

Samuel Robertson Technical
Home of the Titans

Welcome Back Titans!!



August 26th, 2026

Welcome to the 2026-27 School Year at Samuel Robertson Technical!

We are excited to welcome students and families to the 2026-27 school year at SRT! Whether you are returning to SRT or joining our community for the first time, we are looking forward to having our Titans back in the building and beginning another great year together.

At SRT, we take tremendous pride in offering strong academic programming, engaging electives, and exceptional trades and technical education. At the same time, we know that a great high school experience is about much more than classes. It is about connection, belonging, involvement, and growth.

From athletics, clubs, leadership and the arts to the many activities and events that bring our school together, there are countless opportunities for students to explore their interests, meet new people, take some chances, and find their place at SRT. We encourage every student to get involved and make the most of their time as a Titan.

A Personal Welcome from Mr. Rowell

I am especially excited to be joining SRT as Principal this year. In many ways, it feels a little like coming home. I was fortunate to be a teacher at SRT when the school first opened its doors in 2005, and it is pretty special to return more than 20 years later in this new role. I have many great memories from my time at SRT and am looking forward to reconnecting with the SRT community, getting to know our students and families, and working alongside our staff to build on the many strengths and traditions that have developed over the years. As we begin the year, one of my priorities will simply be to listen, learn, and get to know SRT again. I hope students and families will introduce themselves, share what they love about our school, and let us know how we can continue making SRT an even better place to learn, grow, and belong.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2026-27, and I am excited to be part of it! This newsletter contains important information about the opening weeks of school, along with helpful details about daily life at SRT. Please take a few minutes to review it together as a family. If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions throughout the year, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our doors are always open.

Here's to a fantastic year!

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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. The instructors 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.

Monday, August 31, Tuesday, September 1, and Wednesday, September 2

Starting with grade 12s on Monday the 31st, 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 below in the calendar section of this newsletter.

Friday, September 4th

Students who wish to see their classes can do so through accessing their MyClass account on this day. Please follow this link to the SRT website to access the instructions secondary.sd42.ca/srts

Tuesday, September 8th

Students will not receive a physical copy of their full class timetable until Tuesday, September 8th, 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, September 4th from 11:00-2:30 pm. This information will also be available on Tuesday, September 8th when students arrive.

- 9:30-10:30am: **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.
- 10:30-11:30am: Grades **9, 10, 11**, and **12** report to the gym for assembly where they will be joined by Grade **8s**.
- 11:30-11:45 am: **All students** report to their homerooms (block B classes) to pick up their class schedules. Students will be dismissed once they pick up their schedules.

Wednesday, September 9th to Friday September 11th

Wednesday, September 9th 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.**

Cafeteria Information

The cafeteria will be closed Wednesday, September 9th and Thursday, September 10 so students should pack a lunch. We will be ordering a limited number of pizzas if students want to buy slices and a drink. \$2.50 per slice, \$1.00 for a drink. First come, first serve and cash only. Cafeteria cards will be available for purchase the first week of September through the portal. The first day of cafeteria service is Friday, September 11th.

	Wednesday September 9th (Day 3)	Thursday September 10th (Day 4)	Friday September 11th (Day 3)
8:30-9:50	B	F	B
9:55-11:15	A	E	A
11:15-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-1:20	D	H	D
1:25-2:45	C	G	C

SRT No flex timetable for first 3 days Students who are unsure how to read the schedule will be guided by staff and leadership students.

SRT's Regular Schedule with flex begins Monday, Sept 14th

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	MON - 1	TUES - 2	WED - 3	THURS - 4	FRIDAY
8:30-9:41	A	E	B	F	
9:44-10:25	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX	FLEX
10:28-11:39	B	F	A	E	
11:39-12:17	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:20-1:31	C	G	D	H	
1:34-2:45	D	H	C	G	

AUTO-DIALER FOR ATTENDANCE

Auto-dialer attendance messages will commence on Monday, September 14th. All unexcused absences and lates will be emailed and texted to all parents/legal guardians/homestay families at 5:00 pm daily. The email/text message will state the student's name, what type of absence (A= absence, L=Late), period, class, teacher's name.

If you don't wish to receive emails/text messages, please let the office know via email srt_reception@sd42.ca and we will make sure you won't receive any emails/text messages. Please note that you can't choose what you receive, you either have both or none.

At the end of September, a **Student Information Verification Form** will be sent home. Here you can verify your phone number and email address we have on file. You can make any changes on this form and return to the school.

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 keep our **SRT Website** updated and on it you will find a live calendar, graduation information, staff contacts and much more. Please visit it regularly as we take pride in making sure it has the latest information: <https://secondary.sd42.ca/srt/>
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. **Parent Portal** (more information about the portal is found further down this newsletter)

Cell Phone Policy for 2026-2027 School Year

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 hope that all parents and caregivers will support our staff's efforts to create a positive and productive learning environment.

SRT Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy

At Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary, we recognize the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education and the workplace. We support the responsible use of AI tools to enhance learning, spark creativity, and support skill development.
Microsoft Copilot at SRT

This year, students in Grades 9-12 will have access to Microsoft Copilot, the district-supported AI tool. Copilot is an artificial intelligence assistant that can help students generate ideas, answer questions, support research, explain concepts, and provide feedback on writing. Like any AI tool, Copilot should be used to support learning, not replace student thinking and effort.

Appropriate Use of AI Tools:

- Students may use AI tools (e.g., for idea generation, tutoring, practice, or research support) when permitted by their teacher.
- AI can be a valuable tool to explore new concepts, improve writing, and assist in studying or revision.

Misuse of AI:

- Submitting AI-generated work as your own without teacher permission or proper acknowledgment is considered academic dishonesty.
- Using AI to complete assignments or assessments in place of your own thinking, understanding, or effort undermines learning and is not permitted.

Expectations:

- Students are responsible for the content they submit and must be able to explain their work.
- Teachers will clarify when and how AI may be used in their classes.
- AI use should never replace critical thinking, original ideas, or personal voice in student work.

By using AI responsibly, students can build digital literacy while maintaining academic integrity. Misuse of AI may result in consequences aligned with our school's academic honesty policy.

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 for a gym class locker is important for students taking a PE class. If there are any special requirements, individual subject teachers will let you know what you will need.

BYOD - Bring Your OWN Device

We often get questions about whether or not students should bring their own laptops to school. The answer is, yes, we encourage students to bring their own devices; however, they need to be aware that they are responsible for storing and securing their devices. 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.

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 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 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 14th

Student pictures will be done on Monday, September 14th. All students will have their picture taken this day for their Student ID Card, and their yearbook photo. Retake Day will be Friday, October 2nd.

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.

Ball Hockey	Volleyball	Cross Country
Basketball	Track and Field	Soccer

Clubs & Other Activities:

Gaming (computer/board)	Mountain Biking	Film
Dungeons and Dragons	GSA/Pride	Outdoor Club
Chess	Drama	Ping Pong
Ski & Snowboard	E-Sports	Titan TV

PAC Meeting

For interested parents, the first online PAC meeting of the year is **Monday, September 14th** at 7pm. The link for the first meeting will be posted by early September on the school's website under the Parent tab.

IMPORTANT STARTING DATES 2026/27

Monday, August 31st, 2026 - 8:00 am School Office re-opens

***Along with important dates, information about fee payment and locker assignment is below. If students are still on holiday during the week starting August 31st, they may have a friend come on their behalf, provided fees are paid.

Monday, August 31st, 2026 - 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, September 1st, 2026 - 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

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026 - 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 or portal who missed their time slot may come in to pay their fees and receive a locker.

Thursday, September 3rd, 2026

- No fees/lockers will be done on Thursday, September 3rd and Friday, September 4th in order to prepare for school opening. Fees/lockers will resume on Tuesday, September 8th.

Friday, September 4th, 2026 - Homeroom Information

- Students can access their schedule online through MyClass
- Homeroom lists will be posted inside lobby of school at 11:00 am
- Doors close by 2:30 pm

Monday, September 7th, 2026

- Labour Day (School Closed)

Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

- First partial day for students; schedule specifics above.

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 (Day 3)

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

Thursday, September 10th, 2026 (Day 4)

- F,E Lunch H,G (no flex)

Friday, September 11th, 2026 (Day 3)

- B,A Lunch D,C (no flex)

Monday, September 14th, 2026 (Day 1)

- Flex blocks begin
- Student Photo Day
- First online PAC meeting of the year

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 (Day 2)

- Grade 12 assembly at flex with pancake breakfast

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 (Day 3)

- Grade 11 assembly at flex
- Grade 8 Night - students tour parents at 6:30 pm, meeting in gym at 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 17th, 2026 (Day 4)

- Grade 10 assembly at flex

Friday, September 18th, 2026 (Day 2)

- Grade 9 assembly at flex

Monday, September 21st, 2026

- School Growth Planning Day
- No School for students

Monday, September 28th, 2026 (Day 1)

- Orange Shirt Day

Wednesday, September 30th, 2026

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

Friday, October 2nd, 2026 (Day 3)

- Photo retakes

Monday, October 5th, 2026 (Day 1)

- Senior Sail

Friday, October 9th, 2026

- Collaboration Day for teachers = 9:50am start for students

Monday, October 12th, 2026

- Thanksgiving Day (no classes)

Thursday, October 15, 2026 (Day 4)

- Shakeout B,C, Earthquake drill, 10:19 am

Friday, October 23rd, 2026

- Provincial Pro-D Day (no classes)

Thursday, October 29, 2026 (Day 4)

- School Dance from 6-9pm

Monday, November 2nd to Friday, Nov 6th, 2026

- Literacy 12 Assessments all week

Thursday, November 5th, 2026

- Student Led Conferences (1:00-4:00pm & 5:00-7:00pm)

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026

- Remembrance Day (no school)

Friday, November 27th, 2026

- Non-Instructional Day (no school)

Thursday, December 3rd , 2026

- First Report Card Published via MyClass

Friday, December 4th, 2026

- Paper copy of report card sent home

Friday, December 18th, 2026

- Last School Day before Winter Break
- Altered Schedule