



# PANTHER PRESS NEWSLETTER

September 16 - 20

## Important Dates This Week

- Sept 16th - ABCD
  - School Photo Day
  - Cross Country Meet 3:00pm Aldergrove Bowl
- Sept 17th - CDAB
  - Cops for Cancer Visit
  - 2:45pm Boys Soccer v. Hansen
- Sept 18th - BADC
  - Grad Cruise
  - 3:00pm Jr. Girls VBall at Hansen
  - 8:00pm Abby Sr Girls VBall v. Mouat
- Sept 19th - DCBA
  - 3:00pm Jr. Football vs. Holy Cross
- Sept 20th - SLO - ABCD (late start for students)
  - Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament (all day)
  - 7:00pm Sr. Football vs. Mission



## Week 2 Done!

It was nice to see so many families that came with their Panthers to tour the school, meet the teachers, and hear about some of the amazing programs offered at Abby Senior! A special thank you to our Professional Cook students for providing us with cookies, coffee, and tea. We're looking forward to our bistro reopening Wednesday September 18th.

Both our Junior and our Senior Football teams played home games this past week on the turf field. The junior team competed in a defensive battle against West Vancouver but fell short 20-6. The Senior team hosted the #2 ranked team in the province and lost a tough game. It's great to see the football program flourishing and attracting students from all over Abby and beyond with some of our international students learning to play the "other" football. This week, our football team will be hosting Mission Secondary on Friday night and football staff have organized a social that will begin in the Abby Arts addition at 5pm. Outside there will be carnival games, bouncy castle, concession, and a drumline at half time. The festivities will continue after the game. Thanks to our athletics department and our coaches for providing their time and expertise. We are looking forward to connecting with some old faces!

Our classes are up and running and in full swing, with learning opportunities happening around every corner. In future Panther Press editions, you'll find photos and highlights from inside the walls of the classrooms.

This week our junior girls volleyball team will be participating in a tournament on Friday September 20th. We wish them luck at their first tournament of the year!

You'll find this weekly newsletter filled with information about the upcoming events at Abby Senior to help you plan your schedule. Archived copies of the newsletter will be kept on our school website

<https://abbysenior.abbyschools.ca/panther-press-community-edition>



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## Student Photos

On Monday, students will have their photos taken by our school photography company Vibrant. It is important that all students get their photo taken--even our grade 12 students--as this is used for school ID. For our grade 9, 10, and 11 students, these photos will be used in the yearbook. Formal grad photos will take place from January 16-23

## Cops for Cancer - Tour de Valley

On Wednesday, we are excited to have the Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley team stop at Abby Senior. Our very own Mr. Supeene is involved in the ride. So far, Tour de Valley has raised nearly \$150,000!

## SLO Days

This Friday, September 20th will be our first of six Staff Learning Opportunities (SLO) days throughout the year. This is an opportunity for staff to collaborate on learning activities that will benefit our students. On SLO days, classes begin at 9:25am for students.

The MySchoolDay app has been updated to reflect the late starts for students. SLO days take place September 20th, October 18th, November 22nd, February 7th, March 7th, and May 20th. Bus students will still be able to access the school on these days and will be encouraged to work quietly in the Rotunda and the Library Learning Commons.

## Grad Cruise 2024



We are looking forward to hosting our annual Grad Cruise this Wednesday. The forecast looks promising, but it's often breezy on the water so while we encourage students to dress for the evening in their semi-formal attire, we also remind them to bring a jacket or a sweater. No backpacks will be permitted.

**Grads, please meet at the front of the school at 4pm to be ready for departure.**

A reminder that this is a school field trip so all school policies and rules apply.

## Meet Spud!

Spud visits our Odyssey program on Fridays with Ms. Prato for a bit of Bun Love. Ms. Prato is actually an expert on all things bunnies, showcasing them at rabbit shows throughout North America when she's not teaching. Did you know that the grumpier the face a bunny has, the better the bunny ranks in showings? Spud's face may be super grumpy, but he's actually very loveable, sweet, and loves snoot boops.





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## Student Verification forms & School Messenger

During opening week homerooms, students were given their Student Information Verification forms to bring home. If there were changes, students were instructed to have parents sign-off on the changes and return the form to the school. Please make sure that your email is correct so that you can continue to receive communications from the school.

## Grad Parent Info Night

On Thursday night, we shared information to our graduating families about events that will be occurring for the grads throughout the year. Copies of the Powerpoint what was shown were sent home via SchoolMessenger. Please check your email for the PDF. Our school website will be the central go-to point for all grad information. You can find the grad handbook at

<https://abbysenior.abbyschools.ca/students/grads/abbysenior>



## Dry Grad Parent Committee

Dry Grad has been set for Friday February 14th 2024 this year (Pro-D Day). This is a parent-run, school supported event. The success of the Dry Grad relies heavily on parent involvement: a strong committee paves the way to a successful event. Dry Grad parents will organize sponsorship, proze/gift baskets, food, security, first aid, decorations, coat check, set-up, and clean-up. If you are interested in being on the Dry Grad committee, the first meeting will take place on Tuesday October 15th at 7pm in the Learning Commons.

## PAC News

You are invited to the next General PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Abbotsford Senior Secondary Library. Enter through the Rotunda.

We invite parents/guardians/caregivers of Abbotsford Senior Secondary students to put forward nominations for vacant positions on the Abby Senior PAC. We currently have nominations available for DPAC representative, grade 9/10 parent representative, and Vice President.

Interested parents can notify PAC via email at [abbotsfordsrpac@gmail.com](mailto:abbotsfordsrpac@gmail.com) or simply come to the September meeting. PAC executives must be a parent/guardian/caregiver of a student registered at Abby Senior for the 2024/2025 school year. The DPAC representative will represent our school at DPAC monthly meetings (4th Thursday evening) and is our liaison to DPAC. The VP will chair the PAC meeting in the event president is absent and accept extra duties as required. The parent representative will be responsible for sharing feedback from parents in their students' grade.

We encourage those putting their name forward to review our constitution to find out more about the PAC. the time commitment is mostly limited to the monthly meetings held during the school year. \*\*Please note that only parents attending in person will be able to vote by secret ballot if we hold elections.