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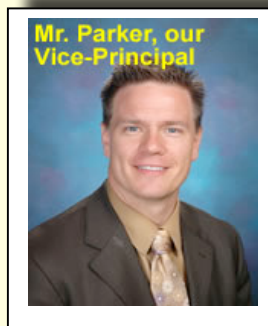
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Principal's Message

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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

We are getting ever closer to that final run where exams are the last remaining activity of the year. We have just had an exciting Spring Swing event and we wish to thank our student leadership students and the parents for all of their work and support in this event. Great fun was had by those who attended.

As the call of spring will begin to be evident we wish to work together with you to keep the focus on school during these last remaining weeks. Attendance is important, as teachers will be moving towards course completion and exam preparation. Our numbers of late students in the morning are beginning to rise again. Please work with us to have your son or daughter arrive on time for their classes. They miss important instructions at the beginning of each class and it does result in being very disruptive for instruction.

We are currently beginning our interviews for our wait list for next year. Our Gr. 9's and 10's are full or nearly full. We do have a little more room for our Gr. 11's and 12's. We are looking forward to being able to offer more elective options for our students this upcoming year. We are celebrating the success of a number of our students. Please see some of the following announcements for the achievements of our students in the UFV Mathematics competition, track and field and badminton. We are proud of the achievement of these students and their teachers/coaches who have dedicated time to enhancing their skills. We are noticing more and more district and regional accomplishments as we grow.

Just an important note on our laptop program for next year. We will no longer allow personal laptops to be brought in and used on our network. If your son or daughter already has one with our permission we will "grandfather" them in which means we will allow them to keep them but will not let in any more. We have simply had too many issues with personal laptops. Issues around inappropriate website use, a lack of programs needed for certain courses, concerns over the use of unlicensed software and the unavailability of a laptop when a personal one breaks down leaving a student at times for months without access to a laptop. We have continually worked with the district and our suppliers to give parents the best value for their money. There is no attempt to make this program profitable in any way. Thank-you for your understanding. If you have any further questions please contact myself or Mr. MacPhail at the school.

We are anticipating our Grad Prom and Convocation coming up in the next couple of weeks. This is an exciting time for all as our graduates are finally leaving the educational shelter they have had for 12 or more years. I would like to encourage all of us to be reflective during this time and make an effort to encourage all of our sons and daughters, students to be careful and responsible. We as a school certainly do not condone nor support in any way the acquisition of alcohol for minors. We put a lot of effort into providing a safe activity, "dry grad", for celebration during this time and would hope that our students would make safe responsible decisions. Often this time of joy and celebration is surrounded by tragedy and/or embarrassment and we just wish that this time be a safe and joyful time for all of our grads.

Dress Code Fitting Day:

Date - June 4th, Thursday

Time - starting at 6:00PM

Where - A.T.S.S.

This fitting day is a service to our students and parents and if you wish to pre order your uniform items for next year this is a great opportunity to do so. Our new supplier, Able Cresting, does have a storefront and is able to take walk in customers over the summer months as well. However to be sure that your student is in proper dress code on the first day of school we recommend that you pre order.

Thank you,
Dress Code Committee.

Able Cresting:

Phone: 604-864-9728

Fax: 604-864-9090

cell: 604-308-5401

emails: ablecresting@shaw.ca

donable1@shaw.ca





ATSS Grad Information

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
Mrs. Jantzen	#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	

Parents are cordially invited to join their grad at the Dinner/Dance on May 22 at Newland's Golf & Country Club at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$80 per person, and siblings and other family members may also purchase tickets on a first come, first serve basis. Ticket request forms were distributed in homeroom on March 25, and the forms and money are due by April 22.

Also, itemized itineraries for the dinner dance, convocation, and dry grad events have been posted on Mrs. Faber's website (<http://faber.thain.ca>). In addition, these itineraries have been emailed to all grade 12 students, and to those grad parents who have provided the school with updated email addresses.

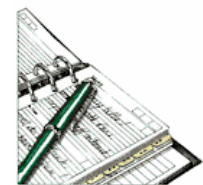
Grad handbooks will be available in electronic form on Mrs. Faber's website (<http://faber.thain.ca>) by April 6th, 2009. In addition a few hard copies will be available in the main office. These handbooks contain detailed information on grad event dates and deadlines.

Attention all grads - there is a **mandatory** Convocation Rehearsal on June 4th at South Abbotsford Church from 3:00 - 4:30 PM. Please arrange for rides and arrive on time as we have a lot to get through! Also, a reminder that there will be a reception held at the school for grads and their parents on May 22 at 4:00 PM prior to the Graduation Dinner/Dance at Newlands Golf & Country Club. This is an excellent opportunity to come out and take photos! Light refreshments will be served.

Convocation is just around the corner! Would you like to order a DVD of the convocation ceremony so that you can relive the magic over and over again? Order forms will be distributed in homeroom on Wednesday, May 20 and can be returned with the \$15 payment to Mrs. Faber, Ms Van Dalfsen or Ms Dewar by June 5th. Late orders will be accepted directly from the videographer for \$20, see your grad sponsor teachers for more information.

Check your calendar

May 18	Victoria Day
May 22	Prom and Dry Grad
June 3	English Fieldtrip to Les Mis
June 4	SS Fair
June 4	Dress Code Day
June 5	Convocation at South Abby
June 10	Sports BBQ
June 15	Awards Night at Ebenezer
June 16	Term End
June 16	Aboriginal trip to Harrison
June 17-25	In school/district exams
June 17-18	1 Hr. Early Dismissal
June 29	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

Remember: We are on the web!



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

Student fee payment needed before June 1/2009

Please ensure that your child's school activity fee is paid ASAP. Please send in a payment to the office so the records can be updated ASAP. This process will ensure a speedier delivery of report cards at year end.

Also please contact the office if you have had any changes to your contact information or email addresses. Thank you!

Exchange Opportunity

As you know, we (Bateman Secondary, AMS and ATMS) have hosted students from Colombia the last couple of years. They would like to return the favor and host students from Abbotsford. Teachers and students from Robert Bateman Secondary are currently organizing a trip to Colombia for February 27th - March 13th, 2010 (during spring break). We would like to make the opportunity available to students in grades 8 – 12 from ATMS and ATSS. If you are interested or have questions please advise Mr. Sharpe at the middle school or by email: greg_sharpe@sd34.bc.ca on or before Wednesday, May 6th. We will arrange an informational meeting to be held the following week. The cost will be between \$2200-\$2500 US.

Sports BBQ

Wed, June 10th from 4:00- 6:30. More info to follow.



ATSS Music Concert

Thursday June 11 at 7 PM, Music Department Year End Concert. Come and enjoy a night of fanfare and Musical Theatre tributes!

The UFV math contest was held on Friday May 8th. Our Team consisted of two seniors (Vineet Sidhu and Emily Scoular) and four grade nines (David Egolf, Anthony Draayers, Ashandeep Sandhu and Abnashi Randhawa). In the senior division, both students placed in the top 20, with Emily Scoular third among grade elevens. In the junior division, David Egolf was third in the grade nine division, and our team was second overall. Congratulations math students! You have represented us well.

May 2009

After School Snacks

Providing healthy snacks while dealing with picky eaters and after school activities like one more daily chore for the busy parent. With planning, healthy snacks can be made and provide fuel for kids on-the-go.



For easy after-school snacks:

- Have the kids help prepare tasty, healthy foods. Try making smoothies, yogurt and granola fruit parfaits, or mini pizzas on crackers.
- Wash and cut up fruit and veggies straight after shopping and keep them in the fridge ready-to-eat.
- Keep healthy snacks ready in your vehicle for after-school activities - a bag of fruit (apples, oranges, grapes), a container of vegetables (baby carrots, snap peas, and celery sticks), nuts and healthy granola bars or cereal bars.
- Search brandnamefoodlist.ca for healthy snack items to pack.
- Try to include a selection from 2 of Canada Food Guide's food groups. (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/n-an/food-guide-aliment/index_e.html). Ideas? Yogurt with fruit, whole grain crackers and cheese, whole wheat pita with hummus, peanut butter and celery.



ATSS Dress Code Items For Sale:

Brand new ATSS DressCode items:

Hoodie(no zipper) – size Adult Large - \$17.50

Gym Shorts (2 pair) –size Adult Large - \$7.50 each.

Call Tracey @ 604-607-0560



Mike Knox is an internationally acclaimed gang expert, with years of experience consulting with state and local officials, and 15 years with the Houston Police Department. He has been a guest on CNN and Nightline and is the author of an award winning book focusing on gang culture. His experience gives him first-hand knowledge of youth crimes and their effect on the individual, family, and community. He will be spending the day in our community, holding a parent/community presentation in the evening from 7:00-9:00. The event will be held at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium. Cost is free.

For more information visit:

HYPERLINK "<http://www.gangguy.com/MeetMike.html>"<http://www.gangguy.com/MeetMike.html>
Wednesday, May 27th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

At the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium.



Congratulations to those who have advanced at the Fraser Valley Track meet May 11-14th.
Below are their qualifying times and heights!

Women's 100m Dash Junior:
Trueman, Clara : 14.14

Women's 80m Hurdles Junior:
McPhedran, Katie: 13.96

Women's Hammer Throw Open Junior:
McPhedran, Laura: 13.23m

Women's Javelin Junior:
McPhedran, Katie: 26.50m

Men's High Jump Senior:
Woo, Timothy : 1.50m

Men's High Jump Junior:
Suchynsky, Jeffrey: 1.70m

Men's Long Jump Junior:
Suchynsky, Jeffrey: 5.00m

Men's Triple Jump Senior:
Woo, Timothy : 9.99m

Men's Triple Jump Junior:
Suchynsky, Jeffrey: 10.83m

Men's Discus Throw Junior:
Rai, Gagan: 22.53m

Men's Hammer Throw Open Junior:
Rai, Gagan: 21.88m

Along with the secondary students 4 middle school students also advanced to the Fraser Valleys
in the Gr. 8 division!

Well done Titans!





May 14, 2009

To Abbotsford Students, Parents and Community Members:

Abbotsford Police Chief, Bob Rich announced today that all people, including youth, who have connections at any level – either indirectly or directly – to gang activity through the sale and distribution of drugs or other criminal activity are at grave risk of personal harm. Recent events suggest that even those who are unaware of potential gang connections can be targeted. The Chief made this unprecedented announcement today in an effort to mobilize the community to help prevent any further loss of life.

The Chief also announced the activation of a youth and parent Help Line, 604-864-4787. The Help Line is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week for youth, concerned parents and community members to call if they want help ending their involvement in gangs or other criminal activity.

The Abbotsford Police Department, School District 34 and The City of Abbotsford are working together to ensure the safety and security of our youth and our community.

Students with questions or concerns are encouraged to speak to any adult they trust including parents, teachers, counsellors, school liaison officers, or call the Help Line at 604-864-4787.

Parents or community members can call the Help Line at 604-864-4787 for more information. In the event of an emergency, always call 911.

Sincerely,

Police Chief Bob Rich
Abbotsford Police Department

Mayor, George W. Peary
City of Abbotsford

Cirdy Schafer, Chair
Abbotsford Board of Education





LOCAL SCHOOL CALENDAR
2009 - 2010
Abbotsford Traditional Secondary

Number of days in session	187
Number of days of instruction	180
Number of non instructional days	6
Year-end Closing Day	1
Length of the school day	8:10 - 2:28
Length of school operation per day	7:30 - 4:00
Hours of instruction in a school day	5 hours and 18 minutes
School Opening (1/2 day dismissal)	September 8, 2009
Non-Instructional Day #1	September 25, 2009
Thanksgiving Day	October 12, 2009
Non-Instructional Day #2	October 23, 2009
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2009
1-hour Early Dismissal Days	November 25 and 26, 2009
Non-Instructional Day #3	November 27, 2009
Last day before Christmas Break	December 18, 2009
Winter Vacation	December 21 to January 1, 2010
School Reopens	January 4, 2010
Non-Instructional Day #4	January 15, 2010
In-School/Provincial Exams	*January 25 to 29, 2010
Semester Turnaround Day	*January 29, 2010
Non-Instructional Day #5	February 19, 2010
Last Day before Days In-Lieu/Spring Vacation	February 26, 2010
Days-in-Lieu	March 1 to 5, 2010
Spring Vacation	March 8 to 12, 2010
Schools re-open after Spring Vacation	March 15, 2010
Good Friday	April 2, 2010
Easter Monday	April 5, 2010
Non-Instructional Day #6	April 23, 2010
Victoria Day	May 24, 2010
In-School/Provincial Exams	*June 21 to 29, 2010
1-hr Early Dismissal Days (middle/secondary)	June 21 and 22, 2010
Year-end Closing (non-instructional)	June 30, 2010

* Note: Length of school day will be varied on these days only.

