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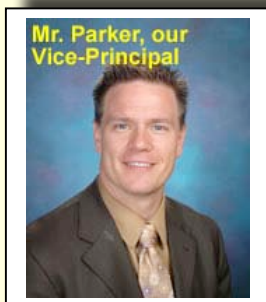
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Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

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David Ennis local: 1120

## Notes from our Vice Principal

### Closed Campus Policy

Having both a Dress Code and Closed Campus Policy aids ATSS staff and administration in their attempts to maintain a safe and structured learning environment for all students. Since all students are to be in dress code at all times, those who are out of uniform stand out immediately. This means students from other schools who arrive unannounced are identified quickly and either invited to sign into the office to receive a nametag and visit or to leave the site.

### Requesting A Visit:

If ATSS students would like to invite former students or friends interested in our programs to attend for the day, they need to follow our procedures for such visits. Go to the office, complete a "Request for Visit", and once permission has been granted from administration and your teachers you will be able to invite your friend to ATSS for the day.

### Staying On Site:

Remember, as an ATSS student you MUST BE ON SITE FROM ARRIVAL UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY. Students are not allowed to leave site between classes or at lunch (even if they have their own car). We encourage parents and/or guardians to pick up their children for lunch or to drop by during break times to visit. In such cases, we ask that parents report to the office to announce their arrival and give us a chance to welcome them.

### Introducing The ATSS Podcast/Blog

Students, teachers and parents are invited to visit our new podcast/blog. You can access [atss.podcastpeople.com](http://atss.podcastpeople.com) through the school website ([atss.ca](http://atss.ca)) or go to the link directly. The purpose of this site is to provide a forum for answering your questions about the school, providing information on Traditional School culture and seeking feedback to improve our programs. Current topics on line include; "How is Traditional School Different?" ad "Student Uniforms". We invite you to visit the podcast and post your questions.

Warmest regards,

J. Parker (ATSS - VP)





# Homecoming Night 2007

This event for **2008 Grads and ATSS Alumni will take place Wednesday, September 26th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** Formal dress is required for this event. **Tickets are \$20.** Activities for the evening will include:

- Meet & Greet for present Graduates and past ATSS Alumni**
- Buffet Dinner & Dining Music**
- Teacher Servers**
- Yearbook Sales & Pickup**
- Valedictorian 2007 Graduate Address**
- Door Prizes, Games & Trivia**



Tickets will be on sale everyday at lunch in the front foyer and cafeteria beginning Friday, September 14th. Grads are allowed to buy tickets for one approved guest. Buy your tickets now!!! Place TBA.

## Parent Advisory News



### ATSS Parent Advisory Council News

The PAC executive would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning parents of ATSS students.

“Who or what is the PAC”? We all are! All parents are part and parcel of the PAC. Our traditional philosophy of “*Parents as Partners*” continues in high school. PAC meetings are a parent led forum where parents have a voice, gather and share information and have concerns addressed.

This year, prior to the PAC meetings, Mr. Ennis has graciously volunteered to help initiate parents into the world of your student’s laptop. This is a unique opportunity as it helps us connect with our staff and gives us an opportunity to learn more about the computers as well as programs offered.

The first evening will be October 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:45 in the school library. We look forward to meeting many new and returning parents.

Mr. Hildebrand will be on hand as well to give us a report and answer any questions you may have.

On the evening of October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 in the library, we will be having a meeting dedicated to the allocation of our Provincial Gaming Grants.

Please plan on attending both if you able as you are valued and we have much to share with you about the coming school year.

Best Regards,  
Sherry Strukoff 604-607-5547

PAC Chairperson  
Cordell Draayers 604-857-1940  
Vice Chairperson

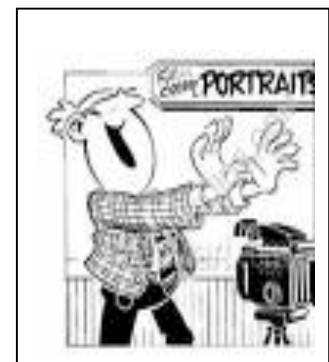
# Photo Day

Remember Photo Day is on October 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Forms for pre-payment will be sent out a few days prior to our photo day.

## Adult Courses

### BC Adults Can Take Free High School Courses

All BC residents, both graduates and non graduates, can now access free Grade 10 to 12 courses, upgrade and access educational programs through the Abbotsford Virtual School. See [www.avs34.com](http://www.avs34.com) for course offerings or phone 604 859 9803 and ask to speak to a teacher about High School Courses. Other changes include the ability of younger students to access Grade 10-12 courses free of charge as enrichment or as part of an educational plan as recommended by their school based team. High School courses in Punjabi and English as a Second Language will be offered in Spring Semester.



**Faculty:**

**Dept Heads:** Local  
 Mr. Fedyna Math/Science #3256  
 Mrs. Neufeldt Humanities #3137  
 Mr. Ennis Perf Arts/Tech #1120  
 Mr. Laity PE #5107

**Teaching Staff**

Mr. Barden #1103  
 Mr. Currie #3252  
 Mrs. Faber #3256  
 Miss Flagg #3140  
 Mr. Friesen #3138  
 Miss Hunt #5107  
 Mrs. Kehoe #3134  
 Mr. Lane #3248  
 Mr. Macphail #5173  
 Mrs. Mihalech #3240  
 Mrs. Myers #3235  
 Miss Vandalfsen #3136  
 Mrs. VanKleleck #3237

**Learning Assistance** #3135

Mrs. Collins  
 Mrs. Hiebert  
 Mrs. Silzer  
 Mrs. Botkin

Library #3152  
 Ms. Malmas

Remember: We are on the web!

Remember to call the office if your student is going to be away or late. Thankyou.





# Travel with ATSS this Spring



Are you interested in traveling to a new and exotic destination? For information on the spring break 2008 field trip to Japan, see Mr. Fedyna. Travel to the land of the rising sun for a unique and life enriching experience



Parent Teacher Interviews will be in the second half of November once report cards have been distributed. Dates to come.

### Dress Code Order Dates:

Order Forms are available in the office and you may drop your completed order with the secretary. Other than collecting the orders the office staff does not handle any uniform issues.

Orders will be picked up by the supplier, JTB Services, on the following dates.

- Sept 10
- Sept 24
- Oct 8
- Oct 22
- Nov 5

The delivery time is usually two weeks from pick up, depending on product availability however the Sept 10th orders will be put on a rush and should be ready in one week.

There will not be another fitting day at the school however order forms are available in the office and if you need help sizing please indicate this on the order form and JTB Services will contact you.

### JTB Services Policies

All orders must include payment to J.T.B. Services. Completed order forms may be dropped off in the school office.

Logoed items will not be returned or exchanged unless the item is defective. All defective items must be returned within 21 days of purchase with receipt.

If you are waiting for your order and do not have a school uniform:

- Please wear only the school colours,
- Black or beige pants
- Black, beige or red tops, no graphics.

Absolutely no jeans!

Picture day: If you do not have any school logoed top for picture day we will have a loaner you can wear.

On Monday, Oct.1st International students and their Korean parents residing in Canada will visit Minter Gardens in Chilliwack.

# ATSS School Year Calendar

September 4	School Opening
September 12	Meet the Teacher Night
September 21	Non Instructional Day
September 26	Post-Sec. Info Night
September 26	Homecoming
October 4	Photo Day
October 8	Thanksgiving Day
October 19	Non Instructional Day
November 8	End of Term 1
November 9	Non Instructional Day
November 12	Remembrance Day off
November 28 & 29	Early Dismissal Days
November 30	Non Instructional Day
December 21	Last Day before Christmas
December 24-Jan 4	Winter Vacation
January 7	School Reopens
January 15-19	Musical "Alice in Wonderland"
January 25	End of Term II
January 28-Feb 1	Provincial Exams
January 30 & 31	In-School Exams
February 1	Semester Turnaround Day
February 15	Non Instructional Day
March 17-21	Spring Vacation
March 21	Good Friday
March 24	Easter Monday
March 25	Day in lieu of Good Friday
March 26-28	Days in Lieu – Not in session
March 31	School Reopens
April 16 & 17	Early Dismissal Days
April 18	Non Instructional Day
May 5	Café Night Concert
May 16	Prom 6-12 @ Hazelmere
May 19	Victoria Day
May 30	Convocation and Dry Grad
June 19 & 20	In School Exams
June 18-26	Provincial Exams
June 27	Year End Closing



### Julie's Cafeteria Corner

feteria will be having a rotating menu of many delicious items. Featured are:

**Chicken Quesadilla with salsa & sour cream**

**Perogies with green salad**

**Mac & Cheese**

**Chicken wings with fresh veggie sticks**

**Chicken strips with Caesar Salad**

**Wraps – Taco, greek, chicken club, chicken Caesar**

**Chili or soups – Monday & Wednesdays**



## Post-Secondary info Night

hosted by: **Rick Hansen Secondary**

*Wednesday, Sept. 26*

*6:15 - 8:50 pm*

...for Gr. 10 - 12 students and parents  
of Rick Hansen, MEI & Abby Traditional.

6:00 - 6:30pm	Coffee & cookies
6:30 - 7:00	Session #1
7:05 - 7:35	Session #2
7:40 - 8:15	Session #3
8:20 - 8:50	Session #4

Hear from presenters about:  
entrance requirements  
programs  
scholarships / bursaries

Schools / Agencies represented:

BCIT  
Douglas College  
UCFV  
UNBC (Prince George)  
UVIC (Victoria)  
Kwantlen College  
NVI T (Nicola Valley)  
Okanagan College  
RMC/CF  
SFU (Simon Fraseer)  
TRU (Thompson Rivers)  
TWU (Trinity Western)  
UBC (Vancouver)

### LAPTOP COMPUTER NEWS

We have been able to hand out the laptops to virtually all of our students by now. This is a major job and we want to thank our ITC Tech Support person, Mrs. Laura Lane and our teachers, Mr. Ennis, Mr. Lane and Mr. MacPhail for handling this job. Things appear to be off to a smooth start.

A Couple of important reminders:

- **Personal Laptops:**

If you are wishing to bring a personal computer to use at the school, you must meet with Mr. Ennis first before this can happen. This is to ensure that the computer is able to work on the network and that the necessary software is installed. All Gr. 9s are using Apple iBooks and as a result no PC laptops can be used at the Gr. 9 level.

No other wireless device, (eg. cell phone with internet access, game devices etc.), may be used on school grounds for security reasons. Please do not bring these to school as they will be confiscated.

- **Laptop Payments:**

If needed, the lease payment can be broken into several installments. Please see Mr. Ennis to arrange. We do not want any student to be without a laptop as part of their educational "toolset" while here at ATSS. Financial assistance requests should be directed to Mr. Hildebrand as there is provision for such.

This year we have arranged for a Family Plan for those with more than one student at ATSS at the same time. The cost for the first child will be \$315, for the second \$215, and the third \$115. When the first child graduates or leaves, the next one becomes the first, etc. for payment purposes. This does not reduce the overall cost of the computer but rather is intended to assist families with several siblings in our school at the same time. The buyout at the end will reflect the amount paid into the program. Parents do not need to apply for this, it will be done automatically if there are siblings in the school. If some have already paid the full price this year for a sibling, we will issue a refund to those families.

*Don't be late... for this important date!*

**ATSS Musical Theater is proud to present Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr." in January 2008.**

**School Matinees:**

Tuesday January 15  
Wednesday January 16  
Thursday January 17  
Friday January 18

**Public Performances:**

Friday January 18 (evening)  
Saturday January 19 (evening)

Our cast and crew of nearly 50 students are already hard at work rehearsing for this season's production. This year, the course is in the timetable six times per week, and we are moving quickly towards auditions.

A big thank you to all the parents who came out to "Meet the Teacher Night" and signed up to assist with the production. We are still looking for parents to fill some key roles behind the scenes, in particular the position of **Vocal Coach**. The ideal candidate would be comfortable teaching singing, playing piano, and able to commit to 2-3 hours per week (during regular school hours) for the duration of the production. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Myers at ATSS by phone (604-850-7029) or email ([michelle\\_myers@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:michelle_myers@sd34.bc.ca))

Other jobs we are looking to fill:

Ticket sales & Promotions (presales & show nights)  
Properties master  
Make Up  
Program coordinator  
Seamstresses

Lighting technician  
Sound technician  
Stage & assistant stage manager(s)  
Transportation (of props, costumes)  
Ushers

Some of these jobs will take place in the next six weeks, some will be done in the last few weeks before the production, and still others will be during the week of performance (Jan 15-19, 2008). If you are able to help out in any capacity, whether or not your child is involved with Musical Theatre, we appreciate you donating your time! Contact Mrs. Myers or Mr. Dencer for more information. There will be a general parents/volunteers meeting on Thursday Sept 27 @ 7pm in the ATSS cafeteria.

