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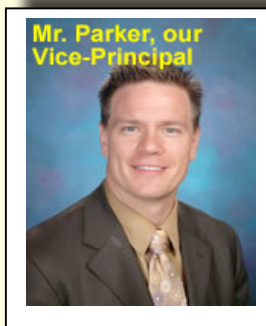
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Mr. Hildebrand, our Principal



Mr. Parker, our Vice-Principal



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Secretaries:

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

Counselor:

Mr. Hall local: 1107

One-to-One program:

Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

Principal's Message

Well another semester has come to a quick end as the time has flown by quickly. We are currently settling into a new semester as students are being introduced to new teachers or to others they have not had for a while. Report cards are being handed out to students today to bring home. Please check with your son or daughter, as they will have them.

We seem to be having a problem this second semester especially with many students arriving late to school. We have averaged upwards of 20-30 each morning for this past week. This is very disruptive, both for our office personnel and our teachers. As we are teaching our students to be ready for the "real world", punctuality is an important life skill. We would urge you to please ensure that your son or daughter is here on time. We do have a study hall for those who are late without a valid reason in an attempt to hold students accountable for their punctuality. We appreciate your ongoing efforts in this area.

Mr. Hall, our counsellor, has been working with our students to accommodate course change requests. We do the best we can to accommodate legitimate student requests. Also I would like to take this time to formally welcome Ms. Jantzen to our staff replacing Mrs. Royer in the Art dept. She comes to us with a degree and expertise in Fine Arts and English. We welcome her to our staff.

It will be important for you to know as parents that we will be doing course planning for grades 8-11 in the next few weeks. Mr. Hall will be going into the different classrooms and explaining the process to each grade. He will begin on Friday, Feb. 13 at the Middle School with the Gr. 8's. The Grade 9's will be on Wednesday, Feb. 18, the Gr. 10's will be on both Monday, Feb. 9 and Wednesday Feb. 11 and the Gr. 11's on Monday, Feb. 16. You should see a copy of the course planning form with the selection of courses. It does require a parent/guardian signature to verify the student's selection so you can expect to see this in the next two weeks or so. We do hope you take the time to have a discussion with your son or daughter as to which courses would best suit both their future plans and individual skills.

Course Planning

Course Planning	Grade 10 into 11	February 9 - 13
	Grade 9 into 10	February 16 - 19
	Grade 11 into 12	February 16 - 19

Mr. Hall will be doing course planning for the fall soon. Your student can expect to do his course plans on these dates.

Band Fundraiser

The ATSS School Band and choir are selling Neufeld Farms products - including chicken, beef, pizzas, pies & cookies.

If you would like to purchase any items to support their spring tour trip, please contact a band or choir student, or call Lori Toews at 604-857-2233 or email her at toews.team@shaw.ca Deadline for orders are: **Friday February 20th. Pick up date: March 2nd @ 2:30.**





Grad Info

Faculty:

Dept Heads: Local
 Mrs. VanKleeck Math/Science #3237
 Mrs. Neufeldt Humanities #3137
 Mr. MacPhail #1120
 Mr. Laity PE #5107
 Mr. Hall/Student/Ldrshp #1107

Teaching Staff

Mr. Barden #1103
 Mr. Currie #3252
 Mr. Cuthbertson #3236
 Ms. Dewar #3234
 Mr. Domke #3240
 Mrs. Faber #3256
 Mr. Fedyna #3251
 Mr. Friesen #3138
 Ms. Hunt #5107
 Mrs. Kehoe #3134
 Mr. Lane #3248
 Ms. McColl #1116
 Mr. Lawrence #3238
 Mrs. Myers #3235
 Ms. Royer #5173
 Mrs. Schneider #3141
 Ms. Vandalfsen #3136
 Mrs. VanKleeck #3237

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

Library #3152
 Ms. Malmas

Cafeteria #5169
 Mrs. Isaak

International Rep #1110
 Mr. Kim

Youth Worker #3255
 Darlene Rayburn

Remember: We are on the web!



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

Dry Grad - Parent Volunteers Needed

Calling all parents! We are still in need of parent volunteers to help with Dry Grad which will take place at the Matsqui Rec Centre after Convocation on June 5th. We look forward to your input and ideas, which will help, make this grad event a success! Please contact Lindsay Faber, Jacqueline Dewar or Elizabeth Van Dalfsen if you feel you are able to help out. Thank you!

Grad Fees - First Installment Overdue

Just a reminder that the first installment of grad fees (\$125) was due on January 23. Please make cheques payable to ATSS and bring the fees to Mrs. Faber as soon as possible. Thank you to those of you who have already paid! The final installment (\$125) is due on March 6.

Library news

We've started to issue Semester 2 textbooks and we still have many missing textbooks from Semester 1. Just to be clear: All semester 1 texts are now overdue. Students should return their texts to their semester 1 teacher as soon as possible. Any unreturned / damaged texts will be billed. Parents, could you please us by ensuring your child has returned his/her textbooks? Thank you in advance for your help.



SD34 schools and people 'in the news'

See a selection of stories about Abbotsford schools, students or personnel, which have appeared recently in the news. Check the website at:
www.sd34.bc.ca/whats_new/sd34_in_the_news/

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Tips for School Fundraising with the Food and Beverage Guidelines for Schools

Selling cupcakes, pop and chips isn't the only way to raise money for schools, try out some of these healthy ideas for your next school fundraiser.

- Host a healthy bake sale. But first check out the new baked goods recipe book designed for schools. It is called 'Bake Better Bites: Recipes and Tips for Healthier Baked Goods'. All the recipes fall into the 'choose sometimes' category of the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in B.C Schools. Along with recipes, it includes tips on how to make your favourite recipes healthier. This resource is available online at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/health/bake_better_bites.pdf
- Raffle gift baskets with different themes: gardening, spa, kitchen
- Partner with a nursery and sell plant or flower baskets
- Host a silent auction - be sure to include items that students can bid on
- Get your school moving by selling tickets to a bowl-a-thon, walk-a-thon or dance-a-thon!

YEARBOOKS!
\$55.00
 PURCHASE WHILE QUANTITIES LAST.
Yearbooks will be distributed during the last week of June.

Student Fee Payments due ASAP

Thank You





ATSS School Year Calendar

Parents please note: If your student is going to be leaving the building during school hours with another parent or family member, it is very important that we hear from you that this is o.k. It is School District policy that students not leave the building with adults other than their own parents/guardians without **prior** approval.

Also when requesting your students being paged at day's end; due to the volume of requests we ask that you only have your student's paged in cases of emergency, please ensure that your student is aware of their responsibility to be ready for their ride.

We appreciate your calls advising of your students' absences. If your student is to be away more than one week, please obtain an extended absence form from the main office. Please note: Students leaving for extended periods out of the country must turn their laptops in to Mr. Macphail.

February 2	New Semester begins
February 6	Report Cards Issued
February 20	Pro D Day
February 27	Recognition Assembly
March 6	Last Day before Spring Break
March 6	Multicultural Day
March 9-20	Spring Break
March 23	School Reopens
April 3-4	30 Hour Famine
April 9	Term End
April 10	Good Friday
April 13	Easter Monday
April 23	Report Cards Issued
April 23	Parent/Teacher Interviews
April 24	Pro D Day
April 30	Spring Swing
May 1	Recognition Assembly
May 14	Immunizations HPV 3 rd Round
May 18	Victoria Day
May 22	Prom and Dry Grad
June 4	SS Fair
June 5	Convocation at South Abby
June 15	Awards Night at Ebenezer
June 16	Term End
June 17-25	In school/district exams
June 17-18	1 Hr. Early Dismissal
June 26	Report Card & Yearbook Pickup

PARK, WALK, TALK, PRAY

Parents or relatives of ATMS or ATSS students interested in meeting together to walk and pray outside around the school campus are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings at 8:30

Questions? Call Lori Toews, 604-857-2233



City of Abbotsford Announces Safe Harbour

- All Abbotsford recreation facilities are now designated 'Safe Harbour locations', Mayor, George W. Peary announced today.
- Safe Harbour locations provide temporary refuge for people who experience discrimination or harassment, to receive a helping hand such as a place to sit, a glass of water, a telephone to use, and/or information about how to seek further assistance. Each Safe Harbour location displays a colourful window decal and other signage that signifies that management and staff at that location have been trained in the program.
- "The City of Abbotsford has taken another step towards making our community safer and more inclusive," said Peary. "As designated Safe Harbour locations, the City of Abbotsford recreation centres are taking a leadership role in the community by welcoming diversity and treating all members of the community with respect."

Facilities that are now Safe Harbour locations include:

- Matsqui Recreation Centre, 3106 Clearbrook Road;
- Abbotsford Recreation Centre, 34690 Old Yale Road;
- MSA Arena, 2323 Emerson Street;
- Exhibition Park, 32470 Haida Drive.



The Safe Harbour program is a province-wide initiative that provides a simple, practical, and effective way for organizations to better understand and serve a diverse population. Over 60 Abbotsford staff completed the Safe Harbour training program. The Safe Harbour program is coordinated locally by Abbotsford Community Services. Please visit the website for more details on how you can become involved in the Safe Harbour program www.safeharbour.ca