

reCONNECT

SUMMER 2023 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

DISCIPLESHIP & EDUCATION

Our vision statement: An engaged school community where every child is educated and disciplined.

You may be wondering what discipleship at STCCS looks like and how it is deeply tied to education. Here are some points to consider when thinking about discipleship and its value in an educational context:

1. Discipleship is the foundation for solid, Christ-honouring relationships between staff and students. This relationship provides the healthy foundation for both academic and spiritual growth.
2. As Christians, if we believe that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," we must also believe that discipleship - which, in short, is the process of encouraging one to be more Christ-like - is a requirement in the search of true knowledge, learning and wisdom.

It is our prayer that this year our students will continue to grow in their knowledge of Christ and His world.

In this issue of reCONNECT you will find the class lists for 2023/24 and our school calendar. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

In the next issue of reCONNECT we will share a list of the upcoming events that we hope you will attend, athletics information, and some important first day information.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matt 28:18-20



CLASS
LISTS



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CALENDAR

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South Campus Rotation

In order to best serve our students, our middle school classes (grades 5-8) will be taught by our middle school staff team. Each class' homeroom teacher will lead numeracy, literacy, and bible courses. Subjects such as science, history, phys. ed, music, art, bible, and french will be taught by staff who are highly skilled in these areas. Some courses will be taught as a single grade class, and others will incorporate a 5/6 split. This allows for smaller homeroom class sizes, but also promotes a sense of unity between our students. Please find a list below of our rotation teachers and their classes:

Phys. Ed - Mr. Jasper Vanden Berg (5 & 6), Mr. Axel Hiemstra (7 & 8)

Art - Mr. Calvin VanHarten

Music - Mr. Calvin VanHarten (5-7), Mrs. Rachelle Gonzales (8)

Science - Mrs. Toombs (5 & 6), Miss Wall (7 & 8)

Social Sciences - Mrs. House-VanPelt

History & Geography - Mrs. House-VanPelt

French - Mrs. Andrea Klassen

Grade 5

This year our grade 5 class will be split between our two campuses. We realize that we indicated this in our last newsletter before we properly explained this decision to our community. We would like to apologize for not sharing that information in a more clear and comprehensive way.

We recognize that it is not ideal to split a grade between two locations. This is simply the best solution in a situation with very limited options. As our community is aware, as we continue to grow, we are running into serious space issues at our two campuses. In addition, class size is very important to us and this solution ensures that we protect small class sizes as much as possible. Splitting the grade five students between our North and South campuses manages this situation and prevents an unacceptably large grade five class that would lack the support needed for it to be successful. It also eliminates extremely large class sizes in multiple grades at one of our campuses.

We continue to seek out both short-term and long-term solutions for the space challenges we face. We ask that you pray for our school and ask God to open the right doors for us and lead us towards His plan for STCCS.

Again, we recognize that this scenario is not ideal, however, we believe that our grade five students will have a positive and successful year at both our North and South campuses and we look forward to September and the start of the school year.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this situation. If you have any further questions or comments, please email them to jschouten@stthomaschristian.org

Phys Ed Shirts

In our previous newsletter we shared that we would include an order for form PE Shirts in today's reConnect. This year, only **HIGH SCHOOL** students will be required to wear a school provided PE shirt. Please click [THIS LINK](#) to order the correct size of shirt for your student in grade 9-11.

Grade 5-8 South Campus students may wear the shirt they were provided with last year, or they may wear other appropriate phys ed wear (no cropped tank tops/tshirts)

High School Students

Students and Parents, please keep an eye on your inbox for our first High School Newsletter of the year.

In this newsletter we will address what the first day and week of high school will look like, share our Teacher Advisory (TA) class lists, and share a few more exciting updates about the upcoming year.



Please note that these preliminary class arrangements are subject to change as enrolment continues to increase. In the event that changes are required, you will be notified before our classes begin.

North Campus:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. VandenBrink, Miss Gould

Welcomes:, Jane D, Owen D, Henry D, Jude G, Eddie H, Finley L, Lincoln M, Ryan M, Riley N, Ronan P, Adelaide R, Aria S, Amelia S, Rudy V, Alice V, May W, Summer W, Taylor W

Kindergarten: Miss Barnhill

Welcomes: June B, Rafael B, Beau C, Madison C, Alexa D, George F, Grayson G, Benjamin T, Mackenzie U, Eden W

Kindergarten: Mrs. Graham

Welcomes : Jack D, James F, Leo H, Theo K, Dylan K, Aaron M, Christy P, James V, Rylee Z, Violet B

Grade 1: Mrs. Card

Mrs. Card welcomes: Seraya C, Adeline C, Amelia D, Madeline D, Hudson D, Zion G, Jane H, Yavan I, Leif K, Lily K, Taylor L, Hayden L, Jovi M, Sullivan O, Lydia S, Benjamin V, Hannah W, Emmett W, Zeo Y, Sam Z

Grade 1/2: Mrs. Beswick

Mrs. Beswick welcomes: Cecelia B, Jack D, Nolan D (gr 1), Jude H, June K, Penny P, Joshua R, Isla S, Faye V, Zacharia W, Benjamin B, Joshua D, Oliver K, Elowyn K, Levi M, Emily M, Markus S, Kyla S, Lincoln S, Mason V

Grade 2/3: Mrs. Unger

Mrs. Unger welcomes: Allison C, Wyatt D, Quinn D, Nolan D (gr 2), Theo F, Mackenzie G, Lincoln S, Savannah U, Eva V, Henry D, Matthew H, Kord K, Lucas K, Clara L, Hailey P, Tahlia R, Jason R, Kai V, Joshua V, Kayla V, Callie W, Anna Z

Grade 3/4: Ms. Alvarado

Mrs. Alvarado welcomes: Adelynn B, Orla B, Coco C, James D, Henry K, Corrie K, Emily M, Addison M, Clayton M, Ian M, Naomi T, Jonathan T, Eve V, Kylie W, Rueben B, Acasia F, Alice N, Freya P, Wellington R, Sadie V, Nicholas W



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Grade 4: Mrs. Vanderlugt

Mrs. Vanderlugt welcomes: Amelia B, Madilyn D, Valliesia F, Raha I, Enders K, Erika K, Naomi K, Alice L, Amanda L, Lily M, Logan P, J.J. P, Sierra S, Nora S, Adelaide S, Johnathan T, Hudson U, Weston V, Luke V, Eddie W, Jude Z

Grade 5: Mrs. Parker

Mrs. Parker welcomes: Caleb B, Berea C, Brooklyn G, Lily K, Jett L, Jenaya L, Aiden L, Samuel M, Dominic N, Boaz O, Alysha P, Jack P, Marek P, Jedi R, Bentley S, Benji S, Pippa S, Kylee T, Brooklyn U, Danika V, Myra V, Claire V, Stewart W, Nate W

South Campus:

Grade 5/6: Mrs. Toombs

Mrs. Toombs welcomes: Ben H, Sam K, Christian M, Baldwin V, Elliot W, Carter W, Caleb Y, Caleb B, Meghan B, Wesley B, Hope B, Malachi F, Jackson F, Nora F, Deklyn F, Will M, Hazel O, Mya Y, JooSeo Y, Levi Z

Grade 6/7: Miss Fournier

Miss Fournier welcomes: Declan C, Aizée I, Luke K, Klee M, Makayla M, Elianna R, Porter R, Carter S, Cole S, Cassandra V, Zachary V, Elijah C, Sydney G, Joseph G, Hannah L, Lucas M, Kristen P, Bronwyn P, Luke S, Vanessa W, Nolan W

Grade 7: Mrs. House-VanPelt

Mrs. House-VanPelt welcomes: Chlöe B, Lauren G, Saluma K, Alexa K, Ethan K, Matthew L, Felicity L, Bentley L, Sophia M, Kara M, Lily P, Olivia P, Stacie P, Miles S, Hayden S, Lucas S, John T, Arthur V, Rowan VMS, Tenley W, Luke W

Grade 8: Miss Wall

Mrs. Wall welcomes: Joy C, Lucas D, Adam D, Hollis F, Daniel F, David K, Charity L, Zachary M, Matt M, Faith N, Ovie I, Kyrie P, Lincoln R, Emma S, Grace S, Levi S, Brody T, Nathan T, Brie V, Liam V, Violet W, Sydney W, Chloe W, Noah W, Hunter W



CALENDAR

2023/24

2023

SEPTEMBER	4	Monday	Labour Day
	5	Tuesday	First Day of School
	29	Friday	PD Day
OCTOBER	9	Monday	Thanksgiving (holiday)
	25	Wednesday	Grandparent's Day
	26/27	Thurs/Fri	PD Days
NOVEMBER	17	Friday	PD Day
DECEMBER	20	Wednesday	Last Day before Christmas Break
	21	Thursday	Christmas Break Begins

2024

JANUARY	8	Monday	Classes Resume
	22-25	Mon-Thur	Secondary Exams
	26	Friday	PD Day
FEBRUARY	16	Friday	PD Day
	19	Monday	Family Day (holiday)
MARCH	6	Wednesday	Last Day before March Break
	7	Thursday	March Break Begins
	18	Monday	Classes Resume
	29	Friday	Good Friday (holiday)
	31	Monday	Easter Monday (holiday)
APRIL	28	Friday	PD Day
MAY	22	Monday	Victoria Day (holiday)
JUNE	7	Friday	PD Day, JK-8 ONLY
	12	Wednesday	Secondary Final Evaluation/Exams Begin
	19	Wednesday	Secondary Final Evaluation/Exams End
	20	Thursday	Last Day of School