

# STCCS

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# WELCOME & INFORMATION

St. Thomas Community Christian School



Come and see  
what our God  
has done,  
what awesome  
miracles  
He performs...

Psalm 66:5

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

~ Psalm 136

## OUR MISSION:

to **know** & **SERVE** every student, encouraging them to reach their God-given **potential**.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*"Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord"*  
~ COL 1:10



## OUR MISSION AND VISION

**MISSION:** *To know and serve every student, encouraging them to reach their God-given potential*

**VISION:** *An engaged school community where every child is educated and disciplined*

## Welcome to St. Thomas Community Christian School!

What an amazing God we serve! He moves in powerful ways and does amazing things. Over the past fifty-eight years, we have witnessed this time and time again as God has guided St. Thomas Community Christian School through times of joy and abundance, as well as through trying times on difficult roads. Over the past five years we have seen God at work in powerful ways as He continues to bless STCCS with growth in enrolment, financial stability, a beautiful facility and freedom to teach from a biblical perspective that puts Christ first in all that we do. We are truly grateful for His continued providence.

As you explore STCCS as an option for your family, we hope that you will catch a glimpse of our passion for education and our calling to serve the students and families in St. Thomas with a *distinctly* Christian school: a place for discipleship, community, and purposeful togetherness that brings glory to God in our city. As we follow the Lord into the future, we are trusting Him to continue to move mightily - and we invite you to join us as we lean on Him!

*"To God be the glory, great things He has done!"*

Jason Schouten

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### 1. Who sends their children to STCCS?

There is no such thing as a 'typical' STCCS family! Our students represent a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds, and we are blessed by the diversity of our school community. Our families worship at a wide variety of local churches of varied denominations.

### 2. Who teaches at STCCS?

All of our teachers are devoted Christ-followers who see their teaching as a clear calling from the Lord. All teachers are certified members of the Ontario College of Teachers and have Education degrees from accredited universities in Canada or the United States.

### 3. Is STCCS accredited?

STCCS is registered with the Ontario Ministry of Education and delivers the Ontario curriculum at every grade level. STCCS is also a member of three supporting organizations: EDVANCE (formerly the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools), Christian Schools Canada (CSC), and Christian Schools International (CSI).

### 4. What additional opportunities are offered to engage students?

STCCS aims to provide a wide variety of opportunities for students to discover and develop their God-given potential. We feature strong Athletics, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts programs, and consistently develop new options to serve our students. Chess Club, Student Council, Battle of the Books, Coding Club, and Intramural Sports are some of the newest additions to our extra-curricular programming for the year.



**WE ARE LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE WITH MULTIPLE CAMPUSES AND A THRIVING JK TO GR 12 MODEL**

# TUITION MODEL

As a privately funded Christian school, our budget is comprised of tuition fees, donations, support from various churches, and fundraising. Our annual tuition fee structure is set each year by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership in a Spring financial meeting. Our Board is committed to serving families with a vibrant tuition assistance program and the opportunity to apply for bursaries. As we launch our second campus and high school, we are thrilled to announce that we will host one tuition rate for all students, JK to Grade 12. This means that if you have children attending STCCS across any grades, you will pay ONE rate.

Our **current** tuition structure is as follows. Please note that these rates are subject to change on an annual basis.

**Approved Family Contribution for 2022/23:**

	TUITION	TAX REFUND*	NET COST
JK only (3 days)	\$ 7,400	~\$2,000	\$ 5,400
SK only (3 days)	\$ 7,400	~\$2,000	\$ 5,400
STCCS (1 child)	\$ 12,300	~\$3,300	\$ 9,000
STCCS (2 children)	\$ 14,600	~\$2,600	\$ 12,000
STCCS (3+ children)	\$ 16,100	~\$1,600	\$ 14,500
Building Blocks Program (Additional Cost)			\$ 4,900.00
Arrowsmith Program (Additional Cost)			\$ 3,500.00

\* **Approximate, based on a 40% refund for charitable donations.**

# WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

**WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR CALLING TO MINISTER TO THE FAMILIES OF ST THOMAS WITH INNOVATIVE, IMPACTFUL, AND INTENTIONAL EDUCATION**

From the day our doors opened in 1961, we have seen ourselves as stewards: STCCS belongs to the Lord. Governed by an engaged Board of Directors, and led by an innovative Administrative team, we are committed to following His leading and guiding as He opens doors and leads us into the future.

## #1 INNOVATIVE

**CREATIVELY DELIVERING CURRICULUM IN UNIQUE LEARNING SPACES**



## #2 IMPACTFUL

**FOSTERING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS THAT FOCUS ON DISCIPLESHIP**



## #3 INTENTIONAL

**FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE BUILDING OF HIS KINGDOM IN ST. THOMAS**



**ONE MISSION  
ONE SCHOOL  
TWO CAMPUSES**



# VISION & MISSION

WE ARE A SCHOOL WITH A STRONG AND INSPIRING VISION AND MISSION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## MISSION

Our mission drives our ministry. Our top priority is to recognize who our students are: their gifts and interests, their struggles and challenges, their personalities and their learning styles. As we work to understand our students better, we use that knowledge to serve them both academically and spiritually. This is a lofty goal: it demands that we strive to meet each of our students exactly where they are, in a way that is relevant and meaningful to them. The relationship we foster with each student creates authentic opportunities to disciple, challenge, and serve, informing our teaching strategies and directing our assessments.

Our vision motivates our school family. We are a community that actively cares for each other and wants to see Christian education thrive in St. Thomas. It means that we want our children to grow up in the Word with a deep knowledge of who our Creator is and how He 'works for the good of those who love Him.' (Romans 8:28) It means that we believe in educating the hearts of our students as well as their minds. In the same way the first church in Acts was an example to their world, we believe that working together as a wide variety of denominations and church families can impact our city as we partner in education.

## VISION



# STUDENT SERVICES & SUPPORT

WE ARE A SCHOOL WITH A SOLUTION TO SERVE OUR STUDENTS INDIVIDUALLY

We are thrilled to be developing a reputation in the broader community as a school that really 'cares about kids.' From individual conferences in our support room, to the specialized and transformational Arrowsmith Program, we are committed to supporting every student in their educational journey. As a result of starting the Arrowsmith Program in 2015, a large number of students from our school and the broader community— who were feeling defeated and left behind by the regular classroom model— are now highly engaged, responsible for their own learning and growing nearer to the potential God has given them. We are thankful and excited to have the opportunity to positively impact the lives of our students in this way.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### PROGRAM OPTIONS:

- **ARROWSMITH PROGRAM**
- **INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION**
- **SMALL-GROUP LITERACY & NUMERACY WORKSHOPS**
- **INDEPENDENT GUIDED READING WITH VOLUNTEERS**
- **SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPY**
- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**
- **MATH TUTORING**
- **IN-CLASS SUPPORT**
- **MODIFIED PROGRAMMING ACCORDING TO IEP GOALS**
- **ESL CLASSES**

*"Oh taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."  
Psalm 34:8*



"Since beginning the program in 2017 we have seen a transformative change in our son. The Arrowsmith Program has given our child a chance to strengthen his learning capacity - he is confident in his own ability and no longer doubts his intelligence. We fully believe in, and are thankful for, the Arrowsmith Program."

Arrowsmith Parent