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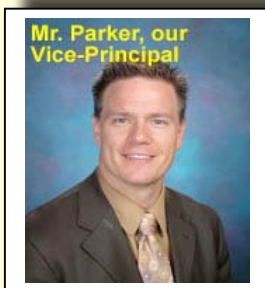
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Mr. Parker, our Vice-Principal



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Counselor:

Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

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David Ennis local: 1120



Principal's Message



Our student leadership along with our parents are planning our Annual Christmas Dinner, Dance and Talent Show for Tues. Dec. 11. Having had many years of experience in the secondary school dance setting it is our intent to organize and operate this event as an opportunity for our students to celebrate and socialize in a safe and well-supervised setting. With this in mind, we are very intentional in our efforts to keep it "formal" both in dress and in activities to both prepare our students for a time when they will be attending a variety of formal social events and to set the expectation for both behaviour and performance. The dinner will be put on by our parent community and will feature chicken cordon-bleu with a variety of other options, including a vegetarian dish. The dance will be structured to be formal ballroom style dancing with a segment reserved at the end for student choice, which must be pre-approved, by Mr. Abernethy and myself as appropriate. In order to protect our gym floor, shoes will need to be removed for the dance. We ask students to not bring valuables or cell phones to the evening. Use of cell phones is not permitted in the school. Students may use school phones to call for rides. We will feature a talent show for our own students to be able to showcase the talent and abilities we have in our school.

All school rules apply for this event. With intent to keep this as safe an event as possible we will be checking students at the door including searching of purses, bags etc. Students will not be allowed to enter late or leave early unless they have made previous arrangements with the administration due to job conflicts etc. Doors close at 6:00 and the event is over at approximately 9:00. There is no requirement for anyone to "bring a date" and all dress is to be formal or as close as possible with all clothing being appropriately modest.

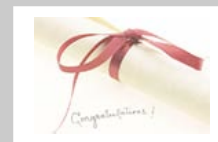
Mr. Glen Hildebrand (Principal)

Christmas Formal Dinner, Dance and Talent Show
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00



We will have our first awards assembly of the year for the last day of classes before Christmas break, Fri. Dec. 21. We wish to acknowledge, outstanding achievement in a number of areas. 1:30 pm, Parents Welcome.

- last year's Principal's list achievers
- 1st term effort honour role
- 1st term academic honour
- this year's students of the month, (to this point)
- this year's athletes of the month, (to this point)
- other individual and group achievements



UNIFORM REMINDER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

BLACK JEANS NOT ALLOWED
ALL EXTERIOR WEAR MUST BE CRESTED
ACCOMPANYING ITEMS MUST BE SCHOOL COLOURS

A number of our students have been wearing black jeans to school. This practice does not reflect our established dress code and will become a major focus item for staff and office. We ask that students come in black or beige cotton pants or cords. Those who continue to wear jeans will find themselves being corrected by staff and/or referred to the office.

We would also like to remind parents and students that non-branded exterior wear is not to be worn in the building. As students enter, they are expected to place their jackets in their lockers. We sell both hoodies and warmer jackets. Students are asked to buy enough uniform items to keep them adequately clothed throughout the year. If they are cold in class, they need to report to the office to be issued a used item and order new.

*Warmest regards,
Jason Parker*





Faculty:	
Dept Heads:	Local
Mr. Fedyna Math/Science	#3256
Mrs. Neufeldt Humanities	#3137
Mr. Ennis Perf Arts/Tech	#1120
Mr. Laity PE	#5107
Mr. Abernethy/Student/Ldrshp	#1107

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. VanKlebeck	#3237

Learning Assistance	#3135
Mrs. Collins	
Mrs. Hiebert	
Mrs. Silzer	
Mrs. Botkin	

Library	#3152
Ms. Malmal	

Cafeteria	#5169
Mrs. Isaak	

International Rep	#1110
Mrs. Kim	

Social Studies Fair



PARENTS AND STUDENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR ON DECEMBER 5TH, FROM 7:00 TO 8:30. STUDENTS WILL BE PRESENTING VERY INTERESTING PROJECTS, AND YOU WILL BE TREATED TO A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO ATSS'S MUSICAL THEATER PRESENTATION, "ALICE IN WONDERLAND". THERE WILL BE A BAKE SALE OF TASTY ITEMS WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS OUR MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION.

**ATSS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DATE: DECEMBER 13TH
TIME: 7-8 PM IN THE MAIN GYMNASIUM
COME OUT AND HEAR SOUNDS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BY OUR OWN ATSS MUSICIANS, CONDUCTED BY MR. ENNIS.**



The First Nations, ESL and International Students will be visiting the Vancouver Playhouse to view the performance, "Oliver" on Dec. 12th

**Tickets for the Musical Theatre Production, "Alice in Wonderland" will be sold the night of the Social Studies Fair and after that can be bought in the main office starting December the 6th.
Public Performances are for: January 18th & 19th at 7:30 pm
Tickets are \$10.00 a piece.**

Remember: We are on the web!

Our ATSS Leadership Team has created a card for Mrs. Zofia Cisowski of Vernon, BC. Mrs. Cisowski's son tragically lost his life at Vancouver's YVR Airport a short number of days ago. Thanks to Tiffany Turner for making the card and sending it, and for our team for signing it. The message to Mrs. Cisowski was as follows: Dear Mrs. Cisowski, We are deeply grieved by the loss of your son, Robert, and though no amount of sympathy can bring him back, we just want you to know that you have our support. As a small representation of the leaders of the next generation, we will learn from this tragedy and do our best to prevent this same mistake from happening in the future. You are in our thoughts...

Sincerely, The ATSS Leadership Team



Career Fair

On Tuesday, Dec 4/07 the grade 10 and 11 students of ATSS are traveling by school bus to the TRADEX to attend the Annual Education and Career Fair. We leave ATSS at 9:15 and arrive back at approx 10:35. This is an annual event to help students in their career planning. All info is available at www.educationcareerfairs.com



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





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

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 (1/2 sold out!)
Friday January 18 (sold out!)

Public Performances :

Friday January 18 (7:30 pm)
Saturday January 19 (7:30 pm)
(advance sales for cast and crew will begin shortly; watch for general ticket sales to begin at Social Studies Fair on Wed Dec 5th for \$10.00 a piece)

A big **thank you** to all of our volunteers so far! 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.

All cast members must bring in by Nov 30th:

- a pair of **full-length** black spandex/stretch pants (with gathered or fitted legs – no capris or flares)
- a black **long sleeve** t-shirt

These items will be labelled and stored until show time and returned when the production is over. Because there will be extensive costume changing back stage, all students must have appropriate attire (black spandex/pants & T-shirt) to be worn at all times under chorus costumes. As all students will be in the chorus at one time or another, they will all need to have a set. You may use any you have on hand as long as they have ***nothing*** printed on them. If you have a long sleeve black shirt with printing on it, it can be worn inside out. Boys may wear black pants or sweat pants (no white visible)

We are also looking for the loan of the following items for chorus members at various times in the production (all will be labeled & stored until show time, and returned after the production):

- articles of clothing (such as a hat, vest, etc.) that has an 1800's feel or theme
- crazy hats for the tea party scene
- animal feet slippers (those that look like feet, not the ones with heads and such)

Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Gray at 604 835 2944 if you are interested in helping with costume design and assembly - any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

On Saturday December 1 we will once again be gathering at ATSS in the cafeteria from 11 am to 4 pm for the second of two prop-making sessions. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by email or phone to Mrs. Myers by Friday November 30 so that we know how much lunch to order.

If you are attending:

- **2 large lightweight folding tables (wallpaper tables, about 6' x 3') (these will be returned)**
- 10 packages of Christmas tinsel
- 10 pieces of gold and 10 pieces of silver pipe cleaner
- 3 thin pieces of board (12" x 10") (these will be painted, but could be returned)
- Old foam cushions (these will be cut up for use)
- Hard Styrofoam, such as old coolers (these will be cut up for use)
- Packing foam/foam chips (these will be cut up for use)
- 6 large whitewash brushes or paintbrushes (these will be decorated as props, and will not be usable after the production)
- Artificial flowers and greenery, especially red & white roses (these will be glued to props, and may not be useable after the production)
- 10 or more large doilies (these will be attached to props, but could be returned)
- Old china or melamine plates (these may need to be painted and attached to props, but could be returned)
- Old candlesticks or candelabra (these may need to be painted and attached to props, but could be returned)
- Chicken wire
- Burlap
- 6 pairs of brightly coloured rubber gloves
- 2 - 6 glass milk bottles, in a small wooden crate

Most items are donations – they could be returned, but not in the same condition as when received. For items that you wish returned, ***please label with your first and last name.*** **PLEASE DO NOT SEND VALUABLE, SENTIMENTAL, OR IRREPLACEABLE ITEMS!**

As well, we are looking for the donation of any leftover latex or water-based paints and spray paints you wish to part with, especially bright red, black, and pastels.



HOST A VISITING STUDENT FROM BOGOTA, COLOMBIA.

Parents interested in hosting international students from Bogota, Colombia for a week in January 2008 are invited to forward their names to the office. ATMS contact is Mrs. Christine Dahl and ATSS contact is Mrs. Monique Suderman. More details to come!

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

Enter Login ID: 300813745

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.

Grab, Go and Grow: Healthy School Snacks

That time has rolled around again ... snacks need making and lunches need packing. With all the chores of the day, who has time to organize nutritious snacks? Today's parents are time-stressed and in many cases forced to be multi-taskers, but savvy parents also know that putting together healthy snacks is not rocket science. In fact, healthy snacks can be quick and easy!

Tips for Being a Super Healthy Snack Shopper

- buy an assortment of fruits and vegetables, cut them up and stow them away
- choose unsweetened applesauce or fruit cups packed in unsweetened fruit juice
- look for whole grain crackers or bagels to combine with nut butter or cheese
- select low fat cheese sticks or yogurt to accompany fruit
- choose pre-washed baby carrots or snap peas, add a yogurt dip
- accompany whole wheat pita with ready to serve hummus
- choose granola bars with dried fruits and nuts
- buy cereals low in sugar to snack on
- pick up some dried fruit, mini pretzels, nuts, seeds to add to unsweetened cereal to make your own trail mix
- stock up on yogurt & granola to add to fruit for a yummy parfait



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

Tuesday Period 4 - Block A1 Period 5 - Block B2

Wednesday Period 5 - Block A2

Thursday Period 4 - Block B1

Friday Period 2 - Block B2 Period 5 - Block D2

How to Access your student's marks.

Use our atss.ca website for easy access to your student's marks and missing assignments. Simply log onto atss.ca and select "Online Marks", there you will see the teachers "Classwords" for your student's individual classes. There is a direct link to mygradebook where you will enter the classword and your student's 9-digit PEN number. This can be accessed at any time and is a great way for parents to stay aware of their student's academic progress. If you are unaware of your student's PEN number, simply call the school's office and our secretaries will be glad to give it to you.

For information on Leadership Activities headed by Mr. Abernethy please go to this link:
http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentsservicessite/leadershipteam.htm

ATSS School Year Calendar

November 2	Last day for uniform orders
November 7	Take our Kids to Work Day
November 8	End of Term 1
November 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony
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 22	Gr. 12's to Abby Collegiate
November 23	Smart Youth Assembly
November 27	Grad Parent Meeting
November 28 & 29	Early Dismissal Days
November 29	Grad Fundraiser
November 30	Non Instructional Day
December 5	SS Fair
December 11	Christmas Banquet
December 13	Christmas Concert
December 21	Last Day before Christmas
December 24-Jan 4	Winter Vacation
January 7	School Reopens
January 11	Pep Rally
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
February 19	Grade 9 Immunizations
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





All of ATSS is invited...yes that means YOU! Buy your ticket today!

You are Invited!

ATSS Christmas Banquet December 11, 2007 Dinner @ 6:00



You are officially invited to our 2007 Christmas Banquet.
A Tradition here at ATSS!

Who: All of ATSS – Students (Gr. 9-12) and Staff

Where: ATSS Gymnasium

What: Formal Dinner, Dance and a Talent Show (Dress in Formal Wear)

Cost: \$15 - Tickets are sold Mon-Fri at Lunch in the Cafeteria

- Details:**
- Tickets go on sale on Monday, Nov 26.
 - Last Day for Ticket sales is Friday, Dec 7
 - Dinner Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice, Vegetable, Vegetarian Dish, Rolls, Chocolate Brownies and Ice Cream
 - Have a talent for our show?...sign up with Mr. A
 - Door Prizes! Awesome MC! Great Food!
 - Fully Supervised by Administrators and Teachers

It is going to be a Hoot! Buy your ticket today!

Presented by our ATSS Leadership Team

