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Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

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David Ennis local: 1120

Principal's Message

There are a number of important items we would like to share with you. Please ensure that you review them. The year is settling in and our final count is 401 students with our international students. Overall the traditional program continues to grow with an increase of 4 % overall this year to a total of 1,807 students with our high school experiencing the largest proportion of growth. We had a great time with our grads of this year and the alumni of the past two years at our first ever Homecoming event. It was a great time for grads and alumni to reconnect, pick up yearbooks, have a good meal and do some funny and entertaining events. A big thank-you for Mrs. Silzer, Mrs. Faber, and Mrs. Mihalech for arranging this event. To Mr. Abernathy and the student leadership for helping set up and for the many other teachers who came and helped serve the students. It was a great evening and a positive way to continue to build some traditions here at ATSS. Our student leadership is up and running with Mr. Abernathy leading. We have some great events and challenges planned over the next couple of months beginning with a staff appreciation luncheon this Friday put on by student leadership. It has been a pleasure to work here with the supportive parents and the hardworking, involved staff. We are looking forward to a great year together.

Notes from our Vice Principal

What you may expect to see at a Traditional School

1. Students' desks generally default back to single rows, where physically possible. Various activities may require other temporary seating plans.
2. Students wear clothing in alignment with our school dress code and the community works together to promote adherence.
3. Students are met personally and greeted each day. This begins in the parking lot where an administrator meets them and continues as teachers meet them at the door to their morning class with a handshake and/or salutation.
4. Students stand to greet adults who enter the classroom. Informal visits may not require this, if the intention is to enter without interrupting study.
5. Students stand to ask or answer questions when in a formal classroom setting.
6. Instruction is teacher-directed for the majority of the time. Quiet instructional settings are the norm. Emphasis is placed upon independent assignments: group projects are used infrequently (a commuter population makes group projects difficult)
7. Good manners, such as not interrupting people who are talking, walking around those in conversation, holding doors open for others, using "please" and "thank you" are expected at all times. Teachers are addressed formally, ie: "Mr., Mrs., Ms." Please do not tolerate foul or abusive language of any type.
8. Student movement through the halls is generally quiet and orderly. Don't allow for public horseplay, running or yelling in hallways. Encourage students not to congregate in entranceways, stay to the right in hallways when possible and make way for guests to pass.

AFTER THIS WEEK OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE GOING 'PAPERLESS' , and will be sent to email inboxes to those who have provided us with their email address. If you would like the "Titan Tribune" to be sent to your inbox twice a month simply phone the office and we will add you to our list.



School Fees

In accordance with district policy we will begin collecting school fees this month for those items authorized by the School Board. We will be charging all students the student activity fee of \$20 which covers the cost of the agenda books, student leadership activities for the whole school, locks for lockers etc. In addition, if your child is playing on a school team the cost will be \$40 for Junior sports, \$60 for Senior sports and \$25 for boys volleyball as they are in exhibition only this year. These fees cover the registration of each player in the league, the refereeing and some of the transportation associated with that activity.

Also though permitted, we will not be charging for student parking this year but we do require all students who are driving vehicles to school to register them at the office for school safety and district liability and insurance purposes.

ATSS Technical Support

STUDENT COMPUTER HELP SCHEDULE

Revised: Sep. 25, 2007

Mr. Ennis, Mr. Lane and Mr. Macphail are the computer support teachers.

Monday
Period 2 - Block B1
Period 5 - Block D1

Wednesday
Period 5 - Block A2

Tuesday
Period 4 - Block A1
Period 5 - Block B2

Thursday
Period 4 - Block B1

Friday
Period 2 - Block B2
Period 5 - Block D2

Faculty:

Dept Heads:	<u>Local</u>
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
Ms. Flagg	#3140
Mr. Friesen	#3138
Ms. Hunt	#5107
Mrs. Kehoe	#3134
Mr. Lane	#3248
Mr. Macphail	#5173
Mrs. Mihalech	#3240
Mrs. Myers	#3235
Ms. Vandalsen	#3136
Mrs. VanKleeck	#3237

Learning Assistance

Mrs. Collins	#3135
Mrs. Hiebert	
Mrs. Silzer	
Mrs. Botkin	
Library	#3152
Ms. Malmas	

Remember: We are on the web!

SCHOOL SPIRIT



ATSS PEP RALLY

Sponsored by our ATTS
Leadership Team
Friday Oct 12 - Last Block



LAPTOP IN-SERVICE



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

Very important in-service offered to parents for laptops. This will include learning how to care for and check your child's laptop as well as how to access the school's on-line marks program so that you can check your child's progress at any time. This will begin in the library at 6:15 just prior to the PAC meeting, which begins at 7 pm. October 9th.





Spring Break 2008



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.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR NAME IN FOR THIS EXCITING TRIP.



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.

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 9	PAC Meeting
October 19	Non Instructional Day
October 22	PAC Meeting
October 23	TAC Meeting
October 25	Photo Retake Day
November 8	End of Term 1
November 9	Non Instructional Day
November 12	Remembrance Day off
November 20	PAC Meeting
November 20	TAC Meeting
November 22	Report Cards go home
November 22	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 28 & 29	Early Dismissal Days
November 30	Non Instructional Day
December 5	SS Fair
December 21	Last Day before Christmas
December 24-Jan 4	Winter Vacation
January 7	School Reopens
January 15	PAC Meeting
January 15-19	Musical "Alice in Wonderland"
January 22	TAC Meeting
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
February 19	TAC Meeting
March 11	TAC Meeting
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
April 22	TAC Meeting
April 24	Report Cards go home
April 24	Parent/Teacher interviews
May 5	Café Night Concert
May 8	SS Fair
May 16	Prom 6-12 @ Hazelmere
May 19	Victoria Day
May 20	TAC Meeting
May 30	Convocation and Dry Grad
June 19 & 20	In School Exams
June 18-26	Provincial Exams
June 27	Year End Closing

Photo Retake Day will now be on October the 25th



Musical Theatre

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 have volunteered to help so far – we'll be in touch shortly by email or by phone!

Other jobs we are looking to fill:

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

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

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 (michelle_myers@sd34.bc.ca) or Mr. Dencer for more information.

GET YOUR PICTURES IN THE YEARBOOK

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Here is how you can submit photo's online. Log onto: images.jostens.com

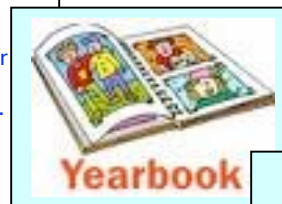
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Password: yearbook08

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submission can be used in the book.



Discount Yearbook Rate

Special Price at \$40.00 now until October 12th. After the 12th the rate will go up to \$55.00. Get in on this great deal!

Fabric Gym bags for sale:
Homemade with your choice of Fabric. \$7.00 per bag.
Call: Shara McKinney @ 604-556-2579

Introducing The ATSS Podcast/Blog

Students, teachers and parents are invited to visit our new podcast/blog. You can access atss.podcastpeople.com through the school website (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.





ATSS PAC PAC NEWS "Thankfulness at ATSS"



As you are sitting around your table this weekend counting your blessings and giving thanks, please join us in giving thanks to our other families. At ATSS, we have a multitude of things to be thankful for. Great Administration and Staff who guide our kids through each and every day and certainly the small close knit environment with traditional values of academic studies and athletic participation.

Through my involvement in the school with the kids and staff, I have enjoyed many things to be thankful for. I am particularly thankful for the Sr. Boys Joel Geisbrecht, Johann Windt, Levi De Jong and Ryder Wishart for their leadership with the Jr./Sr. Boys Volleyball team. Without their outstanding sportsmanship and mentoring, we would not have a team, nor enjoyed success in quite the same way. Even though we had an auspicious start, our numbers have grown to where we need two benches and must creatively plan our wins so that we can play a full five games to get everyone on the floor. If your kids are participating in extra curricular sports this season, please try and make an effort to come out and watch. It is great entertainment and their performance definitely worth the effort.

I am also thankful for the opportunity of sharing our Campus with the Department of National Defense over these past couple of years. In the current troubled times, it has given many of us a different perspective of the men and women who dedicate their lives so that we and others less fortunate, may have the freedom that many of us take for granted. The DND will be moving to their new location in the New Year. We wish them well and look forward to their continued participation in our school. Please try and attend our joint Remembrance Day Ceremony this year and give thanks for these courageous men and women.

On Tuesday October the 9th, starting at 6:45 in the library, our first PAC Meeting of the year will take place. Mr. Ennis has kindly volunteered to give parents a tutorial on the laptops prior to the meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for all to get *educated* on the computers and "My Grade Book". We really need some new ideas for fundraising, as all our athletic teams require new uniforms. We would also like to support our fabulous musical theatre and look at updating some of our video equipment for recording these events.

So to all our Traditional Families, *Happy Thanksgiving* and hope to see you on Tuesday evening.

Best Regards,
Sherry Strukoff
PAC Chairperson

PAC MEETING DATES: 6:45 pm
OCTOBER 9TH, OCTOBER 22ND, NOVEMBER 20TH, JANUARY 15TH.

Parking and Pickup

Dropping and picking up students is a challenge with a commuter school like ours. Here are a couple of expectations to make it easier on everyone. First, as there are no official crosswalks, students must be especially careful if they are crossing the street to catch a ride. The traffic is heavy and we share the industrial area with a number of companies that have large trucks arriving and leaving. We certainly do not want any of our students to be injured through carelessness. Also if parents could park in parking stalls when waiting for pickup. There usually is lots of room and if we are not plugging the lanes people can easily get in and out of these stalls. If it is a quick stop and go, do not park in the bus lanes as we have two busses who come here early and three that come later. The area in front of the school marked bus lane must be kept open. This would greatly improve traffic congestion.

If your student has a vehicle that they park in the lot all day please ensure they register their vehicle at the main office.

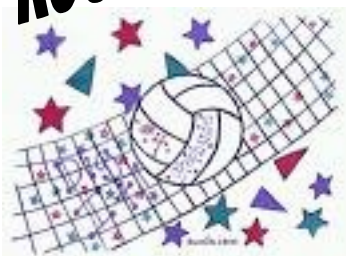
Many thanks.





WE ARE PROUD!

ATSS SPORTS KUDOS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WHO WON THEIR FIRST GAME WEDNESDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 3RD. GREAT SERVES, AWESOME TEAMWORK AND STRONG VOCAL WORK BY JOEL LED TO THIS BIG WIN.



THE JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER TEAM HAD A SUCCESSFUL GAME IN THE RAIN WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3RD BEATING MEI 7-2. JOE GILL SCORED 2 WHILE ALSO ASSISTING ON 3 OTHER GOALS. TYLER CARNITE, JUG KHULLAR, JUSTIN FOULIS, AND MANJOT GILL ALSO PLAYED WELL.

THE JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM CAME VERY CLOSE TO BEATING THE TOP RANKED MEI TEAM. WELL DONE BOYS!!!!



Senior Girls Volleyball Season is well underway. Games are Monday & Wednesday evenings at either 6:30 or 8 pm. The only home game is Monday October 22nd at 8 p.m. Your support at this game will be greatly appreciated. Our team is composed of 5 experienced Grade 12's several brand new Grade 11 players & several seasoned Grade 10's, The team is coached by Joel Giesbrecht & Mrs. VanKleeck.. We look forward to an exciting season!

Another big Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball Team for their first win at the home game last night, Thursday October 4th. Go Titans!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Miscellaneous

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day - students in Grade 9 have received (or will be receiving shortly) permission forms for **Take Our Kids to Work Day**, Wednesday November 7th. These forms should be filled out and returned to Grade 9 homeroom teachers as soon as possible. **TOKTW** is a national program that allows students to observe what their parents (or another adult) does for a living, and is part of the Health and Career Education 9 curriculum. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Abernethy

The Staff at ATSS would like to wish you and your families a very happy and restful Thanksgiving.

