



## August 2024 Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Semiahmoo students and parents,

On behalf of the entire staff at Semiahmoo Secondary, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone as we embark on another exciting school year! We are eagerly anticipating Tuesday, September 3rd, the official start of a new year which will be filled with opportunities and new beginnings.

This newsletter contains essential information regarding the opening day schedule and many other important details for the upcoming school year.

At Semiahmoo, we are committed to building upon our rich culture of learning. This year will offer countless opportunities for growth and success. We are confident that our Thunderbirds will continue to make us proud. To ensure a successful start, here are a few key things students should do:

- Carefully read this newsletter and the accompanying information.
- Pay close attention to the orientation details provided in your homeroom and classes during the first week.
- Utilize our Thunderbird Times Appazur App.
- Regularly check the school website for updates.
- Be punctual and ready to engage in all your classes.
- Get involved in school life through clubs, teams, or other extracurricular activities.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions!

We encourage all students to immerse themselves in school life and to contribute to the Thunderbird traditions that make Semiahmoo such a special place to learn and grow. There are countless ways to enrich your experiences within our school community whether through academics, electives, or extracurricular activities.

A special welcome goes out to our new Grade 8 students! Semiahmoo has so much to offer and we are excited to have you join our family! We know you will contribute to our rich traditions of excellence and will proudly become Thunderbirds.

To the graduating Class of 2025, a heartfelt "Welcome Back"! This year is especially significant for you as our senior students. As the graduating class, you will play a crucial role in providing leadership and helping to shape student life at Semiahmoo. Your commitment and dedication will not only lead to a successful year but will also create lasting memories and a legacy of leadership for you.

Enjoy the final days of summer! We hope it has been a season filled with joy and relaxation.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and wish everyone a fantastic start to the new school year.

Regards,

Principal  
Semiahmoo Secondary

### Tuesday, September 3rd, Schedule:

#### Hours for the First Day of School.:

Grade 8's – 10am-11:15am—(report to the Large Gym)

Grade 9-12's – 12:15pm—(report to your Homeroom Block A Class)

Grade 8's—if cannot access MyEd a schedule will be provided. For all other grades, if you cannot access MyEd, email [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca)

### Wednesday, September 4th, Schedule:

This is first full day of classes. Please note the bell schedule (page 3) and be in classes ready to go. We recommend you bring paper and a pen for the first day. Teachers will let you know what supplies are needed for each class.

### Thursday, September 5th:

Photo Day (students need to have photos taken for Student Id cards)



# Student Information 2024 / 2025

## Student Schedules 2024 - 2025:

Student schedules will be visible in MyEd on August 21, 2024 @ 3:00pm.

A Microsoft form will be available for course change requests for Grades 10-12 students, from August 21 - September 6 (no change requests permitted for Grades 8&9). Students can request a course change if they are missing a block, missing a required course for graduation, or missing a prerequisite for their University program. This form will be the only way that a student can make a course change. Course change requests sent through counsellor emails and TEAMS will be deleted. Students will need to be in the country in order to make a course change and will need to be at school on the first day of class, September 3rd. It is not possible to access this Microsoft form if you are out of the country.

## Counsellor Alpha 2024-2025

A-GOH—Ms. Phillips  
GON-LIU—Ms. Wilson  
LONG-T—Ms. Barclay  
U-Z— Ms.Blackwell

## Importance of Communication:

We may have to contact students and / or parents from time to time and it is very important all information on the student file is accurate and up to date.

Moving? If you are moving and will no longer be attending Semiahmoo Secondary, please let us know asap.

New Address / Phone Number? If you are moving or have moved, or have a new phone number or any other information that needs updating, and still attending our school, please scan documents and send an email to [semiahmoo@surreyschool.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschool.ca)

## Locker Assignments 2024 2025:

**Website:** <https://semiahmoo.lockerassignment.com/>

Locker sign up dates:

Grade 11 and 12's—access the system August 28th after 9:00am

Grade 9 and 10's –access the system August 29th after 9:00am

Grade 8s– access the system August 30th after 9:00am

Your user name is your Student Number, your password is your birthday—format is year, month, day (no space) Example June 03, 2010 would be 20100603 \*Remember lockers are shared!\*

## Attendance Process

Please review the [Updated Guidelines for Daily Health Checks and Attending School](#)

If a student is going to be absent, late, needs an early dismissal, please contact the office at the school. Call 604-536-2131, or email [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca), or use the report an absence in “quicklink” on the school website, or use the Thunderbird Times App. Please ensure you provide the student's full name, grade and/or student number, when reporting the absence. Please note we will not adjust “unreported” absences past seven days. Also, if a student will be missing 5 or more school days in a row, please complete an extended absence form (a student can pick up at the office or download on the website, under Parent Resources).

## Student Parking Lot and Passes

Students must register any vehicle they will be driving to school and get a parking pass to be displayed on the rearview mirror. The student driver information form can be obtained from the main office and will have to be signed by a parent/guardian, we will also ask for the make and model of the vehicle and the license plate number (we will copy the student's drivers licence). Please note there is a \$5.00 fee for the parking pass.

Please make sure cars are parked in the student designated area of the parking lot; this area is the last two rows closest to the volleyball courts (if students park in the staff parking, they will be asked to move their vehicle, any vehicles parked in a prohibited area may be subject to towing). *\*please refer to the map on the last page*

## MyEd

Please check that you have access to MyEd and if no access, email the school at [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca). NEW students will get a separate email.



# 2024-25 BELL AND BLOCK SCHEDULE

*Please note that the bell schedule has changed for the 2024-25 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.*



	<b>Monday Day 1</b>	<b>Tuesday Day 2</b>	<b>Wednesday Day 3</b>	<b>Thursday Day 4</b>	<b>Fridays See Below</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Period: 8:30 –9:50</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>2nd Period: 9:55 –11:15</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>11:15-12:00</b>		<b>Lunch</b>	<b>(45 min)</b>		
<b>3rd Period: 12:00 –1:19</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>4th Period: 1:24 –2:43</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	

**Fridays Rotate (these don't change if there is a Pro-D Day):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday is Day 1 (ABCD)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday is Day 2 (BAD C)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday is Day 3 (CDAB)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday is Day 4 (DCBA)**
- (if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday then it will go back to Day 1 (ABCD)...)**

## EARLY DISMISSAL BELL SCHEDULE

	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>END TIME</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>9:34AM</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>9:39AM</b>	<b>10:43AM</b>
<b>LUNCH 10:43AM TO 11:30AM</b>		
<b>C</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>12:34PM</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>12:39PM</b>	<b>1:43PM</b>



# 2024-2025 District Calendar



Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed



Sept. 2, 2024	Labour Day
Sept. 3, 2024	Schools open
Sept. 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
Sept. 30, 2024	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct. 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 25, 2024	Non-instructional day
Nov. 8, 2024	Non-instructional day
Nov. 11, 2024	Remembrance Day
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2025	Winter break
Jan. 6, 2025	Schools re-open after winter break
Feb. 17, 2025	Family Day
Feb. 21, 2025	Non-instructional day
Mar. 17 - Mar. 21, 2025	Spring break
Mar. 24 - Mar. 28, 2025	School closure days
March 31, 2025	Schools re-open after spring break
April 18, 2025	Good Friday
April 21, 2025	Easter Monday
May 2, 2025	Non-instructional day
May 19, 2025	Victoria Day
May 26, 2025	Non-instructional day
June 27, 2025	Administrative day/schools close

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June '25						
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Early Dismissals are on the following dates at 1:43pm:



- October 24th, 2024
- November 6th, 2024
- March 13th, 2025
- April 15th, 2025



# School Fees 2024 / 2025

## Basic Student Fees:

Student Activity Fee (Student activity fees are to pay full or partial costs of the following: student council \$12.00 (includes Thunderbird app), athletics \$10.00, Yearbook \$1.00, Intramurals \$1.00, student locker sign up and locks \$1.00 These fees are applied to all students who attend.)	\$25
Graduation / Ceremony Fee (Fee includes the Commencement, Cap and Gown)	\$50
Optional Enhancements and Extra Curricular Activities	
Athletics—volleyball, basketball, rugby, ultimate	\$125
Athletics—all other sports	\$75
Yearbook	\$65—before Sept 23 \$70—Sep 23- Jan. 13 \$75—Jan. 14-Feb.14

## Workbooks:

Foundations of Math 11 &12	\$25	IB Biology Study Guide	\$70
Pre-Cal Math 11 (Pearson)	\$25	BC Science Gr. 8-10 Connections	\$14
Foundations of Math/Pre-Cal	\$25	BC Science Physics 11	\$30
Workplace Math 11	\$20	BC Science Physics 12	\$35
Mathlinks Workbook 8/9	\$10	Chemistry 11-12 Hebden	\$25
Mathworks Workbook 10			

## Other Fees:

Biology 11-12 Dissection (specimen / lab fees)	\$10
Textiles 8 (fabric &supplies—optional)	\$11
Food & Fashion (textile projects)	\$35
Tech Ed—fees are calculated depending on the student projects and cost of supplies	
Deposit for Graphing Calculator (fully refundable)	\$120

## International Baccalaureate:

International Baccalaureate Exam Fees	\$183 per exam (estimate)
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*\*Families who may be unable to pay fees should contact the Principal to discuss. All requests to waive fees will be kept confidential.*

*\*Please note that any fees outstanding from the previous school year(s) must be paid promptly. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.*

# Code of Conduct: Personal Digital Devices

**Personal Digital Devices** are defined as any personal electronic device that can be used to communicate or to access the internet, such as a cell phone, tablet, laptop, or smartwatch. These devices are important tools which can be used to enhance learning and prepare children for the world in which they will work and live. Personal digital devices provide support for children who rely on these tools to access learning through services such as translation, adaptations for Individual Education Plans, medical support, health needs, or to provide equity of access to resources. The classroom teacher is responsible for the learning environment in the classroom, for guiding children to use personal digital devices appropriately, and for determining when personal digital devices should be used.

The safe and responsible use of personal digital devices is expected by all Surrey School District students, employees, volunteers, parents, guardians, and community members who are on school district property or interacting with students or staff. This includes the following:

- Those using personal digital devices need to abide by the school code of conduct as well as all Provincial and Federal laws and the British Columbia Human Rights Code. This includes not using personal digital devices to engage or participate in bullying or harassment, discrimination, or defamation of character.
- At both elementary and secondary schools, personal digital devices can be used during class time to enhance learning at the direction of the classroom teacher. These devices should be used in a way that is respectful of other's learning and does not distract others in terms of light, sound, or by other means.
- At elementary schools, it is expected that personal digital devices are to be put away during non-class time such as recess and lunch. Exceptions to this are for students who need digital devices for medical or health reasons, translation, accessibility, or other student-specific reasons.
- Personal Digital Devices should not be used during lock down procedures or drills. The use of personal digital devices during this time may impact the emergency safety response.
- Surrey School District staff and students should not be recorded, visually or audibly, for any reason without their prior consent.
- The Surrey School District is not responsible for lost, missing, or damaged personal digital devices that students choose to bring to school.





# Communication and Information Sites

Semiahmoo Website—[www.surreyschools.ca/semiahmoo](http://www.surreyschools.ca/semiahmoo)

Semiahmoo Instagram—[@semiahmoosecondary](https://www.instagram.com/semiahmoosecondary)

Important Dates / Events will be posted on the outside signage at the side of the school (off 148th), as well as on the website and Instagram account.

Please make sure we have an up to date and accurate email address, we periodically send important emails and newsletters to parents.

MyEducation BC (MyEdBC) Student Portal - new students will be provided access once they are set up with a surrey schools email address (this will be discussed at the opening day assembly). For returning students, if you need a password reset, please email us at [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca) and provide your name, date of birth and your student id number. We will email you once it is reset.

MyEducation BC ([MyEdBC](#)) Parent Portal - provides parents with a new way to access their child's school information directly online. With this portal account, you will be able to view attendance, term grades, and other information about your child(ren). The MyEducationBC application is a secure portal used in most school districts in the province of BC. If you need a password reset, email the school at [semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca) and include the student's name and date of birth. We will email you once it is reset.

**Don't forget to download the Thunderbird Times App! The school pushes out important notifications and information via the App, so it is a very valuable tool for students and parents to 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](http://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](http://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.

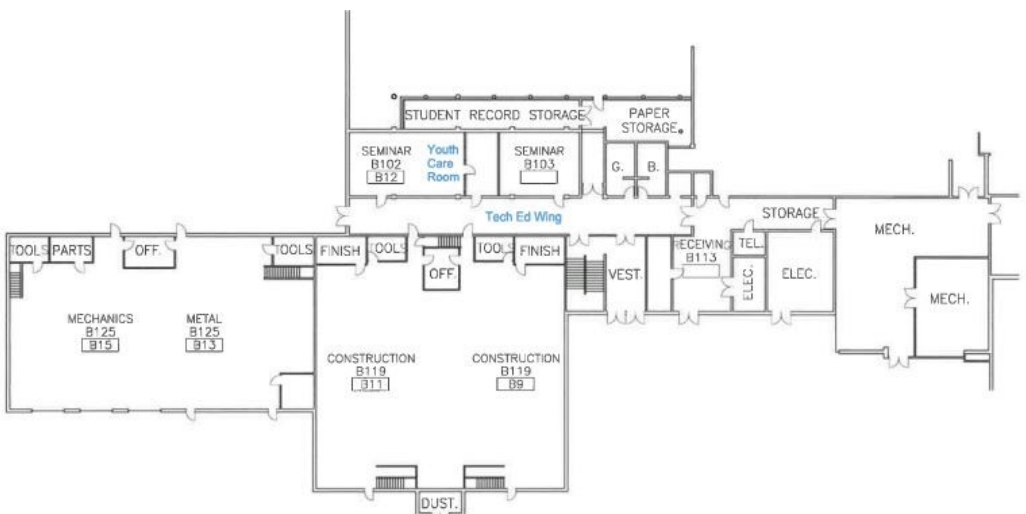
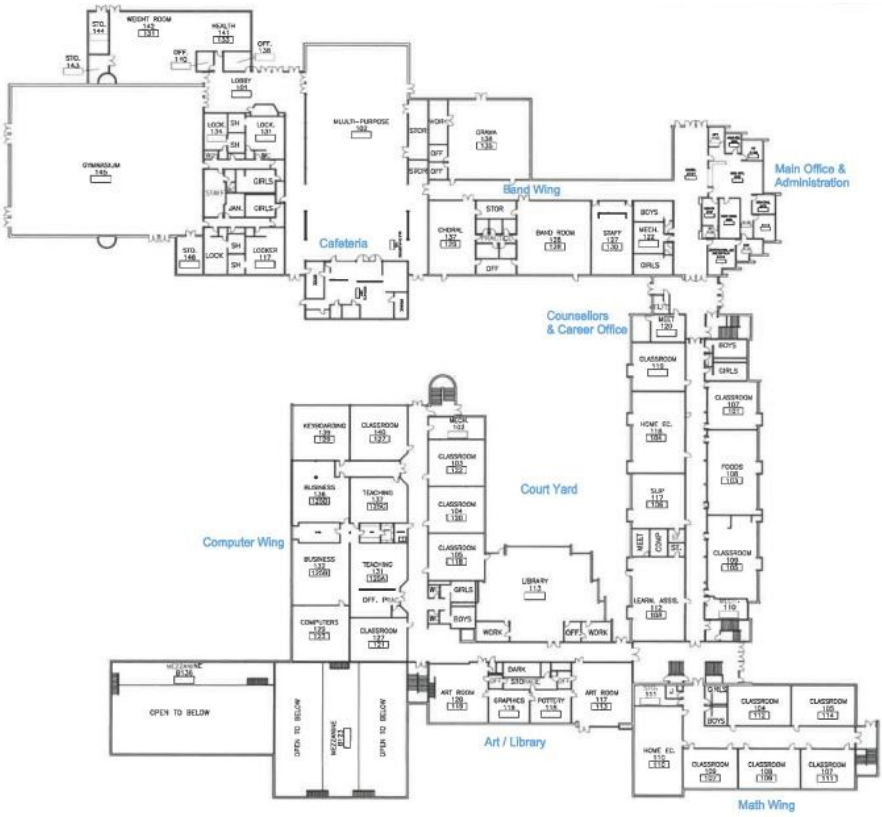
To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Home tab.



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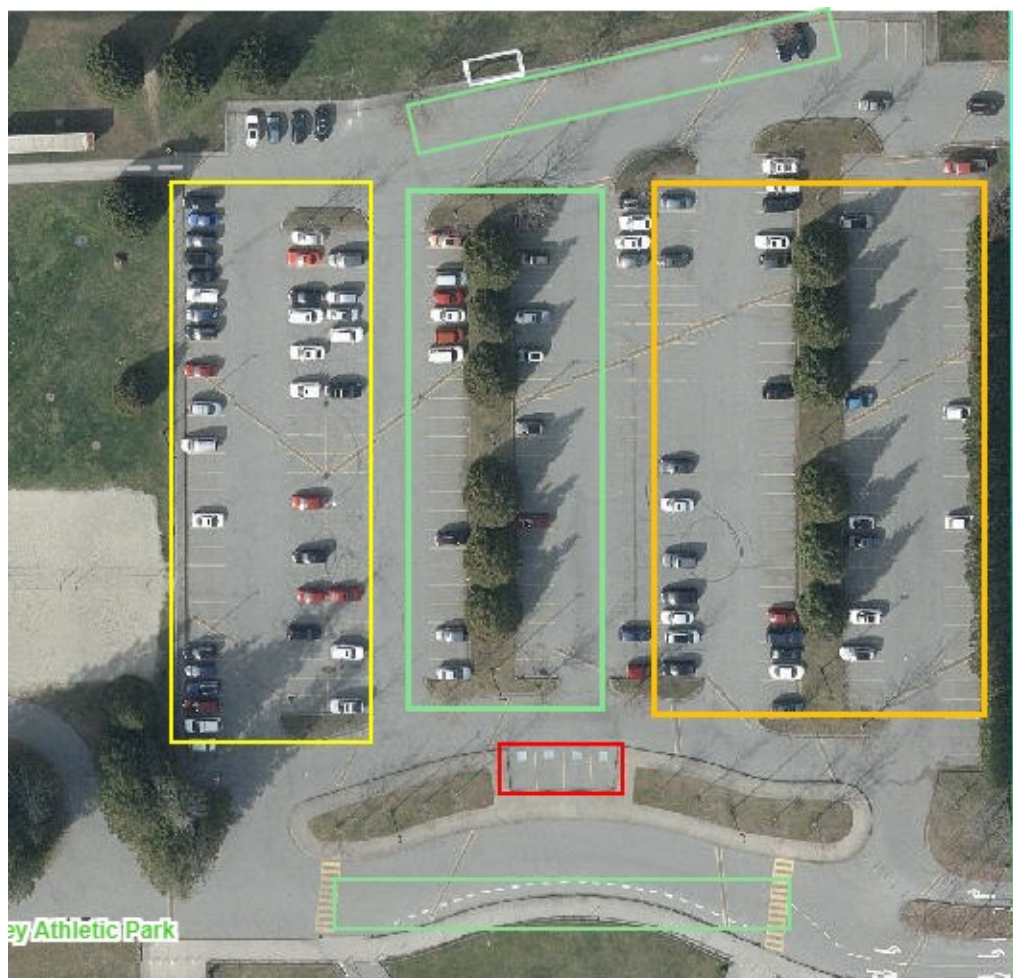





# School Map





# Student, Staff and Parent Parking Map



- **Yellow Section** – Student Parking 
- **Orange Section** – Staff Only Parking (no student or parent parking) 
- **Green Section** – Parent Pick Up / Drop Off Area and Parent Parking—please ensure you park in designated areas to wait for students if the drop off area is full, for safety, please do not pull over in other areas 
- **Red Section** – Handicap Parking Only 