Tamanawis Secondary
2026-2027 School Start Up Newsletter

The school year begins on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**. The information included in this newsletter will assist you and your family in preparing for the school year. Remember to check our school website & our school Wildcats App regularly for more information and updates.

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back Wildcats!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 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 1300 Tamanawis students – it is an exciting time for everyone. As most of you know, we have returned to a regular day schedule with 4 blocks each day. Included in this newsletter is very important information regarding start-up, opening week and grade specific instructions. Orientation Day is September 8th; 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 8th in preparation for a full day of classes on Wednesday, September 9th.

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 be ready to learn; with a focus on school connection and success. We will continue to limit cell phone use to non-instructional time (lunch & breaks between classes). Teachers and administration will strictly enforce the cell phone policy. As educators, we know one of the greatest contributors to student success is attendance. When students arrive on time and attend all their classes, we see a significant increase in their marks and learning. It is our expectation that students attend all their classes every day; **we ask that parents support us in this initiative by having a conversation with their child prior to the start of school regarding these important commitments**.

We anticipate a smooth start to the 2026-2027 school year and look forward to seeing you all on September 8th.

Sincerely,
James Johnston
Principal
Tamanawis Secondary

Student Orientation Day and Schedule for September 8

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

Grade 8 10:00am to 11:30am - Location: Large Gym

Grade 9-10 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Location: Large Gym & then Homeroom classroom

Grade 11-12 12:15pm to 1:15pm - Location: Homeroom classroom & then Large Gym

Please refer to the grid on the next page for our first week of school bell schedule. After the first week of classes the regular bell schedule will be in place for the remainder of the school year.

First Week Schedule Chart

2026-2027 First Week Schedule

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Student Schedules and Absence Reporting

Grade 8 students: Students will receive their schedules during their homeroom on Tuesday September 8, 2026. 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 10:00am on September 8th.

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 27, 2026**. **Prior to the start of school on Tuesday September 8, 2026, 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 7th.** If after viewing the schedule you need to contact a counsellor, please see the message from our counselling department on the next page.

Absence Reporting: In the Surrey School District (Surrey Schools), only **parents or legal guardians** are permitted to excuse students from school. If your child is going to be absent, late, or needs to leave early, please communicate by **emailing the school**: tamanawis@surreyschools.ca. Please include your child's full name and Student ID # and date absent or date and blocks to be excused.

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://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen-login/?deploymentId=aspen 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 28 at 8:00 am until Thursday September 3 at 12:00pm.
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 28 at 8:00am via the following link and QR code:

Grade 10-12 Form link or QR code: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yymATje0s6

Grade 9s:

Please note that grade 9 schedules can **ONLY** be changed for timetable balancing (too many academics in one semester). There are **NO ELECTIVE CHANGES.**

If your schedule needs balancing, you can fill out our electronic Schedule Change Request Form.

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Grade 9 form link or QR code: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/JxVVXGs3c8

Bell Schedule 2026-2027

Attached is the bell schedule for the new school year. ***Block order rotation will not occur this school year.***

If your child will be absent, late, or needs to leave early, we strongly recommend e-mailing us at tamanawis@surreyschools.ca - please include student's full name (first & last), their student ID, the date or block(s) they will miss & the reason for absence. If you need to call the school, please have this same information ready for the office staff & if you are directed to voicemail, please leave a message with all the same details.

2026-2027 BELL SCHEDULE

TIME **Welcome Bell** 8:25 am	MONDAY Day 1	TUESDAY Day 2	WEDNESDAY Day 3	THURSDAY Day 4	FRIDAY Day 5
8:30am - 9:51am (81 mins)	A	A	A	A	A
9:56am - 11:20am (84 mins)	B	B	B	B	B
11:20am - 12:03am (43 mins) **Welcome Bell** 11:58am	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:03pm - 1:23pm (80 mins)	C	C	C	C	C
1:28pm - 2:48pm (80 mins)	D	D	D	D	D

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...

STUDENT PRIVACY PLEDGE 2020 SIGNATORY

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

Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

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 & School Cash Online

Fees will be available for payment starting on **Thursday, September 3rd.** Please take a moment to clear up outstanding fees so that you can have a fresh start for the year.

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.

2026-2027 School Fees and Optional Enhancement to Programs can be viewed at the following link:

TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL FEES 2026-2027

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

Lockers

For the safety of students and staff, only approved school locks are to be used on all school lockers. DO NOT replace the locks. Students at Tamanawis Secondary will have access to a locker for this school year. Access to lockers is included in the 2026-2027 school fees. Students can reserve lockers through the locker website starting **September 3rd, 2026.**

Dates / Times which students in each grade can start to access the system for 2026-2027

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

Grade 12: **Thursday, September 3rd @ 9:00am**

Grade 11: **Thursday, September 3rd @ 4:00pm**

Grade 10: **Friday, September 4th @ 9:00am**

Grade 9: **Friday, September 4th @ 4:00pm**

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 **(last name initial first then first name initial)** and your student number combined. Your two initials will be uppercase. (ie. Adam Smith with student number 123456 would have a password of: SA123456)
   - 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 office or our SSL - Jon Mabunda

Picture Day

School photos will be taken by Artona on October 8, 2026. See the "Calendar of Events" on the next page for other important school dates. Our school website calendar is another great resource for all relevant school events, early dismissal days, etc. Photo retake day is November 19, 2026.

https://www.surreyschools.ca/tamanawis/page/9819/school-calendar

TAMANAWIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

12600 - 66 Avenue Surrey, BC V3W 2A8
Phone: (604) 597-5234
Email: tamanawis@surreyschools.ca
Website: https://www.surreyschools.ca/tamanawis

2026-2027 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

	PAC Meeting - none this month
8	School Opens
23	Open House & Grade 8 Parent Night (time TBD)
25	Pro-D Day #1 (school not in session)
30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (school not in session)

OCTOBER

1	PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)
8	Photo Day
12	Thanksgiving Day (school not in session)
23	Pro-D Day #2 (school not in session)
26 - 30	Point of Progress Week
27	Early Dismissal - for Assessments

NOVEMBER

5	PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)
6	Pro-D Day #3 (school not in session)
8	Indigenous Veterans Day
11	Remembrance Day (school not in session)
19	Photo Retake Day
23	Early Dismissal - for Assessments
27	Learning Updates Published Online

DECEMBER

	PAC Meeting - none this month
19 - 31	Winter Break (school not in session)

JANUARY

1 - 3	Winter Break (school not in session)
4	School Re-opens
7	PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)
27	Last Day of Semester 1 Classes
28 - 29	Competency Days (no classes)

FEBRUARY

1	Semester 2 Begins
4	PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)
5	Learning Updates Published Online
12	Pro-D Day #4 (school not in session)
15	BC Family Day (school not in session)
17	Immunization Day
19 - 25	Grad Pics - Artona Trailer on site (book online)

MARCH

	PAC Meeting - none this month
8	Early Dismissal - for Assessments
8 - 12	Point of Progress Week
12	Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
13 - 29	Spring Break (school not in session)
30	School Re-opens

APRIL

1	PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)
13	Early Dismissal - for Assessments
15	Immunization Catch Up Day (all grades)
21	Learning Updates Published Online

MAY

7	Pro-D Day #5 (school not in session)
13	PAC Meeting 6:30pm (library)
21	Pro-D Day #6 (school not in session)
24	Victoria Day (school not in session)

JUNE

	PAC Meeting - none this month
8	Grad Dinner Dance
18	Last Day of Semester 2 Classes
18	Grad Commencement Ceremony
21 - 24	Competency Days (no classes)
24	Learning Updates Published Online

Caring Community, Engaged Learners, Inspired Citizens

Lunchtime and the School Cafeteria

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

The school cafeteria, Wildcat Café, normally provides hot & 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. Surrey Police 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 adversely affect someone's health, which can contribute to allergic reactions, respiratory irritations, headaches, nausea, etc.

We share the air! Thank You for helping us contribute to a "scent aware" community by refraining from using any scented products.

Surrey Schools
LEADERSHIP IN LEARNING

We respectfully acknowledge that Surrey Schools reside on the traditional, unceded, and shared territories of Coast Salish peoples: The ḳʷi·čəy̓ – Katzie, the q̓ʷa:ńʎəń – 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.

TAMANAWIS SECONDARY
2027 GRADUATION & DRY GRAD INFORMATION

ONLINE FORMS	In mid September, students will be e-mailed 3 online forms to complete. This will be to order gown size, etc.	Completing forms ASAP (after received by e-mail) ensures your student doesn't get missed for any event.
GRAD PHOTOS **Feb 19-25, 2027**	Trailer will be on-site at school to take Grad photos • deposit of $60 required at time of booking, will go toward photo package purchase or refunded if not buying one	Artona - book directly on their website *(after they have updated the dates)* https://artona.com/schools/TAMA • scroll down to "Grad Session" at bottom
GRAD FEE $60	Fee covers the cost of the Commencement venue, guest tickets to the event, diploma folder, grad composite, cap & gown worn at the ceremony. *(Students will keep their caps & gowns)*	Payment required to order a gown & be allowed to 'cross the stage' at Commencement ceremony. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with your counsellor.
COMMENCEMENT **June 18, 2027**	Walking the stage in cap & gown	Bell Centre *(at Sullivan Heights Secondary)* 6250 - 144 St, Surrey, BC
DINNER-DANCE **June 8, 2027**	Ticket price TBA and will **ONLY** be sold online after the items is loaded onto School Cash Online https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com/ *Space availability is based on venue capacity*	Swaneset Bay Resort 16651 Rannie Rd, Pitt Meadows, BC *- transportation from school via bus*
DRY GRAD COMMITTEE	A parent run committee - looking for Grade 12 parents to help. Time commitment can be large/small depending on your availability. Contact us to volunteer! • Website: https://sites.google.com/view/tamanawisdrygrad • E-mail: tamanawisdrygrad@gmail.com	
FIRST MEETING **SEP 10, 2026**	Grade 12 parents are welcome to join us in the school library at 6:00pm to start discussions & set-up a NEW committee. We look forward to seeing you there!	
BOAT CRUISE **OCTOBER 8, 2026**	Ticket price TBA & sales will occur in mid September	
DRY GRAD EVENT **June 8, 2027**	• Event occurs immediately after the Dinner-Dance. It is meant to be a safe venue to celebrate. • Students MUST purchase Dinner-Dance ticket before they can buy a Dry Grad ticket • Ticket price TBA later in the school year	Central City Fun Park 11125 - 124 Street, Surrey, BC https://www.centralcityfunpark.com/ *- transportation from school via bus*