

reCONNECT

SUMMER 2023 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A note from the STCCS Team

As the summer days begin to slip away, we look forward to the 2023-24 school year with great anticipation and excitement. Although we hope you have enjoyed the break, we eagerly await September and the return of our students. We cannot wait to see what God has in-store for us and the many ways in which He will use our school to share the gospel with our students and community.

STCCS is committed to putting Christ first in all that we do. We endeavour to educate your child(ren) through a biblical worldview as we strive to know and serve every student, encouraging them to reach their God-given potential. Thank you for partnering with us as we share God's word with our students, teaching them about His world and His calling for our lives.

We ask that you join us in lifting up our students, staff, and families in prayer before the Lord and ask for His blessing on our 2022-23 school year, beginning on **Tuesday, September 5th.**

Over the next few weeks will be sharing two more issues of our reconnect newsletter with you. Although some of the information in this newsletter will be familiar to returning families, we ask that you carefully read it in its entirety, as there are several important changes/updates for this coming year.

Please note: If you have not yet sent in your financial registration package to the office, your child(ren) will not be included on the class lists. Please contact the office ASAP if you need this form resent to you.

Sincerely,
Jason Schouten, Dave Gilbert & Katie Vergeer

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15: 4-5



NEED TO
KNOW




SUPPLY
LIST



DAILY
SCHEDULE

CONTACT US:

 (519) 633-0690



INFO@STTHOMASCHRISTIAN.ORG



NEED TO KNOW

A few important reminders for you as we begin this school year together. If you require clarification or more information, please contact the Office via email at info@stthomaschristian.org, or by calling 519-633-0690 to leave a message. We are here to help!



PEANUT/NUT-FREE SCHOOL

We have students and staff with life threatening nut allergies. Please do not send ANY food items to our elementary or middle school that may contain nuts or peanuts at any time.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All students require non-marking gym shoes. Crocs, sandals, or skateboarding shoes are not adequate for active participation in Phys Ed classes. If your child has a particular physical difficulty that would prevent full participation in the Phys Ed program at any point throughout the year, please notify the Office to help us update our records. South Campus students will be provided with an STCCS athletic shirt to wear during Phys Ed. Please check the next newsletter for an order form.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (BASC)

Our BASC Coordinator, Samantha Fox, will once again offer care for families who require early drop off or late pick-up. The BASC Program will be hosted at North Campus. For rates or more information, please email basc@stthomaschristian.org after August 23.



Summer Hours:

Our North Campus office will be open daily from 9am-3:30pm as of August 21st until our regular schedule resumes on September 5th. Call, email, or drop by North Campus (77 Fairview Ave) if you have any questions or need assistance.



DAILY SCHEDULE

North Campus - JK-Gr. 5

South Campus Gr. 6-12

Elementary - JK-Gr 5	
8:30	Classes Begin
10:30	Nutrition Break
10:40	Recess
11:00	Classes Resume
1:00	Nutrition Break
1:20	Recess
1:40	Classes Resume
3:15	Dismissal

Middle School - Gr 6-8	
8:30	Classes Begin
12:15	Lunch
12:30	Recess
1:15	Classes Resume
3:20	Dismissal

High School	
8:30	Classes Begin
12:20	Lunch
1:10	Classes Resume
3:20	Dismissal

Both our North and South Campuses will be open for daily drop-off with staff supervision from **8:10-8:30am**. Students are required to be picked up at the end of the day by **3:30pm**. After 3:30pm, North Campus students will join our BASC with Mrs. Fox at parent's expense. We understand that occasionally situations arise which lead to delayed pick ups. Please let the office know ahead of time if you need to arrive late to pick up your child(ren).

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encouraging them to reach their God-given potential

parking INFO

North Campus



Stepping outside of your vehicle?

- Park in the lot and use the **centre crosswalk** to pick up your child.

Using the Drop Zone?

- Enter the Drop Zone lane and prepare for your child(ren) to enter from the **RIGHT/PASSENGER** side of the vehicle for safety.
- If vehicles directly in front of you exit, pull ahead to occupy the next available spot.
- When prepared to leave, signal left and merge into the Exit Lane.
- The Exit Lane is a moving lane for traffic to leave the property. Please **DO NOT** stop or block this lane at any time.

Waiting to enter the Drop Zone?

- **DO NOT** block the parking lot entrance closest to Fairview Avenue. If cars are backed up to that point, pull in to the lot to avoid blocking the street.

*Our accessible parking spots are reserved for families with an accessible parking permit **at ALL times.***

South Campus

Stepping outside of your vehicle?

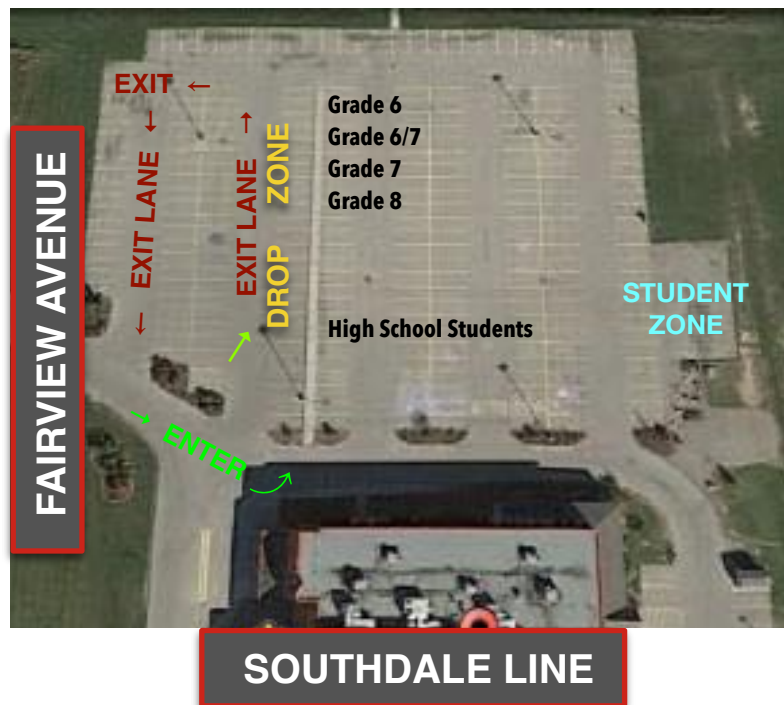
- Park in the lot and cross the Drop Zone with caution.

Using the Drop Zone?

- Enter the 'Drop Zone' lane and move as far forward as traffic allows.
- Students exit the right side of the vehicle and head directly into the students' zone or use the sidewalk to access the secondary school entrance.
- When picking up students, if vehicles directly in front of you exit, **pull ahead to occupy the next available spot.**
- When prepared to leave, signal left and merge into the Exit Lane.
- All high school students will be waiting on the parking lot median at the opposite end from the middle school.

Waiting to enter the Drop Zone?

- **DO NOT** block a parking lot entrance.
- If the Drop Zone is full, pull into an available parking spot to wait.



Kindergarten Drop-off

If you would like to walk your child to the drop-off area, we ask you to park in the parking lot and walk with your child to our Kindergarten drop-off area. A staff member will be there to help your child find their way to their classroom from this point. Please use this special area for the rest of the year whenever you would like to walk with your child to drop them off.

At the end of the day, Kindergarten students will be waiting to be picked up under the covered area by the front doors.



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Getting Ready

School Supplies By Grade

Kindergarten:

- non-marking indoor running shoes
- school bag large enough to pack all belonging (NOT toddler size)
- easy to open lunch kit
- change of clothes clearly labeled in a ziplock bag
- labelled water bottle

Grade 1:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag
- lunch kit
- change of clothes
- labelled water bottle

Grade 2:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag
- lunch kit
- change of clothes
- labelled water bottle
- labelled head phones

Grade 2/3 & 3/4:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag, lunch kit, water bottle
- change of clothes
- pencil crayons, pencil case, pencil sharpener
- labelled head phones in ziplock bag

Arrowsmith with Mrs. Laarman:

- one 1" black binder
- labelled headphones for new students in Arrowsmith

Grade 4:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag
- lunch kit
- change of clothes
- labelled water bottle
- Highlighter, glue stick, pencil crayons, pencil case
- pencils, erasers, pencil sharpener

Grade 5:

- non-marking indoor running shoes
- school bag, lunch kit
- highlighter, pencils, erasers
- pencil crayons/markers, ruler, scissors, pencil case
- Thin tipped permanent marker
- 2" binder with dividers
- gym clothes/deodorant
- labelled water bottle
- headphones

Grade 5/6:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag, lunch kit, gym clothes
- labelled water bottle, 1" binder with dividers, scissors, ruler
- Highlighter, calculator, pencil crayons, pencil case, pencils, personal technology with labelled charging cord and headphones

Please label ALL personal belongings to help us return lost items

Grade 6/7/8:

- indoor shoes , school bag
- lunch kit , labelled calculator
- highlighter, scissors, ruler
- pens, pencils, erasers , protractor
- pencil crayons
- black permanent marker
- 2" binder with dividers
- pencil case
- **gym clothes and deodorant**
- labelled headphones
- water bottle
- personal technology with labelled charging cord

Secondary Students

- two 3-4" binders with dividers
- lined paper
- personal school supplies
- personal bible
- scientific calculator
- highlighter, scissors, ruler
- pens, pencils, erasers , protractor
- pencil crayons
- personal technology with labelled charging cord
- **athletic gear: shoes, bottoms - shorts or pants/leggings. Shirts will be provided**

Personal Technology

All students in Grade 6 -12 are asked to supply their own personal devices, particularly laptops or Chromebooks. We ask all students to download the Google Chrome web browser to ensure their device can sync with our internet management tool, GoGuardian. All school rules concerning technology will apply to personal devices while they are on school grounds. Although STCCS will not be providing devices for students, we will accommodate any families who wish to keep their child(ren)'s devices at the school during the school year. Please speak with our office staff to make arrangements.