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Principal: Mr. Hildebrand

Vice-Principal: Mr. Hendricks

Mygradebook - Online Marks

Student marks are available online at www.mygradebook.com. In order to access your child's marks, you will need to login with a **CLASSWORD** and a **STUDENT PASSWORD**.

Classword

Each class in the school has a unique classword. Please ask your child for the classword, email the individual teacher, or look online at www.atss.ca/classwords.htm for a list of all classwords.

Student Password

The password is the student's BCeSIS number (usually 6 digits). Please ask your child for their **BCeSIS number**, or call the ATSS office (604-850-7029) to get the BCeSIS number.

Secretaries:

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

Counselor:

Mr. Abernethy local: 1107

One-to-One program:

Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

Principal's Message

We have had a challenging week with regards to weather but we are moving quickly into our final exam sessions for this next coming week. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Wade and Mr. Gasser and our Musical Theater students for their very fine performance of the hit musical, "Fiddler on the Roof". It was truly a pleasure to watch and enjoy. Although already mentioned, as well I must give a special thanks for all of the parent and other volunteers who put so much time and effort into making this a memorable experience for our kids.

Our basketball teams have been having success. Our Sr. boys team just won a come back from behind victory over Hope Secondary with a 78-71 win. Their record in league play now is 4 wins and 1 loss. Our Jr. and Sr. girls are enjoying a good season with the Jr. girls just having defeated St. Jean Brebeuf.

Exam week is next week so just a couple of reminders. Students should only attend to write their exams and should arrange to be picked up after they have completed their exam. Unless they have arranged a study session with teachers for the provincial exams they should not be on the school site. Please make sure you know when your son or daughter write their exam(s) as there is no supervision available for students not involved in writing exams.

Here is a summary of some important dates coming up which may be of interest for you.

- Mon. Jan. 24, Exams Begin, no classes
- Fri. Jan. 28, Marks Due 9:00 am, Semester Turnaround
- Mon. Jan. 31, Verifications due 1:00 pm, Semester 2 begins
- Fri. Feb. 4, Report Cards, end of day homeroom

Also can you please exercise courtesy in the parking lot as it is a crowded and busy area after school is out. Please be aware of people who may need to leave the parking lot but are blocked in by parked vehicles.

Sincerely,
Mr. G Hildebrand, Principal. ATSS

GRAD ACTIVITES

Grad parents, to keep you informed, any grad activity planned by our grad council and the school will be clearly identified as such. This information can be found on the Grad website at atss.ca then go to the "Students" drop box and under "grad". None of the events for grad planned here at ATSS are for overnight. Please be aware of the following trip, which is NOT sponsored in any way by the ATSS or the Abbotsford School District.

PARENTS BEWARE: S-TRIP

We have already had several inquiries from parents concerning a trip organized for students over the upcoming Spring Break. I just want to caution parents that this organization is a tourist organization and is somewhat misleading in making it look like the trip is school sponsored or supported by having the name of the school that the student attends included in some of the communication. This has absolutely nothing to do with us at ATSS, or the Abbotsford School District. In fact I would urge caution as it is a minimally supervised event where alcohol is very prevalent. They operate by offering students free passage if they sign up their friends. This may be happening at school but certainly not with our permission or knowledge. If you have any questions please contact the school before making any financial commitments





Grad Info

Grad Parent Meeting

Our second (and final) grad parent meeting will take place in room 135 on **February 9th at 6:30PM**. This is a basic information session about the grad events that will take place this year, and a chance for parents to connect with each other and sign-up for volunteer opportunities for this year's grad events. We will go through the grad handbook (which is available on the right-hand side of the grad website and we will be passing around the volunteer sign-up sheet.

If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please see the Parent Volunteer Sign-up Sheet posted below and email Ms Dewar (jacqueline_dewar@sd34.bc.ca) for more information.

Volunteers usually get to work around February or March, so if you are interested in participating in the planning and preparation of your son/daughter's graduation activities please sign-up soon!

For more information:
<http://www.atss.ca/grad.htm>

Misc.

Prayer for School – If you are interested in walking & praying for our school on Tuesday mornings, please contact Lori Toews @ lori_toews@sd34.bc.ca

Science Week

Science World presents Community Science Week in Abbotsford-- Saturday, Jan. 22

Community science will be the focus this week at the University of the Fraser Valley with three fun events aimed at science teachers, UFV students, and Fraser Valley families. Do you want to learn more about agriculture, biology, mathematics, physics, chemistry or kinesiology? Or explore a science related career with UFV's Science Advice Centre? These are just a few of the science-related exhibitors and activities featured at the Community Science Celebration at UFV on Saturday, Jan. 22. This free family event runs from 10:30 am-4 pm at the Envision Athletic Centre (Abbotsford Campus). In addition to UFV over 20 community exhibitors will provide displays, demonstrations and cool hands-on science activities for all ages.

ATSS Calendar

New Additions will be added in **blue**

January 24-28	District Exams
January 25	Pac Meeting
January 28	Semester Turnaround
January 31	Semester II Begins
February 4	Report Cards go home
February 4	Newsletter
February 18	Pro D Day
February 18	Newsletter
February 22	Pac Meeting
February 25	Recognition Assembly
March 4	Newsletter
March 9	1 hr. early dismissal
March 10	1 hr. early dismissal
March 11	Last Day before Spring Break
March 14-25	Spring Break
March 28	School Reopens
April 1	Term III ends
April 1	Newsletter
April 14	Report Cards go home
April 15	Pro D Day
April 15	Newsletter
April 22	Good Friday
April 25	Easter Monday
April 26	Pac Meeting
April 28	Reach Out presentation
May 6	Newsletter
May 20	Newsletter
May 24	Pac Meeting
June 3	Newsletter
June 3	Convocation & Dry Grad
June 16	Year end awards ceremony
June 17	Final Newsletter
June 17	Term Ends
June 20-29	District Exams
June 30	Report Cards go home

The Reach

Reach - new exhibits open Jan.27 January 27

Winter Exhibitions

Opening Reception 7-9pm
Canada Myth & History by Diana Thorneycroft; Found Wanting by Betty Spackman; Everything But the Light by Carly Bates;

Our Communities: Our Stories

- A Day in Town

January 28 Live @ The Reach - You Say Party 7pm

January 29 Artist Talk: Diana Thorneycroft 1pm; Found Wanting Panel Discussion 2:30pm; Less is More: Sustainability in Agri-Business

January 30 Sunday Family Arts - Hand-casting 1-3pm (pre-registration required)

February 1 Winter Classes & Workshops Begin

Details at:

<http://www.thereach.ca/exhibitions/currentexhibitions.html>

Faculty:

<u>Dept Heads:</u>	<u>Local</u>
Mrs. VanKleeck Math/Sc	#3237
Mr. Lawrence Humanities	#3137
Mr. MacPhail	#1120
Mr. Laity PE	#5107
Mr. Abernethy/Stnt/Ldrshp	#1107

Teaching Staff

Mr. Barden	#1103
Mr. Currie	#3252
Mrs. Cousar	#3141
Mr. Cuthbertson	#3236
Ms. Dewar	#3238
Mrs. Dick (Mrs. Faber)	#3256
Mr. Domke	#3234
Mr. Fedyna	#3251
Mr. Friesen	#3138
Mr. Gasser	#3240
Mr. Haak	#3250
Ms. Hunt	#5107
Ms. Jantzen	#5173
Mrs. Jurgensen	#3140
Mr. Kauffman (Mrs. Myers)	#3235
Mrs. Kehoe	#3134
Mr. Lane	#3248
Ms. Selzer	#3136
Mrs. Toews	#3134
Mrs. VanKleeck	#3237
Mrs. Wade	#1114

Learning Assistance

Mrs. Collins	#3135
Mrs. Ens	
Mrs. Hiebert	
Mrs. Silzer	

Library

Mrs. Salter	#3152
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Cafeteria

Mrs. McCaughey	#5169
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International Rep

Mrs. Yoon	#1110
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Youth Worker

Mrs. Rayburn	#3255
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Community Support

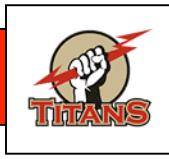
Mrs. Randhawa	#1108
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Emails can be sent to all staff under:
first_last@sd34.bc.ca
(Simply use that teacher's name)

Remember: We are on the web!

Please give the office a call or a note if your student will be late or absent.





Wrestling Dept.

Any parent/student interested in volunteering their time to help out with the Provincial High School Wrestling Championships Feb 24-26 contact Mr. Domke.

Thanks

"Congratulations to the ATSS Musical Theatre 2010-2011 class for an exceptional job done on their musical, Fiddler on the Roof, Jr. Performances took place from January 10 - 15 where they delighted audiences of students, teachers, and parents with their singing, acting, and choreography. Thank-you as well to all the parents involved in the production whose time and contributions made this one of our most well-received shows to date."

Basketball News

The Jr. Girls Basketball Team won their second game of the season in action Wednesday night. The Titans lead the game from the start and maintained the lead for the majority of the game, finally sealing the win with 4 consecutive shots in to put the score at 28-20. Lead scorers were Jasmine Gill and Harmeet Dhaliwal. Congratulations to the girls, for their win, and their hard work this season along with Coach Braich as they head into their final week of regular season play next week. Go Titans!

Counselling Corner

Abbotsford Junior Police Academy

Are you interested in Law Enforcement and in Grade 11 or 12? The APD Junior police academy will take place during Spring Break 2011, March 21-25. There are only 20 spaces available for SD34 Students. For an application and for more details please see Mr. Abernethy. Applications are due by January 21.

Structured night school classes will be starting up again February 7th / 8th. They will be held at **BAKERVUE CENTER FOR LEARNING**. Students must go to Bakerview to register and pay. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Friday.

Courses Offered:

Principles of Math 11/12
Chemistry 11/12
Physics 11/12
Biology 12
English 12

Get your 40 hours for your Grad Transitions Program

Fraser Valley Regional Library (Clearbrook) is looking for grade 10-12 students who are excellent readers. Be a part of their Reading Buddy Program and read to children in Grades 1-4. You spend 1 hour a week at the Clearbrook Library. Please see Mr. Abernethy for an application.

Course Changes for Semester 2

Course changes for semester 2 will take place during Exam Week. Students are to see Mr. Abernethy during regular school hours on a first come basis. Last Day for course changes will be Friday, February 11.

Mr. Colin Abernethy
Counsellor

<http://studentservicesatss.homeip.net>

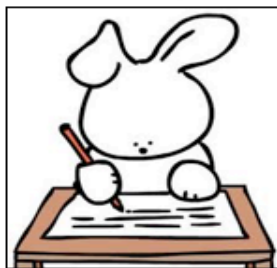
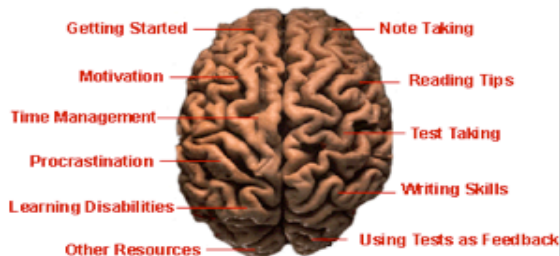


Exam Tips

Final exams will begin shortly and the first semester will come to a close. Here is some helpful information for studying and preparing:

- Students should check with their teachers well ahead of time for the exam format, any study notes, or help/review sessions being offered.
- Students are encouraged to make a reasonable study plan so as to avoid cramming for their exams.
 - Set up an environment conducive to studying. Avoid distractions like video games, television, phone, etc.
 - Gather and organize notes and other study materials.
 - Know what you need to study. Focus on new or difficult information first.
 - Study groups can be useful (but make sure you actually study)
- Provincial exam info: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/student.htm>
 - There is excellent information on this website for students writing provincial exams, including practice exams. Familiarize yourself with this useful information.
- The following sites have practice provincial exams:
 - <http://www.eastwoodzhao.com/exams/>
 - <http://www.quizmebc.ca/>
 - http://belmont.sd62.bc.ca/virtual_library/prov_exams.htm
- The following sites have some useful study tips:
 - <http://www.studygs.net/attmot4.htm>
 - <http://psychcentral.com/lib/2006/top-10-most-effective-study-habits/>
 - <http://school.familyeducation.com/skill-builder/college-prep/37653.html>
 - There are many other sites available with study tips. And of course, your teacher/guidance counsellor is also an excellent resource.

Using Your Necktop Computer (Study Skills)



A note regarding provincial exams: Students who miss the session for their provincial exam in January will need to wait until the next exam sitting to write that exam. It is expected that all students writing a mandatory provincial exam (e.g., EN12, SS11, Math 10, EN10, Science 10) are on time and prepared to write that exam.

Remember to plan for success and reward yourself for the effort you are willing to put in to prepare for your exams.



PARENTING GROUP

**Parents of infants, toddlers, preschoolers (0-6) -
Get your questions answered with Early Childhood STEP**

Early Childhood STEP (Systematic Training For Effective Parenting) gives you the information and practical skills you need to help your children from the start. In seven short sessions, you'll learn helpful techniques to improve family communication, encourage cooperation and discover effective discipline strategies that promote both self-esteem and mutual respect.

Sessions are supportive, friendly, and thought provoking. You'll hear how other parents deal with concerns just like yours, and discuss stimulating topics covered in the readings and video segments introduced at each session.

The seven **Early Childhood STEP** sessions focus on these topics:

1. **Understanding young children**-their individual temperaments and stages of development; the importance of play; appropriate parental expectations.
2. **Understanding young children's behaviour**-what misbehaviour is-and what it is not; why children misbehave.
3. **Building self-esteem in the early years**-the importance of mutual respect and encouragement.
4. **Listening and talking to young children**-how to listen, talk so you are heard, communicate through touch, and help children find the words for feelings.
5. **Helping young children learn to cooperate**-how much cooperation to expect from babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.
6. **Discipline for young children** -why rewards and punishments don't work, and what works instead.
7. **Young children's emotional and social development**-ways to deal with crying, jealousy, fears, tantrums, bedtime, mealtime, toilet training, aggression, and more.

The next session begins:

Date: February 17th, 2011 - March 31st, 2011

Where: Fraser Valley Child Development Centre
102 – 32885 Ventura Avenue, [Abbotsford, BC](#) V2S 6A3

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Length: 7 sessions

Cost: Free

Registration: Call Kim Pilling at 604-852-2686 ext.252 to register.





School District No. 34 Provincial & District Exam Schedule January 2011

Mon., Jan. 24 th	Tues., Jan. 25 th	Wed., Jan. 26 th	Thurs., Jan. 27 th	Fri., Jan. 28 th
<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay to 10:00 am for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: A&W Math 10 FMP Math 10 Communications 12</p> <p>District English 9 Math 11 - Principles Applications Essentials Calculus 12</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay to 10:00 am for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: English 12</p> <p>District Francais Langue 9,10, 11 Japanese 9,10, 11 German 9,10, 11 Punjabi 9,10, 11 French 9, 10, 11 Spanish 9,10, 11</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay to 10:00 am for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Principles & Applications Math 12 Science 10</p> <p>District Science 9 Chemistry 11</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay to 10:00 am for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Physics 12 BC First Nations Studies 12 e-only</p> <p>District</p>	<p>AM 8:30-11:30 must stay to 10:00 am for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Francais Langue 12 English 12 First Peoples e-only Geography 12</p> <p>District No exams</p>
<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay to 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Civics 11 e-only Chemistry 12</p> <p>District: Communications 11 English 11 A&W Math 9 FMP Math 9</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay to 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: English 10 French 12</p> <p>District: Social Studies 9 Sciences Humaines 9 Biology 11</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay to 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Social Studies 11 Sciences Humaines 11 e-only English Literature 12 e-only Geology 12</p> <p>District: Social Studies 10 Sciences Humaines 10</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay to 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: History 12 e-only</p> <p>District: No exams</p>	<p>PM 12:00-3:00 must stay to 2:00 pm for provincial exams</p> <p>Provincial: Biology 12 e-only</p> <p>District: No exams</p>

- Students are to check the exam schedule carefully for possible exam conflicts.
- Provincial exams will take precedence over school/district exams.
- Students are to arrange with their teacher a time to write their conflict exam.
- Conflict exams must be written during the Jan. 2011 exam week.

