

reCONNECT

SUMMER 2026 ST THOMAS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

Dear STCCS Families,
Welcome to a new school year at St. Thomas Community Christian School! We are excited to welcome both returning and new families as we begin another year of learning, growing, and serving together. Each September is a fresh reminder of God's faithfulness and the new opportunities He places before us.

This year, our school theme is Love God. Love Others. Based on Jesus' words in Matthew 22:37–39, this theme will guide our classrooms, relationships, and school community. We desire for our students to grow not only in knowledge and understanding but also in their love for God and in the way they care for and serve those around them. We believe that when our hearts are rooted in God's love, it shapes every part of our lives.

Our mission remains the same: to know and serve every student. Every child has been uniquely created by God, and it is our privilege to walk alongside them as they discover their gifts, pursue excellence, and deepen their faith in Christ.

Our dedicated staff have been preparing with great anticipation for the year ahead. They are committed to creating classrooms where students are known, encouraged, challenged, and cared for. Places where academic excellence and spiritual formation go hand in hand.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We are grateful for the partnership we share with our families and look forward to all that God will do in and through our school community this year. Please join us in praying that STCCS would be a place where we continually learn what it means to love God with all our hearts and to love others as He has loved us.

This is the first of 3 issues of our reCONNECT newsletter. Please be sure to read this newsletter in its 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 look forward to an incredible year together and seeing all of our students on **Tuesday, September 8th!**



NEED TO
KNOW



SUPPLY
LIST



DAILY
SCHEDULE

CONTACT US:

 (519) 633-0690



INFO@STTHOMASCHRISTIAN.ORG



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 7**. 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 7 - GRADE 12**. Our South Campus office is staffed by Mrs. Amanda Luth (aluth@stthomaschristian.org) and Mrs. Jen Pennings (jenpennings@stthomaschristian.org).

Please note: Mrs. Toombs will teach a Gr 6/7 class at
North Campus.

Our Class Lists will be sent to your inbox
in our final ReConnect Edition



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.



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 22.



DAILY SCHEDULE

North Campus - JK-Gr. 7

South Campus Gr. 7-12

Elementary - JK-Gr 7	
8:30	Classes Begin
10:30	Nutrition Break
10:40	Recess
11:00	Classes Resume
1:00	Nutrition Break
1:20	Recess
1:40	Classes Resume
3:15	Dismissal

Middle School - Gr 7-8	
8:30	Classes Begin
12:15	Lunch
12:30	Recess
1:15	Classes Resume
3:20	Dismissal

High School	
8:30	Classes Begin
12:20	Lunch
1:10	Classes Resume
3:20	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).



Summer Hours:

Our North Campus office will be open daily from 9am-3:30pm as of August 24th until our regular schedule resumes on September 8th. Call, email, or drop by North Campus if you have any questions or need assistance.

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.***

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.



parking INFO

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.

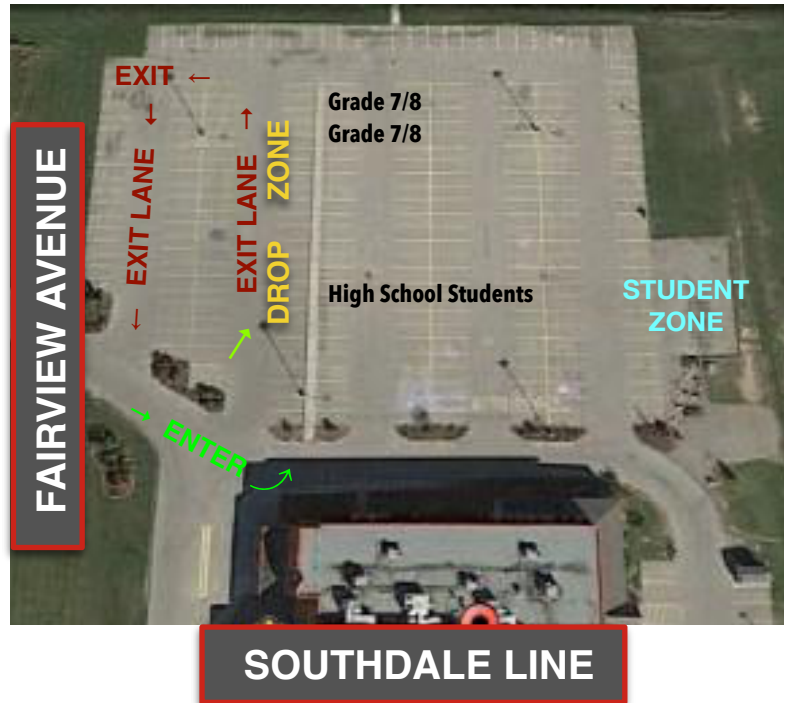
Waiting to enter the Drop Zone?

- 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.

We ask our families to please share this information with friends or family members who may be picking up your child.



love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind

love God

love your neighbour
as yourself

love others



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
- labelled change of clothes
- labelled water bottle

Grade 3:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag, lunch kit, water bottle
- change of clothes
- pencil crayons, pencil case, pencil sharpener

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

Arrowsmith with Mrs. Laarman:

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

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

Grade 6:

- non-marking indoor shoes
- school bag, lunch kit
- labelled water bottle
- 1" binder with dividers,
- scissors, ruler, highlighter, calculator, pencil crayons, pencil case, pencils,
- personal technology (South Campus students) with labelled charging cord and headphones
- **gym shorts/leggings and deodorant**

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 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 7-12 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.