

Tamanawis Secondary

2024-2025 School Start Up Newsletter

The school year begins on **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**. The information included in this newsletter will assist you and your family in preparing for the 2024-2025 school year. Remember to check our school website, Twitter feed, or school app regularly for more information and updates.

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back Wildcats!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are all excited to welcome and welcome back our students and families. Teachers and support staff have been working hard preparing for the return of over 1500 Tamanawis students – it is an exciting time for everyone. As most of you know, we have moved to an extended day schedule to accommodate our growth. Included in this newsletter is very important information regarding start-up, opening week and grade specific instructions. Orientation Day is September 3rd; this day is an opportunity for students to refamiliarize themselves with the building, find their classes, and better understand the new schedule. Grades 8s will attend for 1.5 hours while grades 9-12 will be in school for 1 hour. Please see the full schedule below for specific details. We look forward to greeting you all starting September 3rd in preparation for a full day of classes on Wednesday, September 4th.

One of the major school goals is to increase the academic performance of our students. We have created a plan that will encourage students to regularly attend their classes; arrive on time and ready to learn; with a focus on school connection and success. We ask that parents have a conversation with their child prior to the start of school regarding these important commitments.

We anticipate a smooth start to the 2024-2025 school year and look forward to seeing you all on September 3rd.

Sincerely,
James Johnston
Principal
Tamanawis Secondary

Student Orientation Day and Schedule for September 3

This school year, student's **homerooms** will be their **block B** class.

Grade 8 students are asked to report to the large gym at 10:00 a.m. on September 3rd.

Grade 9-12 students will report to their block B class on September 3rd. Lists of students by grade and in alphabetical order will be posted outside of the school near the main entrance. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before the scheduled time for homeroom to start.

Grade 8: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Location: Large Gym

Grade 9-10: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Grade 11-12: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Please refer to the grid on the next page for our first week of school bell schedule. After the first week of classes the bell schedule will begin its regular rotation and times for the remainder of the school year.

First Week Schedule Chart

2024-2025 First Week Schedule

MONDAY September 2	TUESDAY September 3	WEDNESDAY September 4 (Day 1)	THURSDAY September 5 (Day 2)	FRIDAY September 6 (Day 1)
LABOUR DAY (NO SCHOOL)		A 8:00 – 9:10	A 8:00 – 9:10	A 8:00 – 9:10
	GRADE 8 HOMEROOM (Block B) 10:00 – 11:30	B 9:15 – 10:40	B 9:15 – 10:40	B 9:15 – 10:40
		LUNCH 10:40 – 11:23 Welcome Bell at 11:18	LUNCH 10:40 – 11:23 Welcome Bell at 11:18	LUNCH 10:40 – 11:23 Welcome Bell at 11:18
	GRADE 9-10 HOMEROOM (Block B) 12:00 – 1:00	C 11:23 – 12:33	C 11:23 – 12:33	C 11:23 – 12:33
	GRADE 11-12 HOMEROOM (Block B) 1:00 – 2:00	D 12:38 – 1:48	D 12:38 – 1:48	D 12:38 – 1:48
		E 1:53 – 3:03	E 1:53 – 3:03	E 1:53 – 3:03

Student Schedules

Grade 8 students: Students will receive their schedules in block B during their homeroom on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Lists will be posted in the large gym alphabetically to assist students in finding their homeroom/Block B classes. All grade 8 students are asked to report to the large gym at 10:00 a.m. on September 3rd.

Grades 9 to 12 students: Students will be able to access their course schedule for the upcoming year on the MyEducation BC student portal starting Thursday, August 22, 2024. **Prior to the start of school on Tuesday September 3, 2024, please check back into your account to confirm your schedule. From time-to-time schedules are changed for various reasons. It is highly recommended that you save your schedule to an electronic device after doing a final check on Monday, September 2nd.** If after viewing the schedule you need to contact a counsellor, please see the message from our counselling department below.

MyEducation BC Family Portal

Parents of grades 9 to 12 students: If parents already have a MyEducation BC family portal account, they can also log in at: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do> to view their child's schedule. If you do not remember your password, please select the 'I forgot my password' link. If your account is disabled, please email tamanawis@surreyschools.ca with your name, your student's name and student number.

Parents of grade 8 students: Once this semester is in session, we will send information on how to set up the MyEducation BC parent portal account.

Resources:

[Accessing MyEd BC via Mobile Devices](#)

[User instructions MyEd BC Family Portal](#)

[User Instruction MyED BC Student Portal](#)

A Message from Counselling

Hi Wildcats! We hope you're having a safe, fun, and restful summer.

Grades 10 – 12:

Please note that only **urgent academic course changes** will be happening this year.

If you are missing a course, missing a graduation/post secondary requirement, need your timetable balanced, and/or need some changes after summer school, you can **fill out our electronic Course Change Request Form**.

Do not email or Teams message your counsellor for a course change. Please use the form. This form will only be available from Friday, August 23 at 8:00 am until Thursday, August 29 at 3:00pm. Please read the form carefully before you fill it out.

Please **do not email or message** your counsellor on Teams regarding your request. If the requested change is possible, you will see it reflected on your timetable in MyEd BC.

Once again, the form will be available on Friday, August 23 via the following link and QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ddy4JnFG2J>



Ms. Jutla	A-Dham
Ms. Wiggins	Dhan-Kham
Ms. Miles	Khan-Sam
Ms. Zamma	San-Z

Grade 9s:

Please note that grade 9 schedules can only be changed for the following reasons:

1. You need your timetable balanced (too many academics in one semester)
2. You need some changes after having completed summer school

There are **no elective changes**.

If you need a change because of number 1 or 2 above, you can **fill out our electronic Schedule Change Request Form**.

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Bell Schedule 2024-2025

Attached is the bell schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will attend either Blocks A-D or Blocks B-E. **Block order rotation will not occur this school year.**

If your child will be absent, late, or needs to leave early, please call the school, and leave a message or send an email to tamanawis@surreyschools.ca. If you leave a message, please give your child's full name, student ID number, and reason for absence.

2024-2025 BELL SCHEDULE

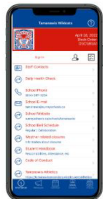
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Welcome Bell 7:55 am	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
8:00am - 9:19am (79 mins)	A	A	A	A	A
9:24am - 10:45am (81 mins)	B	B	B	B	B
10:45am - 11:28am (43 mins) Welcome Bell 11:23am	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:28am - 12:47pm (79 mins)	C	C	C	C	C
12:52pm - 2:11pm (79 mins)	D	D	D	D	D
2:16pm - 3:35pm (79 mins)	E	E	E	E	E

Important School Web Links

- Website: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/tamanawis>
- Calendar: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/tamanawis/page/9819/school-calendar>
- Staff Directory (Teacher e-mails): <https://www.surreyschools.ca/tamanawis/page/9800/staff-directory>
- Parents Advisory Council (PAC): <https://www.surreyschools.ca/tamanawis/page/52931/parent-advisory-council-pac>

Tamanawis Wildcats App

We encourage all students & parents to download the school APP, set-up a profile & sign in. This allows you to stay updated with all info & activities at our school and **to view your daily class schedule**. Our school uses this APP regularly to send notifications to our school community. You can download to your mobile device, but also have it as a web application.



Get the App!

3 ways to install...



Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) and install the free app "Tamanawis Wildcats".



Go to this web page:

<https://wildcats.appazur.com>

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, this page is also where you may sign up for email or SMS text notifications.

Or use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.



DO IT YOUR WAY.



STAY UP-TO-DATE.



STAY ORGANIZED.

For more information please refer to the following links:

<http://wildcats.appazur.com/help/flyer>

<http://wildcats.appazur.com/help/user>

Fee Schedule & SchoolCash Online

Fees will be available for payment starting on Thursday, August 29th.

There will be an annual mandatory student fee of \$20.00 charged to students. Some courses may have a fee for student materials for projects or workbooks specific to a course or to purchase a copy of the schools Yearbook.

2024-2025 School Fees and Optional Enhancement to Programs can be viewed at the following link:

[TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL FEES 2024-2025](#)

Surrey School District continues to move towards a cashless system of paying fees. All fees this year at Tamanawis Secondary will be paid through SchoolCash Online. We would like to thank all parents who have already registered their students in SchoolCash Online. If you have not already done so, please click on the following link to register.

<https://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>

Lockers

Students at Tamanawis Secondary will have access to a locker for this school year. Access to lockers is included in the 2024-2025 school fees. Students can reserve lockers through the [locker website](#) starting August 29.

Dates / Times which students in each grade can start to access the system for 2024–2025

Students may login after the designated time slot, which is indicated below:

Grade 12: Thursday, August 29 @ 9 am

Grade 11: Thursday, August 29 @ 4 pm

Grade 10: Friday, August 30 @ 9 am

Grade 9: Friday, August 30 @ 4 pm

Grade 8: Homeroom teachers will assist the grade 8 students to access their lockers during the first week of school

Instructions for Reserving Lockers Online

1. Go to the locker administration web site for the school: <https://tam.lockerassignment.com>
 - Your login ID is your student number (refer to your go-card or your MyEd portal)
 - your password is a combination of your initials and your student number combined. Your two initials will be uppercase. (ie. Adam Smith with student number 123456 would have a password of: AS123456)
 - A map of the locker zones is included on the website
2. Select an area (zone) of the school where you would like your locker to be.
3. Click on a zone and the available lockers will appear.
 - Green means a locker is empty.
4. Select a locker. Once you have selected a locker you will be able to see the locker combination. You will also be able to login at any time in the future to see your assigned locker and combination.
5. Once you have selected a locker, you cannot change it through the online application. This will be your locker and lock for this school year.

*If you require assistance with locks, you may ask the Safe School Liaison – Jon

Picture Day

School photos will be taken by [Artona](#) on October 3rd.

Lunchtime and the School Cafeteria

Our school includes a teaching kitchen with food service for students.

The school cafeteria, Wildcat Café, normally provides hot and cold meals during lunchtime. All food and prepared meals will be individually packaged for sale.

Food service will begin in mid-September.

Parking- Student Drop Off and Pick Up

To lessen traffic congestion in the morning and after school, we ask students to please walk or ride to school with a friend. Another alternative is for parents to pick up and drop off their student a short distance away from the school or at Tamanawis park. If you are dropping your child off at school, kindly be considerate of our neighbors and not block their driveways while picking up or dropping off your students for school. Please do not stop on 66th Avenue to pick up and drop off your child. The RCMP traffic officers have notified us that this is a concern of theirs with respect to student safety. In addition, we ask all students who are crossing 66th Avenue on foot to use the clearly marked crosswalks. If you are waiting for your child in our parking lot, please do not block the entrance or exit while you wait. Our parking lot often becomes a safety concern because of the number of parent vehicles parked in our lot and on 66th Avenue. We ask all drivers in our parking lot to be especially mindful of the number of students walking and cars moving during our busy drop off and pick up times.

Scents & Sensitivity

We are a scent aware school. Scented products can aggravate health problems for people with medical conditions. We have many people in the school who have severe allergies. Please refrain from wearing scented products. We share the air!



We respectfully acknowledge that Surrey Schools reside on the traditional, unceded, and shared territories of Coast Salish peoples: The q̓ičá'y - Katzie, the q̓w̓a'ńłáñ - Kwantlen and the SEMYOME - Semiahmoo First Nations: the stewards of this land since time immemorial. We highlight this history knowing that relationships and partnerships based on respect with the Indigenous peoples of this land is important for truth and reconciliation.