

# Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary

# NEWSLETTER

November 7th, 2020

Dear SRT Community,

It's hard to believe that our staff and students are nearing the end of their first quarter in this unique school year and I thought it was a good time to provide a few updates. I want to start by saying that it has been fantastic to see students and staff back at school this fall. The remote learning in the Spring was a struggle for many members of our school community and I really feel that everyone entered this year with a new appreciation for the benefits of "in-person" learning. I have three kids of my own who are taking university courses online and they are struggling with the lack of community and longing for the days of classes with their peers.

That being said, 800 students coming to SRT daily means that everyone has had a role to play in promoting a healthy and safe environment. Our students have been great about washing hands, wearing masks in communal spaces, and respecting the rules around contact and spacing. Yet, we've still been affected by COVID 19. This is something that we're taking seriously, and we encourage all of our community to follow the Ministry of Health's recommendation to limit social interaction and continue to wear masks. We would also like you to encourage your children to head home after school rather than gather in large groups and to stay home if they are feeling ill. We promise to support your child's efforts to learn from home if they are ill. The healthier our community is, the healthier our schools will be. If you have any questions about the Fraser Health notifications that have been sent by me or the district please feel free to call me or visit the Fraser Health following link:

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/schoolexposures#.X6WyA5NKj-Y>

The next two weeks of school won't be business as usual as there are quite a few days when students don't have regular classes and then we'll be starting a new quarter:

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**- Remembrance Day Virtual Presentation

**Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>**- Remembrance Day (no school)

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**- Professional Development Day (no school)

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>/Tues17<sup>th</sup>** – Students receive updated quarter 2 timetables.

**Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**- Last Regular Day of Quarter 1 Classes

**Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**- Flex Learning Day- Specific students will be asked to attend class to complete quarter 1 work/assessments. For others, there will be **no school**.

**Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**- Health and Safety review for all staff. Teachers will prepare materials for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Teachers will contact each of their quarter 2 classes to orientate them for second quarter including entry and exit locations into the building. **(no school)**

**Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** – First day of Quarter 2.

**Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**- Report Cards published at noon and available through Myclass.

I encourage students to take advantage of flex time and some of the free days in the next two weeks to complete any outstanding assignments and to study for any upcoming assessments. In no time at all they will be rewarded with 2 new classes and a fresh start.

Finally, the administrative team at SRT would like to thank our staff, students and parents for their positive energy and community mindedness. New schedules, new protocols, and notifications from Fraser Health provide unique challenges that we can work through together.

Thanks for trusting us with your children.

Sincerely,

Ken Elphick