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**SEMIAHMOO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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ATTN: All Grade Seven Families moving into Grade Eight for 2024/2025 School Year

Dear Grade Seven Students and Families,

This letter contains all the information you need to know, with regards to your grade 8 student coming to Semiahmoo Secondary in the Fall of 2024. Between now and June there will be two opportunities for grade 7 students to visit Semiahmoo and become accustomed to and familiar with our school community. We are looking forward to meeting all of our future Thunderbirds in the coming months.

**Grade 8 Program:**

All grade 8 students, at Semiahmoo, take the following courses, over two semesters, except for Scimatics 8, which runs year-long with the same teacher:

* ADST General Explorations A (Textiles, Foods, Woodwork & Metalwork)
* English 8
* French 8
* Physical and Health Education 8
* Scimatics 8 (Math and Science – Full year)
  + Please note, no math challenge exams will be completed for grade 8 students. All students are required to take the Scimatics 8 course.
* Social Studies 8

Students then may choose from the following elective courses:

* Band 8 OR General Explorations B (Computers 8, Drama 8, Visual Arts 8)
* If you are taking Band 8 you will have the choice to take Jazz Band 8, which is a course that is run after school, outside of the timetable.

\*\* All grade 8 students will be delivered the Careers 8 course material through various courses in a variety of ways.

For all course descriptions please visit our school website:

[www.surreyschools.ca/semiahmoo](http://www.surreyschools.ca/semiahmoo) and click on “Resources” and then “Course Selection.”

**Click on this link to complete your students course selection form:**

[**https://forms.office.com/r/ZXcAPVA8Qe**](https://forms.office.com/r/ZXcAPVA8Qe)

\*\* If this form is not completed the default schedule will include all mandatory courses and the General Explorations B as the elective choice.

**Grade 8 Parent Night**

All students and parents of grade 8 students attending Semiahmoo Secondary for the 2024/2025 school year, are invited to attend a Welcome Open House on Tuesday April 30th from 6pm-7:30pm in the Semiahmoo Secondary Gymnasium. A tour of the school will also be offered. Please look out for more information as we get closer to the date.

**Grade 7 School Tours**

Below you will see the dates for when your student’s school will be coming to Semiahmoo Secondary for a school tour. If you have any questions, please reach out to your current grade 7 teacher.

April 29th 11:40am – 1:10 pm – Bayridge

April 30th 1:20pm – 2:30pm – Thrift

May 9th 9:50am – 11:15am – White Rock

Once again, we look forward to meeting all our new Thunderbirds over the coming months. Please do not hesitate to call or email us at [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca) or (604) 536-2131, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Semiahmoo Secondary Administrators and Counsellors

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