



TITAN TIMES

How's the ATS Seismic Upgrade Coming Along?

Great news: the end of seismic is near. The date looks to be July 31, 2023 for full completion. Hopefully any delays would be limited. We are anticipating an official "opening" 1-3 months after completion, when the final touch ups are done or mostly done. Here is the work to be celebrated:

Areas completed:

- some exterior painting
- updated and expanded Library Learning Commons
- new book room
- new middle changerooms
- new fitness / weight room and storage room inside
- stage converted from weight room to functional theatre stage and drama teaching space
- new middle gym painting
- new bleachers in the middle gym
- 8 new or renovated classrooms
- new staff room
- new admin offices, sick room
- new windows on the north facing high school science wing
- rebuilt and redesigned band room
- new custodial storage area by band room
- renovated cafeteria
- storage renovations in the shops
- added 3 universal washrooms

Areas close to being completed:

- Remaining exterior painting
- new hallway that links the lower floor by the library to cafeteria, gyms, and admin wing
- new areas in the old mezzanine - staff office, work spaces, student work area
- new stairs linking the 1st floor to the 2nd floor
- new front entrance by the new admin wing
- new counselling office
- new student lounge by new front entrance - big garage door opening to courtyard
- new secretary office
- new courtyard with lots of seating, planters, spaces for activities, lots of overhang for shade
- new fences at the front of the courtyard and back of the courtyard on the other side of the new hallway
- final painting of all hallways, bathrooms, etc.
- MPR returned to its original state
- the back field will return to being a field with no construction equipment

ATS is going to look fantastic for our 2023-2024 school year.

Unified New Dress Code

The ATS Steering Committee has been working to unify the dress code of the two schools into one, and we are close to sharing the vision, but we are presently confirming with Able Cresting that they could supply the garments and colours that we would like. We also want to give you as much time as possible to add pieces that you need for the dress code. Because we always like to know if a student is in middle school or secondary school at a glance, we have some similarities and some differences that will help tell our students apart.

Some highlights:

- the bottoms for all students in grade 6-12 will be black chino style pants or black chino style shorts. These can be bought at various stores throughout the city or wherever you do your clothes shopping. Able cresting does not typically stock pants for school, but you can ask.
- crested tops for middle will be burgundy (crest, Able Cresting)
- crested tops for secondary will be charcoal grey (crest, Able Cresting)

PE clothes bottoms for 6-12 will be navy blue shorts (logo, Able Cresting) or navy blue sweats (logo, Able Cresting)

More details will be coming out soon regarding the dress code. We will send information home and have it on our website.

New Crest and School Nickname / Mascot

Please take a moment to complete our very short survey on our new crest and nickname / mascot that was sent out on Thursday May 18 to all parents, students, and staff. This information will help the Steering Committee move forward as we plan for next year. The survey is in both Punjabi and English. Once we know what our nickname is, we will work very hard to get an athletic logo completed so we can show it off on our PE clothes and gym floors.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/j12kpERt5s>

This past week had some hot days and we added two Spirit Days of shorts and tshirts to help students beat the heat. This is an option for future weeks with similar temperatures. Parents please ensure students are wearing weather appropriate clothing to school. We should be seeing fewer sweatshirts, hoodies, long pants and sweat pants, and more polos and shorts during this season. In addition, please encourage your child to bring a water bottle. Students, please remember that water is for drinking, not for splashing friends. :)

We are excited to be offering for next year, a linear PE/PE-Leadership 9/10 course! The PE-Leadership class will for the most part be planning and running sports events such as intramurals for our middle school students regularly throughout the year. They could also help with various sports days and visits from our King and South Poplar prospective students. As this is a new offering from ATS, the shape of the course will evolve over the span of the next school year.

On the Horizon

May 22	Victoria Day (No School)
May 26	Middle Late Start (9:33 AM)
June 2	Middle Late Start (9:33 AM)
June 8	Prom (Grade 12)
June 16	Middle Late Start (9:33 AM)

