

reCONNECT

SUMMER 2024 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

THE ARMOUR OF GOD

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God.

Last year, our school's theme was "The Jesus Way," where students across all grades explored how Jesus calls us to live our daily lives. Through chapel talks, worship, devotions, and programs, we looked at how Jesus wants us to approach different aspects of life, covering an array of issues from relationships to academics. We were blessed as we studied how to align our daily actions with His example and deepened our commitment to following the Jesus Way.

This year, our staff and students will focus on the armour of God. This powerful biblical imagery will guide our studies, worship, and daily interactions as we equip our students with the spiritual tools they need to stand firm in their faith. Throughout the year, each piece of the Armour of God—truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Word of God—will be explored and applied in meaningful ways across all grades. It is our hope and prayer for our students to grow in their understanding and application of these biblical principles. We ask that you will partner with us by continuing these conversations and studies in God's Word at home.

In this issue of reCONNECT you will find the class lists for 2024/25 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 exciting upcoming events, athletics information, and some important first day information.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6:13-18



CLASS
LISTS



SCHOOL
CALENDAR

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South Campus Rotation

In order to best serve our students, our middle school classes (grades 6-8) 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. These courses will be taught as a single grade, even if your child is in a homeroom split class. This allows for smaller homeroom class sizes while promoting a sense of unity between our students. Please find a list below of our rotation teachers and their classes:

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

Art - Mr. VanHarten (6-8)

Music - Mrs. VanPelt (6,7), Mrs. Gonzalez (8)

Science - Mrs. Toombs (6-8)

Social Studies - Mrs. Toombs (6)

History & Geography - Mrs. VanPelt (7,8)

French - Mrs. Andrea Klassen (6-8)

Grade 8

This year our grade 8 students will be split between two classes. We recognize that it is disappointing to split a graduating class between two homerooms, however this is simply the best solution in a situation with limited options. With a total of 30 grade 8 students, our administration team is prioritizing academic success and classroom culture in order to fulfill our mission statement of knowing and serving every child.

Our grade 8 students will continue to have rotation subjects together as one class, (music, french, art, science, history/geography, and phys ed) and all of our grade 8 students will be included in our overnight trip to Camp Mini-yo-we in September (more information to come in the next newsletter).

We are thankful to God for such a large grade 8 class and we are excited to lead them through their final year of elementary school. We believe that our grade 8 students will have a positive and successful year and we look forward to seeing them in September.

We also want to share our grade 8 staffing plan with our community. Last spring, our grade 8 teacher, Miss Wall (now Mrs. Friesen), made the difficult decision to take a long term leave in order to focus on her health. Mrs. Baxter joined our staff in June to fill the grade 8 teacher role and support our students. Mrs. Baxter will begin the 2024/25 school year as our grade 8 homeroom teacher, with Mrs. Friesen returning to STCCS in January. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition after Christmas break, and we look forward to a successful year.

We appreciate your understanding and support. 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 all students at South Campus will be required to wear an STCCS athletic shirt. We have sent out an order form for our High School students in our latest edition our High School Summer Check.

We will estimate sizes for students in grades 6-8 and will have a large supply of all sizes in September. Each child will be provided with one shirt. If you would like to purchase extra shirts for \$15, please contact the south campus office: jenpennings@stthomaschristian.org

High School Students

The 2024 High School Summer Check In was emailed to parents and students on August 19th. If you did not receive it and are a parent of a secondary school student, please email jenpennings@stthomaschristian.org

We can't wait to see all our secondary students in a few weeks!



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: Adeline R, Alayna F, Alice V, Aria F, Audra P, Christopher S, Dylan K, Eddie H, Elodie F, Emma D, Faye B, Finley L, Jane D, Leah R, Lennon K, Lincoln M, Luke R, Nicholas B, Reed D, Scarlett B

Kindergarten: Mrs. Graham/ Mrs. Beswick

Welcomes: Betty H, Eugene L, Grayson K, Jack D, James S, James V, Joy Z, Leo H, Lucas L, Millie R, Oliver W, Rachel R, Rylee Z, Summer C, Theo K, Zoey D

Grade 1: Mrs. Card

Welcomes: Amelia S, Alexa D, Beau C, Christy P, Claire R, Eden W, George F, Grayson G, Henry D, James F, Jude G, Leo H, Mackenzie U, May W, Owen D, Rafael B, Ronan P, Riley N, Rudy V, Summer W, Taylor W,

Grade 1/2: Mr. Garay

Welcomes: Aaron M, Aria S, Ben V, Brody C, Emmet W, Hayden L, Jack D, John D, Jane H, Joshua R, Jude H, June B, June K, Leif K, Lydia S, Madison C, Nolan D, Penelope P, Ryan M, Seraya C, Taylor L, Zion G

Grade 2/3: Mrs. Unger

Welcomes: Amelia D, Ben B, Cece B, Faye V, Gracie C, Hannah W, Hudson D, Isla S, Jovi M, Kyla S, Lily K, Madeline D, Mason V, Oliver K, Quinn D, Sam Z, Savannah U, Sully O, Wesley S, Wyatt D, Yavan I, Zach W, Zoey Y

Grade 3/4: Mrs. Zavala (previously Alvarado)

Welcomes: Allison C, Anna Z, Callie W, Christina S, Clayton M, Coco C, Elissa R, Elowyn K, Emily M, Eva V, Henry D, Jason R, Joshua D, Kai V, Levi M, Lilah R, Lincoln S, Lincoln S, Lucas K, Mackenzie G, Markus S, Nolan D, Rayne S, Tahlia R, Theo F



FIND YOUR CLASS

Grade 4/5: Mrs. VanderLugt

Welcomes: Acasia F, Addison M, Adelynn B, Clara L, Corrie K, Emily M, Erika K, Eve V, Felipe B, Freya P, Hailey P, Hailey R, Henry K, Ian M, James D, Joshua V, Kayla V, Kord K, Kylie W, Logan P, Matthew H, Orla B, Raha I, Rueben B, Rylee K, Wellington R

Grade 5: Mrs. Parker

Welcomes: Adelaide S, Alice L, Amanda L, Amelia B, Eddie W, Enders K, Hudson U, JJ P, Jonathan T, Jude Z, Kate T, Laylah G, Lily M, Luke V, Madilyn D, Naomi K, Nicholas W, Nora S, Penelope S, Sadie V, Sierra S, Skylar K, Valliesia F, Weston V

South Campus:

Grade 6: Mrs. Toombs

Welcomes: Alysha P, Ben H, Benji S, Bentley S, Berea C, Brooklyn U, Caleb B, Caleb Y, Carter W, Christian M, Colby S, Danika V, Dominic N, Elliot W, Jedi R, Jenaya L, Marek P, Myra V, Nate W, Pippa S, Sam K, Stewart W

Grade 6/7: Mrs. Stephenson

Welcomes: Aiden L, Baldwin V, Boaz O, Brooklyn G, Caleb B, Carter S, Claire V, Deklyn F, Henry S, Jack P, Jett L, Kloee M, Kylee T, Lily K, Luke K, Malachi F, Mya Y, Nora F, Porter R, Samuel M, Wesley B, Will M

Grade 7/8: Mrs. VanPelt

Welcomes: Aizee I, Camryn T, Chloe B, Cole S, Dex C, Eliana R, Hazel O, Jackson F, Kara M, Levi Z, Makayla M, Meghan B, Michael W, Olivia P, Saluma K, Sophia M, Stacie P, Tenley W, Vanessa W, Zach V

Grade 8: Mrs. Baxter/Mrs. Friesen

Welcomes: Alexa K, Arthur V, Bentley L, Bronwyn P, Elijah C, Ethan K, Felicity L, Hannah L, Hayden S, Joseph G, Kristen P, Lauren G, Lily P, Lucas M, Lukas S, Luke S, Luke W, Matthew L, Miles S, Nolan W, Rowan V, Sydney G



CALENDAR

2024/25

2024

SEPTEMBER	2	Monday	Labour Day
	3	Tuesday	First Day of School
	27	Friday	PD Day
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OCTOBER	14	Monday	Thanksgiving (holiday)
	23	Wednesday	Grandparent's Day
	24/25	Thurs/Fri	PD Days
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NOVEMBER	14	Thursday	Evening Parent Teacher Interviews
	15	Friday	Daytime Parent Teacher Interviews
	15	Friday	PD Day
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DECEMBER	18	Wednesday	Last Day before Christmas Break
	19	Thursday	Christmas Break Begins

2025

JANUARY	6	Monday	Classes Resume
	23-28	Thurs-Tues	Secondary Exams
	29	Wednesday	PD Day (High School Only)
	31	Friday	PD Day (K-8 Only)
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FEBRUARY	14	Friday	PD Day
	17	Monday	Family Day (holiday)
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MARCH	5	Wednesday	Last Day before March Break
	6	Thursday	March Break Begins
	17	Monday	Classes Resume
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APRIL	18	Friday	Good Friday (holiday)
	21	Monday	Easter Monday (holiday)
	25	Friday	PD Day
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MAY	19	Monday	Victoria Day (holiday)
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JUNE	2	Monday	PD Day, K-8 ONLY
	12-18	Thurs-Wed	Secondary Exams
	18	Wednesday	Last Day of School