



# TITAN TIMES

## Update on the Steering Committee and Merging

Regarding the merging of our two schools into ATS, there are a few areas that the school community needs to address: school crest and logo, mascot/nickname, and dress code.

Now that our new name, Abbotsford Traditional School (ATS) is well-known and approved by the board, there are other areas of the schools merging that need to be addressed. Presently drafts of some options for a new school crest and sports logo are being made by a company that the district has hired, but these are not yet completed. This is a bit behind schedule, and we are keen here to keep moving forward on this, but we have to wait for this process to finish. The Steering Committee is also anxious to move forward with conversations around mascot/ nickname, and dress code. Hopefully we can start meeting as soon as possible in the new year (Jan / Feb). The first meeting we have will be to review crest drafts and logo drafts and talk about a process that ensures students, parents, and staff are able to share their thoughts about the options. We look forward to being able to share these items with our school community as soon as possible! - Mr. R. Gabriel

The YMCA is putting on a series of workshops next week at the Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre at 33355 Bevan Ave. These seminars are for youth ages 12-19 and are being held from 1-3pm on the following days:

- Monday Dec 19: Defining & Understanding Anger
- Tuesday Dec 20: Personal values, goals & beliefs
- Wednesday Dec 21: Practical tools, patterns and triggers
- Thursday Dec 22: Dealing with the aftermath of anger

Students who attend all 4 workshops will be entered to into a draw for a chance to win a FREE CHROMEBOOK! For more information, please contact Mike.lemi@gv.ymca.ca or Sharan.chahal@gv.ymca.ca

Traffic congestion continues to be an issue at pick up and drop off every day. Please review the next two pages of this newsletter for some options for alternate pick up and drop off locations to help reduce congestion and the time it takes to clear the area in front of the school at these high traffic times.

The whole school was invited to participate in a Christmas door decorating contest last week! The winning classes were the LSS room for Secondary and Mrs. Stafford's homeroom for middle! There were many beautiful doors and a lot of effort was put in by so many students.

## This week in Secondary:

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students from across Canada are invited to showcase their art and design work in the 2023 Show Off! Art Competition and Exhibition at AUArts. One Grade 12 student will take the grand prize, "Best in Show" — an AUArts scholarship worth \$5,000. Check the counselling blog for more info and the entry link.

## This week in Middle:

Congratulations to the Grade 8 boys basketball team for coming in first place in the Abbotsford Police Tournament over the weekend. Amazing job boys!

## Safe Arrival

The Abbotsford School District utilizes an automated student attendance management system called Safe Arrival, offered through School Messenger®, the company that hosts our parent notification system.

Please report student absences online.

With Safe Arrival, you can report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. SchoolMessenger App - Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. SafeArrival Website - Using the SafeArrival website, go to: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Toll-Free Number - Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

### ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਆਗਮਨ

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਐਨਲਾਈਨ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰੋ। ਐਬਟਸਫੋਰਡ ਸਕੂਲ ਡਿਸਟ੍ਰਿਕਟ ਇੱਕ ਸਵੈਚਾਲਤ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਨ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਸਨੂੰ SafeArrival ਕਹਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ, SchoolMessenger® ਦੁਆਰਾ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਜੋ ਸਾਡੇ ਮਾਤਾ-ਪਿਤਾ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਦੀ ਮੇਜ਼ਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ। SafeArrival ਦੇ ਨਾਲ, ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹਨਾਂ 3 ਸੁਵਿਧਾਜਨਕ ਤਰੀਕਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਦੀ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ:

1. ਸਕੂਲ ਮੈਸੇਜਰ ਐਪ - ਆਪਣੇ ਮੋਬਾਈਲ ਡਿਵਾਈਸ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ, Apple ਐਪ ਸਟੋਰ ਜਾਂ Google Play Store ਤੋਂ SchoolMessenger ਐਪ ਨੂੰ ਡਾਊਨਲੋਡ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕਰੋ। ਪਹਿਲੀ ਵਾਰ ਜਦੋਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਐਪ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਖਾਤਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਈਨ ਅੱਪ ਚੁਣੋ। ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਚੁਣੇ ਫਿਰ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰੋ।
2. ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਆਗਮਨ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ - SafeArrival ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ, ਇਸ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) ਪਹਿਲੀ ਵਾਰ ਜਦੋਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਆਪਣਾ ਖਾਤਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਈਨ ਅੱਪ ਚੁਣੋ। ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਚੁਣੇ ਫਿਰ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰੋ।
3. ਟੋਲ-ਫ੍ਰੀ ਨੰਬਰ - ਸਵੈਚਲਿਤ ਫੋਨ ਸਿਸਟਮ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ 1-844-487-3701 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। ਇਹ ਵਿਕਲਪ 24 ਘੰਟੇ/ਦਿਨ, ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਦੇ 7 ਦਿਨ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ। ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

## On the Horizon

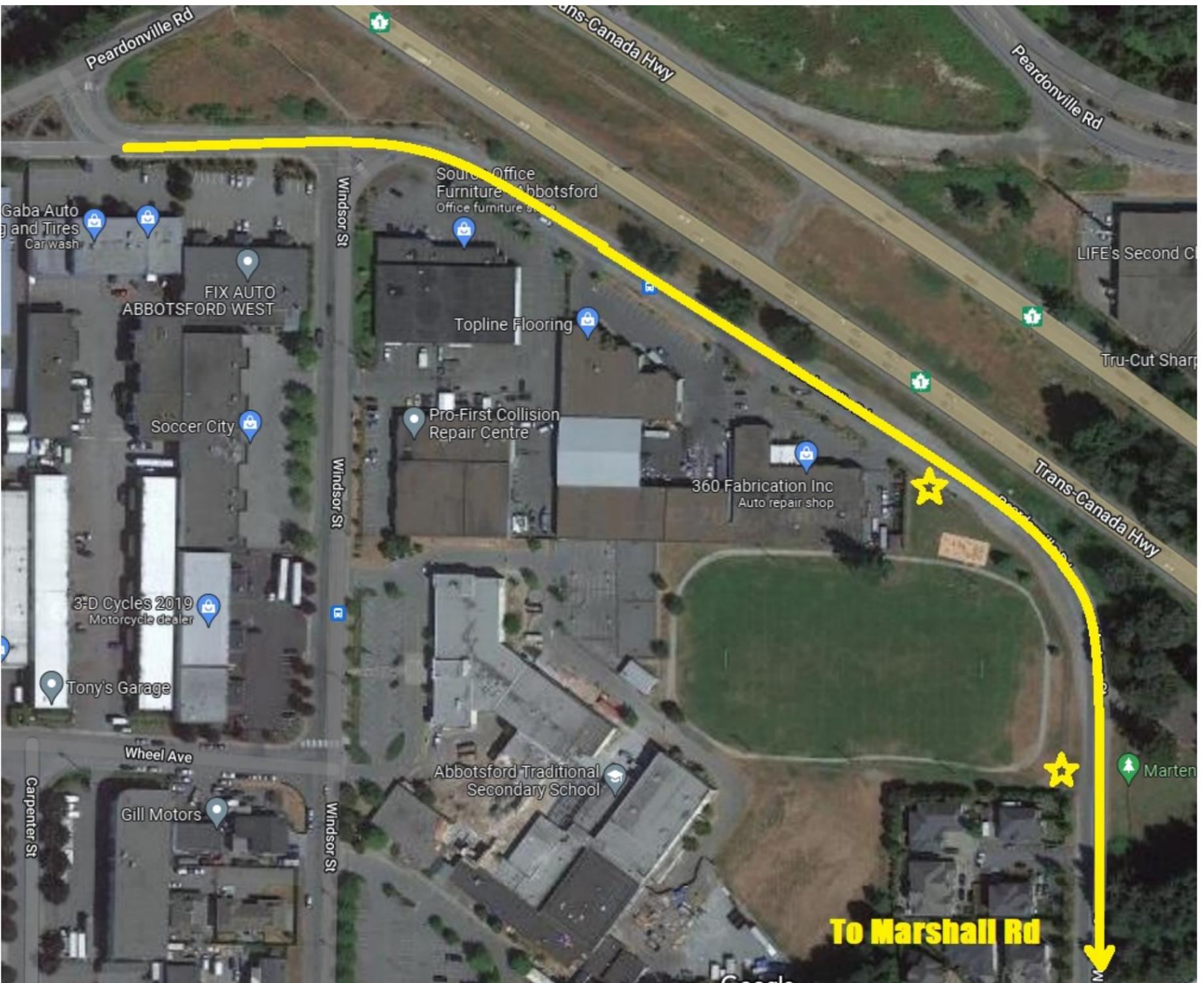
December 19	First Day of Winter Break
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day 
December 26	Boxing Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day
January 3	Students Return to Classes
January 10	Secondary Report Cards
January 13	Middle Late Start (9:33 AM)



# STUDENT DROP OFF OPTIONS

Student drop off and pick up continues to be an issue with regard to the heavy traffic around the front of the school. This congestion blocks local traffic in and out of business and residential driveways, it blocks our buses from getting into the school to pick up students and it causes long waits for parents to get in and out of the area. Please consider using one of the options below as your pick up and drop off method to help reduce this congestion and make drop off and pick up much faster and easier.

**Option 1:** Drive along Peardonville Road and park on the gravel and drop off/pick up the student at the back of the school field. There are two walking entry points at the ends of the fence as marked below. You can then continue along this road and exit onto Marshall Rd



**Option 2:** Turn off Peardonville Road onto Townline Road and then onto Wheel Avenue. Drop off your student along Wheel Avenue and they can walk along the sidewalk and then use the crosswalk to get onto school grounds. You can then turn down Carpenter Street to get out onto Marshall Road. If you are coming from the south on Marshall Road, you can instead turn up Carpenter Street, drop off on Wheel Avenue and then turn back down Townline Road to return to Marshall Road.



**Option 3:** Turn into the school parking lot at the south entrance and continue through the loop, dropping your student off at the entrance. This is not the recommended option as it will be the most congested area and will take the longest to get in and out. Stopping on Windsor Street to wait to get into the parking lot is not recommended as it blocks traffic in and out of the area and into and out of the surrounding business and residential driveways.

