

reCONNECT

SUMMER 2024 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

Dear STCCS Families,
Welcome to the 2024 school year! As we gather once again, we are filled with anticipation and hope for what lies ahead. Each new year is a fresh opportunity to grow, learn, and deepen our faith together. We are blessed to walk this journey alongside you and your children, knowing that God has great things in store for our school community.

STCCS continues to uphold our mission statement of knowing and serving every student. We are dedicated to not only helping your child reach their full academic potential but also supporting the development of strong, faithful individuals who cultivate a deep relationship with Jesus and are prepared to live out their faith with confidence and purpose in the world.

Our dedicated staff is eager to pour their energy and passion into creating a dynamic and engaging learning experience. As we begin another new year, we ask for your prayers and support as we work together to create a school year filled with growth, discovery, and the joy of learning.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to some new staff (or those returning from a leave): Neil Garay (elementary staff team), Nicole Stephenson (middle school staff team), Lisa Bishop, Jim Wiebe, and Laura Miedema (high school staff team).

As always, we are grateful for the partnership we share with you, our families. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in the success of our students and the vibrancy of our school. We look forward to seeing how God will work through each of us to build a strong, unified community where His love is evident in all that we do.

This is the first of 3 issues of our reCONNECT newsletter. Please be sure to read this newsletter in it's entirety, even if you are a returning family.

If you have children in high school, keep an eye on your inbox for our High School Summer Check In.

We are looking forward to seeing all our students on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd**.



NEED TO
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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!



NORTH OR SOUTH CAMPUS?

Our North Campus building is located at 77 Fairview Ave and will house all students from **KINDERGARTEN to GRADE 5**. Our main office is located in this building, and is staffed by Mrs. Aileen Zylstra (info@stthomaschristian.org).

Our South Campus building is located at 345 Fairview Ave and will house all students in **GRADE 6 - GRADE 12**. Our South Campus office is staffed by Mrs. Amanda Luth (aluth@stthomaschristian.org) and Mrs. Jen Pennings (jenpennings@stthomaschristian.org).



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 which they are required to wear during Phys Ed.**



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 19th until our regular schedule resumes on September 3rd. Call, email, or drop by North Campus if you have any questions or need assistance.



DAILY SCHEDULE

North Campus - JK-Gr. 5

South Campus Gr. 6-12

Elementary - JK-Gr 5		Middle School - Gr 6-8		High School	
8:30	Classes Begin	8:30	Classes Begin	8:30	Classes Begin
10:30	Nutrition Break	12:15	Lunch	12:20	Lunch
10:40	Recess	12:30	Recess	1:10	Classes Resume
11:00	Classes Resume	1:15	Classes Resume	3:20	Dismissal
1:00	Nutrition Break	3:20	Dismissal		
1:20	Recess				
1:40	Classes Resume				
3:15	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).

Volunteer Opportunity: Classroom Painting at South Campus

We're seeking volunteers to help paint classrooms at our South Campus (345 Fairview Ave). The painting will take place from August 19 to 21, right after the Faith Church summer camps conclude. If you're available to lend a hand for a few hours on any of these days, please fill out the short Google form linked below. Your support will make a big difference!

[Click Here for Google Form](#)

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?

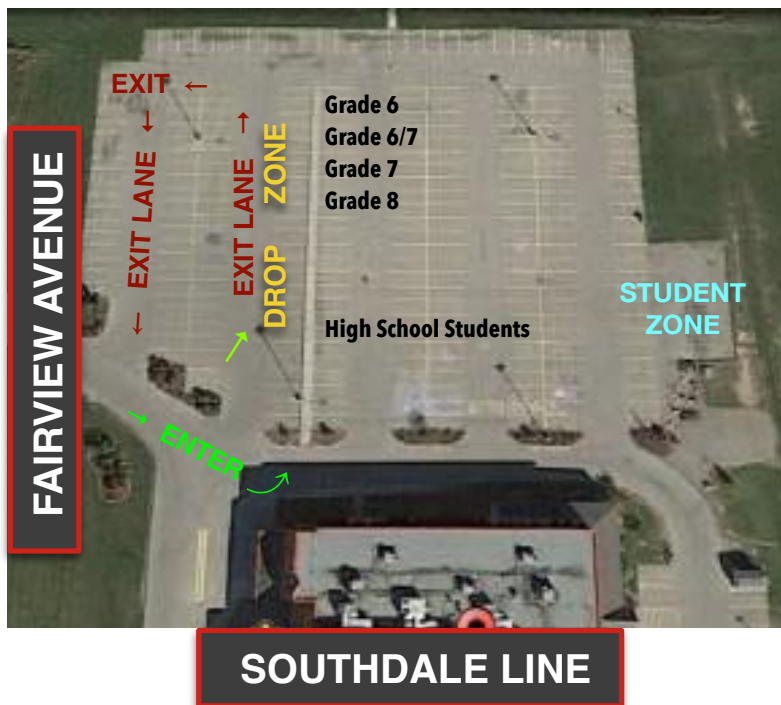
- Enter the Drop Zone lane and prepare for your child(ren) to enter from the **RIGHT/PASSENGER** side of the vehicle for safety.
- If vehicles directly in front of you exit, pull ahead to occupy the next available spot.
- When prepared to leave, signal left and merge into the Exit Lane.
- The Exit Lane 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.

High School Students with Cars:

Please park in the gravel parking lot to the south of the building.

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 3:

- 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

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS TO HELP US RETURN THEM WHEN LOST.

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 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
- **gym shorts/leggings and deodorant**

Arrowsmith with Mrs. Laarman:

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

Grade 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 shorts/leggings and deodorant**
- labelled headphones
- water bottle
- personal technology with labelled charging cord

Grade 6, 7, & 8: Please remember to bring bring your school Bible back to school if you took it home over the summer.

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.