

**BACK TO SCHOOL  
2023-2024**



**SURREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
EDUCATING FOR WHOLENESS

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

### New Student Open House, Wednesday, August 30

Students from all grade levels, including Kindergarten, who will be attending Surrey Christian School for the first time in September 2023, are invited to the **New Student Open House session on Wednesday, August 30**. 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 BBQ

Welcome back to school! All families are invited to join us on Friday, September 8 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 the staff, play games, eat some food and enjoy the festivities with your family and friends, all at **no charge!**

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



The graphic features a light blue background with a faint illustration of a school building. At the top, the text 'Back to School' is written in a green, bubbly font, followed by 'BBQ' in a similar font. To the left is a blue outline of a basketball hoop, and to the right are two blue balloons. Below the title, the text reads: 'You're Invited to the Surrey Christian School Back to School BBQ! Join us for a fun-filled BBQ event as we kick off the new school year. Come and celebrate with friends, family, and our school community.' Below this, there are three lines of text: 'Date: Friday, September 08th', 'Time: 5:00pm - 7:30pm', and 'Location: Secondary Campus 15353 92nd Street'. To the left of the date is a blue outline of a hot dog, and to the right is a blue outline of a bucket of popcorn. At the bottom, the text 'POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, GAMES, HOT DOG & MORE' is written in a green, bubbly font.

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## 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

## Communication from School

The primary method of communication to parents from teachers, administrators and the office is **email**. In addition, on occasion you may receive a **text message** about a school closure or important reminder. **Seesaw** is an app for Kindergarten to Grade 7 parents and allows teachers to share updates about field work, and to upload/share class projects and individual work.

**IMPORTANT: All parents and students please add the following email address as a “safe sender” to ensure you receive all school-related messages:**

[noreply@myschoolmanagement.com](mailto:noreply@myschoolmanagement.com).

## 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.

## Administration Office

Administration Office staff are located at the Fleetwood Campus.

- Ben Yap, Superintendent
- Carolyn Gerber, Executive Assistant
- Grace Dehn, Director of Advancement
- Marina Silva, Advancement Coordinator
- Finance Office (currently at Secondary Campus, moving to Fleetwood in the fall):
  - 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 from the International Student Department are located at the 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

[SCHOOL/SHUTTLE BUS REGISTRATION FORM](#)

[SCHOOL/SHUTTLE BUS CANCELLATION/CHANGE FORM](#)

### School Bus Information

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The final touches are being placed on 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 5, 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. 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 Clarissa Medel in the finance office at [accounting@surreychristian.com](mailto:accounting@surreychristian.com) 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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There is shuttle service available between all campuses before and after school. Register for the shuttle bus using this link: [SCHOOL/SHUTTLE BUS REGISTRATION FORM](#)

## 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 2023-2024 school year.

## Absences & Late Arrival

Please 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 the school office (contact info above). If a student comes late to school, he/she must sign in at the office. To ensure a late is excused, parents should either email [absent@surreychristian.com](mailto:absent@surreychristian.com) or phone the school.

**Please indicate if your child is absent due to illness as we record illnesses differently than absences for other reasons.**

For families with children attending grades 8-12, please read the [Secondary Campus Attendance Policy](#).



## 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.

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

## 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 your campus office or [info@surreychristian.com](mailto:info@surreychristian.com). 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 30. 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).

## 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 encouraged 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 8-12 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-7 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. [Apply here for membership in the Society](#). Dues are paid on a 5-year renewal. Your application will go to the school board to review for approval.

## Spirit Wear

Optional school branded t-shirts and shorts are available for purchase on our website under "Shop". Please ensure that the student's spirit wear is clearly marked with his or her name. Fleece pants and hoodies are available and may be worn to PHE classes. [Order here](#).

## 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 5. 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 5-15, 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 18, 2023. **There will be no bus service home for Kindergarten students in September when school ends at 12:00 pm (including those in KinderCare) so please arrange for your child to be picked up.**

### KinderCare

Kindergarten is gradual entry for the first two weeks of school. KinderCare will be offered from 12:00 pm - 2:50 pm, September 6 -15. Please note we will not be offering KinderCare on the first day of school, September 5, 2023. There is a flat fee of \$200 for the eight days. [REGISTER HERE](#).

### 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 made available on Friday, September 1. It is a fairly complex procedure to place students into classes, and 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
- parent requests (while always considered, unfortunately these can never be guaranteed)

### 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

### 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.

## **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**

We can't stress enough the value of labelling 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 grades 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

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.
- Please respect pick-up and drop-off zones. Remain in vehicle and move on as quickly and safely as possible.
- Yield to buses
- 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
- Only use overflow parking when necessary

## CLOVERDALE CAMPUS GRADES K-7

### 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.

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- 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.

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- Parents are responsible for their vehicle and their children.
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- 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 GRADES 8-12

### 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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8:45 am: School 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 5 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 school will begin for all students. Schedules will be available for students on MySchool.

Students will meet in their Crew for a portion of the first day. 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 by Monday, August 28 along with an email from Academic Counsellor Carmen Meier. Please review the information with your child. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the contacts provided in the email.

### Attendance Policy

**We believe** that a vibrant classroom community helps us achieve our vision of becoming *fully alive in God's story*, and regular attendance is an integral part of achieving that vision.

**We value** the presence of all our students and recognize that being fully present with each other in our learning spaces is an important aspect of *educating for wholeness*.

**We understand** that the learning that takes place in-person cannot be replicated in any other way, and that our BC curriculum emphasizes experiential, hands-on learning.

Therefore, absences for any reason, negatively impact the educational experience for all students and it is our hope that students are present in class as much as possible.

#### **Absences:**

If a student does have to miss a class, please be aware of the following:

1. **The parent/guardian** is responsible to inform the school of the absence. This can be done by phoning or emailing the front office. For sickness or unforeseen absences, the school should be notified no later than 9:00 am that day. For pre-planned absences such as appointments, please inform the school well in advance. Please use discernment when it comes to 'excusing' a student from school. For example, we ask that families do their best to book appointments outside of school hours and discourage family trips that result in missed classes.
2. **The student** is responsible to contact their teacher(s) via email to explain their absence and to inquire as to whether there is anything they can do to continue their learning at home. This will help ensure a smooth transition back into the classroom for students who are absent for an extended period of time. The parent/guardian is also responsible for supporting their child in this communication process.
3. **The Teacher** is responsible to do their best to assist the student in transitioning back to class and to provide opportunities to make up work where reasonable and possible.  
\*Please note that there will be instances where the classroom experience cannot be replicated, and/or the nature of what was missed cannot be reasonably replicated or repeated without jeopardizing the integrity of the learning in the classroom. In these cases, it is likely that the student's grade may suffer because of the absence(s).
4. All absences will be followed up using our **restorative framework**, first asking the question, 'What happened?' to determine the nature of the absence. The next step will vary based on the response regarding the student's absence (i.e. a student missed class because of an appointment that everyone was aware of in advance vs. a student who slept in or 'skipped' the class). In all circumstances, the goal will be to repair any harm that was caused by the student's absence, and to provide the accountability and support needed to bring that student back to being fully present with the class. In cases of repeated absences, or absences that are 'unexcused,' we will partner with the family to take whatever steps are necessary.  
\*Please note that if a student is present for less than 60% of their classes, they may not get credit for the course.
5. An extended absence must be cleared by the school's administrative team as well as the course teachers two weeks prior to the requested leave date.

#### **Lates:**

If a student is late to school in the morning for any reason, they are asked to go to the office to sign in and receive a late slip, which they are to give to their teacher when they arrive first period. If they are late for any other class, consequences and accountabilities will arise as

established by the classroom teacher. Multiple 'lates' will result in a discipline notice. If there is a chronic issue with arriving on time, a larger meeting will be held involving parents.

**Leaving during the school day:**

If a student leaves school during the day for any reason, it is important that they communicate with their teacher(s) and sign out at the office and give the reason for why they are leaving. If a student becomes sick during the day, they should notify the office so that they can stay in the first aid room until they are picked up.

## 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 [HERE](#).

## 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 an option 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)
- For those who prefer Apple devices, we recommend the Macbook Air M1 or higher

## 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 15, 2023**. 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 Music Will, formerly 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 flourish as they engage in storyline through the Modern Band program.

**For SCS grades 4 – 7 music classes, it is mandatory for students to use a brown Denver soprano ukulele, a pair of drumsticks and a Home Depot 5- gallon bucket.**

**Grades 5 – 7 musicians can use the bucket, drumsticks and ukulele that they previously purchased for music classes.**

**Grade 4 students and new students entering grades 5, 6 and 7 will need to purchase a brown Denver soprano ukulele, a Snark ukulele tuner (Fleetwood Campus only) and a pair of drumsticks from the school. Parents are asked to purchase a 5-gallon bucket from Home Depot for their child before the start of the school year.**

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 brown Denver soprano ukuleles with G, C, E and A tuning and Fleetwood Campus students will purchase brown Denver soprano ukuleles with Low G, C, E and A tuning.

**Ukuleles and drumsticks should be purchased through the school ([ORDER HERE](#)) 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.

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)

With joy!

Cari Locken

Emmeline Mahon

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

## FALCONS ATHLETICS

There are many opportunities for students to be involved in extracurricular athletics at both the secondary and elementary campuses. 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 ♦ Co-ed Cross Country Running: September-October
- Gr. 4-5 ♦ Development programs for boys and girls in soccer and volleyball on an annual basis (either in fall or spring season), based on interest, gym availability and coach/parent involvement.
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Co-ed Soccer: September - early October
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Boys' and Girls' Volleyball (Tripleball): October-November

##### Secondary

- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Boys Soccer
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Swimming

#### Winter Season (December to February)

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##### Elementary

- Gr. 4-7 ♦ Co-ed Running Club: January-March (Fleetwood Campus only)
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball: December-February (Fleetwood gr.6-7; Cloverdale gr.6-7)
- Gr. 7 ♦ Co-ed Badminton: end of 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

- Boys and Girls Basketball



## Spring Season (March to June)

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### Elementary

- Gr. 7 ♦ Co-ed Badminton continues: March-April
- 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)

### Secondary


- Girls Soccer (depending on level of interest)
- Co-ed Ultimate
- Co-Ed Track and Field
- Boys and Girls Senior Badminton
- Co-ed Exhibition Ball Hockey (non-sanctioned)
- Boys and Girls Exhibition Beach Volleyball (non-sanctioned)

## Full year

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### Secondary

- Rock climbing



***To be a Falcon is to embody...***

***Respect***  
***Gratitude***  
***Commitment***  
***Encouragement***  
***Growth***

This deep hope extends to our student athletes, our families, our coaching staff and our fans. These embodiments encompass many areas of sport and what it means to be a part of a thriving community. We will represent our God, our school, our families and our team to our very best. This will allow us to model our school's mission and vision through athletics.