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Principal's Message

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Principal: Mr. Glen Hildebrand

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
local: 1001

Counselor:
Mr. Colin Abernethy local: 1107

One-to-One program:
Andrew MacPhail local: 1120

As we are about to enjoy our thanksgiving weekend let's not forget to take the time to be thankful for all that we have here in Canada. We have peace, we have prosperity, and we have opportunities that other parts of the world can only dream of. Yes there are challenges and discouragements we face but let's not forget the benefits we enjoy and let's not forget to be generous and compassionate to those who are less fortunate that we are.

Our classes are well underway. You should expect an interim report of your son or daughter's progress to come home with your son or daughter by Oct 18. If you don't have one by then, first check with your child and then contact your son or daughter's teacher by phone or e-mail. (all teacher e-mail addresses are on our website, www.atss.ca).

There are some important dates coming up to take note of.

- Mon. Oct. 14, Thanksgiving holiday
- Thurs. Oct. 17, Gr. 12 Parent Meeting
- Fri. Oct. 18, Collaboration Day, late start of 9:05 am for students
- Fri. Oct. 18, Interim Reports go home
- Thurs. Oct. 24, 4:45pm Grad Cruise
- Fri. Oct. 25, Non-Instructional Day, Provincial Day
- Fri. Nov. 1, X = Period 5, Early dismissal ½ block support
- Fri. Nov. 8, Collaboration Day, late start of 9:05 am for students
- Fri. Nov. 8, Remembrance Ceremony
- Fri. Nov. 8, End Term 1
- Fri. Nov. 22, Collaboration Day, late start of 9:05 am for students
- Fri. Nov. 22, Report Cards go Home
- Wed. Nov. 27, Early Dismissal day, (1:30 pm)
- Thurs Nov. 28, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Fri. Nov. 29, Non Instructional Day, ATSS Pro-D, (Tech. and ELL)

We have just enjoyed a great experience with our Gr. 11 students on the Trinity Western Campus. We took all of our Gr. 11s on a team building, social responsibility experience and although some initially thought it may not be that great the response after was a resounding "that was great". The rain held off as our students ran about the campus following orienteering direction and engaging in team competitions in activities involving climbing, balancing, and building. We are looking forward to positive results from this experience.

Gr. 12 parents please take note of a special parent evening for all parents of our grade 12 students on Thurs. Oct. 17 at 7 pm. This evening is designed to provide an opportunity for us to meet with a smaller parent group and to pass on some helpful information, expectations and answer any questions you may have regarding graduation etc. We will be covering topics such as entrance requirements for and what to expect at post secondary institutions. We will talk about the use and abuse of technology, we will cover expectations for leadership in our school and we will give some introduction information on grad events, opportunities and expectations. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be there.

The end of term one will be here before we know it. Please stay in contact with your son or daughter's teachers. Updated marks should be available online for you through "checkmymark" program. If you don't know how to access it please contact Mr. Macphail at the school for assistance.

Sincerely,
Glen Hildebrand, Principal, ATSS



Faculty:

Dept Heads:	Local
Colin Abernethy	1107
Ken Laity	5107
Andrew Macphail	5173/1120/1114
Rebecca Toews	3134
Tracy Wedel	3140
Pam VanKleek	3237

Teaching Staff

Don Barden ringer :2244	1103
Elizabeth Cousar	3141
Brock Currie	3252
Bruce Cuthbertson	3236
Reena Dhillon	3137
Jim Domke	5164/5107
Shawn Fedyna	3251
Grant Gasser	1114/1116
Carlton Haak	3250
James Hill	3137
Kim Hunt	5107
Steve Kauffman	3238
Sharon Kehoe	5171
Sandy Lane	3248
Frank Muermann	3138
Michelle Myers	3235
Elizabeth Smoes	3136
Olga Ulyasheva	3240
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Colleen Gould	3135
Karen Hiebert	3135
Denise Silzer	3135

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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

@abbytitans

ATSS Calendar

Oct. 11	X Period = ½ period student support
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 17	Gr. 12 Parent Meeting
Oct. 18	Collaboration Day #4
	Interim Reports go home
Oct. 24	School Photo Re-Takes / Grad Cruise 4:45 pm
Oct. 25	Non-Instructional Day #2
Nov. 1	X = Period 5, Early dismissal ½ block support
Nov. 8	Term 1 Ends/Collaboration Day #5
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 22	Report Cards Issued/Collaboration Day #6
Nov. 27	1-hour Early Dismissal Days (1:30 pm)
Nov. 28	Parent-Teacher Interviews 6:30 – 8pm
Nov. 29	Non-Instructional Day #3
Dec. 2	All Gr. 11's attend Career Fair at Tradex
Dec. 13	Collaboration Day #7
Dec. 20	Last day before Christmas Vacation
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 6	School Re-opens after Christmas Vacation
Jan. 10	Collaboration Day #8
Jan. 24	Term 2 Ends/Collaboration Day #9
Jan. 27-31	In school/Provincial Exams
Feb. 3	Semester 2 Begins
Feb. 7	Report Cards Issued
Feb. 10	Family Day
Feb. 14	Collaboration Day #10
Feb. 21	Non-Instructional Day #4
Mar. 7	Collaboration Day #11
Mar. 12-13	1-hour Early Dismissal Days
Mar. 14	Last day before Days-in-Lieu/Spring Vacation
Mar. 17-28	Spring Vacation
Mar. 31	School re-opens after Spring Vacation
Apr. 4	Collaboration Day #12
Apr. 18	Good Friday
Apr. 21	Easter Monday
Apr. 11	Term 3 Ends
Apr. 25	Report Cards Issued/Collaboration Day #13
May 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews
May 9	Non-Instructional Day #5
May 16	Collaboration Day #14
May 19	Victoria Day
May 30	Collaboration Day #15
June 2	Non-Instructional Day #6
June 13	Term 4 Ends/Collaboration Day #16
June 18-24	In-School/Provincial Exams
June 27	Report Cards Issued
	Year-End Closing (non-instructional)





ATSS PAC NEWS

September 2013

We wish to welcome all parents and students back to another school year, and invite all parents to feel welcome to join us in our endeavors to build a relationship between home and school. "PAC" stands for "Parent Advisory Council" and is (can be) an integral part of our school community. *Every parent is automatically a member!* ☺

Our first PAC meeting of the year will be next Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:00 in the ATSS/ATMS library. We welcome and invite your attendance and input. A huge responsibility/privilege we have each year is to decide how to disburse gaming funds (which usually total over \$ 10,000). Your input would be appreciated. We also like to build cohesiveness amongst parents and staff, support our students in their extra-curricular activities, hear reports and be able to hear directly from our principal (& ask questions)

Nominations are now open for the following elected PAC positions on the Exec.: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, DPAC representative, TAC representative and 2 "General Members." The positions have "job descriptions" in our ATSS PAC Constitution, but really become what one makes them to be. Current acting Chair: Heather Schmidt (heatherschmidt91@gmail.com), Treasurer: Anita Gill (anitagill_3@hotmail.com). Voting will take place at our October PAC meeting on October 22, 2013 at 7:00.

Lastly, we regularly receive material describing fundraising opportunities throughout the year. If you or your student is interested in starting or participating in a fundraiser for a certain extra-curricular activity/group, please contact one of us to review opportunities. For the past several years, our PAC has not been involved in a fundraiser, but we seriously need to consider one this year to build to our General Fund, and welcome your input on this issue as well.

Important Dates to note:

Oct. 22 - 7:00 p.m. - 2nd PAC meeting, Elections, voting for budget suggestions/approval



**NEXT PAC MEETING: Tuesday evening, October 22
at 7 p.m. in the library.**



**AGENDA: Discuss and vote in many new Exec. members
and allocate Gaming Funds**

PLEASE consider getting involved. We need you!



ATSS NEEDS PARENT INVOLVEMENT!

Our school very much needs increased parent support and help. As parents, we need you to have a healthy, positive school. As a parent, you are automatically part of the PAC (Parent Advisory Committee). Please consider at least ONE way you can be involved.

Helpful ways to be involved at ATSS, as parents:

- **Make sure the office and the PAC has your email and correct phone number for messages.** (To get on PAC email list, email Lori Toews: toews.team@gmail.com; to get on school email list, visit school website (www.atss.ca) and enter email under the "Contact Us" tab, or call the school).
- Become familiar with the new, improved school website: www.atss.ca. Lots of good information!



- Read school newsletters – they come out twice a month – either by email, website or printed.
 - Provide baking and “treats: for our staff (If interested, email: toews.team@ gmail.com)
 - Come to PAC meetings, and bring a friend. Next one: October 22, 2013. We need you! (In current need of Vice-Chair, Secretary, and parent reps for TAC, DPAC, SPC, General Members).
 - Volunteer to chaperone dances.
 - Attend sporting events
 - Come into the school once a week and talk to at least one other person (student or staff!).
 - Talk to another parent and make sure they are reading newsletters, website and getting involved.
 - Come to Meet the Teacher Nights, school meetings, concerts and Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - Be you! We need you and any input you have.
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Community Events and Information

For further information please visit the following websites:

Dr. Ross Greene Presents: Collaborative Problem Solving

Wednesday November 6, 2013

7pm-9pm

Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, Crystal Ballroom
6083 McKay Avenue, Burnaby, BC

This FREE workshop is recommended by parents from the F.O.R.C.E., and is intended for parents and caregivers.



Dr. Greene will describe his model of solving problems collaboratively with behaviourally challenging kids, what's hard about it, how to get good at it and invite participants to participate and practice these effective skills.

To register for this event please visit:

<http://rossgreene.eventbrite.ca>

Dr. Ross Greene is the author of the books *The Explosive Child* and *Lost at School* and the founding director of the non-profit Lives in the Balance (www.livesinthebalance.org). He is also Associate Clinical Professor at Harvard Medical School, on the teaching faculty at the Cambridge Hospital, and Senior Lecturer at Tufts University.



Strengthening Families Together



Strengthening Families Together

is a **free** 10-week course for family members
who have a loved one living with a mental illness.

The course provides participants with the information,
tools and support to help them cope with the challenges they
face.

Strengthening Families Together will be offered on **Thursdays**
in Abbotsford
Beginning **October 10th** to **December 12th** 2013 from 6:30-8:30
pm.

It is open to residents of:
Mission, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Agassiz/Harrison and Hope.
Class size is limited and **registration** is required.

Contact Francesca at 1 877 717 5518 xtn 1 or francesca@bcss.org