

# The Titan Tribune

Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

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Vice-Principal



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**Secretaries:**

Mrs. Suderman local: 1000  
Mrs. Swadden local: 1001  
Mrs. Mangat local: 1002

**Counselor:**

Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

**One-to-One program:**

David Ennis local: 1120

Please be advised that our **30 Hour Famine has been cancelled** due to a lack of interest. There will be no 30 Hour Famine at the school this Friday.

Principal's Address

Dear parents and students. The Spring Break has passed and the remaining time goes incredibly fast. Where has this year gone. Students will find that we are at final exams before they realize it. Our third term report cards will be sent home with the students on Thurs., Apr. 24. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held that same night from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you have any questions please come and meet with your son or daughter's teacher. Also a reminder that Wed. and Thurs. Apr. 16 and 17 are designated early dismissal days. Classes will be over at 1:30 pm and the busses will pick up students and hour earlier than usual. This also is a time provided for you to contact and meet with your son or daughter's teacher. Please remember to pick up at 1:30 if you are carpooling or driving. Please follow up with your son or daughter as time is short to ensure that assignments are complete and courses are passed in preparation for next year. As we are being pushed for space in our Gr. 9 and 10 classes, especially the academic courses it is imperative that current students work hard so they do not have to repeat courses as there may not be room in some of those classes next year.

There a couple of very important things happening here at ATSS in an ongoing development to improve the success for all of our students. We have begun a process earlier this year for targeting struggling students which involves first identifying them, connecting with parents and providing extra support in both teacher and admin time to ensure that they are completing their work. As well we are in the process of identifying what makes us different as a Traditional Secondary School. This includes a number of things along with the long term "Tenets" that are unique to us. This will soon be posted on our website and provide additional guidance for parents and others who enquire about what makes us different. Contributing to this Mr. Laity and our Athletic Department have put together an Athletes Honour Code which will be reviewed and instituted for next year. Our laptop program is progressing very well as the new Acer laptops have all been implemented with our Gr. 9 students. I want to continue to encourage parents to be involved in their son or daughter's laptop use. Accountability is very important during these formative years and the internet can be a scary place when left unsupervised.

We are already looking forward to next year. Based on early enrollment, we are anticipating approx. 100 additional students bringing our total up to about 500 students. This will put us within one year of completely filling up to our anticipated capacity of 600 students. This will help, especially with our senior elective courses to provide more choice for our students.

The inside of our building is currently under the painter's brush as fresh paint and new colours are being added to enhance the appearance of our hallways and classrooms. There will be some further renovations this summer in preparation for next year as we need more classroom space and the Dept. of National Defense has moved out.

Also included in this issue will be our school growth plan which is virtually complete. We have spend the better part of the past two years developing this with staff and parent input, which will enable us to focus our efforts in developing ATSS as a special safe and successful place for students to learn and achieve.



# GRADUATION 2008 INFO



**Faculty:**

<b>Dept Heads:</b>	<b>Local</b>
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
Ms. McColl	#1116
Mr. Macphail	#5173
Mrs. Mihalech	#3240
Mr. Hill	#3235
Ms. Vandalfsen	#3136
Mrs. VanKleeck	#3237

**Learning Assistance** #3135

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

**Library** #3152

Ms. Malmas
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**Cafeteria** #5169

Mrs. Isaak
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**International Rep** #1110

Mr. Kim
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**Youth Worker** #3255

Darlene Rayburn
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Remember: We are on the web!



Please remember to phone the office if your student is going to be late or absent. Thank you!

## Calendar Fundraiser Update

**Attention Parents: Due to a lack of calendar ads sold, this fundraiser has been cancelled. Students that sold two ads will not have to pay the last installment of \$100. All other grad students will have to pay a third installment of \$100, due now.**

**Please see Mrs. Faber's website for detailed information regarding grad fees and fundraising. <http://faber.thain.ca>**

Hello grad parents and congrats on an exciting year for you and your child. We are selling space in the yearbook for a message from family and friends to their grads. This is a confidential message so you can keep it as a surprise to the student. Each ad is individually designed and a fabulous way to tell your child how proud you are of their accomplishment.

Message only	\$30
1/8 page photo and message	\$60
1/4 page photo and message	\$125
1/2 page photo(s) and message	\$160
Full page	\$200

I am sorry for not giving you more notice. I would need your photos and message by **April 14th**. You are welcome to email me a scanned photo or drop off a photo and it will be returned in the same condition. If you have any questions or would like to book space in the yearbook, please email me at [denise\\_silzer@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:denise_silzer@sd34.bc.ca)  
Thank you!  
Denise Silzer

### Project Help Mexico 2009

**Interested in the Spring Break Trip to Mexico?**  
**Willing to spend a week of humanitarian services?**

**Project Help Mexico is a building program organized by Childcare Worldwide. Teams of volunteers fundraise and then build homes for families living near Tijuana, Mexico. Families are chosen from the Childcare Worldwide Sponsorship Program based on need.**

**If you are interested in participate in this trip, see Mrs. Yankov (room C141) and ask her for an application form.**

### UCFV Entrance Scholarships (Attention ATSS Grads)

UCFV President's Entrance Scholarship: 4 awards valued at \$4000 per year over 4 years for a total of \$16,000-Application deadline: April 11/08

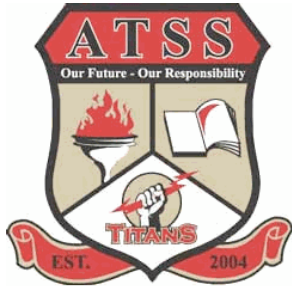
UCFV Excellence Entrance Scholarship: 31 awards valued at \$3000-Application deadline: April 11/08

For more information and to download an application go to [http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentsevicesite/financialaid.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentsevicesite/financialaid.htm)

Any questions please see Mr. Abernethy

### Student Leadership Activities:

To view planned activities click on our event calendar:  
[http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin\\_abernethy/atssstudentsevicesite/leadershipteam.htm](http://abbynet.sd34.bc.ca/~colin_abernethy/atssstudentsevicesite/leadershipteam.htm)



# School Growth Plan

## 2007-2008

### Goal and Objectives:

#### Goal One: To Increase Student Achievement at ATSS

##### Objective 1:

Students will increase their academic success rates as measured by standardized test measurement.

##### Objective 2:

Students will improve their participation and success in school athletics and fitness as indicated by participation rates and success in competition.

##### Objective 3:

students will increase their participation and success rates in the Fine Arts and Skills programs

#### Goal Two: The Development of a Positive “Traditional” School Climate

##### Objective 1:

Students will demonstrate a high standard of pride and responsibility in their school by caring about themselves and their school community

##### Objective 2:

Students will feel safe at ATSS

### **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.

### **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](http://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.

The Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough) booster for the Grade 9 students, are now complete.

For any student who missed us at the school, we urge them to telephone the Health Unit @ 864-3400 to book an appointment at our immunization clinics for this important immunization.

### **Don't miss out!**

YEAR BOOK orders must be placed ASAP.

Price: \$55.00 each.

Bring your cheque or cash to the office.

### **NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

Please be advised that our uniform supplier is now TEAM GEAR. Uniforms can be purchased directly. They have change rooms and sample sizes available to try on, and are located near the school ,at the following address:

TEAM GEAR

#102 - 31120 Peardonville Road

Abbotsford, BC V2T 6K7

Phone: 604-854-0110

Fax: 604-854-2338

Web: [www.teamgearsport.com](http://www.teamgearsport.com)



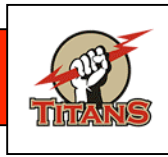
Due to a recent incident where one of our students with a strong peanut allergy was exposed to peanut butter and had a reaction we would request that parents do not send peanut products to school with their son or daughter. This can be a life and death issue for someone in this situation. Thankyou for your consideration.

### **STUDENT FEE PAYMENT NEEDED:**

Please ensure that your child's Activity Fee of \$30.00 is up to date. This fee is to cover costs of student agenda's, guest speakers, student cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, lock and locker rental. If payment has not been paid, please have your child bring cash/cheque to the office ASAP to update records. For further questions, please contact Mrs. Mangat, Accounting Clerk. Available: Mon, Tue, Wed from 9:00am-1:00pm). *Thank you for your co-operation.*

### **User Pay Bussing Forms for 08/09**

**Pre-registration forms are now available in the main office if your student needs user pay bussing for next year. They should be completed and handed in no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.**



## ATSS School Year Calendar

### Computer Help Schedule 2007-08 Semester Two

Location: Room S120  
Teachers: Mr. Macphail and Mr. Ennis

Monday  
After School

Tuesday  
Lunch  
Block A1 Period 4  
After School

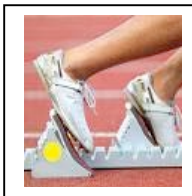
Wednesday  
Block B1 Period 1  
Block A2 Period 5  
After School

Thursday  
Block B1 Period 4

Friday  
Block A2 Period 1  
Block B2 Period 2  
Lunch  
After School

Note - Students will need teacher permission during class time.

February 1	Semester Turnaround Day
February 8	Report Cards go home
February 8	Fear Factor/Non Uniform Day
February 15	Non Instructional Day
February 18	Course Planning Week
February 19	TAC Meeting
February 19	Grade 9 Immunizations
March 10	Spelling Bee Week
March 11	TAC Meeting
March 14	Crazy Shirt 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 11	30 Hour Famine
April 11	UCFV Scholarship Deadline
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 1	Spring Fling
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 17	Awards Ceremony
June 19 & 20	In School Exams
June 18-26	Provincial Exams
June 27	Year End Closing



**Congratulations** to the ATSS track and field team that competed in it's first track meet of the season last Thursday. The team placed well in individual events. Leading the way was Miss **Katie McPhedran** with a 1st in Jr. Girls Javelin, 2nd in Jr. Girls 400m and 2nd in Jr. Girls 100m. Go Titans!!!

### Adidas Large Gym Bags

For sale at the ATMS office. \$35.00 each  
Printed with "Abbotsford Traditional"  
on the top. A great item that will last a long time.

