



August 26, 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Abbotsford Senior Secondary School. With the first day of school quickly approaching we are sure that parents are excited while students may have a mixture of anticipation, excitement, and perhaps nervousness. On behalf of the entire staff, we are happy to welcome everyone back to Abby Senior. We are looking forward to September 8, 2026, and the official start of another year and working alongside you to ensure that your child has a fantastic school year.

We would like to send a special welcome to our new Grade 9 students, the class of 2030. Our school has so much to offer, and we are excited to have you join our family. We know that you will add to our traditions of excellence and contribute positively to our Panther school culture.

We would like to also recognize this year's Grade 12 students, our graduating class of 2027. This will be a very special and important year for our senior students. As the graduating class, you will provide leadership and uphold our traditions in all aspects of student life. Your role as leaders within our community is a significant responsibility and directly contributes to Abby's outstanding level of excellence. We are confident you will meet our expectations as student leaders, and we know that with hard work and dedication you will enjoy a year of success and reward while building many life-long memories.

All students are encouraged to become involved in school life and become a part of our greater school community, whether in arts, athletics, or clubs. The more you participate, the better your high school experience will be, and all this helps make Abby an amazing place to learn and work. There are many ways to enrich your life in our community through academics, electives, extra-curriculars like clubs, and athletics, which you will learn more about in our grade assemblies during the second week of school.

Parents, we invite you to become an active partner in all aspects of the school, by joining our Parent Advisory Committee, which meets once a month. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to become involved in the school and all parents/ guardians / caregivers are highly encouraged to join us. A full list of dates will be available next week. Our first PAC meeting of the year will be the week of September 14-18. A final date and time will be shared soon.

Please plan to attend our Meet the Teacher Open House event on Wednesday September 16 from 5:30 to 7:00. This time will be a short admin welcome to the school, and a chance for parents to meet their child's teachers. Immediately following, there will be a short Grad Parent meeting from 7:00 to 7:30 in the Library Learning Commons.

Finally, there is a lot of information in this package. Please take a few minutes to read it over and share it with your child.

Sincerely,

Jennie Bell
Principal

Communication - How do I know what's happening at school?

We are hopeful that parents and students will utilize all our communication tools to stay informed about news, events, and important deadlines at Abby, and the school district. Updates are provided by the following platforms:

- <https://abbysenior.abbyschools.ca/>
 - Check out Announcements, Calendar, and News
- <https://www.abbyschools.ca/>
 - for district information
- Weekly Newsletter shared by through email Friday afternoons for the following week
- Instagram, or Facebook - @AbbotsfordSenior
- My school Day app (for students and parents)
 - Download the free app from the app store or Google Play by searching for "My School Day"
 - You will need to select our province, our district (34 Abbotsford), and finally our school.
 - Ensure you allow notifications, so you can receive instant notifications from our school.
 - Follow channels by clicking on the icon at the bottom of the app. You can choose which channels to follow

Reporting Absences and Lates

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, it is extremely important that a parent or guardian informs us. You can do this in one of three ways:

1. School Messenger App
Using your cell phone, download and install the SchoolMessenger App from the Apple App store or Google Play Store. The first time you use the app, select sign up to create your account. Select attendance from the top left corner, then report an absence.
2. Safe Arrival Website
Using the Safearrival website, go to go.schoolmessenger.ca. The first time you use the website, select sign up to create your account. Then select attendance and report an absence.
3. Toll-Free Phone call
Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system

All of these options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child is absent and a parent or guardian has not informed the school in one of the three ways above, parents/guardians will receive an automatic message by email, phone or text.

Change of Contact Information

If you have moved, have a new phone number, please adjust and return the student demographic information form that will be sent home with your child during the first week of school.

Student Timetables

Timetables for all students will be available for viewing on Thursday August 27. To access MyEd see page 12 of this letter.

Grade 9 students will receive a paper copy of their timetable on Tuesday September 8. Grade 10 to 12 students will receive their timetable in their home room on Wednesday, September 9. Block A class lists will be posted on Friday September 4 after 2pm at the two front entrances of the school. All students will go to their Block A class on their first day of school.

Why didn't I get all the courses I requested?

Your timetable was built based on our course selections in March of 2026. If one of your selections conflicted with another course, we used your alternates to the best of our ability to provide a replacement course. Every effort has been made to honour your requests working within class size and composition requirements.

Course Changes

Students must check their schedule for any errors or missing courses, once they receive their schedule on the first day of school or by accessing their schedule in MyEd. If you'd like to request a change, please complete the following form based on your last name and school counsellor. Instructions for accessing MyEd can be found on page 12 of this package.

Last Name A to F – Ms Putman – [Course Change Request Last Name A to F – Fill out form](#)

Last Name G to O – Mr de Wit – [Course Change Request Last Name G to O – Fill out form](#)

Last Name P to Z – Mr Peters - [Course Change Request Last Name P to Z – Fill out form](#)

There will be limited options for change as most courses are full. If we are unable to change, you will be added to the waitlist and will be notified by your school counsellor should a spot become available.

The final day for course changes is Friday September 11th.

All students must attend the courses on your schedule as it appears on their first day of school.

Course Change Priorities - Which priority is your course request?

PRIORITY 1 - You have less than 8 courses scheduled for the year OR you are missing a graduation requirement OR you have been put into an incorrect grade level core course.

PRIORITY 2 - You have a course in your timetable that you've already completed and received credit for OR are a grade 10/11 student who requires a course to meet post-secondary program requirements.

PRIORITY 3 - You've changed your mind (from original request, would like to change elective, balance timetable, etc.).

Counsellors have received your summer school course completion and marks and will be making changes to your timetable on Monday August 31. We will make every effort to adjust your timetable accordingly. Only courses that are fully complete will be considered. AVS courses which are in progress are not considered complete.

If you are a new student, please call the office 604 853 3367 starting on Monday August 31 to make an appointment on Wednesday September 2. This is the only date that is reserved specifically for new students.

Admin and School Counselling Teams

Students are assigned a counsellor and administrator based on their surname as follows:

- Ms. Putman and Mr. Schimdt – A-F

- Mr. De Wit and Ms. Fleming – G-O
- Mr. Peters and Ms. Caines – P-Z

Opening Week for Students

Tuesday, September 8 FOR Grade 9's ONLY

Grade 9s arrive for orientation and welcome assembly @ 8:00 – head to the Pit Gym

Orientation and Welcome: 8:00 to 11:30 (lunch included)

Gr 9 Dismissal after lunch

- Attendance is mandatory
- Bring only a paper and pen/pencil

September 9 to 11 - All Students will attend

Block A will serve as a student's Homeroom this year. Block A class assignments will be posted on the main and heritage doors on Friday September 4th.

All students will attend their Block A or first period class this week where attendance will be taken and reported to the School Board office. Failure to be in your Block A class may result in your child losing their course selections as we unenroll based on homeroom attendance throughout the week.

From Block A, students will rotate through each of their four classes. Each day of the first week will follow the same rotation, A, B, C, D – meaning your child will start their day with the same teacher/class for the first week.

Schedule Wednesday September 9:

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| ○ 7:00-8:00 | Extended Day Classes |
| ○ 8:05 | Warning Bell |
| ○ 8:10-9:35 | Homeroom and Block A |
| ○ 9:40-10:40 | Block B |
| ○ 10:40-12:05 | School Wide BBQ |
| ○ 12:10-1:10 | Block C |
| ○ 1:15- 2:24 | Block D |
| ○ 2:24 to 3:24 | Extended Day Classes |

Schedule for Thursday September 10 and Friday September 11 will be regular bell schedule days following block order A/B/C/D

Please note: Starting on Wednesday, September 9 classes begin at 8:10 am with a warning bell ringing at 8:05 am. Please plan to arrive early for class. Arriving to class on time helps to ease anxiety and set yourself up for success! It's busy out there, so plan accordingly.

Bell Schedule for 2026-27 School Year

Starting Monday, September 14, we will begin our regular bell schedule as illustrated below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (Regular)	Friday (Tutorial)
A 80 min 8:10-9:30	C 80 min 8:10-9:30	B 80 min 8:10-9:30	D 80 min 8:10-9:30	Period 1 80 min 8:10-9:30	Period 1 65 min 8:10 - 9:15
B 80 min 9:35-10:55	D 80 min 9:35-10:55	A 80 min 9:35-10:55	C 80 min 9:35-10:55	Period 2 80 min 9:35-10:55	Tutorial 60 min 9:15-10:15
LUNCH 40 MIN 10:55-11:35	LUNCH 40 MIN 10:55-11:35	LUNCH 40 MIN 10:55-11:35	LUNCH 40 MIN 10:55-11:35	LUNCH 40 MIN 10:55-11:35	Period 2 65 min 10:20 - 11:25
C 80 min 11:40-1:00	A 80 min 11:40-1:00	D 80 min 11:40-1:00	B 80 min 11:40-1:00	Period 3 80 min 11:40-1:00	LUNCH 40 MIN 11:25-12:05
D 79 min 1:05-2:24	B 79 min 1:05-2:24	C 79 min 1:05-2:24	A 79 min 1:05-2:24	Period 4 79 min 1:05-2:24	Period 3 65 min 12:10-1:15
					Period 4 64 min 1:20-2:24

Tutorial Days Semester 1:	Tutorial Days Semester 2:	Friday Block Rotation:
Sept 18	Feb 5, 19, 26	1 st Friday of Month: ABCD
Oct 9, 16, 30	Mar 5, 12	2 nd Friday of Month: CDAB
Nov 6, 27	Apr 9, 30	3 rd Friday of Month: BADC
Dec 4, 11, 18	May 7, 14, 28	4 th Friday of Month: DCBA
Jan 8, 15, 22	Jun 4, 11, 18	5 th Friday of Month: ABCD

Parent and Student General Information

Tutorial Time

We are excited to continue Tutorial Time on Fridays. Tutorial time is a chance for every student to take advantage of extra time with one of their four teachers on selected Fridays. Tutorial time is mandatory and an opportunity for students who:

- Are behind in their work who need to catch up on learning, assignments, or assessments (think NHI work)
- Need extra help with their learning from one of their teachers (think one-on-one bonus time)
- Are excelling and are ready for additional learning or challenges

This time is to ensure that students are making the most of the time provided to them. It is a school wide intervention and initiative that we believe strongly supports and encourages all students to attend, stay on track, and excel in their academics. **Attendance for tutorials is mandatory.** **The first tutorial day is Friday, September 18.**

Bring Your Own Device

Abbotsford Senior Secondary School is proud to participate in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for all students. This program provides students with the opportunity, with parent support, to use personal laptop computers under supervision in the classroom for learning. We believe that the use of digital technologies to improve student learning is a key part of being an innovative school that prepares students for lifelong learning. *For additional information about device set up, please see the "General Start Up Tech" sheet attached to this email.*

Please Note: Parents - there are several options for a BYOD device. We recommend a Winbook (PC) with 5 RAM of memory as it is cost-effective and works well. You can purchase new or better yet, used. We do NOT recommend an iPad (it does not interface well with apps that teachers use) or an expensive MacBook (it is too expensive for school purposes). Grade 9's if you used a BYOD device in middle school, this would do just fine at Abby.

There are a limited number of Winbooks are available for lease through our Library Learning Commons for those families facing financial hardship. If a family cannot provide their own laptop, they will need to speak to their counsellor, and we will do our best to accommodate their request.

Cellphone Policy Update

Starting on Monday, September 14th admin will begin the confiscation of cellphones for all students that are arriving late to school. Students will be asked to place their cellphone in a Ziploc bag, in exchange for a numbered ticket. At the end of the school day, students will exchange tickets for their cellphones. The numbered tickets have a matching partner to ensure that student's cellphones do not get mixed up. Cellphones are kept in the main office.

Students without a cellphone will be assigned to lunch detention that day.

Here are the guidelines now part of our district and school policies and our student code of conduct. All schools in our district follow [AP 345: Student use of Personal Digital Devices in Schools](#). Personal Digital Devices can include phones, headphones, smartwatches, AirPods, tablets, etc.

For Students:

1. Without the permission of the school administrator / teacher, personal digital devices are not to be operated during regularly scheduled hours of instruction or during any school-sponsored activity, such as an assembly or talk by a guest speaker.
2. Personal digital devices are to be placed in silent mode during instructional time and school sponsored activities.
3. Personal digital devices are not taken into test or examination settings unless students have been given permission to do so by the teacher administering the test or exam.

4. Personal digital devices are not to be used in settings such as change rooms, washrooms, or private counselling rooms that have the potential to violate a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
5. Use of personal digital devices during non-instructional periods (breaks and lunch) and while being transported on a school bus, should be restricted to the access of information related to school or home communication.

Students who do not follow the expectations above can expect the following:

1. First offence: verbal warning by staff member, administration notified, incident documented, and parents / guardians informed.
2. Second offence: administration notified, personal digital devices will be taken for the remainder of the day, incident documented, and parents / guardians informed.
3. Third offence: administration notified, and personal digital device taken for the remainder of the day. Moving forward, the students' personal digital device will need to stay at home or checked in at the start of each day and collected at the end of each day.

Individual classroom teachers have the choice to collect students' personal digital devices at the start of each class. School staff have the right to confiscate personal digital devices, including cell phones, if they are used inappropriately.

SchoolCash Online and School Fees

All student fees, field trip permission forms, and general permission forms are available throughout the year. In accordance with [District Policy AP 317](#), the student activity fee for secondary school is \$30 which covers the school app usage, guest speakers, student ID cards, school events, student recognition and awards, locks, and locker rental. Student fees which are unpaid carry forward to the next school year. All school fees must be paid to graduate and all team fees must be paid in order for students to play.

Some courses will have fees – teachers will discuss this at the start of classes.

We are happy to work with families to sort of fees, payment schedules, or who are experiencing hardships. Please contact your child's counsellor or vice principal.

If you have not done so already, please sign up and create an account. To create a school cash online account, click <https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com/>

School Supplies

We have kept our request for school supplies to a minimum. A simple three ring binder, some lined paper, a pen, and pencil. Math teachers will have specific information on calculators. Subject specific needs will be communicated through teachers during the first week of school.

Lockers

Students will be signing up for lockers using an online system this year using [this website](#).

To login, you will need your Student #. Your password will be First Initial of First Name, First Initial of Last name, followed by your student number.

Example: Pete Panther with Student number 123456, your password will be PP123456

Grade 12s will be given access to the system beginning Monday, September 14th.

Students in Grades 9-11 will be given access to the system beginning Tuesday, September 15th.

By signing up for lockers, all parents/guardians and students understand and agree to [AP 331-1 Rules Regarding Student Lockers](#). If you have difficulties signing up using the system, please see Mrs. Hooper in the Main Office.

Closed Campus

Just a reminder that Abbotsford Senior Secondary is a closed campus (all schools in Abbotsford are closed campus) which means all parents and visitors must report to and sign into the office. The building is not open to other students, including siblings from other schools during school hours.

Photo Day

Vibrant Photos will be here on Monday, September 14. All students must have their photo taken but there is no obligation to purchase photo packages. These photos are used for student ID cards and our school yearbook. Students will be called down by grade.

Medical Alerts

A medical alert condition is defined as a physician diagnosed, potentially life-threatening condition such as diabetes, epilepsy, severe asthma, serious heart condition(s), blood clotting disorder(s), anaphylaxis (history of severe allergic response).

Parents / guardians / caregivers are responsible for completing the medical alert form and/or update this form each September. These forms will be kept in student files, on a master list in the office, as well as be provided to staff members who work with these students. In emergency situations, a parent/guardian (or emergency contact) will be contacted, and the student taken to a hospital if necessary.

If you need a copy of the medical alert form, please contact, Vice Principal Katie.Caines@abbyschools.ca

Student Parking

Students are expected to drive respectfully and responsibly to/from school and on our campus lot. This includes

- a. Following the speed limit of 20km/h on school grounds
- b. Obeying passenger restrictions based on license level
- c. Driving only your own vehicle
- d. Students cannot park in visitor parking or in the Sweeney Neighbourhood Centre/Public Library parking lot.

Driving to and from school and parking at school is a privilege and should be treated as such. Unsafe driving practices will result in this privilege being revoked.

Grad Handbook

Grads and their parents can find an electronic copy of our Grad Handbook on the school website under the student top Tab, then Grad.

<https://abbysenior.abbyschools.ca/students/grads/abbysenior> Please take a moment to download and read.

Grads, please book your calendar for the first grad event of the 2026-27 school year – Grad Cruise Thursday September 24, from 4pm to midnight. Details are coming soon. Tickets will be available for purchase through SchoolCash Online by the end of this week. The space for this event is limited, please purchase as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Grad Wear – design revealed soon. Will be available for purchase in schoolcash online the second week of September.

Spirit Wear – available for purchase the second week of September; along with special 75th anniversary t-shirts.

\$35 HOODIE  'A' Logo	\$20 T-SHIRT  Left Chest Logo	\$40 ZIP  Left Chest Logo Only
Choose any ATC brand top with any logo		
\$40  Pocketed black ATC ASSS sweatpants	\$28  Flexfit 110 snapback hat with 'A' logo	\$22  Knit cuff toque with 'A' logo
\$6  Panthers Lanyard		

For safety and efficiency reasons, Abbotsford School District would like to reduce the amount of cash & cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

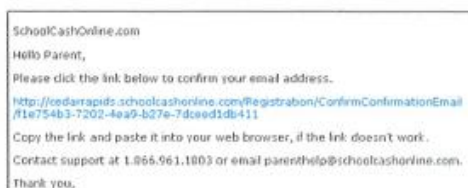
Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com> and select the **"Get Started Today"** option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.
The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board? ☐ [Help](#)

School Name: Eagle High School [Help](#)

Student Information

Do you have the student number? ☐

Student Number: [Help](#)

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date: [Help](#)
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

[Continue](#)

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Note: all information is stored on a confidential basis on a server in Canada.

General Start-Up Information for Teachers
Tech & Student Accounts

Student Abbyschool Accounts (Microsoft)

1. **Returning Students:** use existing accounts and login using
 - o Their Abbyschool email (eg. kennyg602681@abbyschools.ca)
 - o Password: whatever password they had stored on their iphones (Most students will have their credentials stored in their notes under the title "Abbyschool email or password")
2. **New Students:** will need to see me for their email and password (will be asked to store the info. In their phone under notes.)
3. **Student is locked out** of account or password not working: send them to the LLC for a reset.

MyEd Accounts - Returning Students/Students from within our District/New Students

Students are able to reset their passwords OR Create their Account

- Login: is student # - Click "Trouble logging in" - Click "Reset your Password"
- Go to their "abbyschools.ca" email and follow instructions to reset password

***Instruction page** to assist students with password reset is available in the LLC

****disabled accounts** need to be reset by Robyn Bussiere in counselling

Abbyschool WiFi - student access & permission

1. **Returning Students** who had access in the past login into abbyschool wifi:
 - Select "ABBYSCHOOL" WiFi
 - Username: [abbyschools username ie: kennyg602681](#)
 - Password: [use abbyschool email password](#)
2. **New students** with a device or **students with a first time personal device:** send them to the LLC for a BYOD permission form.
 - Students will typically get connected within a day of submitting their permission form to me.

*** student cell phones are not supported through ABBYSCHOOLS WIFI**

Loaner Devices for Students - Year Long Agreement Form (Chromebooks)

Many students have some sort of device at home they can use for school purposes.

We want to encourage them to bring those devices to school for use in your classroom.

1. If students **absolutely have nothing** to bring to school, we have chromebooks we can loan them for the year (old and slow).
 - o Send them to the Learning Commons for a Loaner Permission form (I have also included it in your email.)
2. Once a permission form is returned to the LLC, the student will be signed out a chromebook and charger to keep for the school year.

Signing out books/Devices Through the Library:

- **Please schedule your classes in for book sign out/exchange**
 - o You are welcome to come down as a class or send small groups of students at a time

MYED Student Instruction Form



Before You Begin:

✓ Make sure you have:

- Access to your school email account (e.g.,@abbyschools.ca)
- Your current LOGIN ID (use your student number)
- Internet access and a working device (computer, Chromebook, Winbook)

If You Forgot Your Password or It's Expired:

1. Go to the MyEd BC login page
<https://www.myededucation.gov.bc.ca/aspen>
2. Enter your LOGIN ID (use your student ID)
3. Click "TROUBLE LOGGING IN" (just below the login button)
4. Click "RESET YOUR PASSWORD"
5. When prompted, type your in your LOGIN ID (use your student ID) the provided space.
6. Click "RECOVER PASSWORD"
7. Check your school email account - You will have an email
8. Open the email and CLICK on "RESET MY PASSWORD."
9. Follow the prompts to create a new password
Password must meet the following criteria:
 - At least 8 characters
 - One capital letter
 - One lowercase letter
 - One number
 - One special character (e.g., ! @ # \$)
10. Click "OK" or "Submit" to finish

✓ You can now log in with your new password.

Tip: Save your new password in a secure place or password manager.

! Troubleshooting Tip: Make sure Caps Lock is off when typing your password

Connect Your Device to School WiFi (2026-2027)

Before You Begin:

✓ Make sure you:

- Handed in a WiFi permission form
- Know your username: it is the first part of your school email (e.g., **shanep243569** [@abbyschools.ca](mailto:shanep243569@abbyschools.ca))
- Know your abbyschool email password

Go to the type of DEVICE you have and follow the instructions.

Laptop

1. Go to your WiFi and select "ABBYSCHOOLS"
2. Enter your **username**: eg. **shanep243569** (from your abbyschool email)
3. **Password**: enter your **abbyschool email password**
4. Connect

Personal Chromebook

1. Go to your WiFi and select "ABBYSCHOOLS"
2. A window will pop up with a few areas to "toggle"
3. **EAP method**: use the dropdown menu to change LEAP to **PEAP**
4. **EAP Phase2**: keep as **automatic**
5. **Server CA certificate**: select **Do Not Check**
6. **Identity**: Enter your username: eg. **shanep243569** (from your abbyschool email)
7. **Password**: enter your **abbyschool email password**
8. Connect

I-Pad or Tablet

1. See Mrs. Pearson in the LLC