



Welcome to Semiahmoo!

Welcome to all new and returning students! We know you must be excited about starting the new school year and anticipating all the wonderful experiences the year will bring! Please read the enclosed information carefully regarding the upcoming school year.

We take learning very seriously at Semiahmoo and expect you to be on time and ready to work starting on Wednesday, September 7th. There is no 'phase in' period - Wednesday is a full day of school. Make every attempt to arrive each day prior to the 8:25 warning bell. It is essential that you bring a pen and some paper to take notes in your classes. **If you know that you might miss any day during the first week, especially Tuesday, please contact the office.**

Please read all of the information in this communication carefully:

Time Schedule for Opening Day - Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Grade 8s – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., report to Large gym for assembly. Your Block A teacher will be holding up a sign with their name on it. Please find your block A teacher and sit with them for the assembly.

Grade 9s to 11s – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., students report to Homeroom.

Grade 12s – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., report to gym for assembly.

Note: Your Block A Class is your Homeroom. - All students will receive a copy of their most up-to-date timetable in their homeroom.

Time and Block Schedule for Wednesday, September 7th to Friday, September 9th only:

Time	Block
8:25	Warning Bell
8:30 - 9:50	A Block
9:55-11:15	B Block
11:15 – 11:50	Lunch
11:55 – 1:15	C Block
1:20 – 2:40	D Block

Time and Block schedule for the remainder of the year: Keep scrolling to Page 3 of this document

****Returning students - Please note that the bell schedule AND block order have changed for the 2022-23 school year. If you are ever unsure of the block order, tap on the calendar on the school app or check the TV's located around the school.**

Locker and Lock Information:

All students will be able to select a locker beginning this week. Due to space, lockers will be shared and are assigned by grade level. All lockers have a school lock already attached. **(Only school locks are permitted)**

Online Locker Sign Up Information: Website: <https://semiahmoo.lockerassignment.com/>

Grade 8s and 12s – access the system August 31 after 9:00 a.m.

Grade 9s to 11s – access the system September 1 after 9:00 a.m.

Your Username is your Student Number

Your password is your birthday, format is year, month, date (no spaces) – For example: June 03, 2010, will be 20100603.

Once you sign up and have chosen your locker and have the combination for that locker, you cannot change lockers, this is to ensure that students do not know other student's locker combinations.

*If you are in a PE class, you should bring a lock from home to lock up your belongings in the lockers in the change room. This lock must be removed after each class.

Student Parking:

Students who are parking their vehicles in the school parking lot must register their car at the office and purchase a parking pass. Please come to the main office to get your vehicle registration form and purchase a parking pass for \$5.00. All student vehicles must be parked in the designated student parking area in the parking lot.

Fee Schedule:

Please refer to the enclosed document regarding student fees and directions on how to pay both online and/or by cheque. The school will provide the basic materials and resources necessary for students to meet the learning outcomes for each course. Students will need to continue to provide their own basic supplies and equipment for their own personal use such as paper, writing tools, calculators, notebooks, gym attire and musical instruments. **Online fee payment system will be ready to take payments beginning September 6th.**

Teachers will inform students if fees for course workbooks, additional supplies, course enhancements, etc., are required.

Field Trips – Unless otherwise specified, participation in field trips is **optional** and there may be a charge for those students participating in a field trip experience.

Important Apps:

The school uses the **Thunderbird Times** app for important announcements and essential information. We ask that all students and parents please download the free app from your app store. (More information on pages below) Many teachers also use Microsoft Teams to send out homework and course information.

School Photo Day:

Every year, Semiahmoo Students have their photos taken for the Semiahmoo Yearbook and for Student ID cards. School photo day is **Friday, September 8th**. Students and parents can order packages from www.artona.com. All students should get their photo taken regardless of whether they are ordering a package or not. Retakes will be on October 14th.

PAC Meetings:

Please visit the Semiahmoo school website for information about the Semiahmoo PAC.

From the Athletic Department:

As September nears, the fall sports season for volleyball, cross country and boys' soccer gets underway. With changes in staffing, changes to the coaching ranks have also occurred and "holes" within the coaches' roster may need to be filled with "community coaches." Individuals wishing to coach need to contact Mr. Chio, Athletic Director, chio_t@surreyschools.ca a.s.a.p. for an application form and other information required to coach in the school system. Fall practices will start in the first week of school so students should pay particular attention to announcements throughout the first few weeks.

Counselors and administrators:

Counselors and vice-principals are assigned to students by their last name. Please see list below:

Counseling:

L. Hamilton	A-Dad
J. Wilson	Dag – Hib
M. Jamieson	Hig – Lia
C. Barclay	Lin – Sra
S. Blackwell	Sta - Z

Administration:

J. White	A - Lia
Z. Lund	Lin – Z

Final Comments:

In closing, we again would like to welcome each one of you to our school. Please take advantage of what Semiahmoo Secondary can provide: a variety of extracurricular events in a fabulous facility, and courses that will provide you with the knowledge and skills for a successful career. Treat your school with respect. Get involved with the many activities and programs that the school will provide. May your years at our school provide you with numerous, fun-filled, lasting memories. Finally, we hope that students who attend our school will work to the best of his/her ability, challenge themselves to achieve the best of which they are capable and will leave our school as responsible citizens who are prepared to meet the ever-changing challenges of their future.

Sincerely,
Your Semiahmoo Administrative staff,

Mr. B. Ranu	Ms. J. White	Mr. Z. Lund
Principal	Vice Principal	Vice-Principal

Please continue reading below for more important information for the 2022-23 school year....

2022-23 BELL AND BLOCK SCHEDULE

	Monday Day 1	Tuesday Day 2	Wednesday Day 3	Thursday Day 4	Friday See Below
1st Period: 8:30 –9:50	A	B	C	D	
2nd Period: 9:55 –11:15	B	A	D	C	
11:15 – 11:55		Lunch (40 min)			
3rd Period: 11:55 –1:15	C	D	A	B	
4th Period: 1:20 –2:40	D	C	B	A	

Fridays will rotate: the 1st Friday of the month is Day 1, 2nd Friday is Day 2, 3rd Friday is Day 3, and the 4th Friday is Day 4.

NOTE - No early dismissals on Friday. Hours of instruction are 8:30 - 2:40pm Monday - Friday

2022-23 DISTRICT CALENDAR

September 6, 2022	School Opens
September 26, 2022	Non-instructional day
September 30, 2022	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
October 21, 2022	Non-instructional day
November 10, 2022	Non-instructional day
November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
December 17 – January 2, 2023	Winter break
January 3, 2023	Schools reopen after winter break
February 20, 2023	Family Day
February 24, 2023	Non-instructional day
March 14 – March 18, 2023	School closure days
March 21 - March 25, 2023	Spring break
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
May 5, 2023	Non-instructional day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
May 29, 2023	Non-instructional day
June 30, 2023	Administrative day/Schools close

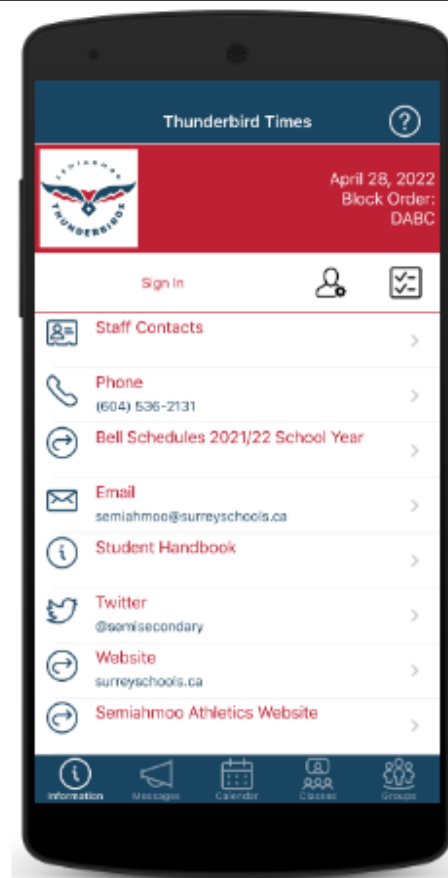
*Mark your
calendar!*

****We kindly ask that all parents and students sign up for the Thunderbird Times app. The app is what we use to communicate important information, news and current events to our school community. The app also is a great source of general information such as calendar, daily block order, staff contacts, etc. Please download the App and stay up to date!**



Download our "Thunderbird Times" app today!

- ★ Get all your notifications in one place, the way you prefer to receive them, and only what is relevant to you.
- ★ Stay organized with a unified, personalized calendar and reminders.
- ★ Quick and easy access to school information on your phone, always up-to-date.



"Thunderbird Times"



Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free "Thunderbird Times" app, or visit thunderbird.appazur.com/go.

-OR-

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:

thunderbird.appazur.com

-OR-

Text @semitime to **778-800-2585**.

-OR-



Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.

If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.

Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap **Sign In** (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen. Enter your school email address if you have one.

Choose the **Classes** tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the **Groups** tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Information tab.

School Fee Payment Information

Parents/Guardians:

Please be advised that school fees are set up to be paid online **beginning September 6th**. Student Fees are 25.00 per student for this school year. The \$25 student fee is a required fee for all students and is directed towards items such as the school app, student council, athletics, student events, locks and consumable supplies. **Please pay online by September 30th.**

Workbook fees and student project/consumable fees are also paid online. **Fees that are available online will not be collected by teachers in classrooms, these can be paid at the office.** If paying at the office you must provide exact change or a cheque made payable to Semiahmoo Secondary School. School Cash On-line works with echeque, ewallet, Mastercard and Visa.

It is the goal of the School District to have all fees paid online. Please take the time to set up your account and you will receive emails as additional fees are incurred by your child. **Please follow the instructions below and if you have any issues or concerns please contact School Cash Online at 1-866-961-1803.**

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the GET HELP option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the *School Cash Online* home page <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.



Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just

created with your account.

Find Student

School Information

School Board Name: School Board 1575
Looking for a student in a different school board?

School Name: Eagle High School

Student Information

Do you have the student number?

Student Number:

First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:
Date format: mm/dd/yyyy

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account



Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select

"View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

SCHOOL FEES 2022-23

BASIC STUDENT FEE:

Student Activity Fee \$25

(The Student activity fee is directed to the school app, student council, athletics, student events, locks and consumable supplies)

OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Athletics - volleyball, basketball, rugby, ultimate	\$100
Athletics - all other sports	\$50
Graduation/Ceremony Fee	\$50
Yearbook	\$60 (<i>price-before Sept. 23</i>)
	\$65 (<i>price after Sept. 23</i>)

WORKBOOKS:

Foundations of Math 11 & 12	\$25	IB Biology Study Guide	\$55
Pre-Calc Mathematics 11 (Pearson)	\$25	BC Science (Gr. 8, 9 & 10 Connections)	\$10
Foundations of Math/Pre Calculus	\$10	BC Science Physics 11/12	\$25
Workplace Math 11	\$20	Chemistry 11/12 – Hebden	\$24
Study Matrix online support	\$10	Textiles 8 –Fabric/Supplies(optional)	\$10

DEPOSITS FOR TEXTBOOKS OR CALCULATORS (FULLY REFUNDABLE)

Graphing calculator \$120

SPECIALTY ACADEMY FEES:

International Baccalaureate \$183 per exam (estimated)

Appendix: Legislation and School Fees

Instruction is provided free of charge to all students registered in a school's education program sufficient to meet the general requirements of graduation, and it shall provide free of charge any resource material necessary to participate in that program. The School Act permits the charging of fees for certain items. In Surrey secondary schools, the following structure applies through Board [Policy 9802](#) related to fees and any costs for students or families. Any school fees will be communicated to parents and students of each school's community on an annual basis.

Basic School Supplies

Students will need to provide their own basic supplies and equipment for their own personal use at school. This includes supplies such as paper, writing tools, calculators, notebooks, gym strip, sewing kits, and some other items needed for various electives.

Inability to Pay Fees

The district's hardship policy is an important part of our fees. No student will be denied the ability to participate in any part of the school's educational programs as a result of an inability to pay. Every school must develop a process whereby fees may be waived because of financial hardship. The process must incorporate the principles of fairness, confidentiality, and sensitivity, while maintaining family respect and dignity. All letters to parents requesting payment of a fee will include a statement that explains the school district's fee waiver policy and the protection of privacy.

Student Activity Fee

This fee is charged to all students and is in the range of \$20-25 per student. Each school will communicate to parents and students the breakdown of where the funds from activity fees are directed. Typical activities supported by these fees are: Student agenda, Student council events, athletics, locks.

Certification

Some programs include a component that offers an external certificate recognizing unique qualifications. Examples are St. John's First Aid, Food Safe, Superhost, and Worldhost. These certificates help prepare students for employment and schools charge a fee to recover the cost of certification. The cost to the student will match the cost to the school for the certificate.

Athletics

Participation in athletics and organized sports is an important part of a school's culture. Each secondary school is unique in the sports offered and the levels at which they participate. Students can expect a cost for participation which is dependent on the level of the sport, the number of games or tournaments played, the travel involved as well as other factors including fees for referees which are paid by the school. A significant portion of the costs associated with athletics go to the provincial bodies that organize these events. Every attempt is made to keep costs to a minimum and it is normal practice to have parents pay in a lump sum at the beginning of any one sport season so parents understand the true costs involved for full participation. No school shall generate an ongoing surplus as the result of collection of fees for athletic programs and organized extracurricular sports.

Examinations

Some programs offer external examinations where students can obtain credit for post-secondary institutions as a result of successfully completing the exam. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement are examples. Where students take these exams, a fee is charged to recover the cost of the examination and the fee shall be less than or equal to the actual cost of the exam.

Field trips

Students may be charged fees for expenses such as transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rentals for optional field trips, or other extracurricular outings or events. Students will not be charged fees for any field studies/field trips where attendance is mandatory as part of a course or program.

Graduation Ceremonies

The graduation ceremony is an important tradition that represents the end of a student's school experience. Costs do apply as these extracurricular events are hosted in a variety of venues across the district and different traditions and formats require different levels of student costs. No student will be denied the ability to participate in a graduation ceremony due to an inability to pay the cost. Every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum and no school will compile an ongoing surplus as a result of monies collected to host a graduation ceremony.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB program is based on standards and curriculum developed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. This program meets all requirements of our province and also offers additional opportunities and enhancements. A Board may charge a fee for students enrolled in an IB program for direct costs that are above and beyond the costs required for a standard educational program. These fees must be published on an annual basis.

Materials consumed in a course

In courses that consume materials (e.g. art, cooking, woodworking, metalwork, science) schools can only charge for materials or goods that are surplus to what would be necessary for the student to meet the expected outcomes in a course. If a student is going beyond the basic requirements of a course and creating projects for personal use (e.g. creating a table of mahogany rather than plywood), then the student may bring their own materials from home or the cost for the materials for these enhanced projects may be recovered through a fee.

Musical Instruments

A board may charge a fee for the rental of a musical instrument for the student's personal use or the student may provide their own instrument when he/she is part of a fine arts class or a course with a musical component.

Students in Apprenticeship Programs

Where students participate in a trades program that results in certification or is part of an Industry Training Authority apprenticeship, fees may be charged for the rental of tools, equipment and materials necessary for participation in the program or the Board may require the student to purchase his or her own tools, equipment and materials required for the program.

Textbook or Calculator Deposits

In accordance with the School Act, the Board may require deposits for educational resource materials, such as textbooks, novels and other resource materials. The Board will refund all of the deposit to the student upon return of the educational resource materials in good condition. Students will be advised of terms of the deposit at the time the deposit is required. Waiver procedures must be in place for all deposits.

Uniforms

Students sometimes need special clothing (uniforms for band or for cafeteria) to participate in an educational program. These clothes are not a requirement to participate in a program but are logical savings for parents where clothes could be soiled or damaged in shops or the cafeteria. If the clothes (e.g. band or choir uniforms) are owned by the school, a fully refundable deposit may be required to ensure the return in good condition.

Workbooks

Workbooks are optional enhancements to educational programs. These workbooks are designed for a student's personal use as they will write in the books during the course of instruction. Where a workbook is regularly used as part of a course and a student does not wish to purchase their own workbook, one will be provided and students will not be permitted to write in the workbook.

Where there is an optional fee for a workbook, that fee will match as close as reasonably possible to the exact cost of the workbook to the school. No school will accumulate an ongoing surplus as a result of workbook fees.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are common in schools and are optional. The cost for a yearbook for a school shall be directly related to the development and publishing costs of the yearbook and no school shall generate an ongoing surplus as the result of the fees charged to students who wish to buy a yearbook.