

**BACK TO SCHOOL  
2024-2025**



**SURREY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
EDUCATING FOR WHOLENESS

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## ALL GRADE LEVELS (KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12)

### New Student Open House, Wednesday, August 28

Students from all grade levels, including Kindergarten, who will be attending Surrey Christian School for the first time in September 2024, are invited to the **New Student Open House session on Wednesday, August 28**. Grade 8 students coming from the Elementary Campus are encouraged to attend the Secondary Campus session. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers, have questions answered and relieve some of those first-day jitters.

#### Elementary 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

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

### Back to School BBQ

Welcome back to school! All families are invited to join us on Friday, September 6 from 5:00 -7:30 pm at the Elementary Campus (8888 162 Street) for a fun-filled evening to celebrate a new school year. Meet the staff, play games, have some dinner, and enjoy the festivities with your family and friends, all at **no charge!**

Please consider utilizing our free shuttle from the Secondary Campus (15353 92 Avenue) as parking will be limited.

**\*Please note** that the location of the BBQ at the Elementary Campus is weather-dependent. In the event of rain, we may change the location to the Secondary Campus and notify parents on our Instagram page. Please follow us at <https://www.instagram.com/surreychristianschool/>.

### Late Start Fridays

School starts at 9:15 am every Friday for all grades. School buses typically run 30 minutes later than usual on Friday mornings. Please connect with your bus driver for specifics.

### **\*NEW\*** Cell Phone Policy

As more research emerges about the harmful effects of cell phone use on young people, Surrey Christian School is committed to creating a healthy learning environment for our students. For this reason,

- **At the Secondary Campus**, cell phones are not permitted to be visible during classes, grade gatherings, chapels/assemblies, or in our Library Learning Commons.

- **At the Elementary Campus**, cell phones are not permitted to be visible from the first bell until the final bell. Students may access their phones to text or call their parents with specific permission from a staff member. The office phone remains available to students throughout the day.

It is highly recommended that students store their phones in their bags or lockers during these times to help with impulse control. If a cell phone or wireless earbuds are visible during a restricted time or in a restricted space, they will be confiscated and brought to the front office, where they can be picked up by the student at the end of the day. A second offence will require the student to check in their phone each day at the front office for a week. Further offences will require longer check-in periods.

We expect that our policies around technology will be revisited yearly as new devices, research, and policies come out across BC and Canada. We also know that it may take some time for students to create healthy habits with their phones and other devices. We remain committed to working with students and parents/guardians, while also maintaining strong boundaries to help facilitate healthy learning spaces.

## 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 one of the tools that Kindergarten to Grade 7 teachers use to communicate your child's learning to you. Throughout the school year, your child will share artifacts and reflections that showcase their learning on the Seesaw app. Your child's teacher may also use this platform to share photos and send messages to families. Please be sure to accept the invite to Seesaw from your child's teacher.

**IMPORTANT:** All parents and students please add the following email address as a "safe sender" to ensure you receive all school-related messages and that they do not go into your junk mail: [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](mailto:@surreychristian.com). For example, Jane Smith = [jsmith@surreychristian.com](mailto:jsmith@surreychristian.com).

## Business Administration Office

Business administration office staff are located at the Elementary Campus.

- Ben Yap, Superintendent
- Carolyn Gerber, Executive Assistant (Mon & Tue)
- Aeri Yi, Executive Assistant (Wed-Fri)
- Grace Dehn, Director of Advancement
- Marina Silva, Advancement Coordinator

- HR Manager, Janyne Messelink
- Finance Office
  - Joanne Ironside, Director of Finance
  - Christina Binnema, Financial Administrator
  - Clarissa Medel, Finance Assistant (K-12 tuition)
  - Julia Fraser, Finance Assistant (Childcare and Early Learning fees)

International department staff members Helen Park & Jessica Liu are located at the Secondary Campus.

## Campus Office Hours and Contacts

### Elementary 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)

604-498-3233 (press 5)

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

Contact Diana Daigneault at [ddaigneault@surreychristian.com](mailto:ddaigneault@surreychristian.com)

604-498-3233 (press 6)

## 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 Bus Information

The final touches are being placed on bus routes now. 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. **New bus registrations for returning students are not being accepted at this time.** Families may be added to a wait list but there are no guarantees that a space will be available.

[SCHOOL/SHUTTLE BUS REGISTRATION FORM](#)

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

Drivers will contact families with the pick-up time and place before the first day of school. If you have not heard anything by August 30, 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 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 as of 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 a shuttle service available before and after school between the Elementary and Secondary campuses and between the Cloverdale Rec Centre and Elementary/Secondary campuses. 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 2024-2025 school year.

## Absences & Late Arrival

Please inform the school office by 9:00 am if your child will be absent or late by emailing [absent@surreychristian.com](mailto:absent@surreychristian.com). Alternatively, call the school at 604-498-3233 and press 1 to leave a message. If a student comes late to school, they must sign in at the office.

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

For families with children attending grades 8-12, please read the [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 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 email parents and students when the timetables are ready for viewing in late August. We 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 28. Students can also view their timetables using their parents' MySchool account.

## 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 to 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 whom to contact for specific needs.

**Parent Drivers:** We appreciate parents who volunteer to drive Grade 8-12 students to a sporting event or fieldwork. 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

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](#). Your application will go to the school board to review for approval. Membership fees are paid on a five-year renewal basis.

## Physical & Health Education Wear

At SCS, we emphasize the importance of having relevant equipment/clothing for the task at hand. Therefore, for Physical & Health Education (P.H.E.), we desire students to be wearing adequate footwear and athletic clothing to meet safety, comfort and personal hygiene needs. Below are the guidelines for specific grade levels.

### Kindergarten to Grade 3

Students in the primary grades do not get changed for P.H.E. and participate in their daily clothing. On days that your child has P.H.E., please ensure they are dressed appropriately for indoor or outdoor physical activities.

### Grades 4 to 12

Before Physical & Health Education (P.H.E.) classes, we strongly recommend students change into:

- A SCS Falcons t-shirt or another athletic top.
- SCS Falcons shorts/sweatpants or other appropriate athletic bottoms.
- Appropriate footwear such as running shoes or sneakers, not boots or slip-ons.

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 P.H.E. classes.

[Order here.](#)

## KINDERGARTEN SPECIFIC

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

The first day of school for all students, including Kindergarten, is on Tuesday, September 3. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 pm. Please note that every Friday school starts at 9:15 am at the Elementary Campus.

### Class Lists for Kindergarten

For the first four days of school, Kindergarten students will be assigned a homeroom class alphabetically based on their last name. Class lists for the remainder of the school year will be made available on the afternoon of Friday, September 6.

### Gradual Entry

From September 3-13, 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 16, 2024.

**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 a gradual entry for the first two weeks of school. KinderCare will be offered from 12:00 pm - 2:50 pm, September 4-13. Please note we will not be offering KinderCare on the first day of school, September 3, 2024. There is a flat fee of \$200 for the eight days. There are only one or two spots still available in the KinderCare program this September. [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 the 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 the Elementary Campus.**

## ELEMENTARY CAMPUS GRADES K-7

### Class Lists

Parents will receive an email on Friday, August 30, with instructions on how to view the class lists for Grades 1 through 7. Kindergarten students will be assigned a homeroom class alphabetically for the first four days of school. Class lists for Kindergarten students will be communicated on the afternoon of Friday, September 6.

Please note that it is a complex procedure for staff members to place students into classes, and we take into account the following factors:

- male/female ratios in classes
- student learning needs
- academic abilities
- emotional/social needs
- relational/ friendship needs and desires
- 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.

## **Wheels**

We love that children bike, rollerblade, 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 and 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 or cold temperatures are 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 Grades 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 the [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.

## Earthquake Comfort Kits

Please prepare an earthquake comfort kit for your Grade K-7 child to provide them with some of the resources that they 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 13, 2024**. All bags will be placed in plastic bins. The kits will be returned to the students at the end of the school year.

## 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 the 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 the 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.

## Modern Band Instruments for Grades 4-7

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grades 4–7 Musicians,

Welcome back to another school year! We are excited to share some 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. Mahon is a Level 2 certified teacher, 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 as SCS musicians engage with the Modern Band program, they will embody wonder, creativity, craftsmanship and humility and share beauty through music to participate in restoring God's world.

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. We also have 11 beautifully hand-crafted marimbas, which, when combined with the Modern Band approach, create a sound fusion that is unique to SCS.

### Instrument Requirements

Grade 4 to 7 music students must use a brown Denver soprano ukulele, a pair of drumsticks and a Home Depot 5-gallon bucket.

- **Students returning to Grades 5, 6 and 7** may use the same bucket, drumsticks and ukulele that they purchased last year.
- **All students entering Grade 4 and new students entering Grades 5, 6, and 7** will need to purchase the following items through the school. The school has an arrangement with some of our local music stores so that we can provide our students with high-quality beginner instruments at a discounted rate. Click [HERE](#) to order the following:
  - a brown Denver soprano ukulele with low G tuning
  - a Snark ukulele tuner
  - a pair of drumsticks

Please note that SCS does not sell buckets, so **families will need to purchase their own 5-gallon bucket from Home Depot** if they do not already own one.

If you have more than one child in grades 4 to 7, you have the option of purchasing one set for your family; however, we notice that when siblings share instruments, class time is often disrupted for both music and homeroom classes when instruments need to be exchanged. One student may forget to bring the instruments to school, leaving their sibling with no instrument. We highly recommend that each child has their own set of instruments.

Please contact Ms. Mahon if you have any clarifying questions.

With joy!

Emmeline Mahon  
[emahon@surreychristian.com](mailto:emahon@surreychristian.com)

## Orchestra Ensemble

Orchestra Ensemble is an exciting extracurricular program to further develop and inspire our Grades 4 to 7 students to share beauty through music for restoring God's world. Under the direction of Ms. Yoanita Kartadihardja, the practices will be held at lunch or after school on Wednesdays at the Elementary Campus.

The **Beginner Lunchtime Orchestra Ensemble** is for students in grades 4-7 who would be new to their chosen instrument. Lessons will be on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:00 pm.

The **Intermediate Afterschool Orchestra Ensemble** is for students in Grades 4-7 who have had at least one to two years of experience playing their chosen instrument. Lessons will be on Wednesdays after school from 3:00-3:45 pm for the whole orchestra.

Every other week, the woodwind/brass/percussion section stays until 4:15 pm, and on alternate weeks, the strings section stays until 4:15 pm.

If you are interested in signing up for this extracurricular activity for the 2024-2025 school year, please [REGISTER HERE](#) and submit the fee. Lessons will begin on September 11, 2024. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Instructor Yoanita Kartadihardja directly at [ykartadihardja@surreychristian.com](mailto:ykartadihardja@surreychristian.com).



## 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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8:35 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 3 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 Grade Connect (formerly known as Crew) for a portion of the first day. Grade Connect 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 Grade Connect group they are in and where they meet.

### Schedule Changes

Students should be able to access their schedules through MySchool by Monday, August 26 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 for informing 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 for contacting 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 for doing 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 disciplinary 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), 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 Bible for Teens (recommended) can be purchased [HERE](#).

## Personal Device

Every student in Grades 8-12 requires a laptop for classroom use. Families of 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.

## 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 provides 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 teaching 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 the fall or spring season), based on interest, gym availability and coach/parent involvement.
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Co-ed Soccer: September to 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
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Boys' and Girls' Basketball: December-February
- 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
- Gr. 4-7 ♦ Co-ed Track and Field: March-May
- Gr. 6-7 ♦ Co-ed Ultimate: May – June

### 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
- Robotics



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***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.