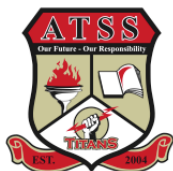


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**Student Handbook
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ATSS Mission Statement

The mission of the Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School is to provide a dynamic learning environment that encourages students to discover and embrace their potential as responsible, productive, successful individuals within the global community.

This agenda belongs to:

NAME _____

GRADE _____ HOME ROOM _____

School website: www.atss.ca

PHONE _____

STUDENT NO. _____



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PRINCIPAL/ VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'Traditional Values and Progressive Education'

Thank you for choosing Abbotsford Traditional Secondary School as your educational option in SD#34. On behalf of administration and staff we wish to welcome you to our school. At ATSS we are building upon a legacy of excellence that began with the creation of Abbotsford's first traditional school in 1996.

Today, as then, we believe that "good enough" is not good enough when it comes to the academic, athletic and social development of our students. We hope that the standards we uphold in terms of quality programming, the dedication of our staff, and our collective attention to the "finer details" of your education reflect our commitment to excellence.

For the past three years, we have been growing in size and this year we are bigger than ever with some 530 students now attending. We continue to experience success in many realms. Our 121 Student Laptop Program is innovative and unique, allowing students 24-hour connectivity to their teachers, as well as, unparalleled access to educational resources on the Internet. This initiative (the only one of its kind in the district) is preparing students for learning in a world increasingly shaped by technology.

Last year saw the addition of an \$18,000 weight room facility and the creation of our first Boy's Rugby Team. While the quality of all our programs is worthy of praise, we are very proud of the fact that our Junior Boy's Soccer Team won the Fraser Valleys and our Wrestling Team was ranked second in the province.

If you are an academic you will be pleased to know that there are honours classes available in Grades 9/10 core subject areas. In the senior grades, we are now offering four advanced placement courses, which allow successful students to get credit for graduation and their first year of university. ATSS student continue to show their writing talents by winning Awards of Excellence at the Canadian National Short Story Contest for Young Writers. Public Speaking, Social Studies Fair and Reach For The Top (Trivia Club) are all ways our student bring their learning to the greater community.

We encourage you to take advantage of all our extracurricular offerings and extend your participation outside of the classroom. We have a fabulous Musical Theatre Program that brings students together from across the grades, providing entertainment for the greater community and allowing students to further develop the skills being built in our Choral and Concert Band Programs.

You will find that ATSS is a place where traditional values mix with a progressive education to create an incomparable learning experience. There are, as a result, very high expectations placed upon you. You are expected to adhere to our code of conduct, attend regularly, arrive on time, wear the uniform and put forth your best effort academically.

Our school is a pleasant place for all however, because we pay attention to the way we treat each other. Respect and consideration are values we attempt to live out in our daily interactions. Be a “polished” individual. Remember the importance of “please”, “thank you”, “excuse me” and simply being nice – these are habits that make a big difference in the quality of all our lives.

We wish you the very best and are sure that your year will be both positive and memorable. Teachers, parents and administrators – we are all here to guide and support your efforts to be the best you can be.

Kindest regards,

Mr. Glen Hildebrand
Principal

Mr. Jason Parker
Vice-Principal