

# reCONNECT

SUMMER 2026 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Growth.

As we begin a new school year, growth is naturally on our minds. Whether this is your child's first day of JK or your Grade 12 student's last first day of school, we are all joyfully and painfully aware that our children are growing up.

Throughout the year, our staff will have the privilege of witnessing this growth in many different ways.

Our elementary staff are busy preparing for the academic growth of their students - new words, concepts, and understanding of God's creation. Our middle and high school staff are preparing for the developmental growth of our teenage students - strengthening their skills, discovering new interests, and taking on greater responsibility for their learning.

But above all else, our staff is praying for a year of growing in the love of God and the love of others.

Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 1:3 "We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing."

The Thessalonians were growing in their faith, but tied directly to this was their love for one another. This is the exact hope and prayer we have for our community this year.

Growing in knowledge is a key part of education, and we hope our students grow in their academics over the next ten months. But we are also praying for a growth that cannot be captured on a report card or standardized test.

Love God. Love Others.

You will undoubtedly see these words on our walls, our planners, and on our t-shirts. But our prayer is that they will be more than a theme we display. We pray that they will be visible in who we are and in how we live together each day.

As we look ahead to this new year, our Board of Directors has prepared a letter which shares important updates, the opportunities and challenges ahead, and their hopes and prayers for the continued growth of STCCS.

[Please click here to read the letter.](#)

In this FINAL issue of reCONNECT, you will find upcoming events, first day information, and class lists.

We are looking forward to growing alongside your children this year.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

### BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

We hope you will join us for our annual back to school bbq on **Friday, September 18th**. More details concerning location and time will be communicated during the first week of school. But please save this date to come out and fellowship with other parents, staff, and get to know our community better.

### CHOCOLATE BARS

Chocolate bars are back! This is one of our most popular fundraising events that our elementary and middle school students love to participate in. We encourage you to help your children reach out to neighbours, friends, and family to sell as many chocolate bars as possible! Chocolate bars are set to arrive on September 23rd (weather dependent!)

### MINI PUTT TOURNAMENT

We hope you will join us for our annual mini putt tournament. Please note the slight date change this year - **Saturday, September 26th**. Keep an eye on the first newsletter in September for more details about this exciting event that will take place at the Putting Zoo here in St. Thomas! All ages welcome!

### GRADUATING CLASSES OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Our students in our Grade 12 class will take part in an overnight trip at the beginning of the year to promote unity and teamwork as they begin their final year together. They will embark on an overnight trip from **September 17-18th**. More details will be sent home in a few weeks, but please mark this date on your calendar if your child is in Grade 12. We typically start our Grade 8 year off with a three day trip to Camp Mini-Yo-We. Unfortunately, the camp was quite booked this fall and as such, our Grade 8s can look forward to this trip in the spring. In lieu of this trip, our Grade 8s will instead take part in some team building exercises closer to home. Stay tuned for more details.

## OCTOBER

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Be sure to mark your calendar for one of our favourite day's of the year! On October 20th we look forward to welcoming our Grandparents and Grandfriends into our school. More information to come!

Did you know you can follow STCCS on Social Media?

Check out our @STCCS account on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with social events and general happenings.

You can also keep up with our High School daily life by checking out stccs.secondary on Instagram.



## first DAY



### FIRST DAY DROP OFF

On the first day of school, our **students in Grades 1-8** can enjoy some time together outside in the school yard until the bell rings at 8:30am. Please remember that supervised drop off begins at **8:10am**.

Our **Kindergarten students** will be met at the Kindergarten Drop Off Area by a school staff member and will be led inside to their classroom.

Our **High School students** can be dropped off at the front doors of our South Campus and may come directly inside. Students will head **directly upstairs** to their lockers and will be greeted by our High School staff.

### KINDERGARTEN

**ALL kindergarten students are invited to attend the first day of school.**

This year our part time kindergarten students will attend school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Due to the first day of school falling on a Tuesday, our part time Kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for their first week.

We recognize that this may be overwhelming for some students so we encourage parents to use their own discretion when determining if their child will attend all three days. If you would like to only send your child for two days next week, please call the office to let us know.

### CHAPEL

Our first chapel of the year will take place on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH** at 8:40am. All parents and community members are warmly welcomed to join us at both North and South Campus.

On Tuesday, Sept 8th our High School students will attend a brief student-only opening assembly and our JK-8 students will stay in their classrooms to help transition smoothly into the first day of school.

### PE SHIRTS

We have had a delay with our PE shirts for grades 7-12. Please have your child(ren) bring a shirt to change into for the first few weeks of school while we wait for our order to arrive. Thank you!



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:

### Junior/Senior Kindergarten: Mrs. Graham, Mrs. McCurry (previously Miss Gould)

Welcomes: Beatrice B, Maya D, Kingsely D, Deba E, Johnathan F, Olivia G, Levi H, Taylor K, Bensyn K, Clara L, Sierra L, Riley P, Bonnie R, Levi R, Lacey W, Ember W, Isabella Z, Mila D, Ruby K, Marcus K, Ella O, Zoey O

### Senior Kindergarten/Grade 1: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. VandenBrink

Welcomes: Abigail G, Lucy H, Quinn H, Owen K, Zeke S, Amelia T, Scarlett B, Nicolas B, Faye B, Emma D, Reed D, Zoey D, Alayna F, Lennon K, Eugene L, James S, Savannah V, Lucas V

### Grade 1/2: Mrs. Card

Welcomes: Aria F, Millie R, Oliver W, Joy Z, Esmé C, Jack D, Jane D, Elodie F, Summer G, Ed (Eddie) H, Leo H, Brett H, Theo K, Grayson K, Dylan K, Lydia L, Finley L, Josiah M, Lincoln M, Rachel R, Adeline R, Alice V, Rylee Z

### Grade 3: Mrs. Zavala

Rafael B, June B, Violet B, Madison C, Delaney C, Owen D, Henry D, Alexa D, James F, Jude G, Annabelle G, Grayson G, Ryan M, Aaron M, Riley N, Christy P, Samantha P, Armin R, Aria S, Amelia S, Rudy V, May W, Eden W, Summer W, Taylor W

### Grade 4: Mrs. Vanderlugt

Welcomes: Cecelia B, Seraya C, John D, Amelia D, Madeline D, Jack D, Hudson D, Nolan D, Zion G, Jane H, Jude H, Yavan I, Leif K, June K, Lily K, Trent L, Hayden L, Isla M, Sully O, Penelope P, Isla S, Lydia S, Faye V, Hannah W, Emmett W, Zachariah W, Sam Z

### Grade 5/6: Mrs. Stephenson

Welcomes: Benjamin B, Allison C, Josh D, Quinn D, Wyatt D, Nolan D, Mackenzie G, Owen G, Corbin H, Oliver K, Elowyn K, Mason M, Levi M, Emily M, Lilah R, Kyla S, Lincoln S, Mason V, Addy B, Orla B, Kord K, Clayton M, Tahlia R, Kanyin S, Callie W



# FIND YOUR CLASS

## Grade 6/7: Mrs. Toombs

Welcomes: Tanner B, Felipe B, Henry D, James D, Matthew H, Henry K, Corrie K, Rylee K, Clara L, Isaac M, Addison M, Ian M, Hailey P, Rayne S, Kai V, Kayla V, Eve V, Kylie W, Anna Z, Belle C, Raha I, Enders K, Gabrielle M, Eddie W, Nicholas W

### **Rotation Teachers @North Campus**

Phys Ed: Mr. VandenBerg

Music: Mrs. Van Pelt

French: Mme. Klassen

## South Campus:

### Grade 7: Mrs. Van Pelt

Welcomes: Amelia B, Reuben B, Madilyn D, Valliesia F, Laylah G, Skylar K, Naomi K, Alice L, James L, Amanda L, Lily M, Elle M, Logan P, JJ P, Nyla R, Sierra S, Nora S, Adelaide S, Jonathan T, Kate T, Sadie V, Weston V, Luke V, Jude Z

### Grade 8: Mrs. Parker

Welcomes: Kohen B, Caleb B, Berea C, Sam F, Sophie G, Jack G, Brooklyn G, Eva G, Ben H, Lily K, Jett L, Aiden L, Hannah M, Christian M, Dominic N, Boaz O, Jack P, Alysha P, Jedi R, Colby S, Kylee T, Baldwin V, Danika V, Myra V, Claire V, Elliot W, Stewart W, Carter W, Nate W

### **Rotation Teachers @South Campus**

Art 7: Mrs. Parker

Grade 7 History & Geography: Ms. Wittland

Science 7: Mrs. Parker

Grade 7 & 8 Phys Ed: Mr. Hiemstra

Grade 7 & 8 French: Mme. Klassen

Grade 8 Music: Mrs. Gonzalez