



Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

Principal: Glen Hildebrand
Vice-Principal: Jaimie Webster



October 19, 2016

Dear Grade 11 Parent/Guardians;

The Abbotsford Traditional Secondary staff are excited to announce our **4th annual Grade 11 Teambuilding Field Trip to the OMADA Teambuilding Program at Trinity Western University on Wednesday, November 2, 2016!** The cost of this trip will be \$20 to cover the cost of the program and bussing to and from the venue. Students will be departing ATSS by school bus at 9:00 am and returning at approximately 2:30 pm. We will be attending rain or shine, and as the day is primarily out-of-doors, students should dress accordingly. ATSS Dress code expectations apply. Students should bring their own bagged lunch. **This is a trip in which we expect all grade 11 students to partake and is not to be a "day off".**

This trip is an essential piece towards building our ATSS culture, and came out of an idea that arose several years ago when we came to the realization that our grade eleven students were in need of an event to help draw them together as a cohesive group. Since embarking on this endeavor, we have seen our students respond positively, take on new challenges, and experience a new sense of teamwork and connection amongst one another.

The OMADA Teambuilding Program is a combination of high and low rope challenges led by trained and certified instructors. Although the program is challenging and students are encouraged to push themselves, no one is forced beyond what is comfortable. Much is done to ensure student safety, including the use of harnesses and ropes, as well as the close supervision of qualified instructors. More information can be found at: <http://www.twu.ca/community-life/omada-teambuilding/about-omada-teambuilding>

Again, all grade 11 students are expected to attend; there will be NO CLASSES offered to grade 11 students at ATSS on November 2, 2016. Though there is a cost associated with this trip, we know it is a worthwhile and rewarding experience for all. Please carefully review, sign, and return the attached forms and make the \$20 payment at www.schoolcashonline.com no later than **Monday, October 31.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Respectfully,

Mrs. J. Webster
Vice Principal

I have:

- Read and signed the Field Trip Consent and Waiver Form for Participation in a Higher Risk Activity
- Read and signed the Field Trip Parent/Guardian Consent Form
- Read and signed the OMADA Teambuilding waiver
- Payed my \$20 fee at www.schoolcashonline.com