



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

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IMPORTANT STARTING DATES 2020/21

Monday, August 30

- Office re-opens for registration

Friday, September 3

- Homerooms posted on front Doors by 3:00pm
- Office closes 3:00 pm

Monday, September 6

- Labour Day (School Closed)

Tuesday, September 7

- First Partial Day for students
- Link Crew 10:30-11:30
- Grade 8's 11:30-12:45
- Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 1:00-1:30

Wednesday, September 8

- First Day of Regular Classes A, Flex, B, C, D

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that all of you have enjoyed your summer holidays and are ready for a productive and rewarding year at SRT. We, the administrative team, feel the same excitement as many of you do as we anticipate the first few days of school, when friends are re-connected, and the energy of students and staff is at a peak.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide some updates to the information I sent out last week. **Specifically, we have had to change the plan I sent out for September 7th as we are now required to spend part of our morning updating our staff on the latest Health and Safety Protocols for the year. Further down, you'll find specific information on September 7th.**

But first . . .

Our entire staff would like to extend a special welcome to our newest students, including the incoming grade 8's, the 36 international students and the many students who have moved into our friendly neighbourhood. You've picked a great location to live and go to school.

A special shout out to the grade 12's as well! 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 a role model for the other students, particularly our grade 8's. We are confident that this will be "your" year!

Monday, September 20

- Student Photo Day
- PAC Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, September 30

- Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

Friday, October 1

- Non-Instructional Day (no classes)

Friday, October 8

- Late Start Warning Bell 9:50 am, classes begin at 9:55.

Monday, October 11th

- Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Monday October 18th

- PAC Meeting 7pm

Wednesday October 20th

- Photo retakes

Thursday, October 21st

- Student Led Conferences (No School)

Friday, October 22nd

- Non-Instructional Day (no Classes)

Friday November 5th

- Late Start (9:55am)

Monday November 8th

- PAC Meeting 7pm

Thursday November 11th

- Remembrance Day (no classes)

Friday November 12th

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. Our doors are always open!

All the best.....GO TITANS!!

Mr. Ken Elphick, Principal (Grade 12)

Mrs. Robyn Sheridan, Vice-Principal (Grades 10,11)

Mr. Karl Lindgren-Streicher, Vice-Principal (Grades 8,9)

SEPTEMBER 7th Updated Plan: (MASKS REQUIRED)

10:30-11:30- Link Crew Students Prepare for Grade 8's who will arrive at 11:30

11:30- 12:45- Grade 8's participate in Link Crew Activities and receive timetables. Just show up at our doors with a mask and you'll be looked after.

1:00-1:30- Grades 9,10,11, and 12 report to their homerooms (block B classes)

HOMEROOMS FOR ALL GRADES WILL BE POSTED AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BY 3PM on Friday, September 3rd

Keeping Connected

It is important to keep connected with all that is happening at SRT. We surveyed a large sample of our students last year and most of the students kept connected to classes and school events through Microsoft Teams and Instagram. Very few of the students used the MySchoolDay App and so we have not renewed our subscription. I apologize for not communicating this sooner as I've heard students have been looking for it in the app store.

So the best ways to keep track of SRT happenings are

1. Microsoft Teams- most teachers at SRT use Microsoft Teams to communicate with students about class updates and homework.
2. Instagram- the schools Instagram account is samuelrobertsontech
3. Our website www.srts.sd42.ca

- Non-Instructional Day (no classes)

Monday November 29th, Tuesday November 30th, Wednesday December 1 and Thursday, December 2nd

- Graduation Photos

Monday December 6th

- PAC Meeting

Saturday, December 18th- Monday, January 3rd

- Winter Break

4. The Parent portal (more information about the portal is found further down this newsletter)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We do not publish 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 you will need.

TIMETABLES

Friday September 3rd, after 3pm, you should be able to access your timetable on MyClass. However, if you have no idea how to do that or have forgotten your password, you will receive a hard copy of your timetable on Tuesday. The only thing you really need to know for Tuesday morning is your homeroom class, which will be posted on the SRT front entrance windows by 3pm on Friday, September 3rd.

CLASS CHANGES

We have a waiting list of students trying to come to SRT, so our classes are very full which makes class changes difficult. However, we will be giving information out in the first few days of school about how to make a request for a change.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

We will be reviewing the Health and Safety protocols with all students in the first few days of school. The key is that masks are required at all times for all staff and students when indoors.

WHEN CAN I ARRIVE AT SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

We won't be holding you at the door this year. If the doors are open, please come on in. This is your school and we want you to feel at home here. We'll try to keep a few masks at the front entrance so if you forget your mask, head there first.

YEARBOOKS

We encourage all students who wish to purchase a yearbook to commemorate the school year do so as soon as the portal message comes out in late September. As these books are very expensive we will not have a lot of extra available to sell in June. Last year we

sold out of yearbooks. The cost for a yearbook will be \$55 and is payable to SRT. (note: because this book is created by students there are occasionally mistakes in the book. The students do their best to proofread and check names but errors do occur).

FLEX BLOCKS

Flex blocks will be returning to the daily schedule this year at SRT. This will be a new experience for our grade 8 and 9 students.

STUDENT FLEX EXPECTATIONS:

WHAT IS FLEX TIME?

- Every day between 1st and 2nd block for 45 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 unless your teacher is on a PREP block.
- LIBRARY – open for grade 10, 11 and 12 students who want a quiet place to study. There is a maximum of 2 students per table and a limit to the number of students allowed in the Library.
- GYM – open for students who have a PE class. There will be a limit to the number of students. PE staff may open up the gym to other students later in the school year at their discretion.
- Teachers share classrooms so you will need to pay attention to where your teacher will be at flex time. Your teacher will post a schedule of what classroom

they will be in for each FLEX block. Check the schedule posted outside their classroom.

PARENT PORTAL:

All notices and important updates from SRT and all field trip notices will be communicated to parents via the parent portal. If you are not linked up to the portal, please email christine_watts@sd42.ca A linking code will be sent back to you via email.

PICTURE DAY - Wednesday, September 20

Student pictures will be done on Wednesday, September 20. All students will have their picture taken this day for their "Go" Card/Student ID Card, the yearbook and package purchases.

Retake Day will be **Wednesday, October 20th**.

GET INVOLVED!!!!

Samuel Robertson Technical is an active school and we strongly encourage you to get involved in something extracurricular. Join one of the groups below or start another. It's a great way to get connected and make new friends.

Teams:

Lacrosse	Field Hockey
Basketball	Track and Field
Cross Country	Soccer
Volleyball	Ultimate
Rugby	

Clubs & Other Activities:

Games club (computer/board)	Mountain Biking
GSA	Outdoor Club
Social Justice	Chess
Student Council	Film
Robotics	Book

SEE YOU ALL SOON and GOOOO TITANS!!!!!!!