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WELCOME TO SAMUEL ROBERTSON TECHNICAL *HOME OF THE TITANS!*

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2019/20

August 26

- Office re-opens for registration

August 30

- Office closes 3:00 pm

September 2

- Labour Day
(School Closed)

September 3

- First Day for Students

September 16

- PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

September 19

- Student Photo Day

September 23

- Non-Instructional Day
(no classes)

October 3

- Awards Assembly
(Grade 9-12)

October 11

- Late Start Day
(classes begin at 9:50 a.m.)

October 14

- Thanksgiving Day
(School Closed)

October 21

- PAC Meeting (7:00 pm)
7:00 pm

Welcome to SRT! I am confident that you are going to have some great times and make some great friends in the next few weeks and months ahead. Secondary school will be a new and exciting time but it is not without its challenges. Encountering bigger hallways and bigger students, establishing a homework schedule, and racing to get to class on time will be a few of the challenges. However, there are many people to help. Teachers, counsellors and the administration will work very hard to make sure you have a great year and enjoy your time at SRT. Bring a positive attitude about learning and you will have the time of your life for the next five years!

SRT offers a wide range of courses and extra-curricular activities. It is important that you get involved in one or more teams or clubs as well as the many activities that go on throughout the year. You will have some fun new experiences. Besides your regular courses in Math, Science, English, Social Studies and P.E., you will have an opportunity in grade 8 to explore Woodwork, Metalwork, Computers, Art, Drama, and Cooking! This will be an exciting year for you. We have put the following information together as a guide for you to make your transition to secondary school a little easier. We want you to have a good first week so don't hesitate to contact anyone in the office if you have any questions. Work hard and get involved!

Mr. Dennis Dickson, Principal
Mrs. Michelle Allen, Vice-Principal
Mrs. Robyn Sheridan, Acting Vice-Principal

CONTACTING US

With our obvious focus on technology, we invite you to contact us at any time by telephone or email, Dennis.Dickson@sd42.ca, Michelle.Allen@sd42.ca, or Robyn.Sheridan@sd42.ca. Visit our website at www.srts.sd42.ca, follow us on twitter, download our school App & sign onto the portal to stay informed. We try to keep our families as up to date on what is happening as much as possible.

A message from our Grade 8 Vice-Principal

I would personally like to extend a special welcome to all Grade 8 students entering Samuel Robertson Technical School. You are going to be the Graduating Class of 2024. I hope that you had a great summer and have many fond memories. As you transition into high school, I hope you are all looking forward to a fresh start and new opportunities. High school is full of new opportunities, classes, freedoms, and responsibilities. From Encore classes to extra-curricular activities, from having your own locker, and moving from class to class, SRT offers exciting new opportunities for every student. I encourage you to push yourself to try new things, to work through challenges, and to become the best student you can be. Parents, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to follow up with your son or daughter's teachers, or to connect with me. I will be working closely with Ms. Lunoch (Counsellor), to help support all Grade 8 students. May this be a great year for us all!

Michelle Allen (Michelle_Allen@sd42.ca)

Upcoming Important Dates (continued):

October 24

- Photo Re-Take Day

October 25

- Non-Instructional Day
(no classes)

November 8

- Non-Instructional Day
(no classes)

November 11

- Remembrance Day
(no classes)

November 15

- Late Start
(classes begin at 9:50 a.m.)

November 18

- PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

December 5

- Student Led Conferences

December 20

- Last Day of Classes
(no classes)

December 23 – January 3

- Winter Break

January 6

- School re-opens

SCHOOL FEES

A special time has been set aside just for grade 8's to come to SRT to receive a locker. Please pay for student fees by using the parent portal. The same log in you used for elementary will work for secondary. The school does not sell locks so please ensure that your child has two locks. It is very important that each student has a separate lock for their PE class. Many students have had very valuable items stolen from PE lockers particularly in grade 8 because they feel their items are safe unlocked, they are not. **Please remind your student throughout the school year that they MUST have their PE lockers locked up at all times.** Grade 8 students are invited to come to SRT during the following scheduled time:

- **Wednesday, August 28, 1:00 p.m. (on-line fees only).** Students who opt to pay via cash or cheque will be processed at 1:45 p.m. (students must come during this time as lockers will not be assigned outside of this designated time).

\$28 (Student Government Fee) for each student

\$50 for yearbooks. This is optional and the fee form will be sent out in a separate parent portal in October.

**** We are encouraging you to pay on-line but if you need to pay by cheque, please make payable to SRT or bring exact change. Please come for 1:45 p.m. and we will process your payment and issue a locker.**

***** We understand that some students may be on holidays during this time. Parents may pay the student fee via the portal and send a copy of the payment confirmation to a friend and that student can attain a locker on behalf of the student that is absent.**

GRADE 8 TIMETABLES

All students will receive their timetable in their homeroom class on the first day of school. Homeroom lists will be posted by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30. It is a good idea for your student to take a picture of their timetable or keep a copy at home as they can often get lost during that first week.

See you in September

Dennis Dickson, Principal

Michelle Allen, Vice Principal

Robyn Sheridan, Acting Vice Principal

The First Day - September 3

Like other high schools in the district, your first day will not be a typical day of school. The goal for the first 'official' day at SRT will be to welcome all of you to your new school during an assembly. Students should arrive by 10:30 a.m. and will be dismissed by approximately 1:30 p.m.

The Second Day - September 4

Regular classes start at 8:30 am sharp on Wednesday, September 4. We will start with an extended homeroom class in order to complete housekeeping items from the first day as well as to give students and their homeroom teacher a chance to get to know each other.

SCHOOL PICTURES

PICTURE DAY - Wednesday, September 19

Student pictures will be done on **Wednesday, September 19** by Mountain West Studios. All students will have their picture taken this day for their "Go" Card/Student ID Card, the yearbook and picture package purchases.

Information on how to order school pictures will be sent home via the parent portal and posted on our website. Retake Day will be **Tuesday, October 24**.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We do not put out a school supply list for students. The essentials such as a binder filled with lined paper, subject dividers, pencils, ruler, pens & a highlighter are staples of school life and can be reused from previous years or purchased new. If there are any special requirements, individual subject teachers will let you know what students need to have.

YEARBOOKS

We encourage all students who wish to purchase a yearbook to commemorate the school year that they do so at the beginning of the school year. As these books are very expensive we will not have a lot of extra available to sell in June. The cost for a yearbook is \$50 and will be available for purchase via the parent portal starting in October.

WHAT DAY IS IT?

SRT has an App! The app will be very useful for both parents and students. We can even send out quick notices through the App which will add one more way to keep the school community informed. You can download the SRT App from iTunes or for the Android version at the Google Play app store (search for "My School Day"). The app will allow you to choose, province, school district and then finally school. Students can customize the app to fit their schedule and keep track of upcoming assignments and activities. Give it a try and please feel free send suggestions and improvement ideas.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAC

Welcome to all of our parents! Our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting will be held on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 at 7:00 pm** in our Library. Meetings usually last no longer than 90 minutes with our main focus being school happenings, presentations by guests and informal discussions about a number of typical high school items/issues. You are invited to come out and hear what SRT is all about, get some questions answered and meet other parents. Parents represent an integral part of the learning process. You can and will make a difference in helping your child progress through five years of high school. Please mark this day on your calendar.

PARENT PORTAL

All notices, important school updates and field trip notices will be communicated to parents via the parent portal. This is an integral way that you can stay connected to what is happening at school for your son/daughter. If you are not linked up to the portal, please email srt_reception@sd42.ca. A linking code will be sent back to you via email.



SRT Block Schedule

| WARNING BELL - 8:25 | MONDAY - DAY 1 | TUESDAY - DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY - DAY 3 | THURSDAY - DAY 4 | FRIDAY - ROTATE |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 8:30 - 9:40 70 MIN. | A | E | B | F | |
| 9:45 - 10:35 50 MIN. | FLEX | FLEX | FLEX | FLEX | FLEX |
| 10:40 - 11:45 65 MIN. | B | F | A | E | |
| 11:45 - 12:15 | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 12:20 - 1:30 70 MIN. | C | G | D | H | |
| 1:35 - 2:40 65 MIN. | D | H | C | G | |



WHAT IS FLEX ??

SRT teachers and students have spent considerable time to find a student schedule (bell Schedule) that will support a flexible learning environment. In light of new curriculum and new competencies we have added a **FLEX Block** to the existing schedule. We feel that this model will:

- Supports *self-directed learning*
- Provides ongoing opportunity for *personalized learning*
- Provides a structure that supports the secondary curriculum changes
- Focuses on *Learning*
- Engages our new learners
- Provides a time for *Student Centered Activities*
- Adds a FLEX Block with the focus for students to Play, Pursue a Passion or Have Purpose (Focus on their immediate needs)
- Reduce the amount of time in a class to meet the needs of the students (from 80 min to approx. 65 min)

*** Note that start and end times are at the same time as always.

STUDENT FLEX EXPECTATIONS:

WHAT IS FLEX TIME?

- Every day between 1st and 2nd block for 50 minutes
- Use it to study, catch up on work, practice, review....

WHAT CAN I DO?

- FLEX TIME is CLASS time.
- You **MUST** be in a classroom with a current teacher, the library or the gym.
- You will sign into a classroom.
- You are expected to arrive on time and stay in the classroom for the entire period.
- Use your time wisely - this is class time. Come prepared!
- You **may be assigned FLEX TIME by a teacher** if you fall behind in course work.

WHERE CAN I GO?

- All classrooms, labs, shops and the gym will be open.
- LIBRARY – open for students to work on projects, assignments or read. It is a QUIET workspace and there will be a limit to the number of students who can work there.
- GYM – open for students who have a PE class. There will be a limit to the number of students.
- Your teacher will post a schedule of what classroom they will be in for each FLEX block. Check the schedule posted outside their classroom.

ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Samuel Robertson Technical has an outstanding activity program. Be part of it by joining one of the groups below or by starting another one. It's a great way to get involved and make new friends.

Teams:

Badminton
Basketball
Cross Country
Volleyball
Track and Field

Field Hockey
Volleyball
Soccer
Ball Hockey

Clubs & Other Activities:

Art Club
Diversity Group
Environment Club
Fly Fishing
Gaming Club
Ski/Snowboarding

Mountain Biking
Outdoor Club
Photography
Score Keeping
Tech Club
Student Council

**** activities are dependent upon the interest of**

French Students

Just a note to French students and parents that there is a workbook resource for grade 8's. The cost for these books will be determined in September and a notice will be sent out to parents.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

If you are interested in purchasing student accident insurance, you will need to download a form from the website, www.iapkidsplus.com. Paper copies will no longer be available thru the school.