



February 11, 2015

Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

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Principal:  
Mr. Glen Hildebrand

Vice-Principal:  
Mr. Geoff Davies

**OnlineMarks**  
**Checkmymark.com**

Student marks are available online at [www.checkmymark.com](http://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](mailto:Andrew_macphail@sd.34.bc.ca) or the classroom teacher

**Office Staff:**  
local: 1001

**Counselor:**  
Mr. Colin Abernethy local: 1107

**One-to-One program:**  
Andrew Macphail local: 1120

All teacher e-mail addresses can be found on our website [www.atss.ca](http://www.atss.ca)

## Principal's Message

Well the second semester is underway. The time has seemed to go very fast. It will be Spring Break before we notice. With marks being completed, we will hand out our report cards to students on Mon. Feb. 23. Please look for them to come home with your son or daughter on that afternoon.

**Course Planning:**

Course planning for next year will begin on Tues. Feb. 24. Please be in communication with your child about which courses they will be taking. Also remember that a number of our Grade 11 and 12 academic subjects have pre-requisites which have to be met before gaining entry. This is done to ensure that your son or daughter have a reasonable chance of success in the next level. We have found that students who have not met the pre-requisites are simply not prepared for the next level and are typically not successful. You can check on-line for the course descriptions and pre-requisites at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3E9x9W7MmFWY1dCVTR3dXdTdeE/ed](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3E9x9W7MmFWY1dCVTR3dXdTdeE/edit?pli=1) it?pli=1 or you can go to our website at [atss.ca](http://atss.ca) and then click on "Student Services" and then go to course planning from there. If you have any further questions please contact our counselors, Mr. Abernethy or Mrs. Faber at 604-850-7029.

**Attendance:**

Attendance is very important to us and we hope to you as well. You need to know if your son or daughter is absent from school without your permission. As a result we urgently ask that you ensure that you contact the school, the day of, if possible if your child is absent from school with your permission. Otherwise they will be marked as absent without excuse which could impact their ability to write exams or assignments missed etc. You can simply contact the school at 604-850-7029 and leave a message at any time of the day.

**Drop off and Pickup:**

As our parking lot is very busy especially after school please be mindful of those who are trying to leave and try to not block parking spaces or exits. We have a number of buses parked at the end of school day and are waiting for their students. They have a scheduled run and need to be at other schools to pick up and make exchanges. We are trying to clear the line-up out of the parking lot to ensure that they get away on time. One of us administrators is now going out to direct traffic in order to allow them to leave all together. Please help us out in this respect.

**Grad events:**

We have several grad events planned for our grads but please be aware that there are others which the grads plan for themselves and are not school organized or adult supervised. Upcoming events are on our website and on our fridge magnet calendars which were distributed at the beginning of the year. In summary here they are; Grad Fashion Show, Sun. Mar. 8, 2 pm, Grad Grand March and Prom Dinner and Dance, Fri. May 15, 4 pm to 12 am, Grad Convocation and Dry Grad, Fri. May 29, 7:30 pm to Sat. morning 4:30 am. Our school does not organize nor sanction any weekend grad campouts etc. Another concern to be aware of is the "S-Trip" grad week usually scheduled over Spring Break, which appears to be school sanctioned, **but is not**. It is typically a week in at a resort in the Mexico or the Dominican Republic, which is not adult supervised and usually consists of alcohol and drugs to minors. See the information following for more information. The safety of our students is our primary concern and we want to ensure that you as parents are made aware of these concerns we have.

Sincerely,

Glen Hildebrand, Principal, ATSS



**Faculty:**

Dept Heads:	Local
Colin Abernethy	1107
Lindsay Faber	1108
Ken Laity	5107
Andrew Macphail	1120
Rebecca Toews	3134
Tracy Wedel	3140
Bruce Cuthbertson	3237
Carlton Haak	3250

**Teaching Staff**

Don Barden ringer :2244	1103
Elizabeth Cousar	3141
Brock Currie	3252
Jim Domke	5164/5107
Paul Eberhardt	3234
Shawn Fedyna	3251
Grant Gasser	1114/1116
Kim Hunt	5107
Steve Kauffmann	3238
Sharon Kehoe	5171
Sandy Lane	3248
Joel McCall	3236
Frank Muermann	3137
Michelle Myers	3235
Tamara O'Brien	5173
Sarah Peters	3136
Olga Ulyasheva	3240
Janet Wade	1121

**Learning Assistance**

Phyllis Collins	3135
Heidi Ens	3135
Karen Hiebert	3135
Amy Cumiskey	3135

**Library**

Laurie Salter	3152
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**Cafeteria**

Bonnie Hughes	5169
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**International Rep**

Christina	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:

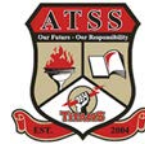
[first\\_last@sd34.bc.ca](mailto:first_last@sd34.bc.ca)

*(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>



## ATSS Calendar

Feb. 13	Collaboration Day
Feb. 23	Report Cards Issued
Feb. 20	Non-Instructional Day
Mar. 6	Collaboration Day
Mar. 13	Last day before Days-in-Lieu/ Spring Vacation
Mar. 16 - 27	Spring Vacation
Mar. 30	School re-opens after Days-in-Lieu/ Spring Vacation
Apr. 3	Good Friday
Apr. 6	Easter Monday
Apr. 10	Collaboration Day
Apr. 24	Collaboration Day
May 1	Report Cards Issued
May 7	Parent-Teacher Interviews
May 8	Non-Instructional Day
May 15	Collaboration Day
May 18	Victoria Day
May 29	Collaboration Day
June 1	Non-Instructional Day
June 12	Collaboration Day
June 17-25	In-School/Provincial Exams
June 26	Year-End Closing (non-instructional)





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Attention Parents:

Re: Grads traveling to Mexico

We have had information in regards to a trip to Mexico, some of our grads are attending through a company called "S Trip." We want to ensure that you are informed that this trip is not sanctioned nor condoned by Abbotsford Traditional Secondary. Some of our grade 12's are signed up for this trip and it's important for Parents to know we are not chaperoning nor hosting this trip whatsoever. "S Trip" solicits grade 12's for business, so any student who is going on this trip is on their own.

Sincerely,

Glen Hildebrand, Principal, ATSS

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Important Information Regarding Student Absences:

Parents if you know your child is away from school with your permission, please ensure that you contact the school office to inform us of such. As we attempt to track students' attendance it is very important that we know if a student is away with your permission or not.

You can do so by phoning the office at 604-850-7029.



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Community Events and Information

Please check the district website at <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/>



For further information please visit the following websites:

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Please check Abbyconnect page for New Information:  
(Flyers in Abbyconnect in "For Families" folder)

<http://www.sd34.bc.ca/parents-students/CommunityInformation>





### Semester End Calendar Items

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#### Course Changes

- Course Change Appointment sign up at office - Monday, January 26 - Friday January 30
    - Mon-Gr. 12, Tues-Gr. 11, Wed-Gr. 10, Thur-Gr. 9
    - Course Change Appointments Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 6
    - Mon-Gr. 12, Tues-Gr. 11, Wed-Gr. 10, Thur-Gr. 9
  - Students only have ONE week to change courses once S2 classes start
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#### Course Planning Assemblies

- Grade 8 Assembly @ ATMS MP Room - Tuesday, February 24 @ 8:30
  - Grade 9 Assembly @ ATSS Gym - Tuesday, February 24 @ 10:30
  - Grade 10 Assembly @ ATSS Gym - Wednesday, February 25 @ 9:20
  - Grade 11 Assembly @ ATSS Gym - Wednesday, February 25 @ 10:30
  - Deadline for Course Planning Forms to be returned to Homeroom Teacher - March 4
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#### Other Dates

- March 6 - SD34 Career Program Application Deadline
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It's easy . . .

**you have the month of February to get your orders in (Feb.1st to March 3rd)**

- ask your friends, family and neighbors
- purchase for yourself or as gifts
- stock up for Easter!!
- ask companies to order as staff gifts for events

**25% profit on orders go directly to raise money for the band trip to Sun Peaks.**

#### **Easy Online Ordering**

\* Online ordering with Visa or Master Card.

\* All orders are confidential and Purdy's website is secure.

\* The website also offers a link so YOU can easily email all your contacts.

(See Page 2 for details)

It is up to **YOU and your parents** to decide, if you want to accept CASH payments for your orders.\*\* If so, YOU will need to process your customer orders online with your credit card, under your name. All cash orders can easily be processed by YOU online, directly to Purdy's Fundraising Program. (Please note the school will not be collecting cash or cheques. YOUR CASH ORDERS will be processed online directly by YOU.)

**Deadline: ALL orders must be in to Purdy's Website by Tuesday, March 3rd**

**Pick up: Thursday, March 12, in the Band Room**

If you have any questions please contact Band Fundraising Coordinator,  
Lynn Paolucci @ 778-241-4926.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL AND MUSIC PROGRAM!!**



### HOW TO BEGIN

First, YOU (the student or/ your parent) will need to **Register as a Member** to join  
**Our Group: ATMS & ATSS SCHOOL BAND Easter Fundraiser 2015**

1. Go to <http://www.purdysgpp.com>
2. Click Register or Login
3. Enter our Group Customer #: 23125 (to create your Group with the Band)
4. Select our Group: **ATMS & ATSS BAND Easter Fundraiser 2015**

You have now set up a **Group** so others can order under your name.  
YOU are now set up to place YOUR order & invite others!

### INVITING OTHERS (from the site)

In your invitation you will need to give your customers the following information to connect to your account: first they must Login in, so YOU get credit for their orders. They will need **Our Group Name and Your Name**, don't forget to **change the current message in the invite**. Once you've added your information to the message, you can add your customers (family & friends) email address' and click send. Customers will then be able to come back to the site and use your info to order.

### CUSTOMERS ORDERING (without an invite )

1. Go to <http://www.purdysgpp.com>
2. Click: Register. Enter your information to Log in.
3. Search for **Our Group Name**. Ensure they include **Your Name** on their order.

### Purdy's Brochure

It is up to YOU if you decide to use the Purdy's Brochure and collect CASH payments for your orders. Make sure you put **Your Name and Classroom info on each form**. YOU will need to process the customers order online with YOUR credit card, under your name. Every cash order needs to be processed by YOU, online, directly to Purdy's Fundraising Program. (Please note the school will not be collecting cash or cheques. All orders will be processed by the fundraiser online.)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL AND MUSIC PROGRAM!!**



# GRAD PARENTS



# GRADUATION!



BE INFORMED  
BY JOINING  
OUR GRAD  
BLOG

Dear Parent/Guardian, to be informed of information that may be of interest to your graduating student please subscribe to our Grad Blog.

To subscribe go to:

<http://start.sd34.bc.ca/atssss/grads/atss-grad-blog/>

From: ATSS Counsellors



## The Challenge of Parenthood in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### A Parent's Introduction to Self-Regulation



with Mike McKay, Director,  
Canadian Self-Regulation Initiative



and Keli Anderson, President & CEO,  
Institute of Families for Child and Youth Mental Health

- ▶ What are the stressors for our kids and for parents in this century?
- ▶ What are home and school factors which impact children's health?
- ▶ How do we help our children become calm, alert and ready to learn?

Abbotsford Arts Center at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School  
February 19, 2015 = 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Don't miss the Community Programming and Services Showcase  
from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at the Abby Arts Addition

Community organizations offering programs and services to children, youth and families in Abbotsford will be on hand to provide information and answer parent questions from 5 to 6pm (as well as during intermission).

FREE PARENT NIGHT REGISTRATION

COMPLIMENTS OF THE DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[Free Registration at SharedLearningConference.com](http://SharedLearningConference.com)

Direct Link: <http://goo.gl/44TB1W>





# BALANCING OUR MINDS

## Youth Summit **Balancing Our Minds 2015:** *Everyday Champions of Wellness*

February 12, 2015  
Rogers Arena  
Vancouver, BC

**Register by January 30th!**

*Balancing Our Minds 2015: Everyday Champions of Wellness* is a free, one-day event for high school age youth in BC to learn about mental health and engage in fun activities and thoughtful dialogue. The event is organized by BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services in partnership with the Vancouver Canucks.

The purpose of the *Balancing Our Minds Youth Summit* is to build awareness of mental health and substance use, decrease stigma, connect youth with resources, and promote mental wellness in schools and communities. The 2015 event will focus on recognizing and becoming a Champion of Wellness!

**For details and registration information please visit:**

[kelymentalhealth.ca/BOM2015](http://kelymentalhealth.ca/BOM2015)

