



January 19, 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. 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:
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

Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new year at ATSS. We are in our final push to the end of the semester and the completion of most of our courses. This is a time when it is crucial that our students make every effort to catch up on any missing assignments and tests as we are getting ready for our final exams beginning on Mon. Feb. 2 and going through to Thurs. Feb. 5. Fri. Feb. 6 is our semester turnaround day and there are no classes or exams scheduled for this day. Our exam schedule is posted on our website www.atss.ca so please check to see when your son or daughter is writing their exams. During this week only those students who are writing exams are required to be on campus for those exams. We would ask that you arrange to pick them up immediately after they have written their exam as supervision is minimal throughout this period.

Course changes will be happening during the week of exams. Please take the time to review your son or daughter's course load and any potential changes they may wish to make.

Course change dates are:
Mon. Feb. 2 for Gr. 12s
Tues. Feb. 3 for Gr. 11s
Wed. Feb. 4 for Gr. 10s
Thurs. Feb. 5 for Gr. 9s
Fri. Feb. 6, will open for any remaining.

After the first week of second semester, Feb. 10 to 13, there will be no more course changes allowed. We would like to keep you informed of their course selection as much as we can. If you have any questions about exams or schedules please contact us at the school at 604-850-7029.

I would like to congratulate the ATSS Musical Theater class under the direction of Mrs. Janet Wade and Mrs. Tamara O'Brien who just completed their week of shows at the Abby Arts Theater. The cast and crew did a fantastic job of putting on the play of "Willie Wonka" or more commonly known as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". The matinees and evening performances were well attended and enjoyed by many. Our teachers put in a massive amount of work to make this production successful and the students did amazing as the characters played out before the audiences. Many thanks to Tamara Pitts our choreographer and several of our alumni who came back to help with the production and for the parents and teachers who helped out as well. Well done everybody and thanks for all the work that goes into this production to make it successful.

I need to pass on an important notice regarding attendance here at ATSS. If your son or daughter is away from school/classes with your permission as a parent or guardian, please let us know via phone call, no later than the day of their absence please. We have a number of students who are missing class and we are not sure if they have your permission to be absent or are skipping. It takes a lot of time to track down every missing student, every day and then to have to determine if they have your permission to be away or not. Attendance in class is essential for students success and we encourage you to not have your child out of school unless absolutely necessary.

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
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:

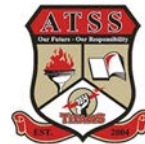
first_last@sd34.bc.ca

(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

Jan. 30	End Term 2
Feb. 2 – 6	Provincial Exams
Feb. 9	Family Day
Feb. 13	Collaboration Day
Feb. 13	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)





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.

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

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

Community Events and Information

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



For further information please visit the following
websites:





EXAM SCHEDULE

February 2nd - February 6th

Time and Location	Monday February 2nd	Tuesday February 3rd	Wednesday February 4th	Thursday February 5th	Friday February 6th
Morning Exams	English 12	English 10	Science 10	A&W Math 10 Foundations Math 10	No exams scheduled
8:30 - 11:30 am ATSS Gym	English 9 Biology 11	Spanish 11 Pre-Calc 12	Chem 11 Chem 11 Pre-AP	Science 9	
Afternoon Exams	Socials 11				No exams scheduled
12:00 - 3:00 PM ATSS Gym	Socials 9 French 10 Biology 12	French 9 Socials 10 French 11	Math 9 Pre-Calc 12 Physics 12	Conflicts	

* Provincial exams are in red, school based exams are in black.

** Students should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the exam start time. No cell phones or electronic devices (except calculators) permitted.

*** Students with exam conflicts should speak to their teacher(s). Provincial Exams MUST be written on the indicated time/date.



Semester End Calendar Items

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

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

Other Dates

- March 6 - SD34 Career Program Application Deadline
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January 15, 2015

Re: Official Notification – Local School Calendar

At the Regular (public) Meeting of January 13, 2015, the Board served the following Notice of Intent:

THAT the Board of Education serve Notice of Intent that the 2015/2016 Local School Calendar be presented for debate and vote at a regular meeting of the Board to be held on February 24, 2015.

In support of Bill 36 (*The School Amendment Act*), the Ministry of Education has recently issued a revised calendar regulation, Section 87.01(7).

Parents are invited to participate in an online survey (available via the district website at <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/board/consultations/calendar>) to provide their feedback on the proposed calendar.

Given that Easter in 2016 falls in March, it is logical to combine it with Spring Break. All of the Metro and Fraser Valley school districts have either proposed or confirmed that they will designate March 14-28 as Spring Break. As such, only one calendar option has been provided for consideration.

The proposed calendar meets the prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in the schools in its school district. The calendar includes a two-week winter vacation, a two-week spring vacation, six non-instructional days, and Wednesday, June 29, 2016 as the last school day for students (Thursday, June 30th for teachers). Thursday, November 26, 2015 has been designated for Parent-Teacher Conferences (This day is not counted in the instructional minutes). In addition, with the agreement of the ADTA, the four 1-hour early dismissal days, are aggregated into two 2-hour early dismissal days.

Parents are invited to attend the **Regular (Public) Board Meeting** where stakeholder input will be received by the Board regarding the proposed Local School Calendar for the 2015/2016 school year on:
**Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom
at the School District Administration Office**

Interested parties wishing to address the Board on this matter are required to contact Lois Hiebert, Executive Assistant in the Superintendent's Office, at 604.852.2366 ext 1230 before 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 29th.

Sincerely,

Kevin Godden
Superintendent/CEO



PROPOSED
2015 - 2016 School Calendar

July							August							September						
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Notes

Statutory Holiday
Non-Instructional Day
School Vacation
Parent Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal
Days of Instruction

Summer Holidays = 10 weeks (June 28 to Sept. 7)

- Tuesday September 8 - First Day of School
- Monday October 12 - Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday November 11 - Remembrance Day
- December 21 to Jan 1 - Christmas Holidays
- Monday January 4 - Schools Reopen
- Monday February 8 - Family Day
- March 14 to 24 - Spring Break
- March 25 - Good Friday
- March 28 - Easter Monday
- Tuesday March 29 - Schools Reopen
- Monday May 23 - Victoria Day
- Wednesday June 29 - Last Day for Students
- Thursday June 30 - Last Day for Teachers

Non-Instructional Days = 6
Administrative Day = 1

Semester 1 Starts Sept. 8, 2015 (88 days)
Semester 2 Starts Feb 1, 2016 (92 days)

Hours of Instruction Per Day
Elementary = 293 minutes (4h 53m)
Middle = 295 minutes (4h 55m)
Secondary = 318 minutes (5h 18m)

Two 2 Hour Early Dismissal Days



GRAD PARENTS



GRADUATION!



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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 21st 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

