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## Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School



### Important Dates for the 2019/2020 School Year

#### 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

#### October 14

- Thanksgiving Day  
(no classes)

#### October 21

- PAC Meeting  
7:00 pm

#### October 24

- Photo Re-take Day

#### October 25

- Non-Instructional Day  
(no classes)

### FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 School Year! I hope you have had a ton of fun over the summer and that you are ready for the sometimes hectic pace of the school year.

SRT enjoys a positive school culture of excellence combined with a fun and energetic staff. This year is going to your best one yet! As many of the students have learned, you will have a great year if you get involved in the many activities throughout the year. If you get involved, join clubs, go to dances and participate in the many leadership activities you will have memories that last a lifetime.

A special hello to our Grade 12's. After four years of school you are now a senior and with that, a new level of maturity and leadership is expected. You are now the role model for the other students, particularly the grade eights! I am confident that this will be your year. Grads of 2020 has a nice ring to it.

We put as much information as possible on the School's Website (<https://secondary.sd42.ca/srts/>). Please go there often. We also have a Twitter Account (@srtuniverse), a Facebook Account, the Parent Portal and the SRT App. Instructions for downloading the SRT App are on the website. This is a great tool for students (and parents) to schedule classes and upcoming assignments. Of course, the App also has the SRT calendar which is an important tool for tracking Collaboration Days, Pro-D Days and rotating Friday schedules.

#### Staffing Changes

We would like to congratulate and wish Mr. Ken Elphick the best of luck at his new assignment. Mr. Elphick is assigned to MRSS as the Acting Principal until Christmas. We will miss him greatly.

We would also like to thank and wish Mrs. Sharpe the best of luck as she starts her new assignment at Westview Secondary. Mrs. Sharpe will also be greatly missed.

Please welcome Ms. Robyn Sheridan as our Acting Vice-Principal. Mrs. Sheridan has been a teacher at SRT for many years and she will take on Mr. Elphick's duties while he is away. Mrs. Sheridan bring a wealth of experience and energy to the administration and we look forward to a great year!

Please welcome Ms. Alison Shields as well. Ms. Shields will take on the counselling duties from Ms. Sharpe. She will look after the grade 9 and 11's this year. Ms. Lunoch will support the grade 8's and 10's.

We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Sam Langridge to SRT. Mr. Langridge will teach Math and Science 8 and 9.

And finally, we are also pleased to have Angela Simard join the SRT Team in the office as our new Records Clerk.

Dennis Dickson, Principal  
Michelle Allen, Vice Principal  
Robyn Sheridan, Acting Vice Principal

#### November 8

- Non-Instructional Day (no classes)

#### November 11

- Remembrance Day (no classes)

#### November 15

- Late Start

#### November 18-20

- Grad Photos

#### November 18

- PAC Meeting 7:00 pm

#### December 5

- Student Led Conferences (no classes)

#### December 20

- Last Day of Classes

#### December 23 – January 3

- Winter Break

#### January 6

- School re-opens

#### January 17

- Late Start Day

#### January 24

- Pro-D Day (no classes)

#### February 7

- Late Start

#### February 13

- Non-Instructional Day (no classes)

#### February 14

- Schools Not in Session (no classes)

#### February 17

- Family Day (no classes)

#### March 16-27

- Spring Break

#### April 2

- Student Led Conferences (no classes)



# Welcome Back To School



On **September 3**, students (grade 9-12) will need to come in to school for 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Students will report to their homerooms (lists will be posted on the front door on Friday, August 30 by 3:00 p.m.). All students will receive their timetables during homeroom. Students will be dismissed at approximately 10:00 a.m.

## STUDENT FEES / LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS

We encourage you to pay student fees via the parent portal. Please ensure that you complete the online process, a confirmation is not sufficient. If possible, please have a copy of your receipt of payment on hand, in case there is a discrepancy. Please purchase your own locks, there will be no locks for sale at SRT.

<b>Student Government Fee:</b>	<b>\$28</b>
<b>Yearbooks (optional):</b>	<b>\$50 (collected in October)</b>

Students may come into the school at their assigned times to obtain a locker (provided fees are paid). Please note that if your fees are not paid via the parent portal, the designated time for **cash and cheques is Thursday, August 29**.

<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>TOP TITANS only (Term 2) online payment</b>
	9:30 a.m. <b>TOP TITANS only (term 2) cash/cheque</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	10:00 a.m. Grade 12's only (online payment only)
<b>Tuesday, August 27</b>	12:00 p.m. Grade 11's only (online payment only)
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	9:00 a.m. Grade 10's only (online payment only)
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	10:00 a.m. Grade 9's only (online payment only)
<b>Wednesday, August 28</b>	1:00 pm Grade 8's only (online payment only)
	1:45 p.m. Grade 8's only (cash/cheque payment)
<b>Thursday, August 29</b>	9:00 a.m. <b>Grade 9-12 (cash/cheque payments)</b>

Please note: If you are unable to come at these scheduled times due to holidays or illness, you can still pay fees on-line and have a friend or family member come up and get a locker during the appropriate grade times. Please note: **there will be no fee collection done on Friday, August 30**. Fee collection will resume on Tuesday, September 3 after the school-wide assembly. We have more lockers than students so everyone will be receive a locker once school fees are paid.

If you are needing to get a linking code to get onto the parent portal, please email [srt\\_reception@sd42.ca](mailto:srt_reception@sd42.ca) and a code will be emailed back to you. There will be no exceptions made to this schedule. Please ensure that your student comes at the appropriately scheduled times.

#### April 10

- Good Friday (no classes)

#### April 13

- Easter Monday (no classes)

#### April 24

- Late start day

#### May 15

- Late Start Day

#### May 18

- Victoria Day (no classes)

#### May 19

- Non-Instructional Day  
(no classes)

#### June 6

- Banquet and Dry Grad  
(Meadow Gardens)

#### June 17

- Grad Ceremony  
(Hard Rock Vancouver Theatre  
5:00 p.m.)

## GRAD 2020

Time to start planning for this year's graduating class! The date for our first meeting will be sent out via the parent portal during the first week of school. We've got lots to do and need as much parental and student support as possible.

## YEARBOOKS

Do not wait to order your yearbook! We encourage all students who wish to purchase a yearbook to commemorate the school year to do so in September. As these books are very expensive we order enough for those that have pre-paid and then a few extras. If you want to ensure that you have a book in June, make sure that you place your order. Last year the yearbooks were very popular and the small amount of extras were sold very quickly with a number of students disappointed as they were not able to buy one. The cost for a yearbook is \$50.00 and will be collected through the parent portal starting in October.

## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORMS

If you are interested in purchasing student accident insurance, you will need to download an application form from [www.iapkidsplus.com](http://www.iapkidsplus.com). Paper copies will no longer be available thru the school.

## CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL...

Other than for teacher initiated activities, cell phone use is not permitted in classrooms (this includes texting). PARENTS are asked to refrain from contacting their child while classes are in session. Contact our switchboard in cases of emergency.


## STUDENT PICTURES

Student pictures will be done on **Wednesday, September 19**. All students will have their picture taken for their "Go" Card/Student ID Card, as well as the yearbook.


Information on how photos will be ordered will be sent out via the parent portal and posted on our website. The date for re-takes is **Wednesday, October 24**.

## 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"). 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 to send suggestions and improvement ideas.



WSPRING BELL - 8:25	MONDAY - DAY 1	TUESDAY - DAY 2	WEDNESDAY - DAY 3	THURSDAY - DAY 4	FREDDAY - ROTATE
8:30 - 9:40 70 MIN	<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>F</b>	
9:45 - 10:35 50 MIN	<b>FLEX</b>	<b>FLEX</b>	<b>FLEX</b>	<b>FLEX</b>	<b>FLEX</b>
10:40 - 11:45 65 MIN	<b>B</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>E</b>	
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	<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	
1:35 - 2:40 65 MIN	<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>	



## **A REVIEW OF 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:

- 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 Minutes to approx. 65 minutes).
- Note that start and end times are at the same time as always.

## STUDENT FLEX EXPECTATIONS:

### WHAT IS FLEX TIME?

- Everyday between 1st and 2nd block for 50 mins.
- 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.