



TITAN TIMES

Today we honoured Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and the global effort to end systemic racism by wearing our black shirts. It was a day of education and reflection about racial injustice in our communities.

Over the next week or so, parents of Grade 11 and Grade 12 students are being asked to complete a short survey about their child's educational experience at ATS.

At ATS we have been working on a document that helps illustrate the educational focus we have around areas such as thinking critically, making independent decisions, striving for physical well-being, being cooperative, and being responsible from Grades 6-12.

The document is called "Profile of a Traditional Graduate" and it is found at the links below:

[English](#) [Punjabi](#)

The survey is about what parents think their child is experiencing at ATS in 7 areas.

Surveys are an important way of gathering information from our parent community and we appreciate parents' time in participating.

-Mr. Gabriel

This week in Secondary:

Semester 2 Course Change Schedule:

Most students will not need a course change appointment for Semester 2 as students met with Mr. Abernethy (Counsellor) at the start of the year to make sure their timetable was correct for the school year. However, if you do need to talk to the counsellor about a potential course change, please follow the process below.

To SIGN UP for a course change students will need to attend the Main Office On:

Grades 11/12 on Monday, January 23 (Lunch and After School Only)

Grades 9/10 on Tuesday, January 24 (Lunch and After School Only)

For course change sign ups please do not attend office during class time.

Student Course Change Appointments with Mr. Abernethy (Counsellor):

Grade 12 – Tuesday, January 24 (5 Min appointments all school day)

Grade 11 – Wednesday, January 25 (5 Min appointments all school day)

Grades 9/10 – Thursday, January 26 (5 Min appointments all school day)

Grads should be reading the Counselling Blog posts regularly. They are on our student services site 24/7. The provincial gov't's \$5000 BC Excellence scholarship is now available to apply for. You need to fill out the internal application found on the counselling blog post.

If you are one of the 12 students writing the Punjabi 11 or 12 challenge exam in Delta on January 29 and have not received the email from Delta with final instructions, please see Mr. Abernethy ASAP.

This week in Middle:

Middle school Gidda and Bhangra practice will be in the small gym every Friday after eating period.

Mrs. Sharma's Grade 6's learned about Newton's Second Law of Motion this week by building snowball launchers!

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 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 ਕਰੋ। ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਚੁਣੇ ਫਿਰ ਗੈਰਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰੋ।
2. ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਆਗਮਨ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ - SafeArrival ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ, ਇਸ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਓ: go.schoolmessenger.ca ਪਹਿਲੀ ਵਾਰ ਜਦੋਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਆਪਣਾ ਖਾਤਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਈਨ ਅੱਪ ਕਰੋ। 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

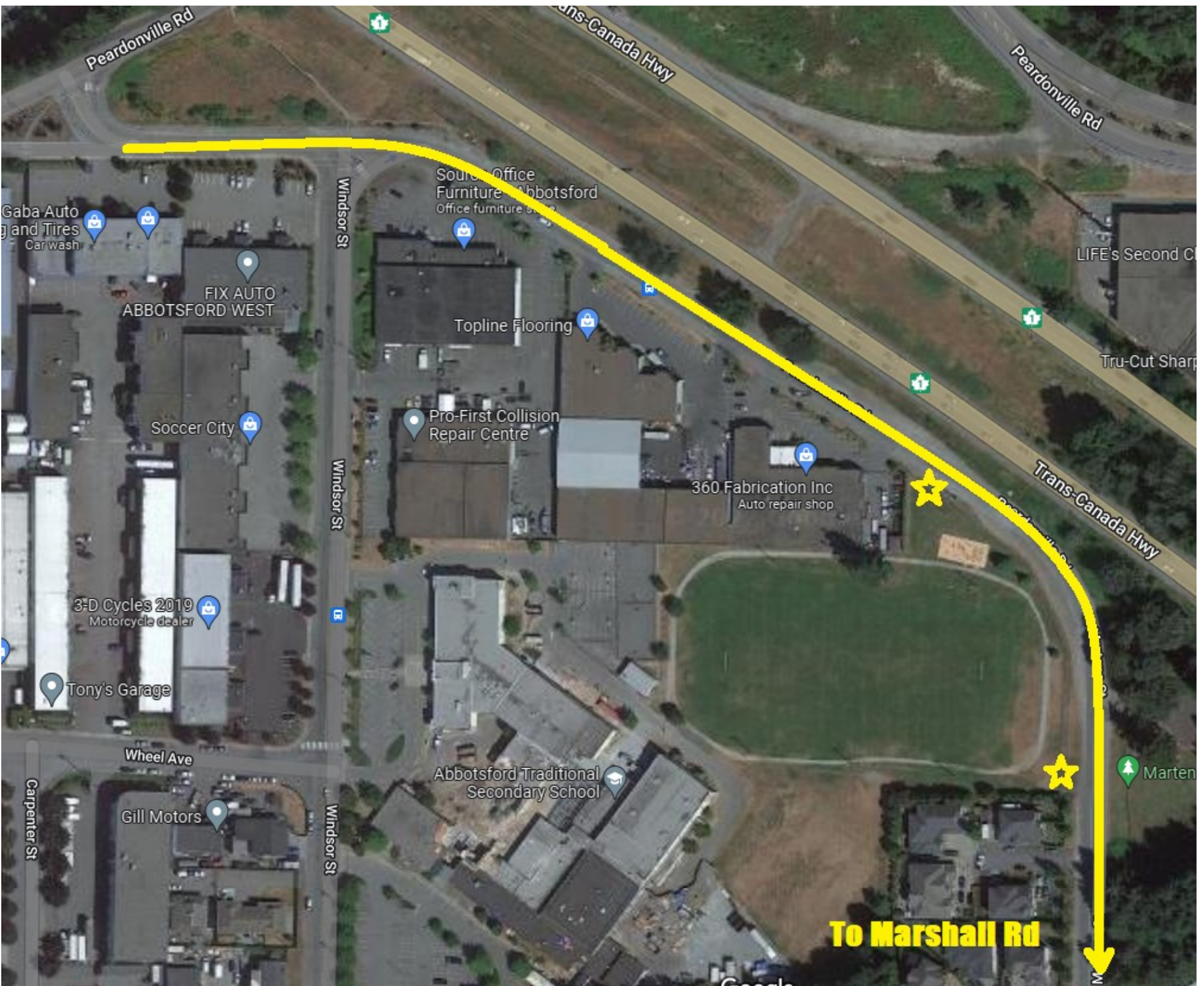
January 13	Middle Late Start (9:33 AM)
January 16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day
January 19	Middle Pep Rally
January 22	Lunar New Year
January 23-26	Grad Photos
January 24	Open House for Prospective New Students (Grade 6-8)
January 27	Middle Late Start (9:33 AM)
January 31	Grade 6 Ice Skating
February 1	Registration Opens for 2023-2024 School Year
February 3	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.

