



Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School

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PARENT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL BEGINNING:

I want to begin by hoping everyone is having a safe and relaxing summer break. We would like to provide some information, which may be of help to you as you plan for this fall startup. We have included a number of important information items, in regards to the beginning of school. This packet should include: this cover letter, timetable, (for Gr. 11s and 12s only), contract for parents regarding a commitment to support the traditional program and laptop program information and contract. If you have not received this information please check with your son or daughter and then the school office at 604-850-7029.

Course Changes:

Gr. 11 and 12s can book an appointment to come in for course changes. The dates for this are, Gr. 12s, Wed. Sept 1, Gr. 11s, Thurs. Sept 2. Appointments can be booked by calling the school, 604-850-7029 from 8 am to 12:00 pm. on these days. The afternoons, 1:00 pm to 4:00pm, will be on a first come, first served basis.

Gr. 9 and 10s will receive their timetables in their homeroom class on the first day of school. They will be able to make course changes during the first week of school, Sept, Sept. 7-10.

Homeroom lists will be posted on the front entrance window over the Labour Day weekend prior to school beginning

School Fees:

We will be collecting school fees in homeroom for the first week of school this year. The fees have been authorized by both the Province and the School Board for school operation. Please note that new this year is a parking fee. As we have grown and can no longer accommodate all potential student cars, we will be selling parking spots on a first come first serve basis requiring registration and a parking sticker.

- Student activity fee (for all students) - \$30
 - Graduation fee, (if graduating) - \$35
 - Parking Fee, (new this year) - \$10
 - Yearbook fee (optional) - \$55
- (\$45 If paid before Oct 31)

(Yearbooks again will be handed out at the end of the school year in June)

First Day of School will be a half day and look like the following:

8:10-8:30	Homeroom
8:35-9:00	Block A1
9:05-9:30	Block B1
9:35-10:00	Block C1
10:05-10:30	Block D1
10:35- 11:00	Linear Block (A2, B2, C2, D2) (12's Go Home)
11:00	Classes Dismissed

Laptop Fees:

This packet contains important information on the laptop; please take the time to read through before signing the contract. This contract and the Traditional parent contract need to be returned and signed before the student can receive their laptop. Laptop fees can be paid as one payment of \$290 w/o peace of mind insurance or \$315 with it. This payment can be broken into four installments to make it easier and we would ask that you include four dated and post dated cheques of \$72.50 w/o insurance or \$78.75 w/ insurance. We do have a sibling option if you have more than one child in our laptop program. Please contact Mrs. Mangat, in the office or Mr. Macphail, for more information.

Our school District has provided an option for those who may be facing financial hardship in regards to fees. If there are concerns about the difficulty of paying any of the school fees, incl. the laptop, please contact me at the office as no one should be denied an opportunity to attend ATSS due to financial difficulty.

School Uniform:

Our uniform supplier is available throughout the summer and can be contacted at 604-864-9728. It is expected that student will arrive on their first day of school in school dress code.

Newsletter:

We will print our first newsletter in hardcopy in Sept. but ask that if we do not have your e-mail address please contact the office with it as from then on our newsletters will all be electronic on e-mail. Not only does this save paper but it also ensures parents receive them.

Please ensure the necessary forms are signed and returned. If there are any owing laptop or textbook fees from previous years the laptop for this year will not be signed out to the student. Again if there is any difficulty with hardship please contact me in the office.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 604-850-7029

Sincerely,

Glen Hildebrand, Principal, ATSS