#### August 2021

### Welcome new and returning Titans,

Today is a cloudy and cool August day so it actually feels like autumn is just around the corner. It seems like a great day to send a letter to welcome our new and returning students to the 2021/2022 school year at SRT. As we inch closer to the first day of school on September 7<sup>th</sup>, please find start up information below.

There will be additional communication regarding communicable disease prevention guidelines for K-12 schools from our superintendent, Mr. Harry Dhillon, in the near future. This letter focuses specifically on what you can expect as we return to full-time in-person learning at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary.

Thankfully, this year we are back for full-time in-person learning. Our students in grades 9-12 have had a very unique experience over the past 18 months and are not used to our normal SRT schedule. Our regular school day will run from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm and students are expected to be in attendance all day. This year, all SD42 secondary schools are operating on the semester system, which means that students will be taking 4 to 5 courses in each of two semesters: Semester 1: September to January; Semester 2, February-June.

### Student Schedules and Homeroom Classes

Student schedules will be made available via MyClass at 3:00 pm on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If, for some reason, you can't access My Class, the homeroom (block B) classes for students will be posted on the front door of SRT on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> by 3:00 pm. This homeroom class is all students will need to know to navigate the first day of class on September 7<sup>th</sup> (see Opening Week Schedule further down the page). Students will be given a copy of their schedules in homeroom on the first day of school.

#### **Course Changes**

The course change request process will be communicated to students during the first week of school. Many classes are already to capacity so changes may be challenging, but students should report to the classes on their schedule until changes are confirmed.

## Administrative and Counselling Teams

Our administrators and counsellors are committed to supporting all of our students. This year, we have a new vice-principal! Mr. Lindgren-Streicher (Mr. LS) joining us from Westview. He will be replacing Mrs. Allen who we wish good luck at Garibaldi.

If you need to contact an administrator regarding a student issue, please see below for the appropriate person:

Administrators: Mr. Elphick - Grade 12 (Ken\_Elphick@sd42.ca) Mr. L.S. - Grades 8/9 (Karl\_Lindgren-Streicher@sd42.ca) Mrs. Sheridan - Grades 10/11 (Robyn\_Sheridan@sd42.ca)

Counselors: Ms. Lunoch - Grades 8 and 9 (Nikki\_Lunoch@sd42.ca) Ms. Shields - Grades 10 and 11 (Alison\_Shields@sd42.ca) (The Grade 12 students are shared between the Ms. Lunoch and Ms. Shields)

## **Student Fees/Locker Distribution**

See the attachment for student fee and locker information. Locker distribution will take place next week from Monday, August 30 to Wednesday, September 1. We encourage parents to pay student fees (\$28.00) on the parent portal as soon as they get the notification. If a student cannot attend, a friend or family member can come and get a locker during the designated time provided fees are paid.

#### Monday, August 30

Grade 12	10:00 a.m. – students who have paid fees via the parent portal			
Grade 12	10:45 a.m. – students paying by cash/cheque			
Monday, Augu	st 30			
Grade 11	12:00 p.m. – students who have paid fees via the parent portal			
Grade 11	12:45 p.m. – students paying by cash/cheque			
Tuesday, August 31				
Grade 10	10:00 a.m. – students who have paid fees via the parent portal			
Grade 10	10:45 a.m. – students paying by cash/cheque			
Tuesday, August 31				
Grade 9	12:00 p.m. – students who have paid fees via the parent portal			
Grade 9	12:45 p.m. – students paying by cash/cheque			
Wednesday, September 1				
Grade 8	9:00 a.m. – students who have paid fees via the parent portal			
Grade 8	9:45 a.m. – students paying by cash/cheque			
Grade 8-12	1:30 p.m. – any student who was not able to make their designated time can come at this time to receive a locker (portal or cash/cheque)			

Anxiety Hack: Students should take a photo of their locker number and lock combination after receiving their locker assignment.

#### **Opening Day/Week Schedule**

Our opening day this year is **Tuesday, September 7**<sup>th</sup>, and our schedule is as follows:

8:30 am	Link Crew Students arrive to set up for Grade 8's
9:00-11:30am	Grade 8's participate in Link Crew activities followed by an assembly in the gymnasium.
10:45-11:30 am	Students in Grades 9,10,11, 12 report to homeroom (Block B class) which are posted on front door of the school
11:30 am	All students are dismissed for the day.

Wednesday, September 8 - Day 1 regular schedule Thursday, September 9 - Day 2 regular schedule Friday, September 10 - Day 1 regular schedule

# Below, you'll find the regular daily and weekly schedule for SRT

	MONDAY - 1	TUESDAY -2	WEDNESDAY -1	THURSDAY -2	FRIDAY
8:30-9:40	А	В	A	В	DAY 1 & 2 ROTATION
9:45-10:30	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX
10:35-11:45	В	А	В	А	
11:45-12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:20-1:30	(	D	C	D	
1:35-2:45	D	C	D	C	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Block	8:30-9:40	
SCHEDULE	FLEX	9:45-10:30	
SCHE	2 <sup>nd</sup> Block	10:35-11:45	
SRT DAILY	Lunch	11:45-12:15	
SRTD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Block	12:20-1:30	
	4 <sup>th</sup> Block	1:35-2:45	

## Parent Advisory Council

Our first PAC meeting will be held on Monday September 20th at 7:00 pm in the SRT Library. There is NO fundraising involved. We hope you can join us! (Masks will be mandatory)

I look forward to the return of our clubs, teams, field trips and other activities that add so much to the high school experience. You can expect additional communication from the district and from our school regarding the new provincial guidelines regulating our capacity to host these typical school experiences. We will work diligently to follow the health and safety protocols provided to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or phone (604-466-8409).

Sincerely,

Ken Elphick