



WELCOME TO SAMUEL ROBERTSON TECHNICAL HOME OF THE TITANS!

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IMPORTANT STARTING DATES 2024/25

Monday, August 26, 2024

8:00 am Office re-opens for registration.

****Along with important dates, information about fee payment and locker assignment is below. If students are still on holiday during the week starting August 26, they may have a friend come on their behalf, provided fees are paid.*

Monday, August 26, 2024 Fees/Lockers

10:00 am - Grade 12s - student fees paid online only

10:45 am - Grade 12s - cash/cheque fees only

11:00 am - Grade 11s - student fees paid online only

11:45 am - Grade 11s - cash/cheque fees only

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Fees/Lockers

10:00 am - Grade 10s - student fees paid online only

10:45 am - Grade 10s - cash/cheque fees only

11:00 am - Grade 9s - student fees paid online only

11:45 am - Grade 9s - cash/cheque fees only

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary!

We are excited to welcome students in grades 8 through 12 to the new school year at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you here at SRT!

At SRT, we pride ourselves on offering strong academic classes, a variety of engaging elective options, and excellent trades programs. But that's not all—our school also boasts a wide range of extracurricular activities to enhance your school experience and help you explore new interests.

We look forward to a fantastic year of learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Welcome back, and let's make it a great year together!

This newsletter aims to provide specific details about the first weeks and months of school, as well as general information about school life and policies.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our doors are always open!

All the best... GO TITANS!!

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A special note to students in trades programs: Students who are enrolled in the Carpentry, Metal Fabrication or Hair Stylist programs will receive separate communications from their instructors. They will give you details of your start-up schedule, which will be different from the students attending regular classes at SRT. Lockers are already set aside for students in the trades programs.

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Student Fees/Lockers

10:00 am - Grade 8s - student fees paid online only

10:45 am - Grade 8s - cash/cheque fees only

11:30 am -12:30 pm - SRT orientation for new grade 9-12 students and for grade 8 students who missed the grade 7 day in the Spring.

12:30 p.m. - any student in grade 8-12 paying cash/cheque who missed their time slot may come in to pay their fees and receive a locker.

Friday, August 30 - Homerooms posted inside lobby of school at 11:00 am. Doors close by 2:30 pm.

No fees/lockers will be done on Thursday, August 29 and Friday, August 30 in order to prepare for school opening. Fees/lockers will resume on Tuesday, September 3.

Monday, September 2

Labour Day (School Closed)

Tuesday, September 3

First partial day for students; schedule specifics are in the newsletter to the right.

Wednesday, September 4

First Day of Regular Classes: B,A Lunch, D, C (no flex)

Thursday, September 5

F,E Lunch H,G (no flex)

Friday, September 6 (Day 1)

A,B Lunch C,D (no flex)

Monday, September 9

Flex blocks begin

Student Photo Day

First PAC meeting online at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 10

Grade 8 assembly at flex

Wednesday, September 11

Grade 9 assembly at flex

Friday, September 13

Grade 10 assembly at flex

Monday, August 26th , Tuesday August 27th, and Wednesday August 28th

Starting with grade 12s on Monday the 26th, students will be assigned lockers for the year. You will be receiving a separate communication about student fees and locker distribution. The dates and times for students who have paid fees to claim their lockers is listed on the left.

Tuesday, September 3

Students will not receive a physical copy of their full class timetable until September 3rd, when they see their homeroom teacher. If students are keen to know who their homeroom teacher is, they can come to the school on Friday, August 30th from 11:00-2:30 pm. This information will also be available on Tuesday, September 3rd when students arrive.

9:30-10:30 am: **Grade 8s** meet with link leaders, tour the school and ask questions. Just show up at our doors and you'll be looked after by the Link Crew.

10:45-11:45 am: **Grades 9,10,11, and 12** report to the gym for assembly where they will be joined by **Grade 8s**.

11:45-12:00 pm: **All students** report to their homerooms (block E classes) to pick up their class schedules. **Students will be dismissed once they pick up their schedules.**

Wednesday, September 4 to Friday September 6th

September 4th marks the first day of regular classes, which will follow this order: Block B, Block A, Lunch, Block D, and Block C. There will be no flex for the first week of school as we establish the rules around flex time.

***** **Food lovers:** The cafeteria will be closed the first week of school so students should pack a lunch. We will be ordering a limited number of pizzas if students want to buy slices and a drink. \$2.00 per slice, \$1.00 for drink. First come, first serve. Cafeteria cards will be available for purchase the first week of September through the portal.

SRT No flex timetable for first 3 days :

	Wednesday September 4 (Day 3)	Thursday September 5 (Day 4)	Friday September 6 (Day 1)
8:30-9:50	B	F	A
9:55-11:15	A	E	B
11:15-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-1:20	D	H	C
1:25-2:45	C	G	D

Students who are unsure how to read the schedule will be guided by staff and leadership students.

Monday, September 16

Grade 11 assembly at flex

Tuesday, September 17

Grade 12 assembly at flex with pancake breakfast

Wednesday, September 18

Grade 8 Night- students tour parents at 6:30 pm, meeting in gym at 7:00 pm

Friday, September 27

Orange Shirt Day

Monday, September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

Tuesday, October 1

Non-Instructional Day (no classes)

Wednesday, October 2

Photo retakes

Friday, October 11

Late Start Collaboration. School starts at 9:50 am

Monday, October 14

Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Friday, October 25

Provincial Pro-D Day (no classes)

Monday, October 28

Grade 12 literacy assessments begin and run all week

Thursday, November 7

Student Led Conferences (no school)

Friday, November 8

Late Start Collaboration Day. Classes at 9:50 am

Monday, November 11

Remembrance Day (no school)

Tuesday, November 12

Non-Instructional Day (no school)

SRT's Regular Schedule with flex begins Monday September 9th

SRT follows a linear schedule which means all students will be taking 8 classes throughout the year. Friday's alternate (see schedule below):

SRT Weekly Schedule

2024/2025

	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday
8:30-9:40	A	E	B	F	
9:43-10:23	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX
10:26-11:36	B	F	A	E	
11:36-12:19	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:22-1:32	C	G	D	H	
1:35-2:45	D	H	C	G	

Keeping Connected

It is important to keep connected with all that is happening at SRT. The best ways to keep track of SRT happenings include:

1. We have a live calendar again this year. It is updated regularly to reflect the most up to date information about events, schedules, parent meetings, report cards, etc. It also allows students to figure out if Fridays are a day 1, 2, 3, or 4. Keep the link below on your desktop and check in frequently:

<https://shorturl.at/gzduf>

Or scan the following QR code:



2. Microsoft Teams - most teachers at SRT use Microsoft Teams to communicate with students about class updates and homework.

3. Instagram - the school's Instagram account is samuelrobertsontech

4. Our website www.srts.sd42.ca

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

Thursday, December 5 ***

First Report Card Published via MyClass

Friday, December 6

Paper copy of report card sent home

Friday, December 20

Last day of school before winter break

Cell Phone Policy for 2024-2025 School Year:

Effective September 1st, 2024, students in all grades (8,9,10,11,12) will only be permitted to access cell phones and personal digital devices during class time if directed by teachers for educational purposes. This will include flex time. Students can freely access their phones before school, at lunch, and after school. If there is an emergency and parents need to connect to their student during school hours, they should not hesitate to contact the front office.

There may be situations when the school will permit a student to use a personal digital device for the purposes of inclusion and accessibility. Examples of those are digital literacy, communication, medical and health needs and as defined with an individual education plan.

Students, inevitably, will use computers and cell phones as part of their learning because teachers will recognize the power of these tools in specific situations. We will be seeking feedback from teachers, students, and parents later in the year to see how this policy influences classroom success and behaviour. We hope that all parents and caregivers will support our staff's efforts to create a positive and productive learning environment.

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, and a highlighter are staples of school life and can be reused from previous years or purchased new. An extra lock to use gym class lockers is important. If there are any special requirements, individual subject teachers will let you know what you will need.

BYOD

We often get questions about whether or not students should bring their own laptops to school. If a student does have a computer it can be a valuable tool at school. Students should talk to their teachers if they feel a computer will support their learning; however, they need to be aware that they are responsible for storing and securing their devices.

CLASS CHANGES

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

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 \$65. A fee portal for the yearbook will be available later in September. (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).

GYM LOCKERS - Lockers are available in the gym for students to store their clothes and valuables during gym class. Students who leave their bags in the gym are taking a risk. Items left in lockers must have them secured with a lock. Please take advantage of the lockers.

FLEX BLOCKS

Flex is part of the daily schedule at SRT again this year. This time is valuable instructional time for students to catch up on work or get help from a teacher in a class that they are struggling in.

STUDENT FLEXPECTATIONS:

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 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 coursework.
- Preference is that you attend a classroom with a current teacher, the library or the gym. However, if you attend another teacher's flex block, you must follow their rules and recognize you are a guest.

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 all grades: different grades are welcome in the library on different days. This schedule will be made public once the school year begins.
- GYM – open for all grades: similar to the library, different grades are welcome in the gym on different days.

- 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 announcements, reminders, important updates from SRT and 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 - Monday, September 9

Student pictures will be done on Monday, September 9. All students will have their picture taken this day for their Student ID Card, and their yearbook photo. **Retake Day** will be **Wednesday, October 2**.

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:

Ball Hockey	Volleyball
Basketball	Track and Field
Cross Country	Soccer

Clubs & Other Activities:

Games club (computer/board) Mountain Biking

GSA	Outdoor Club
Social Justice	Chess
Student Council	Film
Robotics	

PAC Meeting: For interested parents, the first online PAC meeting of the year is Monday September 9th at 7pm. The link for the first meeting will be posted by early September on the school's website under the Parent tab.

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