



**BACK TO SCHOOL  
2022-2023**



**SURREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
EDUCATING FOR WHOLENESS

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## INFORMATION FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS (KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12)

### New Student Open House, Wednesday, August 31

Students from all grade levels, including Kindergarten, who will be attending Surrey Christian School for the first time in September 2022, are invited to the **New Student Open House session on Wednesday, August 31**. Grade 8 students coming from the Fleetwood or Cloverdale campuses are encouraged to attend as well. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers, have questions answered and relieve some of those first day jitters.

**Secondary Campus Students:** Orientation for all new students, including all Grade 8 students, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

**Fleetwood/Cloverdale Campus Students:**

- **Last names beginning with A-G:** 1:00 - 1:15 pm
- **Last names beginning with: H-N:** 1:15 - 1:30 pm
- **Last names beginning with O-T:** 1:30 - 1:45 pm
- **Last names beginning with U-Z:** 1:45 - 2:00 pm

### Back to School Event

Step right up for the Falcons Circus Carnival! All families are invited to join us on Friday, September 9 from 5:00 -7:30 pm at the Secondary Campus (15353 92 Ave) for a fun-filled evening to celebrate a new school year. Meet your child's teachers, play games, eat some carnival food and enjoy the festivities, all at **no charge!**

Please note, parking will be very limited at the campus so please consider utilizing our free shuttle from the Fleetwood Campus (8888 162 Street).



## COVID Protocols

Surrey Christian School will continue to take its lead from local and provincial health authorities.

Parents are required to do a daily health check of their child before sending them to school. **Please be sure to keep your child home if they are displaying symptoms of illness that could be contagious** (runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever), even if a rapid test indicates they do not have COVID. Your diligence in keeping your child home if contagious will help keep other students and staff healthy.

If your child tests positive for COVID, they should stay home from school for five days and can return when:

- at least 5 days have passed since their symptoms started, or from test date if they did not have symptoms
- fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- symptoms have improved

If they are well enough, students should contact their teachers to try keep up with schoolwork.

## Late Start Fridays

Please note that school starts late every Friday for all grades. School buses typically run 30 minutes later than usual on Friday mornings. Please connect with your driver for specifics.

- Fleetwood Campus starts at 9:15 am
- Cloverdale Campus starts at 9:25 am
- Secondary Campus starts at 9:15 am

## Administration office

**The temporary location of Administration Office staff is as follows:**

Ben Yap, Superintendent: Fleetwood Campus

Carolyn Gerber, Executive Administrative Assistant: Fleetwood Campus

Advancement Office: Secondary Campus

- Grace Dehn (Director of Advancement & Marketing)
- Nicole Miller (Admissions/Event Coordinator)

Finance Office: Secondary Campus

- Joanne Ironside (Director of Finance)
- Christina Binnema (Accounts Receivable/Payroll)
- Clarissa Medel, Finance Assistant (K-12 tuition)
- Julia Fraser, Finance Assistant (Childcare and Early Learning fees)

Helen Park & Jessica Liu, International Student Department: Secondary Campus

## Campus Office Hours

Office hours are as follows:

### **Fleetwood Campus (K-7) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Contact Annette VanRanden (Gr.4-7) at [avanranden@surreychristian.com](mailto:avanranden@surreychristian.com)

Contact Emma Schlamp (Gr.K-3) at [eschlamp@surreychristian.com](mailto:eschlamp@surreychristian.com)  
604-581-7073

### **Cloverdale Campus (K-7) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Contact Susanne Schoenroth at [sschoenroth@surreychristian.com](mailto:sschoenroth@surreychristian.com)  
604-576-6313

### **Secondary Campus (8-12) 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Contact Diana Daigneault at [ddaigneault@surreychristian.com](mailto:ddaigneault@surreychristian.com)  
604-581-1033

## Messages for Your Child

Our campus administrative assistants do a fantastic job serving the needs of students, parents and staff. If you must get a message to your child via the office during the school day, please contact them before 2:00 pm. Past 2:00 pm we cannot guarantee your child will receive the message on time.

## School Bus

### Regular School Bus Information

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The final touches are being placed on the bus routes at this time. If a family has just been accepted to SCS in the last week or two and requires school bus transportation, they may be added if there is a school bus route in their area and if there is room on that bus. No new bus registrations are being accepted for returning students at this time. Families may be added to a wait list but there are no guarantees that a space will be available.

Drivers will contact families with the pick-up time and place before the first day of school. If you have not heard anything by September 7, contact the Combined Christian School Transportation Association (CCSTA) at [ccsta2015@gmail.com](mailto:ccsta2015@gmail.com).

For those who are new to the bus system, please be aware that it often takes a few days for the routes to fall into a rhythm so you may choose to make alternate arrangements for the first day or two of class just in case.

Visit the [transportation page](#) on our website to download a [FAQ document](#) and [information and guidelines](#) about school bus transportation.

### Deadline to Cancel School Bus Registration

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Please note that if you registered to ride the bus and your circumstances change, you have until September 30 to inform the office without incurring a penalty. After that date you will be required to pay the monthly bus fee regardless of whether your child is riding the bus or not as the school is invoiced from the bus company based on the rider list on October 1.

## Frequently Asked Questions

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1. **It is September 15. May I cancel my bus ridership?** *Yes, you may cancel up until September 30, although you will be charged for the full month of September.*
2. **It is after September 30. May I cancel my bus ridership?** *Yes, you may cancel your ridership, however you will be required to pay for the bus service until the end of the school year.*
3. **I would like to switch from 2-way ridership to 1-way ridership. May I do that?** *Yes, you may do so, but if it is after September 30, you will be charged the 2-way rate for the balance of the school year.*

## Shuttle Bus

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### Between Fleetwood and Secondary campuses

There will be hop-on shuttle service available between the Fleetwood (8888 162 St) and Secondary (15353 92 Ave) campuses. There is no need to pre-register. Students can hop on any school bus that is going to the other campus before and/or after school; just double check with the driver where they are going.

### Between Cloverdale and Fleetwood/Secondary campuses

A bus will shuttle between the Cloverdale Campus and the Fleetwood/Secondary campuses.

- Students must be pre-registered, ***there is no hop-on service available.***
- The shuttle bus leaves Cloverdale Campus at approximately 8:00 am (time to be confirmed) for the Fleetwood and Secondary campuses and returns to Cloverdale Campus in the afternoon at approximately 3:25 pm.

## Student Handbook

The [Student Handbook](#) is available online and includes helpful information on various school activities, student conduct, what it means to live in community and other aspects of our school. Please take a few minutes to review this important information for the 2022-23 school year.

## Absences & Late Arrival

Please be sure to inform the school office by 9:00 am if your child will be absent from school. Preferably, email [absent@surreychristian.com](mailto:absent@surreychristian.com) to report your child's absence and the office will mark your child away so the teacher is aware. Alternatively, call 604-581-1033 for Secondary Campus, 604-576-6313 for Cloverdale Campus or 604-581-7073



for Fleetwood Campus. If a student comes late to school, he/she must sign in at the office. To ensure a late is excused, parents should either send a note or phone the school.

**\*\*Important: Please indicate if your child is absent due to illness as the school is required to report number of absences due to illness to the Ministry of Education on a weekly basis.**

## School Closure

In the rare event that school is to be closed because of unsafe weather conditions or a power outage, please check your **text messages, email**, the school **website** or **social media**. Announcements will also be made on **CKNW (AM980)** and **Global BC**. The administration aims to make the decision by 6:30 am.

\*Note: It is not advised to Google “snow day Surrey Christian School” as that may bring up outdated and inaccurate posts from previous years.

## Communicating With Your Child’s Teachers

If you wish to contact your child’s teacher via email, use the first initial of the teacher’s first name and then type the last name with the extension @surreychristian.com. For example: Jane Smith = jsmith@surreychristian.com.

## Medication and Medical Alerts

If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please complete a [Medical Condition/Medication Authorization Form](#). If your child has a life-threatening allergy that requires an Epi-pen, please complete an [Anaphylaxis-Emergency Plan](#).

## MySchool Management

Every Grade 8-12 student, and every parent of K-12 children, needs to have an active MySchool account. Most announcements from teachers or the office will be emailed home via MySchool, and learning reports are posted to MySchool each term. Hard copies of learning reports are also sent home with students at the K-7 grade levels. At the Grade 8-12 level teachers use MySchool to post homework assignments, grades, permission slips etc.

If you require new login information, please contact info@surreychristian.com. New parents who did not apply online via MySchool will be supplied with a password and login link in late August/early September. Watch our [how to video for parents](#) containing information on how to navigate the program as a parent. Watch our [how to video for students](#) containing instructions on how to navigate the program as a student.

We will aim to provide new students at the Grade 8-12 level with their MySchool login information before the New Student Orientation session scheduled for August 31. Barring that, students can view their timetables using their parents MySchool account. We will email parents and students when the timetables are ready for viewing (late August).

IMPORTANT: All parents and students please add the following email address as a “safe sender” in your email program to ensure you receive all school-related emails: [noreply@myschoolmanagement.com](mailto:noreply@myschoolmanagement.com).

## Athletics

See [Falcons Athletics](#).

## Volunteer Hours

We believe parental involvement is essential to being engaged in your child’s education. We want you involved because you love your kids and your kids’ school. We are stepping out in faith believing that parents want what is best for SCS, and are willing to participate in creating and sustaining what is best by volunteering.

Parents/guardians of each family are requested to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per family. Your contribution of service will be a rewarding experience, model important values to your children as well as help the educational process.

Please take a moment to complete the [Volunteer Form](#) so we have a record of who to contact for specific needs.

Parent Drivers: We appreciate parents who volunteer to drive Grade 4-12 students other than their own child to a sporting event or field work. If you think you might do so, please take a moment to complete a [Driver Form](#). K-3 students travel by school bus only.

## Society Membership

As we are a parent-run school, the school board encourages parents who are active participants in a Christian church to be members of the Surrey Christian School Society. Membership is required to vote at our fall Annual General Meeting and at our Spring Meeting. To apply to become a society member, or to pay your renewal fees, [click here](#). Dues are paid on a 5-year renewal. **If you are applying to become a society member for the first time your application will go to the school board for approval.**

## Spirit Wear / Physical and Health Education (PHE) Strip

Click [here](#) to order your child’s PHE strip. Orders will be filled promptly and delivered to your child’s classroom. Exchanges can be made provided the item has not been worn or washed. School PHE wear is required for Grade 4-7 (T-shirt & shorts) and Grade 8-10 (T-

shirt only). They are optional at the Kindergarten to Grade 3 level. Cotton and dry-fit options available. Fleece pants and hoodies are available and may be worn to PHE classes.

## Parents who Pray

Join us as we cover our school, staff and families in prayer throughout the year!

**English Prayer:** Mondays at 9:00 am on Zoom. Contact Rachael Kruse at [rakruse@gmail.com](mailto:rakruse@gmail.com)

**Korean Prayer:** Mondays 9:30 am on Zoom. Contact Helen Park at [hpark@surreychristian.com](mailto:hpark@surreychristian.com)

**Mandarin Prayer:** Fridays 9:30 am on Zoom. Contact Jessica Liu at [jliu@surreychristian.com](mailto:jliu@surreychristian.com)

**Spanish Prayer:** Wednesdays at 8:00 pm. Contact Marta Zinga at [moralesmarta89@gmail.com](mailto:moralesmarta89@gmail.com)

## KINDERGARTEN SPECIFIC

It was a blessing to meet many of you at the Kindergarten orientation that took place in May. We look forward to partnering with you as your child begins their journey at Surrey Christian School.

First day of school for Kindergarten students is on Tuesday, September 6. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm. Please note that every Friday school starts at 9:15 am at the Fleetwood Campus, and 9:25 am at the Cloverdale Campus.

## Gradual Entry

From September 6-16, all Kindergarten classes will be in session from 8:45 am until 12:00 pm allowing the teachers to visit with children and their families in the afternoons.

Full days for all Kindergarten students commence the week of September 19, 2022. There will be no bus service home for Kindergarten students in September when school ends at 12:00 pm so please arrange for your child to be picked up.

## Kindercare

There are still a few spaces available for Kindercare at the Cloverdale Campus. The Fleetwood Campus registration is full. Please [register here](#). All details are included at the top of the registration form.

## What to bring

We would like each Kindergarten child to bring the following items to school on their first day:

- Indoor shoes that stay at school. Please find shoes that are easy for your child to put on (i.e. velcro). These should be appropriate for gym.
- Drawstring bag with a complete extra set of clothing, including socks and underwear. **Please label** the bag and each item.
- Backpack for papers and books. It should be large enough to fit a 9x12 folder.
- Earthquake Kit: Please follow the instructions in the [Comfort Kit](#) section.
- Copy of your child's immunization record once your child has completed their Kindergarten booster shot.

It is very important that you label everything with your child's name. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, or speak to your child's teacher in early September.

Please refer to the [Outdoor Kindergarten Brochure](#) for a list of required outdoor gear. Outdoor Kindergarten is on **Fridays at both the Fleetwood and Cloverdale campuses.**

## FLEETWOOD CAMPUS GRADES K-7

### Class Lists

Class lists for Kindergarten through Grade 7 will be emailed home Friday, September 2. It is a fairly complex procedure to place students into classes. We take into account the following factors:

- male/female ratios in classes
- students learning needs
- academic abilities
- emotional/social needs
- relational/ friendship needs and wants
- teacher recommendations

### School Schedule

#### First Day of School Schedule

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8:35 am	First bell rings
8:45 am	School begins
12:00 pm	Dismissal

#### Monday – Thursday Schedule

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8:35 am	First bell rings
8:45 am	School begins
2:50 pm	Dismissal (parents are required to pick up their child promptly at 2:50)

## Friday Schedule

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9:05 am	First bell rings
9:15 am	School begins
2:50 pm	Dismissal

### Modern Band Grades 4-7

Please read important information [here](#) about the Grade 4-7 modern band program for both Fleetwood and Cloverdale campuses.

### Earthquake Comfort Kits

Please read important information [here](#) about providing an earthquake comfort kit for each child enrolled in grades K-7.

### Wheels

We love that children bike, roller blade, scooter and skateboard to school. Please remind your children that for the safety of other students they are not permitted to ride them while at school, and that it is important to wear a helmet.

### Toys

While we love the excitement that comes with students sharing their toys at school with their classmates, please keep personal toys at home. This helps ensure we keep them safe, clean, and that they do not get misplaced throughout the day. This includes stuffed animals, Pokémon cards, Beyblades, etc. In some cases, a teacher/education assistant may request the bringing of an item for a specific event or student goal.

### Label Your Child's Clothing

Please label your child's clothing. Every year the Lost & Found overflows with beautiful jackets, hoodies, and sweaters. Because they are not labelled or claimed, they end up at the thrift store. If you label your child's clothing and it gets misplaced, it will be returned to them.

### Extra Set of Clothing

Students in Grade K-3 are required to have a complete extra set of clothing, including socks and underwear, in a separate bag. Please label the bag and each item with your child's name.

## Dress for the Weather

Students go outside for lunch and recess rain or shine. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately when rain is in the forecast.

## School Supplies

School supplies are provided by the school. Please note the following:

- Personal Devices: Grade 7 students are required to have a personal device such as a laptop.
- Bibles: Grade 4 students and new students in Grade 5, 6 and 7 will receive an NIV Bible from the school. Returning Grade 5, 6 and 7 students should bring the bible they received in Grade 4.
- Binders may be requested by the classroom teacher for Grade 4-7 students.
- Earthquake Kits are required for all students. Please see [Comfort Kit](#) section for more information.
- Students are to have both indoor and outdoor shoes. Indoor shoes should be non-scuff and suitable for PE activities. Flip flops, high heeled runners and thin slip-on runners are not suitable for indoor or outdoor activities. Skates, skateboards or shoes with wheels are not allowed.

## Parking

**\*\*Principal Tom Williams will communicate specific instructions about parking at the Fleetwood Campus due to the construction project before the first day of school.**

General Principles for Parking

- Parents are responsible for their vehicle and their children.
- Please do not let your child run through the parking lot; walk with them and be aware that children are everywhere. Please be cautious.
- Please respect “no parking” signs on the west side of 162 Street directly across from the school.
- Please respect crossing guards and never try to “beat” a stop sign.
- All parents and children need to cross at the crossing guard station.
- Absolutely no cell phone usage while driving in parking lot
- Please back into your stall if possible
- Do not cut behind cars that are backing in
- Be patient
- Follow people directing traffic
- Maximum 10 km/hr in parking lot
- Wait until you are parked to let your child out of the car
- Please turn off your engine while you wait

## School Schedule

### First Day of School Schedule

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8:35 am	First bell rings
8:45 am	School begins
12:00 pm	Dismissal

### Monday – Thursday Schedule

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8:35 am	First bell rings and doors open
8:45 am	School begins
2:50 pm	Dismissal (Parents are required to pick up their child promptly at 2:50)

### Friday Schedule

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9:15 am	First bell rings and doors open
9:25 am	School begins
2:50 pm	Dismissal

## Student Supervision

Parents are required to supervise their own children outside before and after school as there is no staff supervision during those hours. Children must be picked up promptly at 2:50 pm. If you are going to be late in picking up your child due to unforeseen circumstances, please inform the school office no later than 2:00 pm. Your child will be asked to wait by the office until you arrive.

## Spirit Wear / Physical and Health Education (PHE) Strip

School PHE wear is required for Grade 4-7 (t-shirts & shorts). They are optional at the Kindergarten to Grade 3 level. Click [here](#) to order your child's PE strip online. Orders will be filled promptly and can be picked up at our campus. Some stock is available for purchase here however please email the office for confirmation of size ([sschoenroth@surreychristian.com](mailto:sschoenroth@surreychristian.com)). Cotton and dry-fit options available. Fleece pants and hoodies are available and may be worn to PHE classes.

## Modern Band Grades 4-7

Please read important information [here](#) about the Grade 4-7 modern band program for both Fleetwood and Cloverdale campuses.

## Earthquake Comfort Kits

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## **Wheels**

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## **Label Your Child's Clothing**

Please label your child's clothing. Every year the Lost & Found overflows with beautiful jackets, hoodies, sweaters etc. and because they are not labelled or claimed, they end up at the thrift store. If you label your child's clothing and it gets misplaced, it will be returned to them.

## **Extra Set of Clothing**

Students in Grade K-3 are required to have a complete extra set of clothing, including socks and underwear, in a separate bag. Please label the bag and each item with your child's name.

## **Dress for the Weather**

Students go outside for lunch and recess rain or shine. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately when rain is in the forecast.

## **School Supplies**

School supplies are provided by the school. Please note the following:

- Personal Devices: Grade 7 students are required to have a personal device such as a laptop.
- Bibles: Grade 4 students at the Cloverdale Campus receive an NIV Bible from the school with the expectation that they continue to use that bible through Grade 7.
- Earthquake Kits are required for all students. Please see Efor more information.



- Students are to have both indoor and outdoor shoes. Indoor shoes should be non-scuff and suitable for PE activities. Flip flops, high heeled runners and thin slip-on runners are not suitable for indoor or outdoor activities. Skates, skateboards or shoes with wheels are not allowed.

## Parking Lot

### General Parking Principles:

- Parents are responsible for their vehicle and their children.
- Please do not let your child run through the parking lot; walk with them and be aware that children are everywhere.
- Please be cautious.
- Absolutely no cell phone usage while driving in parking lot
- Please travel in counter-clockwise direction in the parking lot.
- Traffic circle is for pick up and drop off only—do not leave cars unattended.
- Please do not leave young children in car while you go into school to pick up students
- Be patient
- Follow people directing traffic
- Maximum 10 km/hr in parking lot
- Wait until you are parked to let your child out of the car
- Please turn off your engine while you wait

## SECONDARY CAMPUS

### Daily Bell Schedule

#### First day of School Schedule:

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8:35 am: Period 1 begins

11:50 am: Final bell

12:00 pm: Buses leave

#### Monday – Thursday Schedule

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8:35 am: Period 1 begins

2:57 pm: Final bell

3:05 – 3:10 pm: Buses leave

#### Friday Schedule

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9:15 am: Period 1 begins

2:57 pm: Final bell

3:05 – 3:10: Buses leave

## First Day

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6 from 8:45 am to 12:00 pm. The buses will run on the normal schedule for an 8:35 am start time, giving a 10 minute 'buffer' for late arrivals. At 8:45 am Period 1 will begin for all students. Schedules are available for students on MySchool.

**8:45 – 9:10 am: Period 1 (introduction)**

**9:15 – 10:10 am: Assembly**

**10:15 – 10:40 am: Period 2**

**10:45 – 11:05 am: Period 3**

**11:10 – 11:35 am: Period 4**

**11:40 – 12:00: Crew**

Crew is a group of 15-17 students within your grade that meets twice weekly and focuses on building strong relationships. Alphabetical listings will be posted near entrances to help all students identify which Crew they are in and where they meet.

## Schedule Changes

Students should be able to access their schedules through MySchool before the beginning of the school year. Student schedules have been created based on student choices, their past achievement in their classes, balancing class sizes, and the teaching timetable. Occasionally a factor such as taking a summer school course may impact the original students' choices, however, there is an expectation that students commit to what they have chosen. Changing or dropping courses after classes have begun is only possible in exceptional cases such as health or personal situations.

To assure balanced and accurate schedules, students are asked to look at all their courses in MySchool from September to June. If you have any questions or concerns about your schedule, please email one of our academic counsellors. Students in Grade 8, 11 and 12 can contact Carmen Meier at [cmeier@surreychristian.com](mailto:cmeier@surreychristian.com). Students in Grade 9 and 10 can contact Sue Alberts at [salberts@surreychristian.com](mailto:salberts@surreychristian.com). Also, if there is an unexplained blank in a student's schedule, it is important to see the academic counselor as soon as possible to add a class.

## Sign-Out Procedure

Please inform the school office if your child must leave during the school day for an appointment (doctor, road test etc.). Students must provide verification of parent approval when they sign out if we have not heard from you. Call 604-581-1033 or email us at [absent@surreychristian.com](mailto:absent@surreychristian.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

## Sports Tryouts

Please see "[Falcons Athletics](#)".

## School Supplies

The following general school supplies are required:

- Personal device (see details below)
- Binders and loose-leaf paper of your choice
- Pens and pencils
- Scientific Calculator (your child may wish to speak with the math teacher before purchasing one)
- Your own lock should you choose a locker
- NIV Study Bible (recommended) can be purchased from the school: hardcover \$50 or soft cover \$30

## Personal Device

Every student in Grade 8-12 requires a personal device for classroom use. New students should have received an email in June with a link to the order form for two options to be purchased through the school, or you may supply your own device that meets these minimum requirements:

- Processor: Intel Core i3 or Ryzen 3 (i5 or Ryzen 5 recommended)
- RAM: 4GB (8GB recommended)
- Storage: 128GB SSD (256GB recommended)
- Battery: 5+ hours (8+ recommended)
- Warranty: 3-year (accident protection recommended)
- For those that prefer the Apple ecosystem, we recommend the Macbook Air M1. The Apple store offers discounts to students just as good as the pricing the school receives.

## EARTHQUAKE COMFORT KITS FOR GRADES K-7

It is time once again to prepare an earthquake comfort kit for your Grade K-7 child to provide him/her with some of the resources that he/she will need to stay comfortable should an earthquake or other disaster occur while at school.

### **Making the Comfort Kit:**

- Please use a medium sized Ziploc bag.
- Include a sealed bottle of water.
- Food items should be high energy, ready-to-eat, and non-perishable. Consider nut-free granola bars, dried fruit or fruit leather. Comfort foods such as a few hard candies or cookies are also appropriate.
- Include a 12-hour light stick if possible.
- You may also include a short note to your child and a family picture.

Be sure that all items can fit into the Ziploc bag and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday September 16, 2022**. All bags will be placed in plastic bins and kept in each classroom. The kits will be returned to the students at the end of the school year.

## MODERN BAND INSTRUMENTS FOR GRADES 4-7

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grades 4–7 Fleetwood and Cloverdale Musicians,

Welcome back to another school year! We are excited to share some updated information about the Surrey Christian School Modern Band program. Modern Band was created by Little Kids Rock, an organization that transforms lives by restoring, expanding, and innovating music education in schools across the USA. Mrs. Locken and Mrs. Mahon are both Modern Band, level 2 certified teachers, and to our knowledge, we are the only registered school on the west coast of Canada to offer a certified Modern Band program. Our deep hope is that SCS musicians will become fully alive in God's story as they engage in the Modern Band program to become Instruments of Change and to Address the Mess in their lives and in the world by creating beauty through music.

Modern Band teaches students to perform, improvise and compose using the popular styles that they know and love including rock, pop, reggae, hip hop, R&B, other modern styles and worship music. Modern Band classes feature guitar, ukulele, bass, keyboard, drums, vocals, technology, and computers. Our young musicians flourished over the past number of years as they engaged in storyline through the Modern Band program.

**For music classes and home practice this year, students will need a soprano ukulele, a bucket and drumsticks. Grades 5 – 7 musicians can use the bucket, drumsticks and ukulele that they previously purchased for music classes.**

We realize that some of our new students and grade 4 students may have ukuleles, buckets and drumsticks at home already, but we would like everyone to have the same instruments so that we have a unified quality of sound when we play together. If you already own a ukulele or a bucket and are thinking of using it, please check first with your music teacher to make sure that it will work with our instrument of choice.

To make this easy for everyone, we have worked with some of our local music stores to provide high quality beginner instruments at a discounted rate. Building upon the ukuleles that our school already owns, Cloverdale Campus students will purchase soprano ukuleles with G, C, E and A tuning and Fleetwood Campus students will purchase soprano ukuleles with Low G, C, E and A tuning.

**Ukuleles and drumsticks should be purchased through the school for students entering grade 4, for new students and for those needing replacement instruments. SCS will not be selling buckets so please purchase a 5-gallon bucket from Home Depot if you do not already own one.**

You have the option of purchasing a ukulele and drumsticks for your family, or one set for each of your children. We noticed that when siblings share instruments, class time is often disrupted for both music and homeroom classes when instruments needed to be exchanged. Often one sibling would forget to bring the instruments to school, leaving the other student with no instrument. We highly recommend that each child has their own set of instruments.

**\*\*ORDER UKULELE AND DRUMSTICKS HERE\*\***

We also recommend that students have their own ukulele tuner. We have some tuners at school, but they constantly go missing, get broken and run out of battery with the amount of usage. It helps speed up tuning time at the beginning of class if students have their own tuners as well as giving students more ownership of the tuning process. We

use a simple Snark Napoleon tuner at school, but any simple clip-on tuner purchased from a music store or from Amazon will work. We do not sell tuners at school.

[Long & McQuade tuner](#)

[Amazon tuner](#)

Finally, we wanted to let you know that we are exploring the idea of offering a one-day Modern Band Camp experience, possibly during this school year, for our Cloverdale and Fleetwood Grades 6 & 7 students. More Information will become available later, as plans unfold.

Please contact your music teacher if you have any clarifying questions;

Cloverdale Campus - Mrs. Locken [clocken@surreychristian.com](mailto:clocken@surreychristian.com)

Fleetwood Campus – Mrs. Mahon [emahon@surreychristian.com](mailto:emahon@surreychristian.com)

## FALCONS ATHLETICS

There are many opportunities for students to be involved in extracurricular athletics at both the secondary and elementary campuses. Our hope is inter-school competition will continue as normal again this school year. The extra-curricular athletic program will continue to provide learning experiences in a safe environment for all our students involved. We are excited to have the support of caring staff and volunteers who are committed to teach student athletes our core values of respect, commitment, encouragement, gratitude, and growth.

Athletic fees are applicable for teams at the secondary level. These fees are used primarily to offer the coach volunteers a stipend. An email will be sent to you requesting payment after your child has made a commitment and been selected to be on a team. This is where you will also sign off on the “Assumption of Risk” form acknowledging the risks associated with that sport.

## Sports Offered at Surrey Christian School

### Fall Season (September-November)

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#### Elementary

- Gr. 4-7 ♦ Cross Country Running: September-October
- Gr. 4-5 ♦ Development programs for boys and girls in soccer and volleyball on an annual basis (either in Spring or Fall season), based on interest, gym availability and coach/parent involvement.
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Co-ed Soccer: September-October
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Boys’ and Girls’ Volleyball (Tripleball): October-November

#### Secondary

- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Boys Soccer

- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Boys and Girls Cross Country
- E-sport: League of Legends
- E-sport: Rocket League

### Winter Season (December to February)

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#### Elementary

- Boys' and Girls' Basketball: December-February (Fleetwood gr.5-7; Cloverdale gr.6-7)
- Gr. 7 ♦ Co-ed Badminton: February-April
- Gr. 4-5 ♦ Development program for boys' and girls' basketball on an annual basis based on interest, gym availability and coach/parental involvement.

#### Secondary

- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Boys and Girls Basketball

### Spring Season (March to June)

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#### Elementary

- Gr. 7 ♦ Boy's and girl's Ball Hockey: March (Fleetwood only)
- Gr. 4-7 ♦ Co-ed Track and Field: March-May
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Co-ed Ultimate: May – June (Fleetwood only)
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Co-ed Softball (if enough interest)

#### Secondary

- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Girls Soccer
- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Co-ed Ultimate
- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Co-ed Track and Field
- Gr. 8-12 ♦ Co-ed Badminton

### All Year Sport Offerings

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- Gr. 8-12 Rock Climbing
- Grade 8-12 Robotics competitions