

FRIENDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

July 2021

Dear Friends Christian Elementary School Family,

We are having a wonderfully busy summer here on the elementary campus! Besides Summer Blast excitement we are also enjoying all that comes along with remodeling - the dust, the trucks, the noise, and the anticipation of a new school year!

Our theme this year is **“Greater is He!”** based on what the Bible says in 1 John 4:4 NIV, “You, dear children are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” In a world where we can easily allow ourselves to feel overwhelmed, we are promised that because of Jesus we will overcome. We will overcome fear, hate, and evil. Jesus in us is greater than the world!

I am praying for all of us and ask for you to join me in praying for God’s continued protection, provision and wisdom as we prepare students to learn and live and love like Jesus!

See you soon!

Becki Crandall
Elementary Principal, Grades K-4

Be In The Know...

Office & Finance

The school office is open Monday through Friday during the summer months from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Regular office hours of 8:00AM – 4:00PM will resume on Monday, August 16th. The office will be closed on Friday, September 3rd and Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day holiday. School will begin on Monday, August 30th at 8:45AM.

FCS payment system is provided by FACTS Management Company. All payments for the 2021-2022 school year will be managed through the FACTS online system. Please direct any questions about our financial policies and billing to the Finance Office at 714.777.3074. The Finance Office is open during the summer from 9:00AM to 12:00PM Monday through Friday.

Tuesday Enrichment Hour

As part of our commitment to continue to become better all the time, each Tuesday the elementary campus will dismiss at 1:50PM so teachers can participate in professional development. This early dismissal gives us an opportunity to provide a weekly Enrichment Hour. Students may be picked up at that time following the daily pick-up routine or attend extended care however, there will be a variety of opportunities for student involvement on campus. More information will be available in August. There will be no extended care fees charged the first hour on Tuesdays.

1st Grade Students

First graders are required to have had a physical within eighteen months of beginning first grade (not earlier than April 1, 2020). A state form must be filled out and signed by a doctor and returned to the school office. (find in attachments)

Supplies

The school provides general student supplies. Parents will need to provide a backpack or book bag for their student(s). Book bags with rollers are allowed as long as they are not rolled on the stairs. All backpacks and book bags must be able to fit inside a student cubby (9 ½” x 12”). First graders and new students will receive an NIV Bible from their teacher, which is to be left at school for use in the classroom. Returning students – Bibles were sent home over summer and are to be brought back on first day of class.

Uniforms

Uniforms may be purchased through Dennis Uniforms. Acceptable uniforms are those purchased through Dennis Uniform, Globalschoolwear, True Grits, and/or Parker. Uniform clothing items – including Spirit Wear items – may not be altered or modified in any way. See enclosed policy.

Free Dress Day Guidelines – Students in grades K-8th who are awarded with a free dress pass are to wear clothing that meets the FCS Dress and Grooming Code standards. (find in attachments)

- *No oversized or tight fitted apparel.*
- *No tops that at any time expose a bare midriff or undergarments. No spaghetti straps (2" wide straps minimum)*
- *Garments must have finished hem without holes or rips.*
- *Shorts/Skorts length are to be no longer than bottom of kneecap and no shorter than mid-thigh (6" above knee)*
- *Skirt length may not be more than 4" from foot when kneeling and must reflect modesty.*

ClassLists

So much care and prayer goes into the creation of each class list with consideration given to individual student academic and social needs. Our family handbook gives clear instructions regarding requests for class placement (p. 11). Class placement is final and will be emailed on Thursday, August 26th, before Meet Your Teacher on Friday, August 27th. While it may be tempting to intervene, we ask you to trust this process and God's plan for your student to have a wonderful year learning, making new friends, and growing in their relationship with Jesus.

If your plans for enrollment have changed and your child will not be returning to FCS, please call the school office immediately at 714.777.3009 and then send a written note or email to confirm the change. We are unable to fill vacancies without written notification from those who are dropping. We still have openings at several grade levels.

Schedule Highlights

August 27th – Meet Your Teacher Day

- Meet your teacher this year will be on August 27th from 9:00AM – 11:00AM.
- Class Lists will be emailed on Thursday, August 26th via RenWeb, and posted on Friday, August 27th on the upstairs classroom windows near the flagpole, and downstairs classroom windows of Room B3.
- The cost per lunch will be \$5.00. A 5—day ticket will cost \$25.00 and a 10—day ticket will cost \$50.00. Lunches may be purchased through the FCS App or online through FACTS. A lunch menu for August and September is sent with this mailer and will be posted in Resource Documents on RenWeb. (*lunch rate is subject to change as market dictates*)
- The school office will close at 12:00PM.

August 30th – First Day of School

- The first day of school is Monday, August 30th. Extended Care will open at 7:00AM. Students may be dropped off in the Multi-Purpose Room. Kindergartners need to be signed in to extended care by an adult. School begins at 8:45AM.
- Kindergartners (as well as their parents) will receive instructions for 1st day of school arrival at Meet Your Teacher. First through fourth graders are to be lined up on the playground when the whistle is blown at 8:45AM.
- Hot Lunch will be available on the first day of school. (*Entrée – Chicken Nuggets from Chick-Fil-A*)
- The first day of school is a full day (kindergartners enrolled in the half day program will be dismissed at 12:45PM; students in grades 1-4 and kindergartners enrolled in the full day program will be dismissed at 3:00PM). Student drop—off and pick—up information is attached. If you arrive on campus before classes are dismissed, you must park in a marked parking space in one of the parking lots. ***Please DO NOT line up early in the driveway or on Lakeview Avenue.***
- Extended Care will be available until 6:00 PM. ***ALL*** Students must be signed out of extended care by an adult.

September 9th – Back to School Night

- Back-to-School Night will be held on Thursday, September 9th. Information coming soon.

September 29th – Picture Day

- Wednesday, September 29th is school picture day. Pictures with Class Photography will be taking individual student pictures. Students are to wear their school uniforms. Information and order forms will be sent home after school begins.

BACK TO SCHOOL

It all starts here...

Monday, August 30th