

ACS



ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



ACS
EXPLORING WITH A PURPOSE



EQUIPPING, EXPLORING, EVALUATING, TRANSFORMING

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AT ACS WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHOOSING A SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS YOU WILL MAKE. That's why we are committed to being the best possible choice for your child.

Our approach to education at ACS is one of whole-person development as we prepare students to transform the world. Our academic program is based on the highest standards, designed to challenge students to discover and develop their gifts through innovative models of learning and assessment.

All students are given the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential in a learning community that fosters God-honoring relationships and encourages them as they grow in their faith.

Our curriculum calls students to understand the brokenness that exists in the world and inspires them to actively bring healing to the world. By providing a number of extracurricular and service opportunities to exercise their faith and knowledge, ACS equips students with the courage to tackle difficult issues from a biblical perspective.

We are committed to partnering with you in raising generations of Christian leaders who, by God's grace, will influence culture and make a difference in God's kingdom.

We invite you to come and explore what ACS has to offer.



Julius Siebenga
JULIUS SIEBENGA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND EVERYTHING IN IT, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO LIVE IN IT"—PSALM 24:1

COMPREHENSIVE

OUR ACADEMIC FOUNDATION is built on the core subjects of Math, Science, English, Social Studies and Languages while also offering the creativity and diversity of courses in Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Technical Education and Athletics. This comprehensive program encourages students to explore and discover their unique, God-given gifts and abilities.

CONTINUOUS

ACS OFFERS A CAREFULLY CRAFTED PROGRAM that is designed to maintain a continuity of scope and sequence from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Within this context, each campus—Elementary, Middle and Secondary—is able to focus on the unique learning and development characteristics of its specific age levels.

BIBLICAL

ALL OF OUR COURSES ARE TAUGHT FROM A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW. Students learn about the intricate, diverse, beautiful world that God has made—and how it reflects the Creator. Students are challenged to respond in faithful obedience to God, bringing about healing and restoration to a broken world.



LEFT, EXPERIENCING THE GLOBAL VILLAGE AT VIDA Y ESPERANZA, NICARAGUA

RELEVANT

WE FIND WAYS OF CONNECTING LIFE AND LEARNING through service projects, field trips, thematic units and various projects which are multi-disciplinary and have a real-life focus. Our efforts are aimed at preparing students for life after graduation by focusing on the essential skills of critical thinking, problem-solving, independent research and collaborative effort—all developed in a technologically rich and relevant environment.



COMMUNITY

OUR TEACHERS ARE DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS who care deeply about each of their student's academic development as well as their faith development. Their goal is to build class communities where all students are encouraged, respected and learn to take on responsibility, by working to the maximum of their individual potential.

PARTNERSHIP

WE BELIEVE IN PROVIDING A WELL-ROUNDED AND LASTING EDUCATION. We partner with parents in teaching their children to follow Christ in everything they do. We respect and value this relationship and encourage parents to have an active voice in their child's education.

LEADERSHIP

OUR DESIRE IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS AS CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN THIS WORLD. We equip students to be informed, engaged and deeply convicted as they face critical issues in our society.



5 CORE BELIEFS

TRUTH

Learning, living and teaching in obedience to God's truth

RESPECT

Regarding each person as an image bearer of Christ, in love, integrity and openness

EXCELLENCE

Encouraging creativity and the pursuit of excellence in every aspect of life

SERVICE

Fostering servanthood and leadership of time, resources and abilities

CELEBRATION

Celebrating creation, the life we have in Jesus Christ, and the life we share in our community



SCHOLAR

ENGAGING IMAGINATION, BUILDING CRITICAL THINKING

ACADEMICS

DYNAMIC TEACHERS, WORKING IN A VIBRANT ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, ENGAGING MINDS, HEARTS AND HANDS IN LEARNING.

AT ACS, WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

We not only fulfill the requirements of the BC Ministry of Education, but we expect our educational program to exceed those requirements. Our teachers are carefully chosen based on their academic background, teaching ability, passion for building relationships with students and their faith commitment.

We believe strong relationships are an important part of academic progress. Our small class sizes reflect our desire to see relationships developed and nurtured between staff and students.



Our educational program is conscientiously designed so students are fully engaged in the process of learning at ACS. Education is made relevant by

- INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY SEAMLESSLY INTO THE CLASSROOM
- RELATING CURRICULUM TO REAL-LIFE ISSUES
- EXPLORING OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM THROUGH FIELD TRIPS AND SERVICE PROJECTS
- TAKING AN INTEGRATED CURRICULAR APPROACH

In this environment, students develop creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and independent research skills. They learn that God's world is interrelated and that they are able to make a difference in it.



To ensure that all students have opportunities to achieve their maximum potential, we offer Advanced Placement courses at the Secondary level and run Enrichment, Learning Assistance and Special Education Programs at all three of our campuses.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

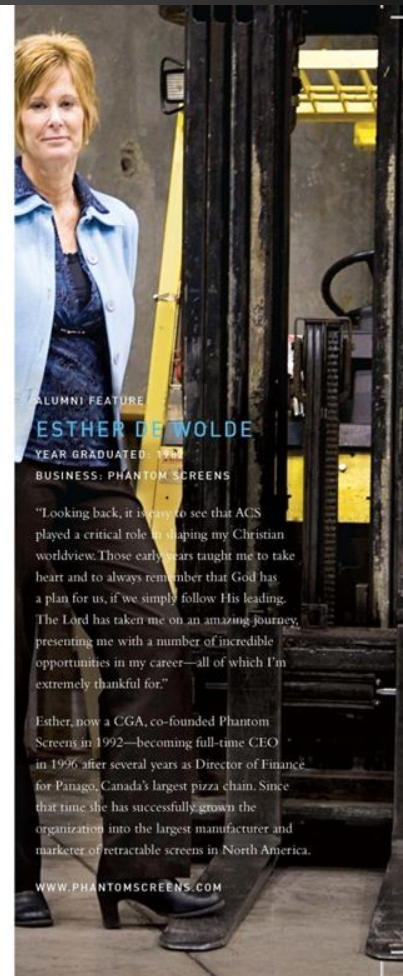
Extra-curricular activities are carefully selected to complement the overall educational program and to challenge students in their areas of interests and abilities.

- MATH AND SPELLING CONTESTS
- GEOGRAPHY CONTESTS
- READING AND PHOTO CLUBS
- DRAMA AND SCIENCE CLUBS
- EUROPE, KOREA AND JAPAN TRIPS
- MODEL U.N. TEAMS

Students who graduate from our school have proven themselves to be fully equipped to handle the academic rigor that top universities offer. Because we give our students the skills to thrive following graduation, we remain a highly sought-after institution.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

—Romans 12:2



ALUMNI FEATURE

ESTHER DE WOLDE

YEAR GRADUATED: 1992

BUSINESS: PHANTOM SCREENS

"Looking back, it is easy to see that ACS played a critical role in shaping my Christian worldview. Those early years taught me to take heart and to always remember that God has a plan for us, if we simply follow His leading. The Lord has taken me on an amazing journey, presenting me with a number of incredible opportunities in my career—all of which I'm extremely thankful for."

Esther, now a CGA, co-founded Phantom Screens in 1992—becoming full-time CEO in 1996 after several years as Director of Finance for Panago, Canada's largest pizza chain. Since that time she has successfully grown the organization into the largest manufacturer and marketer of retractable screens in North America.

WWW.PHANTOMSCREENS.COM

INSPIRING CREATIVITY, DEVELOPING PERSPECTIVE

FINE ARTS

WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY VISIBLE PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER IMAGINATION, EXPRESSION, AND TECHNICAL SKILLS WHILE DEVELOPING A PERSPECTIVE OF OUR MAKER, CREATION AND CULTURE.

IN OUR FINE ARTS PROGRAMS STUDENTS LEARN SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS, expressing their originality and creativity while exploring the play of words, actions, colour, line, texture, pitch and tone. They also learn to analyze and appreciate how artists, playwrights, and composers express their beliefs through their work and within their historical context. This provides students with the background to explore their faith and to respond to current issues through their own creative compositions and expressions.



The Fine Arts Program also gives students an excellent opportunity to present their work to the community through

- DRAMA PRODUCTIONS
- COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITS
- JOYFUL SOUNDS CHOIR
- CONCERT CHOIR
- CONCERT BAND
- PRAISE TEAMS
- BAND TRIPS AND CONCERTS
- JAZZ BAND
- KNIGHT SOUNDS CHOIR

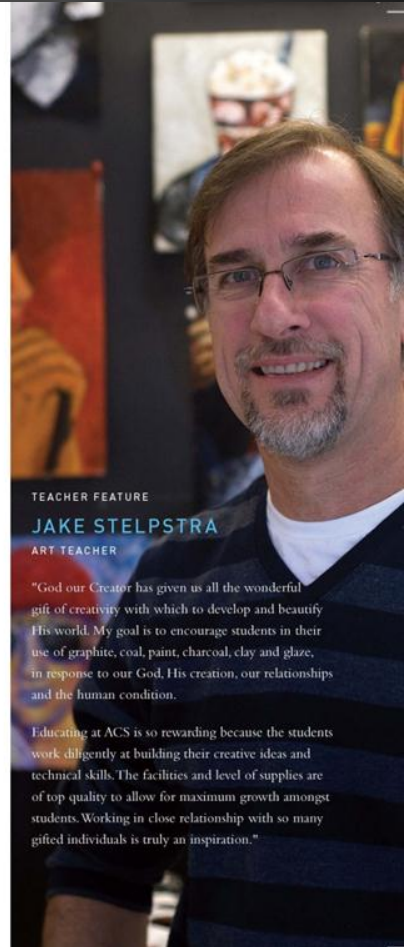
Students gain practical experience as they take responsibility for

- STAGE DESIGN AND BUILDING
- MAKE-UP ARTISTRY AND COSTUME DESIGN
- SOUND AND LIGHTING
- TICKET SALES AND PROMOTION



Our community has come to expect top quality performances from our Fine Arts program at all grade levels—whether it is the Elementary Joyful Sounds Choir, the Middle School Praise Team leading a community in worship or the Secondary Drama Department's stellar performance of "Les Miserables". These and other programs reflect the quality and breadth of programs that ACS offers as we seek to glorify God through our artistic talents.

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."
—Psalm 103:1



TEACHER FEATURE

JAKE STELPSTRA

ART TEACHER

"God our Creator has given us all the wonderful gift of creativity with which to develop and beautify His world. My goal is to encourage students in their use of graphite, coal, paint, charcoal, clay and glaze, in response to our God, His creation, our relationships and the human condition.

Educating at ACS is so rewarding because the students work diligently at building their creative ideas and technical skills. The facilities and level of supplies are of top quality to allow for maximum growth amongst students. Working in close relationship with so many gifted individuals is truly an inspiration."



DEVELOPING SKILLS, GAINING EXPERIENCE

APPLIED SKILLS

AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS THE PURSUIT OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE COMBINATION OF TECHNOLOGY, COLLABORATION, SKILL DEVELOPMENT, CRAFTSMANSHIP AND CREATIVITY.

COVERING A WIDE ARRAY OF SKILLS, these hands-on courses prepare students for professional and technical career opportunities while allowing them to try several prospective areas of personal interest

- CLOTHING DESIGN
- AUTO-MECHANICS
- WOODWORKING
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- CULINARY ARTS

Whether students are designing furniture, diagnosing an engine problem or preparing a meal for the community, they develop critical thinking and decision-making skills while learning how to effectively use the tools and resources that God has given us.



Students apply their talents and acquired skills to serve the local and global community through projects like

- REPAIRING CARS for low income families
- BUILDING FURNITURE for senior communities
- SEWING CLOTHING for orphanages in Cameroon

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

WITH OVER 150 TRADE OPPORTUNITIES TO CHOOSE FROM, secondary students begin on-the-job training and earn post-secondary credits while still in high school. This program leads many students to excellent job opportunities after graduation.



ACE IT PROGRAM

Students interested in being automotive service technicians can jump-start their careers by earning college credits for Level 1 certification.

TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Students considering a career in teaching can earn credit while being mentored by an ACS teacher and assisting at a grade level or subject of their choice.

EXTRACURRICULAR

- CAFETERIA AND CATERING SERVICES
- DRAG RACING CLUB: Students build cars and compete in racing at a provincial and national level
- AUTO CLUB: Students provide car service and repair for the local community
- AUTOMOTIVE DIAGNOSTIC COMPETITIONS: A provincial competition for grade 12 mechanics students, sponsored by BCAA, VCC and Ford.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORATIONS

- FOODS
- TEXTILES
- WOODWORKING
- COY CAR BUILDING AND RACING
- BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION
- BICYCLE REPAIR



ALUMNI FEATURE

BILL VANDERKOOI

GRADUATED: 1987

COMPANY: NUTRIVA GROUP

"My entrepreneurial passion for science and discovery was nourished through my experiences at ACS. As a student, the ACS learning environment and community was foundational in helping prepare me for future success."

Currently, Bill is owner and CEO of the Nutriva Group, a multi-faceted, innovative group of agri-businesses located in Abbotsford, BC. Nutriva Group focuses on developing and managing whole food value chains. This begins with progressive, environmentally responsible farm practices and ends with functional food products that aim to improve the health and well-being of Canadians through nutrition innovation.

WWW.NUTRIVAGROUP.COM



STRENGTHENING BODIES. SHARPENING MINDS

ATHLETICS

DISCIPLINE, HUMILITY AND LEADERSHIP ARE BRED IN AN ENCOURAGING YET COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT SERVES TO CULTIVATE RESPONSIBILITY, COMMITMENT AND RESPECT.

IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, our Athletics program is comprised of both intramural and extracurricular sports programs. While learning the fundamentals and strategies of different sports, students also understand that exercise, play and health are an important part of God's design.



Students can also explore a wide variety of activities that develop leadership skills through their involvement in

- ASSISTANT COACHING
- SCORE KEEPING
- TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING
- INTRAMURAL COORDINATION
- EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT



Teamwork, participation, competition, responsibility and dedication are key elements of our extracurricular athletic program. Focusing on skill development and participation, the grades 4 to 7 program allows students to explore their interests and gifts in athletics and gives every student the experience of being part of an athletic team.

From grades 8 to 12, students are selected to participate in school teams that hone team and individual skills, as they participate in district play and provincial championships.

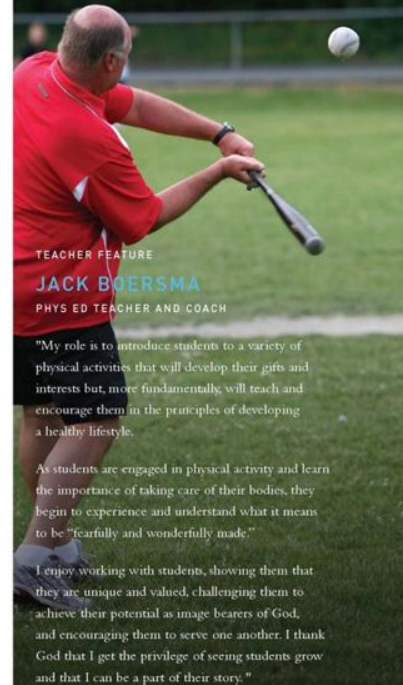
- CROSS COUNTRY
- VOLLEYBALL
- BASKETBALL
- TRACK AND FIELD
- GOLF

In the same way that the academic program at ACS prepares students for post-secondary success, our athletics program also prepares student athletes to succeed in college and university athletics.

- 18 FRASER VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS in all sports
- 10 BC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Track and Field
- 3 BC PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS in Boys Basketball

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

-Psalm 139:14



TEACHER FEATURE

JACK BOERSMA

PHYS ED TEACHER AND COACH

"My role is to introduce students to a variety of physical activities that will develop their gifts and interests but, more fundamentally, will teach and encourage them in the principles of developing a healthy lifestyle.

As students are engaged in physical activity and learn the importance of taking care of their bodies, they begin to experience and understand what it means to be "fearfully and wonderfully made."

I enjoy working with students, showing them that they are unique and valued, challenging them to achieve their potential as image bearers of God, and encouraging them to serve one another. I thank God that I get the privilege of seeing students grow and that I can be a part of their story."

TRANSFORMING MINDS, BUILDING COMMUNITY

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

WITH A COMMITMENT TO INTEGRATE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP INTO THE FABRIC OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, FAITH AND LEARNING ARE PUT INTO ACTION.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT IS AT THE HEART OF OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CURRICULUM, extracurricular activities and the classroom environment. Students grow as they learn God's story, discover who they are in Christ and find ways to glorify Him through their gifts and service.

Students are continually involved in working together to make important decisions about the community around them. This happens through

- REGULAR CLASS MEETINGS
- SERVICE JOBS
- SORT OUTREACH TEAM
- SPIRIT ACTIVITY PLANNING TEAM
- GREEN TEAM ENVIRONMENTAL CARE
- SALT LEADERSHIP TEAM
- VOICE STUDENT POLICY TEAM



TOP LEFT: RICE RAISER TOP RIGHT: FRASER VALLEY GLEANERS
BOTTOM: NORMANDIE, FRANCE—EUROPEAN CLASS TRIP

Central to learning at ACS is reaching out to the local and global community. Some of the ways ACS students are making a difference in the world

- VOLUNTEERING for the Fraser Valley Gleaners
- VISITING SENIOR CENTRES
- PARTICIPATING in the Rice Raiser, the Run for Water, 30-Hour Famine and Cops for Cancer
- SERVING GLOBALLY in Nicaragua to support Vida y Esperanza Christian School

"The greatest among you will be your servant."

—Matthew 23:11



VIDA Y ESPERANZA, NICARAGUA TRIP



COME AND EXPLORE WITH US

We look forward to partnering with you in building a bright future for the next generation of Christian leaders.

Please call us for more information about enrolling your child at ACS or if you'd like to take a guided tour of one of our campuses.

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ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SEEKS TO SERVE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES BY PROVIDING A SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH GOD'S CHILDREN CAN CONTINUE TO EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE AND EVALUATE ALL OF LIFE UNDER GOD. We aim to nurture students in the discovery and development of their abilities and unique gifts so that they are enabled to be faithful, discerning, obedient and creative servants of God and of neighbour, and stewards of His creation.

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