STEM COLLEGIATE EDMONTON

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2024

welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the entire school team, I want to welcome you all to the 2024-2025 school year! As we return from the summer break, I am thrilled to welcome both new and returning students, staff, and families to what promises to be an exciting and transformative year.

At STEM Collegiate, we are committed to fostering curiosity, innovation, and academic excellence. Our dedicated team has been hard at work preparing to create engaging learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth for each and every student!

This year, we have new programs, clubs, and initiatives that we can't wait to share with you. Together, let's make this a year of collaboration, creativity, and success. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school, ready to embark on a new chapter of learning and discovery!

We know that families are excited to find out what courses students are enrolled in! We are finalizing these details and anticipate having them available through PowerSchool beginning Thursday, August 22!

I am excited to meet all of our students and families, so don't hesitate to stop by and say hello! As well, if you ever have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Yours in Education,
Mr. Chute, Principal

MEET AND GREET

On **Wednesday, September 4,** we are hosting a brief evening event to give students and parents an opportunity to visit the school and meet the staff. The evening is a casual chance to meet, mingle and explore the school. There will be no formal program or presentation.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024
Grade 7 - 10 students: 5:00-6:30 pm

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follow us!

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS MONDAY, AUGUST 26

WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TOP

STEM Collegiate uniform tops are required every day, including the first day of school.

WHAT TO BRING ON THE FIRST DAY

- Laptop, fully charged.
- A few basic school supplies. You can bring additional supplies on the second day as you will have access to your locker before class.
- Lunch and snacks. There is no food available for purchase and there are limited microwaves available for students. Please plan accordingly.
- PE clothes and indoor gym shoes. PE starts on the first day.

GETTING TO/FROM SCHOOL

RIDE THE BUS

If you are registered for yellow bus service, we strongly encourage you to ride to/from school on the first day. This enables us to test and adjust routes before school starts for other districts.

DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP

Please ensure you are not parked in the bus lanes.
If you pick up after school, you must pre-determine a safe pick-up location and remain in your vehicle to wait for your student.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

On the first day of school, students will be directed to their first period class. Lockers will be assigned during the first block. Beginning on the second day of school, students will have access to their lockers before class.

Parents/guardians, please refrain from coming into the school on the first day. Anything you need to sign is sent electronically.

SCHOOL HOURS & ACCESS

On school days, students can access the school building between 8:00 am and 3:20 pm.

Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Front doors will be unlocked at 8:00 am. If a student arrives late, they need to check in at the office before going to class.

It is expected that all students will be picked up before 3:20 pm. If a student is still at school past 3:20 pm, they must come to the office and wait there for parent/guardian pick-up.

UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS

The STEM Collegiate newsletter is published four times per year; all issues are posted on our website. Links to new editions will be emailed to families.

Fall (September - November)
Winter (December - March)
Spring (April – June)
Summer (July – August)

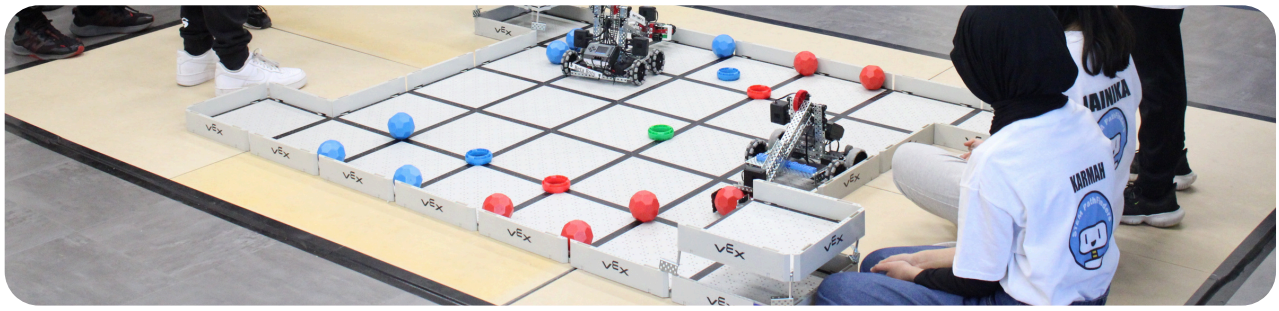
POWERSCHOOL ACCESS & SCHOOL FEES

Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, we will be transitioning to using PowerSchool for school fees. This means that you will only have to log into PowerSchool for access to student grades, schedules, and fees!

For anyone who still has outstanding fees or credits from last year, this will all be transferred over to the new system.

If you do not have access to your PowerSchool account, please contact the school to help with getting access!

PowerSchool Login



2024-2025 SCHOOL SCHEDULE

This year all students will be operating on a two-day schedule with 4, 80-minute classes each day. These longer classes will align with the high school timetable. Core classes and options will alternate every second day with the exception of mathematics which will occur each day.

Week 1

	Monday Day 1	Tuesday Day 2	Wednesday Day 1	Thursday Day 2	Friday Day 1
8:25 – 9:55	A1	A2	D1	D2	C1 8:25 – 9:40
	TRANSITION PERIOD				
10:00 – 11:25	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1 9:45 – 10:55
11:25 – 12:05	LUNCH				10:55 – 11:20
12:05 – 1:30	C1	C2	B1	B2	A1 11:20 – 12:30
	TRANSITION PERIOD				
1:35 – 3:00	D1	D2	A1	A2	B1 12:35 – 1:45

Week 2

	Monday Day 2	Tuesday Day 1	Wednesday Day 2	Thursday Day 1	Friday Day 2
8:25 – 9:55	A2	A1	D2	D1	C2 8:25 – 9:40
	TRANSITION PERIOD				
10:00 – 11:25	B2	B1	C2	C1	D2 9:45 – 10:55
11:25 – 12:05	LUNCH				10:55 – 11:20
12:05 – 1:30	C2	C1	B2	B1	A2 11:20- 12:30
	TRANSITION PERIOD				
1:35 – 3:00	D2	D1	A2	A1	B2 12:35 – 1:45

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School Start
Back to School with School Start

STEM Collegiate has partnered with School Start to make it easier for families to order the required school supplies determined by our teaching staff. School Start offers quality items at competitive prices and also donates a portion of the sales back to our school.

1. Go to the School Start website and click on Parents Shop Here > Purchase School Supply Kits and then navigate to the STEM Collegiate page.
2. On our school's order page, you will see the **Starter Package** and the additional **Required Items**. Each student needs all the items on both lists. If you already have some of the Required Items, you can simply remove those items from the list by changing the quantity to zero.
3. Once you have customized your shopping cart according to your needs, place your order. Orders will be shipped directly to your home.

ORDER NOW https://schoolstart.ca

ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPLIES

In addition to the school supplies available from School Start (see above), each student also needs:

- **Gym clothing.** All students must have a **change of clothes** for PE class, either STEM Collegiate wear or other athletic clothing from home. Students' indoor gym shoes and PE clothes are kept at school in their locker. Every Friday, students take PE clothes home to be washed; they bring the clean gym clothing back each Monday.
- **Indoor shoes** with non-marking soles. These runners are kept at school for PE.
- **Tech:** laptop, mouse, USB storage device, and headphones (optional) for their laptop.
- **Backpack** with a padded laptop compartment and exterior water bottle pouch.
- **Reusable water bottle.** Light, leak-proof, 400-500 ml.

LAPTOP PURCHASE PARTNER

A special site for STEM Collegiate families has been set up with BCOM Computer Centre. We have negotiated a special rate for students to purchase a laptop that meets the STEM Collegiate Student Laptop Requirements. The site also offers a variety of warranty options at additional cost. Students also need a USB Type A/C memory stick, available from BCOM or other vendors.

Note: If a student already has a laptop that meets our minimum requirements, there is no need to purchase a new one.

ORDER NOW https://b-com.ca/students

We recommend placing your order from BCOM before the end of July.

STEM UNIFORM GEAR

STEM Collegiate has a casual uniform dress code.

Enjoy browsing a wide selection of products from various brands that you are able to customize with our approved logo to proudly wear with jeans, pants, shorts, or skirts from their regular day-to-day wardrobe. It is recommended that families purchase at least three tops for each child attending STEM Collegiate including at least one long-sleeved shirt for cooler days.

STEM Gear Expectation

Sizing charts are available on the site, but if in doubt size up.

Orders will be delivered directly to you with no minimum order quantities.

ORDER NOW
https://stemcollegiate.entripyshops.com

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TRANSPORTATION

Bus stop schedules will be released in late August or sooner if available.

The balance of the annual bussing fee of $1,500 is due September 30th. For families who selected the option for paying in installments on the Transportation Registration form, the first payment is due September 30th, 2nd payment is due October 31st, and the final payment is due January 31, 2025.

Rental Bus Lines (RBL) is the schools provider. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bus schedule or operation please reach out to them at 780-667-6516.

ez enRoute JOURNEY TO INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

ez enRoute is the GPS system RBL uses to enable parents/riders to track their bus in real time via an app.

For detailed information about fee payment deadlines, cancellation, refunds and how to submit a stop change request, please review the Transportation Manual.

CONTACT US!

If your child is sick or going to be away, please email us!

Email: **absence@stemcollegiate.ca**

STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

STEM Collegiate's Student Cell Phone Policy protects instructional time, promotes positive in-person interactions and safeguards psychological well-being while at school.

Students may not use a cell phone in any capacity during the school day. Immediately upon entering the building and prior to the morning warning bell, all students must:

- Power down their cell phone completely (not just airplane mode); and
- Put their cell phone in their locker.

The cell phone must remain off and in their locker until the end of the last period.

Each school year, parents and students must read and sign the STEM Collegiate Student Cell Phone Policy Form to indicate that they acknowledge and will adhere to this policy. This form will be uploaded to the parent/guardian's SchoolEngage account in August/September for review and signature.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

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Note: Early Dismissal every Friday at 1:45pm