

Dear Semiahmoo Families,

While we are on the cusp of commencing the school year, due to COVID-19, we will be making a few alterations with start-up this year: (1) the start of classes has been delayed to Monday, September 14, (2) next week, there will be an orientation period for teachers—Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9, and (3) student orientation days have been scheduled for Thursday, September 10 and Friday, September 11. (See below for details.)

In preparation for entering the building, there will be a special Parent Communique in the next day to provide additional material addressing health and safety within the building, student access to and from the building, and movement within the building.

We hope you had a restful last weekend before the school “season” begins, we encourage you to have a rich and restful three days (plus two), and then come prepared to inquire, explore, discover, share, and grow. We look forward to greeting your children and launching into another year of learning.

Warmest regards,

Semiahmoo Administration – Mr Bal Ranu, Ms Debbie Johnson, Mr Rob Dewinetz, and Mr Derek Strauss

Student Schedules

The student schedules currently “on” MyEdBC are not complete—do not assume this is the schedule for the year. The timetabling process is still in flux; therefore, these schedules WILL still change. Once we have finalized the timetable, we will notify you immediately.

Orientation Days (Thu and Fri) – REVISED

Homeroom assignments will be posted in several locations outside the front of the school on Thursday (Grades 8 & 9) and Friday (Grade 10-12). If the school timetable is completed before Thursday, we will post student schedules, which contain the Homeroom assignment—Period 1.

Thursday

Grade 8

08:20	10 min	Warning Bell
08:30 – 08:45	15 min	Cohorts meet in Gyms—Large (West and East) and Small Gym
08:45 – 08:55	10 min	Travel to Homeroom
08:55 – 09:45	50 min	Homeroom / Period 1
09:45 – 09:55	10 min	Break – Period 1 Teacher escorts students to Period 2 classroom
09:55 – 10:30	35 min	Period 2
10:30		Dismiss – leave the building

Grade 9

12:50	10 min	Warning Bell
01:00 – 01:45	45 min	Homeroom / Period 1
01:45 – 01:55	10 min	Break – class change

01:55 – 02:30 35 min Period 2
02:30 *Dismiss – leave the building*

Friday
Grade 10

08:20 10 min *Warning Bell*
08:30 – 09:15 45 min Homeroom / Period 1
09:15 *Dismiss – leave the building*

Grade 11

09:35 10 min *Warning Bell*
09:45 – 10:30 45 min Homeroom / Period 1
10:30 *Dismiss – leave the building*

Grade 12

11:05 10 min *Warning Bell*
11:15 – 12:00 45 min Homeroom / Period 1
12:00 *Dismiss – leave the building*

Grade 10, 11, and 12 – On-Line Course

02:00 – 02:30 30 min Period 2 – virtual meeting on-line / Dismiss

Health & Safety – COVID-19 Stage 2, Part 2

We have received additional detailed information about health and safety practices for existing with and managing COVID-19, and we will be forwarding this material to you early next week.

The Counselling Department

Meeting with Students

- The door to the Counselling Centre will be unlocked and closed with tables and signage will be set-up in the entryway to slow traffic and enable physical distancing.
- A sign indicating the maximum number of students—2—on the office door.
- The “drop-in policy” is now gone for students—students will have to make appointments for in-person counselling sessions via on-line program (Calendly), e-mail, or phone.
- The counsellors are not meeting with parents or guardians—all of these interactions will be via e-mail or telephone.
- Student appointments will be for personal counselling only—questions/requests about timetables will be handled via e-mail only.
- Many of us will not be using our offices to meet with students since some of the offices are too small to allow for 2 metre physical distancing—instead, we will use the following protocol:
 - Students with an appointment will come to the Counselling Centre and sign-in
 - A counsellor or Janet will check the hallway to see if they are there waiting to let us know they are here—please wait in the hallway in the designated area along the wall
 - There will be no waiting for counsellors in the Counselling Area

- Masks should be worn in the hallway while waiting and while meeting with the counsellor
- Students will be asked to wear a mask, and counsellors will be wearing them

Contact with School – REVISED

Although the school is not accessible to families, the Main Office is open from 8:00-2:00. If you have any questions, please call us at 604.536-2131 or e-mail at: semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca

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