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Abbotsford Middle August Newsletter

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Welcome to a new school year of Learning and Growth!

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year! I hope that you have had a fun-filled summer with time for relaxing and enjoying family and friends. This newsletter has some important information that will help you get ready for the first couple of days of school.

Planning for the school year by both office and teaching staff is well underway. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Abbotsford Middle's learning community, working together to provide an excellent 2025-2026 school year.

We want to ensure that Abbotsford Middle School is a place where everyone feels welcome and important. We hope that all students will join in school events, try new clubs and activities, as well as the resources offered to your child.

As we create classes, student classroom placement is a responsibility we take very seriously. We put much effort into placing all children in optimal educational settings. We consider a range of criteria, including academic needs and progress, physical and emotional maturity, social needs and connections. We ask parents to encourage their children to be open to placement and to give it some time as it can take a couple of weeks to adjust to a new grade, new peers, and new adults. All staff work very hard to provide exciting positive experiences for students at Abbotsford Middle and appreciate your support. Tentative class lists will be posted on the front doors of the school on Friday, August 29th by 6pm. These lists will have your child's first name, grade level, teacher's name and room number.

Warm regards,
Heather Reid, Principal

First day of School Information - Tuesday, September 2nd

Grade 6 are to be present from 8:20am – 10am

Grades 7 and 8 are to be present from 9:45am -11:15am



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Grade 6 students are welcome to arrive at Abbotsford Middle School at 8:15 a.m., spending time with friends before meeting Abbotsford Middle staff at the front door, entering the school, and moving into the gym. Students will be asked to sit for a brief welcome assembly and then meet their teachers.

Grade 7 students are welcome to arrive at Abby Middle for 9:40am spending time with friends prior to meeting Abbotsford Middle staff. We ask grade 7 students to meet at the west side of the building (on the side of the building where Abby Middle's sign is located).

Grade 8 students are welcome to arrive at Abby Middle at 9:40am as well, spending time with friends prior to meeting Abbotsford Middle staff. We ask grade 8 students to meet their teachers at the front doors.

Transportation Information

On Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, buses will run as scheduled for the morning. For the first day of school ONLY, afternoon will depart three (3) hours earlier than regular time. Beginning Wednesday, September 3rd, all buses will run at their regular scheduled time in the morning and after school. If you have any questions, or your child is registered for bussing but unsure which bus to take, call the transportation department at 604-855-5278 or email them at school.bus@abbyschools.ca. Please ensure that your child is aware of their bus number and location of daily pick up and drop off.

Traffic Flow and Safety - Parking Lot Etiquette and Good Neighbors

Parents are reminded that residential neighborhood surrounds our school. Please follow all traffic signs, being mindful of students. Parking at the school is minimal at best, particularly with the expansion to the building that is ongoing. Please DO NOT park in the staff lots at the back of the building of the school, as we need all the spaces for our growing staff. Please DO NOT drive through the staff lots and drop off/pick up your child. This is a safety concern, and we ask for your help.

Parents, we ask your help to encourage your child to walk, ride a scooter, or bike (we have locks available at the office if your child forgets one), especially while the weather is so lovely. Finally, please be a good neighbor and not idle in adjacent cul-de-sacs. We receive many concerns from our neighbors. Please help us keep them happy.

Cell Phones

Students are welcome to bring cell phones to school. Upon entering the building, all cell phones must be powered off and left in lockers during the school day (including nutrition break and lunch). Cell phones may be used before and/or after school once students have exited the building.



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Closed Campus

During the school year, we have a closed campus for the safety and security of our students and staff. This means that students are expected to always stay on campus **at all times**, (including nutrition break and lunchtime), unless previous arrangements are made with the school by the parent or guardian. All visitors, including parents, to the campus are expected to check in at the office upon entering the building. To access the building, please use the doorbell and you will be let in.

Parent Involvement

We welcome parental involvement and participation at Abbotsford Middle School. We welcome your help and participation in the PAC (check out their page on our website) and noon hour supervision. Please contact Ms. Chayne den Ouden (Vice-Principal) if you are interested in gathering more information.

Student fees

In accordance with District Policy AP 317 Student Fees: 3.3 Student Activity fee for Middle and Secondary Schools: fees are to cover costs such as agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, locks, and student leadership. Please visit the district's online payment system (<http://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com>) to register your child(ren) if you haven't already done so.

Attendance and Late Arrivals

Where possible we expect all students to arrive on time and be in attendance daily. A reliable indicator of student success is consistent attendance at school. Students who consistently attend their classes experience greater success in school. We input daily attendance as required by law and track student attendance as it relates to student progress. We ask for your help and cooperation in the following ways:

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time. Students who are late disrupt the learning environment of their peers and often find it uncomfortable arriving late to class.
- Ensure the office is notified of absences or lateness via the school messenger App or the safe arrival website, go.schoolmessenger.ca.
- Remind your child to sign in at the office if they arrive late at school.
- If your child needs to leave early for any reason, please send a note to their teacher/office or notify the school through the Safe Arrival program on its website.

Wednesday, September 3rd

This is a regular school day with arrival at or before 8:20am and ending at 2:20pm. Your child's teacher will confirm where they are to meet their teacher when the bell rings. School district



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transportation will be running on a regular basis. Make sure your child has a snack, water bottle and lunch. Please **do not** send your child with their school supplies on the first day, instead WAIT until your child's teacher says, "bring your schools supplies tomorrow".

Thursday, September 4th, and Friday, September 5th

These are regular school days with the start of our regular exploration and gym schedule. Students should bring their snack, water bottle and lunch.

Finally,

Thank you for your continued support as we work together as a school community to inspire our students to reach their full potential. If you have any questions, please visit [Abbotsford Middle](#). Updates will be added to the calendar as well as within the "Announcement" section of the school website.

We hope you are looking forward to the new school year... we certainly are!

Warmly,

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