

August 2019



Dear SAMI Students and Families,

Hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer fun and the great weather. Each of you worked hard this year and made our 2018-19 year a great success. Here in the park we are working hard to get SAMI ready for your return after the All-School Retreat.

Our SAMI Community is lucky to have some great talent join us this year. Anne Tsuneishi, former principal of Sherman Elementary, is joining SAMI as a new Co-Director. We are so fortunate to have the benefit of her expertise. Also, please welcome Chelsea Brown who will be teaching Life Science.

Our joint-use facility, the **Environmental Learning Center**, has been well used this last year hosting a national symposium through Getting Smart, tours from all over the country as well as international friends and meetings across Tacoma School District, as well as our city partners. The ELC has already engendered projects to support our SAMi students' passions and interests. If you haven't yet seen the ELC we hope you join us for Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 17th, from 6-7:30 pm.

CLASS SCHEDULES – Your class schedule can be found on your Home Access Center (HAC) starting August 28th and our students will receive a copy to review with their Mentor Group at the All-School Retreat. Questions? Please email your mentor first and if you still have questions, please contact Ms. Hampton at champpto@tacoma.k12.wa.us or call (253) 571-2300 for help. Changes are not guaranteed. Classes have been balanced and are full, so the only changes that will be made are if you need early release for sports or internship or are missing a required class.

SUMMER OFFICE LOCATION & HOURS

The SAMI office is located in Portable H near the exit of Pt. Defiance Five Mile Drive, 5502 Five Mile. Enter and exit using Mildred Street at the back of the park. Drive, Tacoma, WA 98407 and the Environmental Learning Center, 2nd floor; phone number: (253) 571-2300, website: www.tsami.org. Our office is open in the summer months from Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. As of the week of August 19th we will be open Monday-Friday.

SUMMER READING – Each mentor group has set up a summer blog to support reading activities we will use at the All-School Retreat and throughout the year. Example blog questions can be found on our main page of www.tsami.org.

FIRST DAY -The first day of the fall semester is **Thursday, September 5th**. Thursday schedule starts with 5th period at 8 am. Please note that our school hours are from 8:00 am to 3:20 pm on Mondays through Thursdays and 10:30 am to 3:20 pm on Fridays. Students will receive a Pierce Transit ORCA card and the yellow shuttle bus routes will be posted on the Weekly Announcements page of our website www.tsami.org.

DAILY SCHEDULE and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the This Week @ SAMi site – use the pull down menu on the Resources tab from www.tsami.org.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES. Please provide the following supplies for your use this school year.

- 4-6 composition or spiral notebooks
- 3-ring notebook
- Notebook paper
- Graphing Paper
- Pens (red & black)
- Pencils
- Scientific or Graphing Calculator
- Protective sheet covers (for best works portfolio)
- USB Jump Drive (16 GB or larger preferred)
- A sturdy pair of shoes suitable for walking/hiking around the park
- A backpack – We have no lockers.
- Raincoat and warm weather coat
- Hat or Umbrella
- Reusable water bottle
- Reusable spork

DAILY SCHEDULE

SAMI Schedule (Mon -Thurs)	Activity
8:00 am -9:30 am	1st / 5th Period
9:30 am -9:45 am	Passing Period
9:45 am -11:15 am	2nd / 6th Period
<i>11:15 am -12:05 pm</i>	<i>Lunch & Study Block</i>
12:05 pm -1:35 pm	3rd / 7th Period
1:35 pm -1:50 pm	Passing Period
1:50 pm -3:20 pm	Period 4th / 8th
SAMI Schedule (Fridays)	Activity
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Adventures a & Applications
<i>12:30 pm -1:20 pm</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
1:20 pm -3:20 pm	Mentor Group

SAMI ALL SCHOOL RETREAT -Black Lake Camp, Olympia

Please arrive at FOSS HIGH SCHOOL (2112 South Tyler Street, Tacoma) by 7:45 am on Monday, August 26th. Be packed and ready to head to Olympia for our overnight retreat. Any medications should be packed separately from your luggage and stored in clear plastic bags labeled with your name. You will hand medications and your “Medication at School” forms to the nurse before boarding the bus. The All-School SAMI Retreat is the official start of the school year. Students are considered “in school” on these days. All school and district regulations apply to the retreat. **Buses will return students to FOSS HIGH SCHOOL at noon on Wednesday, August 28th. Please arrange a ride home from FOSS HIGH SCHOOL.**

The SAMI All-school Retreat is an opportunity to come together as a school **community** to learn about each other, and our school tenets: community, empathy, thinking, balance and adventure. Students participate in workshops, readings, discussions and team-building activities over the course of three days. They build relationships during these activities, as well as during recreation and meal times. We intentionally begin the school year with a focus on **community** because learning happens best in safe, supportive and respectful environments. More info at www.tsami.org.

DIRECTIONS TO FOSS HIGH SCHOOL drop off 7:45 am on Monday, August 26th and pick up is noon on Wednesday, August 28th. Get on HWY. 16 and take exit for S. 19th Street East. Turn onto Orchard headed south. Turn onto S. 19th Street headed east. Pass the first entrance to Cheney Stadium. Take a right on Tyler Street and turn into the first entrance off Tyler Street into Foss Parking Lot (just past the Metro Parks sign on the corner). You will enter this side and exit the S. 19th Street side.

Packing List. Please plan to bring the following to the All-School Retreat:

- ✓ Your good energy, a willingness to stretch, grow and smile
- ✓ Appropriate sleeping attire
- ✓ Bath & hygiene articles (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Sleeping bag & pillow
- ✓ Shorts, jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis shoes & socks
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Appropriate bathing suit
- ✓ Umbrella or raincoat, in case of rain
- ✓ Hot weather clothes
- ✓ Jacket or cool weather clothes for evenings
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Sunblock
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Small notebook, pencil/pen
- ✓ Spending money for the camp snack bar (optional)

Label all belongings and luggage with your first and last name. Pack in a sturdy bag.

DO NOT BRING: Illegal substances, drugs, tobacco, cigarettes, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, matches, lighters, or pets. **NOT RECOMMENDED TO BRING:** Bad attitudes, valuables, radios, MP3 players, cell phones, personal electronics/games.

Please note that SAMI and Tacoma Public Schools is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**** EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ****

If, in case of an emergency during the retreat, you need to reach your student, please contact SAMI staff through any of the following ways: call the Black Lake Camp Office at (360) 357-8425; email the Co-Directors: Liz Minks at lminks@tacoma.k12.wa.us or Anne Tsuneishi at stsunei@tacoma.k12.wa.us; or contact the SAMI office at (253) 571-2300.

Sincerely,

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Tacoma Science and Math Institute 2019-20 School Year Student Calendar

**Pending State Board of
Education Waiver Approval**

AUG/SEPT 19

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	R	R	R	29	30	31
1	H	3	4	SS	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Aug 26 – 28 All school retreat
Sept 2nd Labor Day holiday
5th First semester classes begin

Aug: 3 days
Sept: 18 days

OCTOBER 19

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	W	12
13	14	15	E	E	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

11th Teacher workshop (no school)
16th – 17th Conferences (early release)

22 days

NOVEMBER 19

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	H	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	N	N	N	H	H	30

11th Veterans' Day holiday
25th – 29th Thanksgiving Break

15 days

DECEMBER 19

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	N	H	H	N	N	28
29	N	H				

20th Last day of first semester classes
Dec 23 – Jan 3 Winter Break/
no school

15 days

JANUARY 20

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			H	N	N	4
5	8	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	H	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	W	W	

1st New Year's Day
6th School resumes; mini-term begins
20th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
29th Last day of mini-term
30th – 31st Teacher workshops
no school

17 days

FEBRUARY 20

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16	H	8	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

3rd Second semester begins
14th Snow make-up day
17th Presidents' Day holiday
18th Snow make-up day

17 days

MARCH 20

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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15	8	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	N	N				

11th – 12th Conferences
(early release)
16th Snow make-up day
March 30 – April 10 Spring break

19 days

APRIL 20

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			N	N	N	4
5	N	N	N	N	N	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	W	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

March 30 – April 10 Spring break
20th Teacher workshop (no school)

13 days

MAY 20

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	8	23
24	H	26	27	28	29	30
31						

22nd Snow make-up Day
25th Memorial Day holiday

19 days

JUNE 20

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	L	S	S	S	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

9th Last day of school
(early release)
10th – 12th
Snow make-up days,
if needed

7 days

R = All-School Retreat SS = School Starts W = No School: Teacher Workshop
H = Holiday (no school) N = No School E = Early Release S = Snow Make-Up Day