



Home of the Thunderbirds

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Dear Families and Students,

September has flown by so quickly, it's hard to believe that we are already almost 20% through first semester. We had an excellent start to the year in spite of the usual adjustments to student schedules caused by the enrollment of new students. We have about 1450 students enrolled at this time with some very large groups in the junior grades. To accommodate increased enrolment, we added sections of Math, Social Studies, PE, Science and English and welcomed 5 new staff members in early September. I am very appreciative of how cooperative and accommodating students were as we made the necessary adjustments to classes.

Our first PAC meeting was on September 20th and we had over 80 parents in attendance. I value parent input and I'd like to encourage all parents to attend PAC meetings. The "A" in PAC stands for 'advisory' and I appreciate the perspectives and insights of our PAC.

On Friday, September 30th the school is closed in recognition of the National Day for truth and reconciliation. This day honours the children lost to the residential school system as well the survivors, their families and communities. We have attached information about the events taking place on the peninsula to honour this day and encourage families to participate. Additionally, truth and reconciliation week is a national program open to all schools across Canada providing learning opportunities and commemorating the truth of our history as an important part of the path to reconciliation. Please use [THIS LINK](#) for more information.

Thursday September 29th is our school wide Orange Shirt Day. We ask that students wear an orange shirt to school on this day. We will also be selling orange shirts with the message of "every child matters" for \$10 on Tuesday to Thursday. The school will be collecting donations for the [Orange Shirt Society](#) between September 23rd and 30th. If any students would like to donate, they can bring their donations to their block C teacher.

As we approach October, fall activities are beginning to ramp up. Our school clubs will be up and running next week and Student council will be hosting Club Day on September 28th. Club day is a great opportunity for students to learn about all of the student led clubs that Semiahmoo has to offer and allow them the opportunity to join the ones that they are interested in. Our Band program is gearing up for their fall concert on October 26th and our Volleyball and Soccer teams have started another exciting season of competition.

Our Terry Fox Run is scheduled for Oct 3rd. If your student would like to give a donation towards cancer research, they may give it to their Block B teacher any time over the next few weeks. Donations can also be made via the [schoolcashionline](#) website. On the day of the event, all students will be attending an assembly and participating in our school wide Terry Fox run. We will also have a barbecue and activities for students in the courtyard during lunch.

A reminder to students that photo retake day is October 14th. If your student missed the photo day in September, please ensure that they have their photo taken on this day. In addition, Artona will be bringing their trailer to our school parking lot for Grad photos on October 19th to 29th. Please ensure that your grade 12 student has a booked a session with Artona to have their photo taken. Fall is the also the time for our Grade 12s to start thinking about post-secondary applications and scholarships – encourage your Grade 12 students to pop down to the counselling/ career center for more information.

Remember to keep informed by subscribing to our Thunderbird Times app on the web or through your apple or android device.

I look forward to another wonderful year at Semiahmoo!

Sincerely,
Mr. B. Ranu, Principal



3	Terry Fox Run
6	Fire Drill
10	Thanksgiving (School closed)
14	Photo Retakes
17	BC Post Secondary Fair
21	Non-Instructional day (No Classes)
26	Fall Band Concert
27	Early Dismissal 1:40pm
	Parent-teacher interviews

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SEMAIHMOO
FIRST NATION



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on the Peninsula

Friday September 30, 2022

Schedule of Events:

10:00-
11:00 AM

Semiahmoo First Nation Flag Raising

White Rock City Hall, on the west side of City Hall near the cenotaph.

1:00-
4:00 PM

Walk for Truth and Reconciliation

Beginning at the Grand Chief Bernard Robert Charles Memorial Plaza and proceeding to the Spirit Park Stage for programming from 2:30-4:00pm. Full event details will be available on the City of White Rock's website next week at whiterockcity.ca.

7:00 PM

Semiahmoo Ravens Jersey Unveiling and Auction/ South Surrey Arena.

Semiahmoo First Nation artist, Roxanne Charles, has designed a jersey featuring a hand-drawn raven to raise funds in support of the Indian Residential School Survivor Society. Jerseys will be worn by players from the Semiahmoo Ravens, Surrey Eagles, Chilliwack Chiefs and White Rock Whalers during games on September 30 and October 1. Auction bids on the jerseys can be made at semiahmooravens.ca.

Exhibit runs until
October 2
Tue thru Sun

Che' Semiahmah-Sen, Che' Shesh Whe Weleq-sen Si'am (I am Semiahmoo, I am Survivor of the Flood) Exhibit

White Rock Museum & Archives. Curated by the Semiahmoo First Nation, this exhibit explores the ways that the Nation has flourished since the Great Flood at the end of the last Ice Age.

Orange t-shirts featuring Semiahmoo First Nation artwork will be available for sale at White Rock Community Centre the week of September 26, as well they will be available for purchase at the Semiahmoo Park on Sept 30th.

Complimentary parking will be available for the event from 12-4pm in the Semiahmoo First Nation lot at East Beach (below WAG)



Career Department



SURREY CAREER AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EVENT

September 30 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Civic Hotel, Autograph Collection,
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Law Enforcement Studies Diploma Program Information Session

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Justice Institute of BC

715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster, BC

If you are a team player, active in your community, physically and mentally fit, and want to be a sought-after graduate pursuing a rewarding career in law enforcement and public safety, then this program is for you.

Attend our info session on the Law Enforcement Studies Diploma (LESD) on October 5th to discover what it takes to pursue a career in law enforcement or public safety. Learn about the education, applied skills, and specialized knowledge required to become a superior candidate in the recruiting process.

To learn more about the Law Enforcement Studies Diploma program, visit www.jibc.ca/lesd.

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It's free. It's lively. It's a night of possibilities.

Join us in person on Wednesday, October 5th from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at our Burnaby Campus.





TRADES EXPO IS BACK!
 October 19 – 20, 2022
 Free School Registration



Trades Expo is BC's largest hands-on event for youth that brings together employers, training providers, and all the trades all under one roof.

Trades Expo provides youth with an opportunity to explore the Trades. There are hands on opportunities, employers looking to hire graduates and training providers looking to register youth for training programs. Tradespeople are ready to answer questions and engage with youth.

MATH CONTESTS AT SEMIAHMOO 2021-2022

Contest	Date	Registration Deadline	Cost	Exam Format		
Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC)	27.10.2022	07.10.2022	\$25	A: 4 Basic B: 4 Intermediary C: 4 Advanced	2.5 h	NO
AMC 10B / 12B	16.11.2022	23.09.2022	\$12	25 MC	75 min	NO
Canadian Senior & Intermediate Math Contest (CSIMC)	16.11.2022	21.10.2022	\$15	A: 6 Answer only B: 3 Full Solution	2.0 h	YES [•]
Canada Jay Mathematical Competition (CJMC 8)	17.11.2022	04.11.2022	\$12	A: 5 Basic B: 5 Intermediary C: 5 Advanced	1.5 h	NO
American Mathematics Competition 8 (AMC 8)	17.01.2023	14.10.2022	\$10	25 MC	40 min	NO
AIME - I AIME - II	07.02.2023 15.02.2023	Invitational Examination based on AMC 10/12 Qualifying Scores. AMC 10 (top 2.5%), AMC12 (top 5%)				
Canadian Computing Contest	15.02.2023	03.02.2023	\$10	A: 2 Basic B: 2 Advanced C: 1 IOI [•] Level	3.0 h	See Note [•]
Pascal, Cayley, Fermat (PCF - 9, 10, 11)	22.02.2023	03.02.2023	\$5	25 MC	60 min	YES [•]
Euclid (12)	04.04.2023	10.03.2023	\$18	10 Answer Only & Full Solution	2.5 h	YES [•]
Fryer, Galois, Hypatia (FGH - 9, 10, 11)	05.04.2023	10.03.2023	\$12	4 Full Solution	75 min	YES [•]
Canadian Team Mathematics Contests	13.04.2023	n/a	\$5	A: Team B: Individual C: Relay	3.0 h	A: NO B: YES C: YES
Gauss (8)	17.05.2023	21.04.2023	\$5	25 MC	60 min	YES [•]

- Calculators without CAS or wireless capabilities are permitted. No smartwatches or phones are allowed.
- International Olympiad in Informatics
- Approved programming languages include: C, C++, Python (2.x and 3.x), Pascal, Java, Perl, and PHP

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International Baccalaureate

On the first Friday of the new school year, we were excited to welcome our new IB 11 students with a daylong orientation to the program. There were important presentations on program structures and guidelines in the morning as well as an introduction to the IB Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) program hosted by Ms. Harrison and Mr. Yeung. In the afternoon, our incoming IB 11 students enjoyed a series of team building activities, puzzles and games, organized and hosted by Mr. El Halabi and his IB Physics 12 volunteers. A great time was had by all. We are excited to revive a Semiahmoo IB tradition that had been on pause these last few years. It is our pleasure to welcome our new cohort of 2024 and wish them success in their two-year IB journey!

We are also proud to congratulate our IB Diploma grad class of 2022 who were among 173,882 DP candidates in 3090 schools, across 150 countries worldwide. Yet again, our IB grads achieved excellent results in another high performing year for us. The average grade achieved by our students was 37 points out of a possible 45 – 5 points above the world average of 32. Our top student spot was shared three ways this year by Tyler Gosal, Victor Spassoff, and Vicky Wei who all achieved an impressive 43 out of 45 points. We applaud the outstanding efforts of all our grads and thank their teachers for their hard work and support.

While we celebrate these results, it is even more important to congratulate our students as they reap the fruits of their two-years' labour and enter universities of their first choice at major Canadian, US, and UK institutions. We are proud to see them off on the next step of their journey.

Lastly, we would like to commend the class of 2022 for their exceptional commitment to student leadership and service at school and beyond. IB students played important roles in numerous school clubs such as Globalizers, Student Council, Earthworks, Model UN, Debate, and Science and STEM Outreach. They helped organize and volunteer at local events in the community. They cared about our environment through the Surrey Adopt a Street Program and by conducting beach clean ups for Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society. They volunteered at different senior centres, led concerts, letter campaigns, and other programs. And these accomplishments and initiatives are just the beginning. All and all, our grads made a strong impact at our school and in the greater community.

Thank you IB grads of 2022 for your effort on behalf of the programme, school, and community, we wish you all the best as you step into your bright futures!



