.