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Principal's Message



Principal: Mr. Glen Hildebrand

Vice-Principal: Mr. Michael 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 **USERNAME (CLASSWORD)** & a **PASSWORD (BCeSIS NUMBER)**.

Username - Classword

The username is the classword generated by the teacher.

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 classwords.

Password - BCeSIS Number

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

Office Staff:

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

Counselor:

Mr. Colin Abernethy local: 1107

One-to-One program:

Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

As we are quickly approaching the year's end to our classes and teachers along with their students are beginning to switch gears to focus on review in preparation for final exams, it is hard to believe that the year is already over.

Our student leadership class under the direction of Mr. Currie, has been busy providing us with some great fun activities as the year comes to a close. We have just completed a great multicultural day with colourful national dress, fashion show, food and cultural dancing. It was a fun time. This was quickly followed by a pep rally last week where students were encouraged to cheer and support their classmates and they engaged in various fun competitions. They helped us raise over \$700 for the Run for Water project to provide access to drinking water in developing countries. Well done ATSS students and student leadership.

We are eagerly anticipating our Grad Convocation coming up this next week. This will be a formal event where we can take pride in recognizing our graduates who have persevered to the end of their public school years and will now be entering a whole new phase of their lives. We congratulate them all and wish them the very best for the years to come.

I would like to publicly thank the many parents who have stepped forward to provide the support to enable the graduation events to take place. It would not have been possible without their dedicated efforts.

Again we encourage all of our students to "stay the course" and ensure that they are keeping or catching up with their work as we race towards the final days of class. Attendance is crucial; please ensure that you sons and/or daughters are here to give them every chance to be successful in their courses as we near the end.

If you have any questions regarding the final exams, please refer to the exam schedule which should be included in this newsletter. Just a reminder that students are only to attend on the days they write exams or unless they have previously scheduled tutorial sessions with their teachers. Please arrange to drop off or pick up your son or daughter prior to and shortly after the writing of their exam. We do not have adequate supervision for the duration of the day to accommodate those who are not writing exams.

We are already beginning to prepare for next year and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that will bring.

Sincerely,
Glen Hillenbrand, Principal



Graduation Information

Attention grade 9-11 parents!

We are looking for parents to volunteer for our grade 12 convocation on the evening of **Friday, June 8th at Northview Church.**

Convocation is an important event for grads and their families, and with there not being teacher help this year, we need you to make this event run smoothly. If you can help, please contact the ATSS office. We will have more information about an upcoming meeting coming out shortly.

Important grad information for parents:

ATSS sponsors 5 grad events: grad cruise, grad fashion show, prom, convocation, and dry grad. Other events may be planned by grad council and sponsored by our school, like the grad ski trip. ATSS has not, and will not, sponsor a grad after party or any other event after our prom or on any other weekend. We also do not have anything to do with S-Trip, and the district has put out several bulletins about this group. Students saying such events are school-sponsored events are wrong. They are not. If you have any questions or concerns about our grad events, please contact ATSS administration.

No grad events are scheduled for school time, so there really should not be opportunity for students to be missing classes. Their teachers are continuing to plan classroom instruction accordingly.



ATSS Calendar

New Additions will be added in **blue**

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| June 1 | Newsletter |
| June 6 | Year end concert |
| June 8 | Convocation and Dry Grad |
| June 14 | Awards Ceremony at Ebenezer Church |
| June 15 | Term IV ends |
| June 15 | Newsletter |
| June 18-27 | In school/provincial exams |
| June 29 | Report cards go home |

Friday Night Basketball – Early Bird Registration

When: Saturday, June 9, 16, 23
 Where: MEI Elementary 31655 Downes Rd from 10-4
 Who: Boys and Girls from Age 4 – Grade 12
 Cost: \$125.00
 Season Dates: October 5, 2012 – March 8, 2013 (Friday nights)
 More Info: Call Frank @ 604-897-1987 or email: frankt@athletesinaction.com

Faculty:

Dept Heads: Local

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| Mrs. Pam VanKleeck Math/Sc | #3237 |
| Mrs. Tracy Wedel Hum.. | #3140 |
| Mrs. Rebecca Toews Hum. | #3134 |
| Mr. Andrew MacPhail | #1120 |
| Mr. Ken Laity PE | #5107 |
| Mr. Colin Abernethy Couns. | #1107 |
| Mrs. Lyndsey Faber Couns. | #1108 |

Teaching Staff

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| Mr. Don Barden | #1103 |
| Ms. Shelby Calman | #3136 |
| Mr. Brock Currie | #3252 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Cousar | #3141 |
| Mr. Bruce Cuthbertson | #3236 |
| Ms. Jacqueline Dewar | #3238 |
| Ms. Reena Dhillon | #3234 |
| Mr. Jim Domke | #3251 |
| Mr. Shawn Fedyna | #3234 |
| Mr. Lyndon Friesen | #3138 |
| Mr. Grant Gasser | #3240 |
| Mr. Carlton Haak | #3250 |
| Mr. James Hill | #3137 |
| Ms. Kim Hunt | #5107 |
| Mrs. Sharon Kehoe | #3134 |
| Mr. Sandy Lane | #3248 |
| Mrs. Michelle Myers | #3235 |
| Ms. Olga Ulyasheva | #3240 |
| Mrs. Janet Wade | #1116 |

Learning Assistance

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| Mrs. Phyllis Collins | #3135 |
| Mrs. Heidi Ens | |
| Mrs. Karen Hiebert | |
| Mrs. Denise Silzer | |

Library

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| Mrs. Laurie Salter | #3152 |
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Cafeteria

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| Mrs. Julie McCaughey | #5169 |
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International Rep

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| Mrs. Stella Yoon | #1110 |
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Youth Worker

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| Mrs. Darlene Rayburn | #3255 |
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Community Support

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| Mrs. Jeven 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.



Year End Student Computer Collection

All ATSS student computers will be collected before final exams start. This is done to ensure all equipment is returned and to provide district IT staff with time to prepare computers for graduating students and to prepare the remainder of the computers for the next school year.

Students have been informed of the dates in advance and are asked to back up all their files before the collection dates. Please help us by ensuring your child returns the school computer on the appropriate day, or the next school day possible.

Students will be asked to return the computer, charger, and computer case at the time of collection. Any items not returned will be billed to the student.

Grade 9: Thursday June 7th and Friday June 8th (during IT class)

Grade 10: Monday June 11th

Grade 12: Tuesday June 12th

Grade 11: Wednesday June 13th

Any students absent on the above days will be called down to return the computer on June 13th or 14th.

Please contact Mr. Macphail (andrew_macphail@sd34.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Grade 12 Computer Buyout

Grade 12 students will be eligible to buy out the school computer at the end of the school year as long as the full computer fees have been paid for during their time at ATSS. If no other fees are owing, the computer buyout cost is \$10. If students have received a sibling discount or financial assistance, the discounted cost must be made up.

The \$10 buy out fee can be paid at the office to Mrs. Mangat by cash, cheque, debit, or credit at any time, and must be made before picking up the computer.

At the time of computer collection, students will be asked to indicate if they want to buy out the computer. Buy out computers will be factory imaged (all software installed from the factory will be re-installed). Students not wanting to buy out the computer can pass it on to a younger sibling for use at ATSS; however this must be indicated to Mr. Macphail in order to properly prepare the computer. Computers not bought out or passed on will be used as loaner computers for the next school year.

Buy out computers should be ready by report card pickup at the end of June unless there are any issues that need to be fixed. Students have been asked to deal with any computer concerns as soon as possible to avoid delay. Mr. Macphail can be contacted during exam week to see if the computers are ready for pickup, notices will be posted when they are ready.

The warranty on the computer expires at the beginning of July. Any hardware issues or failure can no longer be covered. If there are any software related issues, students can contact the school office over summer, or see Mr. Macphail at the start of the next school year.

Please contact Mr. Macphail (andrew_macphail@sd34.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Library News



All library books are due 3pm **Friday, June 1**.
ATSS texts due **June 15th**--give to subject teacher.
Lost or damaged texts/books will be billed at the replacement cost.
Bills are payable at the office.

Run for Water

Congratulations to the staff and students, who participated in, or volunteered at, the Run for Water on Sunday May 27th. Students please be sure to let your P.E. teacher know if you ran or volunteered. Our top finisher for the school was Japnam Grewal who ran the half marathon in 1 hr 38 minutes finishing second in the boys 0-19 age group, and 35th overall out of 201 men doing the half. Our top female was Delaney Chapman who ran the 10k in 48:37 and finished 3rd in the 0-19 girls age group, and 82nd out of all 567 females.

All race results can be found at RunforWater.ca. It was nice to see ATSS so well represented at the race! Runners and Volunteers registered themselves online to participate, so well done! Ms. Hunt





**SD#34 DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL EXAMS
JUNE 2012**

| Mon. June 18 | Tues. June 19 | Wed. June 20 | Thurs. June 21 | Fri. June 22 |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| 8:30 am - 11:30 am | 8:30 am - 11:30 am | 8:30 am - 11:30 am | 8:30 am - 11:30 am | 8:30 am - 11:30 am |
| PROVINCIAL | Must stay 'til 10 am | Must stay 'til 10 am | Must stay 'til 10 am | Must stay 'til 10 am |
| | | Math 10 (Dewar) | Math 10 (Vankleeck) Math 10 (LA Students) | English 10 |
| DISTRICT | | | | |
| Calculus 12 History 12 English 11 Communications 11 English 9 | French 12 Science 9 Physics 11 Social Studies 10 | Chemistry 12 Math 9 Earth Science 11 Chemistry 11 | | |
| NOON - 3:00 pm | | | | |
| PROVINCIAL | Must stay 'til 2 pm | Must stay 'til 2 pm | Must stay 'til 2 pm | Must stay 'til 2 pm |
| | | Math 10 (Gasser) | Social Studies 11 | Communications 12 |
| DISTRICT | | | | |
| Physics 12 French 9,10,11 (Intro.) Spanish 11 | Biology 12 Pre Calc Math 11 Social Studies 9 | Biology 11 Math 12 Principles | No District Exams | No District Exams |

Dates/times for Math 10 provincial e-exam are noted above. Please see your teachers re. any exam conflicts.

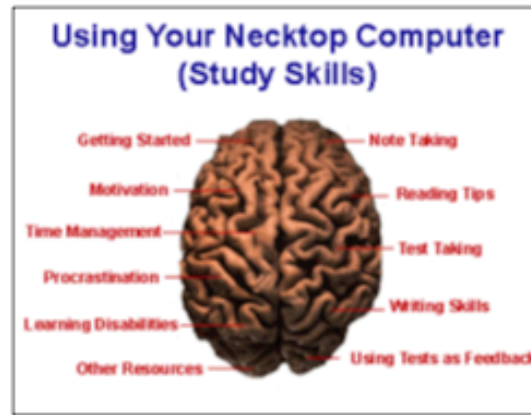
**SD#34 DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL EXAMS
JUNE 2012**

| Mon. June 25 | Tues. June 26 | Fri. June 29 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 8:30 am - 11:30 am | 8:30 am - 11:30 am | |
| PROVINCIAL | Must stay 'til 10 am | Last Day for Teachers |
| English 12 | | |
| DISTRICT | | |
| No District Exams | No District Exams | |
| NOON - 3:00 pm | | |
| PROVINCIAL | Must stay 'til 2 pm | |
| Science 10 | | |
| DISTRICT | | |
| No District Exams | No District Exams | |



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, computer, 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 and sample written responses. 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.



A note regarding provincial exams: Students who miss the session for their provincial exam in June will need to wait until the next exam sitting to write that exam (August 2012). 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.

