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Vice-Principal: Mr. Michael Hendricks

OnlineMarks **Checkmymark.com**

Student marks are available online at www.checkmymark.com. In order to access your child's marks, you will need to login with a

USER TYPE:
Select " Student/Parent"

SCHOOL:
"Abbotsford Traditional
Secondary"

LAST NAME:
Student's Last Name

PASSWORD:
The Password is randomly generated and teachers will provide each student with their unique password. For Login help or password resets, please contact Mr. Macphail
Andrew_macphail@sd.34.bc.ca or the classroom teacher

Office Staff:

Mrs. Hartley local: 1002
Mrs. Schellenberg local: 1001

Counselor:

Mr. Colin Abernethy local: 1107
Mrs. Lindsay Faber local: 1108

One-to-One program:

Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already at the edge of our 2 week Spring Break. As well the end of the first term of the second semester is fast approaching. When we return from Spring Break we will only have two weeks before the term ends on Friday, Apr. 12. Please ensure that your son or daughter is keeping up with their assignments and studies. An online program called "Checkmymark" is available to all parents for the courses their child is taking. This will give you an up to date record of assignments in each particular subject. Your son or daughter will know how to access it if you have not done so yet.

Course planning has been completed. If you have not seen the course planning form of your son or daughter please check with them as your signature is required on the course planning form. These were to be handed in this week prior to spring break. As the Course planning section requests please take a look on our website, the website address is provided, to get a description of the courses for your information. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our counsellors, Mr. Abernethy or Mrs. Faber at 604-850-7029.

We want to congratulate our wrestling team for sending seven wrestlers to the provincials where Sukihman Sidhu won a bronze medal in the 78 kg. Well done wrestlers and Mr. Domke, Mr. Cuthbertson and Mr. Laity. Our Jr. Girls Basketball team went to the Fraser Valley playoffs and after winning the first game, lost the next two, the final by 3 points to miss going to the provincials by that much. Congratulations to the team and to their coaches Mr. Barden, and parent assistant, Mr. Hundal. You did us proud.

We have just completed the Grad Fashion show and it was an entertaining event with many of our grads participating. Great job to the grads and their supporting parents and teachers, Mr. Gasser and Mrs. Toews.

There are some upcoming events you will want to mark on your calendar.
Spring Break Mon. Mar. 18 to Tues. Apr. 2
Fri. Apr. 5 Assembly on Sexual Exploitation for our Grade 11s and 12s, parents are welcome.
Thurs. Apr. 11 is our Spring Swing, parent volunteers needed, please contact Mr. Currie
Fri. Apr. 12, X block Student Support
Fri. Apr. 19, Keys for Successful Living series for Gr. 12s speaker APD Cst and UFV Prof. C. Kingra
Wed. Apr. 24, Report Cards go home
Thurs. Apr. 25, Parent Teacher interviews, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

I want to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Spring Break. School will reopen on Tues. Apr. 2, after the Easter Monday.



ATSS Calendar

Faculty:

Dept Heads:	Local
Lindsay Faber	1108
Colin Abernethy	1107
Ken Laity	5107
Andrew Macphail	5173/1120/1114
Andrew Lawrence	3137
Rebecca Toews	3134
Tracy Wedel	3140
Pam VanKleeck	3237

Teaching Staff

Don Barden ringer :2244	1103
Elizabeth Cousar	3141
Brock Currie	3252
Bruce Cuthbertson	3236
Jim Domke	5164/5107
Shawn Fedyna	3251
Lyndon Friesen	3138
Grant Gasser	1114/1116
Katie Grieve	3234
Carlton Haak	3250
James Hill	3137
Kim Hunt	5107
Steve Kauffman	3238
Harshpinder Punia	5171
Sandy Lane	3248
Michelle Myers	3235
Sarah Peters	3136
Janet Wade	1121
Olga Ulyasheva	3240
Elizabeth Smoes	3136

Learning Assistance

Phyllis Collins	3135
Heidi Ens	3135
Karen Hiebert	3135
Denise Silzer	3135

Library

Laurie Salter	3152
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Cafeteria

Julie McCaughey	5169
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International Rep

Christine	1110
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Youth Worker

Darlene Rayburn	3255
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Community Support

Jeven Randhawa	1110
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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!

Follow us on Twitter

@abbytians

Check out our website: <http://www.atss.ca>

Mar 15 Last day before Spring Break
 Mar 17 Run for the Kids

Mar 18-28 Spring Break

Mar 29 Good Friday
 Apr 1 Easter Monday
 Apr 2 School reopens *

Apr 9 Socials Fair
 Apr 10 Grad Parent Meeting
 Apr 11 Spring Swing
 Apr 12 Term III ends

April 14 – 17 Band Trip (Edmonton)

Apr 16 ATSS PAC Meeting
 Apr 24 Report cards issued
 Apr 25 Parent/Teacher interviews
 Apr 26 Non Instructional Day #5

May 10 Prom at Newlands / Grade 12 Grad
 May 20 Victoria Day
 May 31 Convocation/Dry Grad

June 4 ATSS PAC Meeting
 June 5 Year-End Band Concert (ATSS Gym)
 June 14 Term IV ends
 June 17-25 In school/provincial exams
 June 27 Non Instructional Day #6
 June 28 Report cards issued

June 28 Year-End Closing (non-instructional)



Course Prerequisites for 2013/14:

We need to clarify our qualifications for the upcoming academic year. We initially set the prerequisite for the following courses at 67%. It should be **Minimum C grade or 60%** which meets the Ministry guideline of having successfully met the course outcomes. These prerequisites will be strictly applied to our Academic courses which include Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 11 & 12, Biology, Chemistry and Physics 11 & 12 and English 11 & 12. In order to qualify for the next level in these courses the student will have to have achieved at least a C or a 60% in their respective Math or Science 10 course and 55% in English 10.

The reason for this to better connect the academic course with student achievement, effort and ability to ensure students are prepared for the next level of study. We have experienced a small number of students who move into the next academic level of course and are not prepared for the rigor required of them resulting in failing grades at that level. This will set clearly the academic achievement required to attain that next level and give students a target to aim for.

Should students fail to meet these requirements they may look at the option of repeating in summer school to achieve the required grade, thus better preparing them for the next challenging level of study.

New ATSS Course Offerings for 2013/14:

We will be offering the following courses for next year. **Geography 12, Jazz Band 9-12, Drama 9-12, Advanced Placement French 12, and Social Justice 12.** Please take the time to review the course content of these courses. They will be offered based on student interest, potential cost and the ability of a teacher to teach them. They and their course descriptions are up on our web site at: <http://studentservicesatss.homeip.net/page17/page5/page5.html>



Attention all parents of ATSS 2013 Graduates!
Grad Council will be hosting an information meeting on
Wednesday, April 10 @ 7:00 pm in ATSS/ATMS Library
Regarding
Grand March/Pre-Prom Send-off (Friday, May 10 @ ATSS)
Dry Grad (directly after convocation, Friday May 31 @ MRC)
All parents of ATSS students currently in Grade 12 are welcome to attend.



Parent Support Needed for Spring Swing

Our annual Spring Swing will be held on Thurs. April 11 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Parent volunteers are needed. Please e-mail Mr. Currie at brock_currie@sd34.bc.ca if you are able to help out.

Socials Fair Grade 9 and 10 Students - April 9th – 7:00 pm in the Gym



PAC NEWS

If you are a parent of a student at ATSS, you automatically belong to the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)! We are an officially recognized body that disburses grants, bursaries and supports the school in a variety of ways. We would love to have your input.

Our next PAC meeting of the 2012-2013 year will be Tuesday evening, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the ATSS/ATMS library. Our principal, Glen Hildebrand is always available at the meeting for a report and questions.

We would love to have an e-mail contact from you and to keep you informed of various needs and events throughout the year. Please send your first and last name, the names and grades of your student, and your e-mail address to: heather_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca

We are hosting “Parent Connection” times on Wednesday mornings. Please come out as many times as you can to meet, “connect” and get to know other ATSS parents. Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Bring a coffee or tea and enjoy!

PAC Contacts:

Heather Schmidt (Chairperson)
heather_schmidt@sd34.bc.ca

Lori Toews (Treasurer):
lori_toews@sd34.bc.ca, ph: 604-857-2233

**** PAC MEETINGS for 2012-2013 year
7:00 pm – ATMS/ATSS Library
Feb 19 – Mar 12 – Apr 16 – June 4**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU!

Possible School Closures Due to Weather or Power Outages

In the event of a school closure announcement, information for parents will be available through the media – local radio stations – Country 107.1 FM or STAR-FM at 98.3 FM, the district website at www.sd34.bc.ca and the district’s Synervoice communication system, which consists of an automated phone call to each student’s home number or primary contact number. This will be a district emergency message authorized by the Superintendent and generated through the district office. The message should be delivered to each home through the automated system by 7:00 a.m. on the day a school closure is in effect. Please ensure your child’s contact information in the school office, including a parent email address if available, is accurate as the district prepares for this new communication system.



Community Events and Information

For further information please visit the following websites:

Abbotsford Youth Commission's Spring Break Events

AYC will hold events at their youth centre at the Abbotsford Rec Centre (ARC)

Phone 604-854-8785 or www.abbyouth.com

Abbotsford Olympians Swim Club Phone 604-825-1856 or www.abbotsfordolympians.com

Fraser Valley Flag Football for boys + girls ages 6 to 15 website: www.fvflagfootball.com

Abby Ag-Rec Roller Hockey League

Great fun and fitness for boys & girls ages 7 - 16

www.agrechockey.com



Heroes Hockey Challenge - 7 April 2013 - For the Soldier

www.heroeshockeychallenge.com

Sun Hang Do Martial Arts full time Spring Break Camps abbotsford@sunhangdo.com

March 18th - 22nd and 25th - 28th 7 am - 6 pm



ATMS Band Students are selling a Domino's \$10 coupon. The coupon/magnet can be used as many times as you like (valid until Dec. 31/2013. Purchase a Large 3 topping Pizza & receive a FREE Medium Pizza every time you order at the South Fraser Way location. Easy enough to pick up on your drive home from school on a Friday night!! So find a band student in your class. 50% of proceeds go to the student's band trip. Thanks for your consideration in supporting the ATMS Band!!



Saturday, June 8, 2013 9:00 a.m. Abbotsford Police Challenge Run
Details: www.eventsonline.ca