Surrey Academy *of* INNOVATIVE LEARNING
learning without limits

SAIL Secondary Summer Newsletter
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WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the staff of SAIL Secondary, we welcome you to another year with the Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL). At SAIL, we offer:

STEAMX (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), is a 2 Year accelerated program for highly motivated, academic students. The program combines 4 days of face-to-face interdisciplinary instruction with one day of flexible, independent learning. The STEAMX program allows students to accelerate through grades 8-10 and pursue some Grade 11 & 12 courses according to their abilities. In this way, they are prepared for the academic rigor of IB or AP level senior high courses.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), is a 3 Year program, from grades 8-10 that combines 4 days of face-to-face interdisciplinary instruction with one day of flexible, independent learning. Students embrace the innovator mindset and develop their capacity through inquiry, experimentation and project-based learning. They learn in an open, collaborative, contemporary space that fosters engagement.

COMPASS is a learning program where SAIL becomes your school of record. Grade 8-10 is blended learning model that allows students to work from home and have face-to-face instruction with continuous online support with the teachers at SAIL. Grade 8 & 9 students come in two days a week and grades 10's one day a week. Compass grade 11 & 12 students and Adult learners complete their courses online and come in to our school as needed. All students will have an individualized program and be assigned an academic advisor.

ONLINE LEARNING allows students registered in any school in BC an opportunity to take an online course with us. All our courses are fully accredited with the Ministry of Education and meet all educational curriculum guidelines. We offer both online as well as face-to-face teacher support. SAIL Online offers over 80 online courses at the Grade 8 – 12 level.

Learners who benefit from our programs are:
- Independent and collaborative workers;
- Critical thinkers with a sense of wonder and curiosity;
- Inquisitive, questioning and enjoy a process of exploration;
- Motivated and actively engaged in their own learning;
- Elite Athletic or Fine Arts students needing individualized programs.
- Goal oriented and self-motivated.

At SAIL, we welcome all of you and look forward to a year of "Learning Without Limits". See you in September!

Sincerely,

Rex Hayes
Principal

Join our PAC!
Meetings on the following dates.

Sept 10	Dec 10	Apr 7
Oct 16	Jan 14	May 12
Nov 12	Feb 11	Jun 9

Stay Informed!

Use our SAIL School App
All important information and events will be pushed out daily on our App!
Download the App from the App Store by Searching: SAIL2GO

Use our Student Information Portal
You can log in to the portal on the web at
https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do

Use our Web Page
https://sailacademy.ca

First Week of School

STEAM & STEAMX STUDENTS

Wednesday September 4th
STEAM: 9:00 to 11:00 am
STEAMX: 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Thursday September 5th
All students 9:00 – 2:30

COMPASS 8 & 9 STUDENTS

September 4th – 6th
Student registrations, Intake meetings and Course Orientations – Parents and Students are required to attend

September 6th
COMPASS Welcome BBQ
11:30 – 1:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

STEAM & STEAMX at SAIL…

We are Inquiry & Project Based Learning: Students focus on inquiry and project-based learning, through a variety of digital tools. Students explore real world topics that foster independent learning and critical thought.

We offer an Interdisciplinary Context: Rather than taking traditional subject in isolation, SAIL students integrate concepts from Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Math to broaden their learning.

We offer a Blended Learning Environment: Where students learn both through inquiry and project-based learning through a variety of online digital tools. Educational research suggests that students learn best in a blended context where independent learning is deepened by face-to-face instruction.

We have Contemporary Learning Spaces: Where our innovative learning environment meets learners' needs with current technological applications and individual and collaborative presentation spaces. Our approach is flexible and adaptable and beyond the design of a traditional school classroom.

Learning Without Limits!

We believe that all learners can be successful.
We are committed to providing a caring learning community that fosters respect, integrity and personal achievement in an open and innovative environment.

Success Community Innovation Individuality Communication

Communication

Web Site: Our SAIL website contains timely and relevant information pertaining to all aspects of our school including links to the Surrey School District. Our website is located at: http://www.sailacademy.ca

SAIL2GO App: Students and parents should download the SAIL2GO app on their mobile device for our yearlong calendar, and timely up-to-date information. Parents and students can get important information via app notifications, emails, and text messages. Additionally, the app includes a personalized calendar and homework organizer with daily reminders. For detailed information on how to download the app on you iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch or Android click on the following the link: http://sail2go.appazur.com/help/flyer

Parent Advisory Council: Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meets monthly to discuss current school programs and initiatives and is always open to finding better ways to improve and hone communication between home and school.

Other… Other ways SAIL teachers communicate with students and parents include; meetings, parent-teacher interviews, telephone, email, student and parent surveys. To reach any staff member by email, please go to our Staff Directory at https://sailacademy.ca/contact/

Support Services

STEAM & STEAMX COMPASS 11 & 12   Mr. Sturn
COMPASS 8-10   Ms. Enns, Mr. Tong & Mr. Lepin

COMPASS Grade 12's, please arrange an appointment to see Mr. Sturn in September to ensure your graduation plan is on track.

Our counsellor and our Learning Support Team (LST) provide a number of important services for our students.

Our Counsellor support provides, academic educational planning, facilitated interactions and communication between teachers and students, and personal, social emotional counselling.

Our LST support is provided based on teacher recommendations, school-based team referrals and student or parent requests. Individual Education Plans will be developed as required. Every effort is made to meet the unique needs of our students. Adaptations, or modifications to instruction and curriculum are based on students' needs as outlined in their IEP

Reporting Timelines

SAIL will provide report five (5) times a year. For your online courses, if you want to receive a final mark on a specific report card you must finish your online course by the following dates:

November 6, 2019	for the	Nov. 21	Report Card
January 15, 2020	for the	Jan. 30	Report Card
April 1, 2020	for the	Apr. 17	Report Card
June 12, 2020	for the	Jun. 25	Report Card
July 30, 2020	for the	Aug. 7	Report Card

Online Computer Requirements

Students will need a computer (Pentium III or Mac OS9) with high-speed Internet access and a printer. Minimum software requirements include Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Flash 7, and Internet Explorer 6 (or Firefox or Safari). Any advertisement blocker (pop-up blocker) needs turning off as the online quizzes and tests are "pop-ups".

Technology Use Policy

School District #36 expectations and policy No. 5780.2 regarding Information and Communication Technology stipulates that student use of computers is to be courteous and responsible at all times. Inappropriate use and/or unauthorized access to other student accounts is strictly prohibited and will result in progressive discipline (No. 9412.2) which may involve notification of the RCMP.

10 Best Rules of Netiquette

1. **The Golden Rule:** Treat others as you would like to be treated. This rule is an oldie but a goodie and can get you through just about any situation, online or off!
2. **No "Flaming":** Flaming is a form of verbal abuse when you intentionally attack or disrespect somebody for whatever reason. Maybe you didn't agree with something they said, but there's a nice way to share a different point of view without name calling or attacking someone.

Harassing or insulting someone will not likely help you gain many online friends!

3. **Respect Others' Copyrights:** There are wonderful things online, information for everyone on just about any topic! However, these things have copyrights and licenses. Copying the works of someone else without permission or saying it is your own will not only ruin your online reputation but could land you with heft fines and lawsuits!

4. **DON'T TYPE IN ALL CAPS:** It hurts our eyes. It makes people think you are shouting at them. It's okay to type in caps to accentuate a word or two, but please don't do it all the time everywhere you go.

5. **Don't Spam:** There's a fine line between spam and self-promotion, do it very carefully!

6. **Be Honest:** Faking website statistics, pretending to be someone else, or trying to cheat people online will not only hurt your reputation but can land you in a lot of hot water. You know the line "honestly is the best policy", it's also one of the 10 best rules for netiquette.

7. **Use Proper Grammar & Spelling:** If u rite like this lol ppl might start 2 get mad lol. :) Spelling mistakes will happen, but if it's distracting from your message, it can be annoying. Using a browser with built in spell check can be a life saver for bad spellers! Be careful not to use too much web jargon, seeing lol used more than twice in a sentence or two is probably unnecessary and does not promote good internet etiquette.

8. **Follow the TOS:** Most sites have a "Terms of Service" policy that also lists rules of netiquette. Read it and abide by it! Discussions are constantly deleted because what was posted did not meet the terms of the website.

9. **Keep it Appropriate:** Never write or say anything that you wouldn't let your parents/kids read. It can really come back to haunt you if you write something that's not appropriate. Be aware that electronic messages are archived, and the archives are available for a very long time. It is generally not possible to retrieve messages once they have been sent.

10. **Research Your Facts/Cite Sources:** There is so much information online, it can be very difficult to distinguish what is true and not true. Before posting something, forwarding emails, or going off on a tangent, make sure it is factual and cite sources if possible, to boost your credibility.

General Contact Information

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Help Desk
Ms. L. Somers   Somers_l@surreyschools.ca.

CALENDAR

SEPT.	4	STEAM, STEAMX & COMPASS First day of school
	9	Academy's Voyageur Trip
	10	PAC Meeting & School Photo Day 1:30 – 3:00
	26	Terry Fox Run
	27	Academy's Camp Jubilee
	30	Pro-D Day - 7:00 pm
OCT.	3	Photo Retakes 2:00 – 3:00
	10	KP Science Lab
	14	Thanksgiving
	16	PAC Meeting
	24	Interims & I-Reports & KP Science Lab
	25	Pro-D
	29	Student Led Conference – Early Dismissal
	29	Post-Secondary & Scholarship Info. Night
NOV.	4	Numeracy & Literacy Exams 4-12
	6	Take Your Kids to Work Day & En. 12 Exam 9 am
	7	Com 12 Provincial Exam – 9am
	7	Remembrance Day Assembly 11am
	8	Pro-D
	11	Remembrance Day
	12	Academy's Open House & PAC Meeting
	18	Early Dismissal
	21	Report Card 1 Online
DEC.	2	SAIL Food Drive Starts
	10	PAC Meeting
	12	KP Science Lab
	20	Last Day before Break
JAN.	6	School re-opens
	9	KP Science Lab
	14	PAC Meeting
	20	Numeracy & Literacy Exams 20-24
	22	Teacher Marks Deadline – Noon
	22	English 12 Provincial Exam 9 am
	23	Com 12 Provincial Exam 9am & KP Sc. Lab
	30	Report Card 2 Online
FEB.	6	KP Science Lab
	11	PAC Meeting
	17	Family Day
	20	KP Science Lab
	21	Pro-D
MAR.	5	KP Science Lab
	9	Interims & I-Reports
	10	Student Led Conference – Early Dismissal
	13	Last Day before Break
	30	School re-opens
APR.	2	KP Science Lab
	7	PAC Meeting
	9	Early Dismissal
	10	Good Friday
	13	Easter Monday
	14	Numeracy & Literacy Exams 14-20
	16	KP Science Lab
	17	Report Card 3 Online
	30	KP Science Lab
MAY	1	Pro-D
	12	PAC Meeting
	14	KP Science Lab
	18	Victoria Day
	25	Pro-D
	28	KP Science Lab
JUN.	9	PAC Meeting
	22	English 12 Provincial Exam 9am
	23	Com 12 Provincial Exam 9am
	25	Report Card 4 Online