



Panther News



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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe but we are into term 2. We haven't even unpacked all our boxes from moving in! As we move closer to the Christmas season, we urge students and members of the community to think about those around us who are less fortunate. Empathy is defined on www.dictionary.com as...Identification with and understanding of another's situation, feelings, and motives. Let us try to think from others perspective to increase understanding, tolerance and respect. We can change the world, one person at a time, when we treat others well.



The new computer lab completed this past week. This is one of the last sections of the school to be finished as part of the recent renovation.



Abby Senior's new state of the art foods room.

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Important Dates

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| Nov. 22 | Report Cards sent home |
| Nov. 27 | Gr. 10 Career Fair |
| Nov. 28 | College Liaison Day |
| Dec. 13 | Pro-d Day |
| Dec. 17 | Music Concert 7 pm |
| Dec. 20 | Last Day of classes |
| Jan. 8 | School Reopens |
| Jan 16-18 | Snowball Tournament |
| Jan. 24 - 30 | Provincial Exams |
| Feb. 3-7 | Grad Photos |

IB News

A bottle drive on Saturday, 26 October resulted in \$434.66 to help victims of landmines. Abby Senior IB students have pledged to raise money for land mine clearance or to help victims of landmines. This is part of a North American initiative in recognition of how fortunate we are to not have to confront landmines in our daily lives.

Jason Born, Andrea Hamm, Kevin Kaila, Rob Molnar and Hanna Soberg led the teams by driving their vehicles. Assisting were Susan Anderson, Katie Cox, Kris DeLuna, Kendra Gerbrandt, Elena Huebert, Alyssa Kumar, Ana Novakovic, Amani Saini, Kaitlin Straker, Amy Pankratz.

Thanks to the others who helped in organizing and delivering flyers: Sandra DeWinter, Jose Irizar, Cora Kollin, and Megan Mackenzie. Thanks also to Michael Neale, Mr. Radnai and sons, Mrs. McMahon and children for all their contributions. We will continue to meet on Mondays at lunch in W123. All students are welcome to attend and become involved.

Students finishing IB courses this year have completed their registration. We are very fortunate that the School Board pays the substantial fees which makes the programme available to students in the Abbotsford School District.

IB teachers attended an IBBC conference in New Westminster on the Pro-D day. After a thought provoking panel on Globalization (remarks by Simon Fraser University professors Dr. Nello Angerilli and Dr. Lenard Cohen) teachers attended subject sessions and discussed curriculum with their colleagues.

Debating



The Abbotsford Senior Secondary Debate Team is once again preparing for the UBC High School Invitational Tournament. The UBC is a two day invitational tournament, and will be running from Friday, November 29 through Saturday, November 30. It will be a grueling two days in which our senior debaters will have to debate six times. We always need volunteers to help judge at the tournament (we are expected to bring at least one judge per team entered). If you are interested in judging (no experience necessary, but you must be a high school graduate), or just want to come along to encourage the team, please contact Mr. Bergen at the school.

Library needs your help!

The Library needs donations of magazines for student projects and Youth Fiction Books.

PAC NEWS

Parents at the last PAC meeting decided to take on a couple of projects this year. The first, the Gardening Clinics, are on hold for now. The second is to supply display cases throughout the school for teachers to present students' work in literacy. Our thanks to Mr. Bardon and his construction classes for agreeing to design and build the 3 display cases. Parents are welcome at our PAC meetings. They are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Library. The evening of shared information and ideas between parents and the school's administrators is usually an hour long. Refreshments are always served. Come out and see what Abby Senior is doing for your son or daughter to help them get a great education.

Grad Info.

Grad Wear

We are now taking orders for the Abby Grad 2003 sweatshirts and matching sweatpants. They are Black Russell Sweatshirts/pants with Roots Red lettering. They come in S, M, L, XL, and XXL. Samples for each of the sizes are in the office. The price for the grad sweatshirt is \$47.00 and the grad sweatpants are \$35.00. Orders will be taken until Dec. 10.

Grad Parent Meeting

There will be an important Grad Parents' meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 5 in the library. There will be discussion and important information about grad events this year .

College Liaison

On November 28, representatives from many of B.C.'s colleges and universities will be here to meet with our grade 11 and 12 students to discuss programs, admission policies, and scholarships as well as to answer questions. Students must register to take part in the afternoon sessions. Forms are available in the Counselling Centre.

Dinner Theatre

In order to make Dinner Theatre a possibility this year, we are requesting the help of parents. There are many odd jobs that need to be done with a show of this magnitude. Jobs include: set design, set construction and take down, painting, publicity to name but a few. If you think that you might have some spare time and energy to donate, we NEED you! Please contact Michelle Middleton or Terry McLellan at the school for more details. Thanks, in advance, for your support.

Panther Athletics

Soccer Team Fraser Valley Champions

Panther Soccer is having another year of unprecedented success. Recently Beating Centennial Secondary 3-1 to clinch the Fraser Valley Championship, the team is busily preparing for the BC provincial Finals. We wish them well as they continue on their quest to be provincial champions!

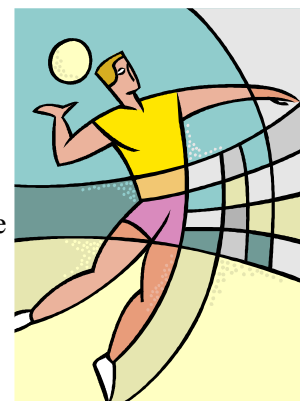


Cross Country

A big congratulations to Natalie Baye, our first athlete to represent the school this year at the provincials and the first in over a decade from our school to make it to this level in cross country running. Natalie finish 102nd out of a very competitive field of 300 girls. Well done Natalie!

Panther Volleyball

Senior and Junior Girls Volleyball finished out a their seasons this week. As they always do. The teams represented their school well and had some excellent matches over the course of the season. Congratulations to the teams and their coaches on a job well done!



Baby Grad Pictures — Memories to last!

Give your graduating student a gift that lasts forever! Put a childhood picture in their yearbook with your own message on how proud you are of their accomplishments.

1/2 page	- \$100
1/4 page	- \$75
1/8 page	- \$50
Message only	- \$25

All photos will be returned. The ad is confidential so you can surprise your son or daughter when yearbooks are given out in June! Please forward cheque made out to Abbotsford Senior Secondary and photograph (with date and name) plus your message to Denise Silzer, Yearbook Teacher. Deadline: January 30. Space is limited. Reserve early!!!!

Music Department News

The music department continues move through their fundraising season with the traditional poinsettias and chocolate the most recent fundraising events. The department is looking forward to the annual Christmas Concert which will showcase student performances from all the groups. We hope you will all join us on the evening of December 17 starting at 7 pm.

Further down the road is a trip to see West Side Story at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in January and plans are well underway for a spring trip to Nelson to attend "Festival Nelson" an excellent Music Festival where our groups will perform and receive feedback from clinicians considered outstanding in the field of choral and instrumental music.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was a huge success under the direction of leadership student Amani Saini, Abby Students and staff contributed over 100 boxes to the project which makes Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate than ourselves. Congratulations on a job well done Abby!



CHADD

The Abbotsford Chapter of CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) hold monthly meetings at:

Fraser Valley Child Development Centre
34081 Cyril Street,
Abbotsford,
7pm—9pm

For more information about the meeting, please call Laurie at 604-854-1997 or Diane at 604-852-2686 ext. 246.