

# reCONNECT

SUMMER 2022 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## WALKING IN A WORTHY MANNER

In just a few more days our halls will once again be filled with our staff and students beginning a new year of learning. Whether your child can't wait to burst through our doors, or if there is a bit of nervousness lingering, STCCS strives to be a landing place for your child where they will feel loved and cared for. Our staff team has a passion for education and we deeply feel our calling is to serve the students and families in St. Thomas with a distinctly Christian school. We strive to be a place for discipleship, community, and purposeful togetherness that brings glory to God and promotes an atmosphere of trust. It is our constant prayer that we walk in a manner worthy of the Lord in all aspects of life, especially as we uphold our mission statement of knowing and serving our students.

In this final issue of reCONNECT, we will share some upcoming community events and fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and a few reminders about the first day of school.

### Col 1:10-12

That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and long suffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.



UPCOMING  
EVENTS



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FIRST  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

After several years of restrictions and regulations, we rejoice with thankfulness as we look towards a year where we can once again gather together in fellowship. We hope to resume our full calendar of events, including special school programs, fundraisers, community dinners, sports teams and tournaments, visitors, volunteers, and more. We are also excited to host several graduation ceremonies in the spring, including JK and SK, Grade 8, and our very first Grade 12 graduation.

Take a look at our upcoming events and fundraisers. We will communicate further details about future events as they approach in our weekly newsletter.

## SEPTEMBER

### BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

We hope you will join us for our annual back to school bbq on **Friday, September 16th**. 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.

### BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Our fundraising season of 2022-23 is kicking off with a community favourite. We hope you will join us on the field or in the stands on **Saturday, September 24th** for our co-ed baseball tournament. You can find all the information you need on our [facebook page](#) and in your inbox in the first September Newsletter.

### 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!

### WALK-A-THON

We hope to host a high school walk-a-thon in the early fall. Please keep an eye on your inbox for more information about this event. Stay tuned for a special incentive for our students if they can reach their fundraising goal!

### MABELS LABELS

There is still time to order your labels to help keep your family's belongings organized! Please visit [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/fundraising/support/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/) and type in our school name to place an order before Oct 1st!

An important aspect of our school community that helps us ensure the success of our students and our school is an engaged community. We have missed our volunteers over the past few years and can't wait to welcome parents and grandparents back into our school and onto different work groups to help us have the best year possible.

Volunteer opportunities range from reading with primary grade students to planning a fundraising event. We will send out a 2022/23 volunteer form in the coming weeks to help us connect with you. As new volunteer opportunities arise throughout the year and we will communicate them to you in a special section of our weekly newsletter.

Please take a look at our event calendar below to help you plan your year and also to check out some volunteers opportunities.



\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THESE EVENTS

We will also be looking for coaches this year for a variety of sports throughout all our grades. If you have expertise in a particular sport (as well as patience & self control) please consider volunteering to assist or become the head coach of one or more of these teams. Please contact Axel Hiemstra ([ahiemstra@stthomaschristian.org](mailto:ahiemstra@stthomaschristian.org)) and Jasper Vandenburg ([jvandenberg@stthomaschristian.org](mailto:jvandenberg@stthomaschristian.org)) if you are interested in helping out. Check out the list below to see the sports STCCS is hoping to participate in this year.

## ELEMENTARY

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
-Boys & Girls Soccer	-Boys & Girls Cross Country	-Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball	-Jr Boys & Girls Triple Ball	-Sr Boys & Girls Basketball	-Sr Boys & Girls Basketball	-Boys & Girls Hockey	-Boys & Girls Badminton	-Boys & Girls Badminton	-Boys & Girls Track and Field
-Boys & Girls Cross Country	-Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball	-Jr Boys & Girls Triple Ball			-Hockey			-Boys & Girls Track and Field	-Sr Boys & Girls slow pitch baseball

## SECONDARY

Fall	Winter	Spring
Boys & Girls Cross Country (Sept) Boys Volleyball Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball Girls Volleyball	Boys & Girls Soccer Boys & Girls Badminton Boys & Girls Track and Field

# 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 lead 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. Staff will be waiting in the Learning Commons to greet them.

### PHYS ED SHIRTS

We will distribute gym shirts to students in our middle and high school during the first week of school. **Please send your child to school with a gym shirt they can change into for PE until they receive their STCCS phys ed t-shirt.** We plan to send out an order form for more shirts in the first few weeks of school for parents who would like their child(ren) to own more than one phys ed shirt. These will be at a cost to parents.

### CHAPEL

Our back to school chapel will take place on Tuesday morning at **9:30am at our South Campus** only. All parents are warmly welcomed to join us for the first South Campus chapel service of the year. We recognize that the timing between drop off and chapel is not ideal for parents, however we are prioritizing our students and their transition back into the classroom. If you cannot make it to Tuesday's chapel, you are welcome to join us for our regularly scheduled weekly Monday chapel at 8:45am on September 12th when Mr. Gilbert will include a special chapel message for parents.

North Campus will begin their weekly Monday morning chapel services on Monday, September 12th.

### DAILY SCREENING

We are thankful for the relaxing of regulations and restrictions, however the Ontario Government still requires the screening of students, staff, and visitors before they enter the school. Please follow this [link](#) to use the return to school screening tool if you are unsure if your child is able to attend school.

We ask that anyone who is feeling sick or unwell stay home until their symptoms have improved for 24 hours. We ask our community to keep immune compromised students and our staff members in mind as they make decisions regarding their child's attendance at school.