

# South Christian High School

Parent/Student Handbook  
2025-2026



## Mission

*To equip students to live Christ-centered lives  
and serve God to their greatest potential.*

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## ACADEMICS

### GRADES

1. The following grading scale is to be used by all teachers.

A (95-100)	4.00	C (73-76)	2.00
A- (90-94)	3.67	C- (70-72)	1.67
B+ (87-89)	3.33	D+ (67-69)	1.33
B (83-86)	3.00	D (63-66)	1.00
B- (80-82)	2.67	D- (60-62)	.670
C+ (77-79)	2.33	E (0-59)	.000

2. Final exams carry a maximum weight of 20% of the whole course.

3. Courses which have been modified will be noted with an “M” on the transcript.

4. All AP classes are graded on a 5.0 scale.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Academic Requirements:**

23 credits are required for each graduating senior. Students who have been enrolled for at least one year are eligible to receive a South Christian diploma. All students are required to take a minimum of 3.0 credits each semester. Students attending the Kent Career Technical Center will take at least 2.0 credits and may have only one study hall at South Christian.

All required courses (i.e. the 17 credits which must be taken for graduation) must include faith integration, be taught by South Christian teaching staff, and be taken at/through South Christian.

Any elective credits that are recorded on the South Christian transcript must include a Christian emphasis component (in compliance with the South Christian constitution). South Christian will require an additional faith component to be completed for all credits earned from outside sources with no faith integration. (Effective for the 2025-26 school year)

For students who transfer into South Christian from public schools, equivalent credits earned in grades 9-12 at the public school will meet graduation requirements.

Courses required of all students are the following:

Computer Tech.....	50 credit
<i>One semester computer course</i>	
English .....	3.5 credits
<i>Introduction to Literature, American Literature, World Literature, Composition 9, Composition 10, Composition 11, English Elective</i>	
Fine Arts .....	1.0 credit
<i>Band, Choir, Orchestra or Art</i>	
Mathematics .....	3.0 credits
<i>Three years of math</i>	
Physical Education/Health .....	1.0 credit
<i>Either Intro Strength or Sports &amp; Wellness (beginning with the class of 2026)</i>	
<i>Foundations of Wellness (for classes of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)</i>	
<i>Health</i>	
Bible .....	2.0 credits
<i>Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Worldview, Christian Doctrine</i>	
Science .....	3.0 credits
<i>Physical Science, Biology, Science Elective</i>	
Social Studies .....	3.0 credits
<i>Economics, World History, U.S. History, U.S. Government</i>	

## DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY

The intent of this policy is to allow South Christian students to fit a college course into their school day. Contact the counseling office for complete dual enrollment details.

### Requirements

1. Dual Enrollment provides opportunities for eligible students to enroll in postsecondary institutions and take college courses. The student begins this process by meeting with his or her counselor, completing the Student/Parent Agreement Form, and receiving approval from his/her school counselor.
2. Students who dually enroll must be full-time enrolled students and must take at least five classes, which may include the dual enrolled class.
3. The final grade and credit will not appear on the South Christian transcript.
4. A student may take a dual enrollment course only if an equivalent course is not offered at SCHS or it is a course students have already taken, or the class does not work in a student's SCHS schedule.

## SUMMER COLLEGE COURSES

Students who choose to take a college class during the summer months must schedule their college course so that it does not interfere with their South Christian schedule in any way. Any absences incurred due to the college course will count toward a senior student's absence total and may cause him/her to have to take exams for SC courses.

## EARLY GRADUATION AND SWITCHING TO PART-TIME STATUS

(Background information to this policy provided in the Curriculum Guide)

### Guidelines

1. Planning for early graduation must begin with the student's Counselor before the end of the junior year for early graduation and at least one full semester before the change to part-time status. The Counselor will help the student file the appropriate paperwork and follow the procedure outlined, which includes the approval of the registrar, finance office, dean of students, and principal.
2. Credit will be given for outside courses based on the Transfer of Outside Credit policy.
3. Dual enrollment courses will not be counted toward high school completion.
4. Receiving student services: Provided the student has spent his/her high school career at South Christian, school services such as career, college, and personal counseling, testing, support and care groups, tutoring, and academic support, are accessible.
5. Participation in athletics and extracurriculars: The MHSAA stipulates that students must be receiving at least 66% (i.e.--at least five of seven hours) of their education from South Christian, on the South Christian premises, in order for a student to be eligible for athletic participation. Participating in other extracurricular activities will follow these same guidelines: at least 66% of education from South Christian in order to be eligible.
6. Participation in other student activities: A student must be enrolled in and attending at least 4 classes during the current semester to participate in any school-sponsored activities. These include but are not limited to the following: Winterfest, Prom, Senior All-Nighter.
7. Participation in Senior Honors Events and Graduation:
  - A student must have completed seven semesters as a full-time student to qualify for any academic or athletic awards and be included in the Honors Convocation.

- A student may participate in graduation provided he/she meets all graduation requirements and attends the rehearsal.

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

If, at the beginning of the last semester of the senior year, a student is not scheduled for enough credits to graduate, the student may not participate in the graduation ceremony. If a student fails to satisfy the graduation requirements by no more than one credit, the student may participate in the graduation ceremony with approval of the Administrator/Counselor committee. A diploma will be issued when all credit requirements have been completed.

## KENT CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER (KCTC)

Juniors and seniors may attend KCTC for one or two years, missing two or three class periods per semester at South Christian. They will be made aware of KCTC opportunities when the registrar and counselors meet with them in January and February to choose classes for the following year. Students must visit KCTC before applying. Visits will be scheduled by the Counseling Office. Interested students must meet with their counselor to complete applications and plan their SCHS schedules.

Students enrolled in KCTC will also complete an additional faith integrated program.

## INTERNSHIP

The intent of this program is to allow an opportunity for upperclassmen students to participate in an internship with community business owners. Student interns would be released from school to attend the internship for two or three hours of the school day, with the option for the employer to hire the student for pay outside of school hours. Students who complete the terms of the internship will receive 1.0-1.5 elective credits per semester, depending on how many hours they were at the internship; no grade will be recorded on the transcript, and this will not affect the GPA in any way.

Students who are interested in pursuing an internship should begin the process with their counselor at least a semester before the internship would begin. The application process involves completing some paperwork, getting recommendations from South Christian teachers, and interviewing with the counselor, the internship program coordinator, and the employer.

## OTHER POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

If a student desires a particular educational experience that South Christian has not previously accommodated, the student, in conjunction with his/her counselor, will write a proposal. The proposal will be submitted to the School Leadership Committee for approval and to the Education Committee (for affirmation/veto).

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

These are awards given at the Honors Convocation by each department to seniors whose work has been exemplary. Criteria for these awards are available to students from department chairpersons.

## HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Particular procedures, including placement and credits earned, are to be followed for any home schooled students who return to or enter South Christian. A complete policy can be obtained from the office.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The South Christian community benefits by admitting students from other countries. Some guidelines have been set by the board to help ensure a successful experience for the student and the school. A complete policy can be obtained from the school office.

## INCOMPLETES

If, because of illness, a student does not complete the requirements of a course by the end of the current marking period, an "incomplete" will be given. The student has two weeks from the end of the course to make up an incomplete and must take the initiative to contact the teacher. If the work is not made up in the allotted time, the incomplete will become an "E".

## GRADE REPLACEMENT POLICY

If a student shows the motivation and desire to improve his or her grade in a course, that course may be retaken for a replacement grade.

1. The student must work in conjunction with his or her counselor to ensure that retaking the course adheres to Grade Replacement Policy and maintains the plan for graduation. Additional approval may be required by the Admin/Counselor Committee.
2. The student may not retake a course at a lower level in a course sequence when he or she has successfully completed courses later in the sequence. (For example, a student may not retake Spanish I after completing Spanish II.)
3. The course must be retaken at/through South Christian.
4. Once the final grade has been earned, the Registrar's office will designate the original course and grade as being replaced, and the grade will be removed from the GPA. The new course and grade will be added to the transcript and calculated into the GPA.
5. A student may receive credit only once for the course.
6. If a student receives a lower grade in the retaken course, the new, lower grade will be added to the transcript and calculated into the GPA and the higher grade will be designated as replaced and removed from the GPA.
7. The normal drop policy for courses will apply to courses being taken for replacement grades.
8. Students who are eligible to participate in an approved credit recovery program will receive the designation of CR for successful completion. The credit will count toward graduation totals, but it will not be factored into the GPA. The original failed grade will remain on the transcript, be designated as replaced, and be removed from the GPA calculation.

This policy will be effective for the 2025-26 school year. Anyone who is a student at South Christian in the 2025-26 school year may take a class (from any previous year at SC) for a replacement grade, which will be recorded in the 2025-26 school year.

## SNOW DAY POLICY

This policy is to recognize that technology allows snow days to be used for learning. This policy will recognize that and serve to stabilize the calendar, allowing for more predictability.

1. On any given snow day any teacher may assign work if it makes sense, if it enriches, or if it advances the course. A relevant plan that fits the flow of the course is desired. It is possible that each teacher would have a few snow day enrichment lessons ready. Snow days can also be seen as an opportunity to do something outside the normal scope of the course which will enhance and enrich the course. For example, a PE teacher might decide to have students read an article about the sport currently being learned or give a workout routine for students to do at home.
2. AP teachers are expected to advance their course content on all snow days.
3. All work should be communicated by email, Google Classroom or other class communication by 10:00 AM. Students and parents will be reminded of this by email each snow day.
4. Work should not require the use of a textbook unless the teacher provides an electronic copy of the reading. This is not a violation of copyright if it is the student textbook.
5. All athletic practices will be decided on by noon. Games will be allowed by each level if determined it is safe and will be communicated as soon as possible.

Work that is not done will be treated as incomplete work (i.e. homework not done or work missed because of absence).

## SCHEDULING, SCHEDULE CHANGES, DROPPING COURSES

All students must take a minimum of 3.0 credits; students may have only one study hall per semester at SCHS. Classes are planned and teachers' schedules developed on the basis of classes selected by the students during spring registration. Students should make any necessary changes by May 31. After that, changes are possible only if there is room available in scheduled classes.

A course may be dropped with written permission from the parent and the teacher.

- If a student drops a course in the first two weeks of a semester, he or she may add a different course in which there is space available. He or she will be expected to make up all missed work.
- Students who drop a course after two weeks (but before the ninth week of the semester) and do not already have a scheduled study hall will be assigned to a study hall. Students who already have a scheduled study hall will remain in the course or meet with administration to consider an alternative plan.
- If a student drops a course after nine weeks of the course, he or she will automatically be given a failing grade on his or her permanent transcript.

## TEXTBOOK RENTAL

All basic texts are loaned to students for their use during the school year. The student must buy necessary workbooks and supplies. Textbooks are to be kept clean and handled carefully. The student's name should be written on the book label. The student is required to pay for lost or damaged books before taking final exams.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

### Academic Honors

Highest honors - will be given to students with a cumulative GPA of 4.00 and above, as determined after the 7th semester at South Christian.

Honors - will be given to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.80 - 3.999, as determined after the 7th semester at South Christian.

Students will be recognized at the Honors Convocation (see "School Events") in the spring and with a special designation on the graduation program.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards are emailed to parents at the end of each semester. In addition to current grades, report cards indicate GPA, total credits earned, and attendance.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Courses that have been modified will be noted with an "M" on the transcript. Courses that have been modified due to illness will be noted with an "IM" on the transcript.

## EXAMS

The rescheduling of any exam due to an absence must happen through the Assistant Principal. Typically, exams are rescheduled only in the event of illness.

### Snow Day Procedure during Exams

In the event of a snow day during exams, information regarding rescheduling will be communicated via email.

## EXAM EXEMPTIONS

Students may take up to 6 exams during the 3 designated exam days. Students who have 3 exams scheduled for one day may request an exemption from the Registrar's office. Information regarding exemption requests will be published in the weekly announcements near the end of the semesters. A committee of teachers and the Registrar decides which exam will be exempted based on a variety of factors. Students are notified of their exemption within the last few days of the semester.

- If receiving an exemption brings the student's total exams taken to 5 or 6, the exempted exam does not need to be taken at all.
- If receiving an exemption leaves a student with fewer than 5 exams to take, the exempted exam will be rescheduled for a different day.

## SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION

To qualify for exemption from second semester exams, a senior must receive a final grade for the semester that is an A or A-, or equal to or higher than their cumulative GPA, must not exceed 3 absences after Spring Break during second semester, and have fewer than 2 discipline points.

## TESTING FOR STUDENTS

Registration information is available in the Counseling Office for the following:

- The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is given at SCHS in October to interested juniors who are college bound. The PSAT 9 and PSAT 10 are given to freshmen and sophomores at SCHS in April. The SAT is given to juniors in April.
- The ACT and SAT are standardized tests that measure college readiness and predict future academic success. Standardized test scores are one of the criteria used by colleges to judge a student's entrance qualifications and scholarship potential. The National testing dates are offered multiple times a year at test centers in the Grand Rapids area. Both tests may be retaken multiple times.

## EXIT POLICY

When a student transfers to another school, certain arrangements regarding tuition must be met before academic records can be forwarded. An admissions withdrawal form from the office must be completed and signed. A copy of the Exit Policy can be obtained from the office.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### BOOK RENTAL POLICY

All basic textbooks are rented to students for use during the year. This fee is included in tuition. Students are responsible for the books and will be required to pay for lost or damaged books. Workbooks, some paperback books, and other supplies are purchased by the students.

### TUITION

To meet its commitment to its staff and financial responsibility, the SCHS Board stipulates a portion of tuition is non-refundable. Parents must choose an approved payment plan, which will be withdrawn from their checking or savings account. The business manager or a member of the Finance Committee must be contacted if there is trouble meeting tuition obligations.

### SOUTH CHRISTIAN TUITION GRANT

SCHS receives and utilizes funds from various sources. These include, but are not limited to, South Christian Foundation, New Life Thrift Store, Sports Boosters, Fine Arts Boosters and the like.

Because of these programs and their generous support, the amount of tuition required to be paid is less than the actual cost of education. Each year families will have the opportunity to decide whether to accept the South Christian Tuition Grant and pay the required tuition, or to pay the full cost of education. Parents who elect to pay the full cost of education receive a donation receipt for the difference between the actual cost of education and the required tuition amount.

### SCRIP

SCRIP is an opportunity to reduce your tuition due. Through this program a percentage of money spent at participating community merchants is rebated to SCHS for your tuition credit. Check with the finance office for information and an enrollment form.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### COUNSELING

Our counseling department offers help to the students through academic, college & career, and personal counseling. A counselor and a social worker are available every day. The services of the counseling department include:

- Testing - coordinates registration for and interprets results of PSAT9, PSAT10, PSAT, NMSQT, SAT, ACT, and career tests.
- Post-secondary educational planning - includes SCOIR, applications, scholarships, representative and college visits, and financial aid.
- Military information - available on all branches of the military.
- Personal counseling - concerns or problems can be discussed confidentially.
- Referral service - students can be referred to outside agencies for additional assistance or help.
- Scheduling - the counselors and the registrar assist students in selecting classes and developing a four-year plan. They are informed about college requirements and recommended high school course work for specific careers.
- Academic Counseling – counselors partner with teachers, ESS, and the admin/counselor team to provide academic counseling and academic interventions for students.

### FOOD SERVICE

South Christian offers an innovative Food Service program, allowing students to purchase items ala carte throughout the school morning. Options include made-from-scratch entrees, wraps, and salads along with beverages, candy, chips, and a variety of snacks. South Christian's campus was designed to grow community fellowship. Instead of having a designated cafeteria, students are encouraged to gather both inside and outside the building during break and lunch periods. We have numerous serving locations throughout the campus. HeBrews Cafe opens at 7:15 a.m. in our concession area with a variety of hot and cold drinks, breakfast sandwiches, donuts, parfaits, smoothies, and snacks available until the end of break time each day. It reopens at lunch with specific offerings designated on the menu. A second break location opens up each day by the Media Center. During the lunch period, a variety of entrees, beverages, and snacks are offered in the Kitchen Serving Area and the Cafe. Specific entree locations can be found in the weekly announcements, monthly calendar and daily on the screens around campus.

Both the Bookstore and Food Service operate on a cashless system. Funds may be added to a student's [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) account anytime online or by cash or check brought to the office during office hours. The MealTime account gives parents a snapshot of exactly what is being purchased and is an excellent program that equips the student and parent to have an open discussion about food choices and budgeting. Each August an informational email is sent which includes detailed instructions about the program along with the pin number which is necessary to make purchases. Documents such as our menu and allergen information may be found on the school website. The menu and any necessary details or specials can be found monthly in our school publication, *The South Scenes*, our Tuesday Weekly Announcements, the screens throughout the campus and daily on InstaGram. Questions may be directed to Food Service at [foodservice@schs.org](mailto:foodservice@schs.org).

## STUDENT GUEST PASSES

Prior to the Visit: SCHS students must request a guest pass from the office at least two days before the anticipated visit. Parental permission is required before a guest pass will be given. Students are responsible to inform their guests about the school dress code.

Day of the Visit: The SCHS student and guest must report to the office together to sign in. At the beginning of each hour, the SCHS student should introduce the guest to each teacher.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

Our Educational Support Services (ESS) staff assist students with diagnosed educational needs.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be in the office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Announcements will be emailed to students, parents and teachers and posted on the website [www.schs.org](http://www.schs.org) each Tuesday.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND COMMITTEES

Art Club	Jazz Band	Student Council
AV Club	Madrigals	Tabletop Club
Connections	Marching Band	Theater
Chamber Orchestra	Morning Bible Study	Unified Sports
Dance Team	Praise Team for Chapel	Young Life Club
Drumline	Robotics	
International Club	Ski Club	

## ELIGIBILITY

### **Athletic Eligibility**

Eligibility for athletics is detailed in the “Eligibility and Training Rules for Student-Athletes at South Christian” document which can be obtained from the athletic office or at [www.southchristiansports.com/key-links](http://www.southchristiansports.com/key-links).

### **Non-Athletic Extracurricular Eligibility**

#### Academic Eligibility

- All ninth-grade students begin academically eligible to participate in extracurriculars.
- Previous Academic Record:  
Students wishing to participate must pass the equivalent of at least five semester courses to continue to be academically eligible into the next semester. Students failing to meet this minimum are ineligible for extracurricular participation for 60 scheduled school days. Students become eligible again on the 61st scheduled school day of the next semester, provided they are now passing at least five courses.
- Current Academic Record:  
Academic eligibility checks will happen at the end of every 9-week term. For each 9-week term, a student must be passing at least five classes and maintaining at least a 1.5 GPA. Students failing to meet this minimum are ineligible for the following 9-week term.
- The student may not perform with the extracurricular group during his/her ineligibility period. He/she may rehearse or practice the last two weeks of the ineligibility period in preparation for his/her return.
- The grades ending one school year apply to the first corresponding term the next fall.
- Individual cases can be appealed to the Eligibility Appeal Committee.

#### Disciplinary Ineligibility

- This policy will apply during the school calendar year for all extracurricular participants.
- This policy is in addition to any other consequences as listed in the student handbook.  
**Consequences given as a result of violating policy will begin immediately.**
- Discipline points:
  - 6 Discipline Points
    - The student will meet with the Assistant Principal who will outline the consequences for him/her when they reach 11 points.
  - 11 Discipline Points

- The student will be suspended from performances for a period of time determined by school administration. This amount of time is based on a variety of factors including the type of extracurricular and the type of performance, but will be fair, equitable, and relative to the athletic policy of student athletes being suspended for a minimum of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their season.
- **Illegal Substances** - For any use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or other banned substances, the following consequences apply:
  - **First Offense:**
    - Student will be suspended for a portion of their practices and/or performances of the current season, next season, or a combination of the two.
    - Student will complete a substance abuse assessment by a certified counselor. (Parents are responsible for the financial cost of the assessment and any counseling.)
    - Student will complete any recommended counseling.
  - **Second Offense:**
    - Student will be suspended for a larger portion of their practices and/or performances of the current season, next season, or a combination of the two.
    - Students will have regular appointments with an outside counselor.
  - **Third Offense:**
    - Students will be suspended from all extracurricular activities for a full school year with readmission only after an interview by the Education Committee of the School Board.

### School Attendance

A student may not participate in practice or a performance if he/she is absent because of illness from the afternoon classes on that date.

### **Eligibility Appeal Process**

Students participating in extracurricular activities and athletics must meet academic and behavioral eligibility standards. Academic eligibility is determined by 9-week grades, with a minimum GPA of **1.5** required.

Students who fall below this threshold may request an appeal if they are committed to improving their academic performance and believe extenuating circumstances contributed to their ineligibility.

### *Steps in the Appeal Process*

#### **1. Submit an Appeal**

The student must submit an appeal to the Eligibility Appeal Committee, either in writing or by meeting with the committee. The assistant principal will be the point person for the appeals process.

#### **2. Include Two Required Components**

The appeal must address the following:

##### ○ **Explanation of Extenuating Circumstances**

A clear description of the factors that led to the decline in grades, along with an explanation of how those circumstances have been resolved or are being addressed.

- **Grade Improvement Plan**  
In collaboration with a South Christian teacher-mentor, the student will develop a plan to improve their GPA to at least a 1.5.
3. **Committee Review**  
The Eligibility Appeal Committee will review the appeal and determine whether to grant or deny it.

*If the Appeal is Granted*

- The student must follow the agreed-upon Grade Improvement Plan.
- The teacher-mentor will monitor the student's progress.
- The registrar will check the student's GPA each Monday morning.
- If the student raises their GPA to **1.5 or higher**, they may return to participation.

If the student does not follow the plan or their GPA falls below **1.5** at any weekly check, the appeal will be revoked, and the student will remain ineligible for the rest of the season.

## STUDENT CLUBS POLICY

### Purpose

Student Clubs at South Christian High School can play a formative role in supporting student personal and spiritual growth and development. Student Clubs exist to provide students with opportunities to explore their God-given passions, interests, and talents outside of the classroom.

### Rules

While there is not necessarily a limit to the number or type of clubs South Christian will facilitate, Student Clubs must fit the following parameters:

1. Student Club membership must be limited to current South Christian High School students.
2. Student Clubs must have a faculty advisor/supervisor.
3. Student Clubs must be a positive reflection on the school's mission and values.
4. Student Clubs may not discriminate in membership.
5. If a club collects dues or raises funds, all finances must be managed through the school's business office.
6. Use of school facilities or equipment by a club must be approved and scheduled through the school office.
7. Student Clubs may in no way jeopardize or have the appearance of jeopardizing the school's status as a 501c3 organization. Specifically, school clubs may not be politically partisan or associated with any partisan organization.

### Process to start a new club

1. Any student may propose a new club. The proposal must include a stated purpose, a commitment from at least three charter members, and a faculty member who has agreed to advise the club.
2. Proposals should be submitted in writing to the school administration. Approval of the club does not guarantee any funding from the school.

All existing clubs are subject to review at the discretion of the school administration at any time.

## JUNIOR SENIOR PROM

1. Guests of an opposite gender from other schools may be invited. The number may be limited.
2. Students who attend the event must attend classes on that day.
3. Dress must follow the specific prom dress code.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has a highly active role. Its purpose is not to govern the students, but to serve as a coordination and discussion group between the student body and the administration where the students can assume as much of the responsibility of organizing their high school activities as they are able to handle. It is the place where problems, ideas, or questions arising from either the students or the administration can be presented for discussion and consideration. Members of the council are the students' representatives and have direct access to the administration.

## PERFORMANCE CONFLICT POLICY

- Avoidable Conflicts of Performance Dates
  - Directors of programs with possible conflicts (athletics, band, choir, debate, fine arts, robotics) will meet in March to schedule performance dates for the following school year.
  - When two major events that affect large segments of the school community have the same possible performance date, the administration shall determine whether one or both of the events should take place.
  
- Unavoidable Performance Date Conflicts
  - If a student attempts two extracurricular activities (not including band or choir) during the same season, he or she must declare a primary activity.
  - As soon as a conflict becomes known, coaches and directors should first try to agree to a solution amongst themselves. Cooperation through communication between sponsors is strongly encouraged. Coaches and directors may not discuss the conflict with students (except to become aware of the conflict) or attempt to influence them in any way.
  - A coach or director may not penalize an individual in any way for not participating in a performance or practice because of compliance with this policy.
  - If both sponsors cannot resolve the conflict, the principal will meet with them in order to resolve it.
    - The significance of the performance to the program as identified in the two charts below will serve as a guide, not rule, for decision making.
    - The performance value of each student to the respective programs may also be considered in this decision.

EVENT TYPE	Criteria Used			
	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Athletics	State Tournament	League	Non-league	Practice
Band	State Festival	Concert		Practice
Choir	State Festival	Concert		Practice
Debate	State Tournament	League Meet	Invitational	Practice
Fine Arts	State Competition	League	Invitational	Practice
Plays & Musicals	Performance			Practice
Robotics	Competition			Practice

## ATTENDANCE

Our policy encourages punctuality and regular attendance by all students. We believe this is important for these reasons:

1. We are responsible to God for using both our time and talent wisely.
2. No student can achieve his/her full potential by receiving the benefit of only part of an assignment or discussion.
3. Good work habits and attendance habits, cultivated in school, will help students be prepared for higher education and lifetime work.

### ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

1. Students who **arrive after first hour has begun** must, under all circumstances, **sign in** at the office. Failure to sign in will result in a zero hour.
2. Parental contact must be made **before** a student will be permitted to leave. Students leaving school with parental permission must, under all circumstances, **sign out** in the office. Failure to sign out will result in a zero hour.
3. Attendance is the student's responsibility. If parental contact has not been made by 8:00 a.m. on the day following the student's return, the student may be assigned a zero hour.
4. Parental contact – either by phone or with a note – must be made to account for all student absences. The SCHS attendance line is accessible 24-hours a day (616-455-3210). Forged notes and deceptive phone calls will result in disciplinary consequences.
5. If a student is absent for an extended period of time, it is recommended that parents request homework by emailing the teachers directly or contacting the school office.

### EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

1. Because the school believes participation in a class is part of achieving credit, any student who exceeds **twelve** absences of any kind in one semester class will be withdrawn from the class and will receive no credit for that class. This includes KCTC students. Attendance email notifications will be sent to parents for 6, 8, 10 and 12 absences.
2. A long-term illness exception may be granted by a written appeal that includes a doctor's signed statement that the student may not be in school.
3. School-sponsored absences (i.e. field trips, etc.) are not considered absences.

### TARDINESS

1. A student will be marked tardy for the following reasons: arriving late to class, coming to class without the required materials, or leaving class or school because of forgotten items. Students may receive tardies for restroom requests.
2. A student will receive three tardies per nine weeks without penalty. For every tardy beyond three, the student will be assigned a Breakfast Club. Tardies at KCTC apply to this policy.
3. If a student arrives after 8:15 a.m., the student is considered absent.
4. Whenever students are tardy first hour due to circumstances beyond their control, a written parental explanation or phone call must be received by 8:00 **the next morning** if the tardy is to be excused.
5. Arriving more than 15 minutes after any class has begun will be considered an absence, not a tardy.
6. If a student leaves class early, missing more than 15 minutes of the class will be considered an absence.

### KINDS OF ABSENCES

1. **Unavoidable Absences:**  
Unavoidable absences include personal illness, serious illness or death in your family, and medical or dental appointments which cannot be scheduled before or after school. The student's absence will be excused when parental contact is made. If the absence is more

than one day, parents are requested to contact the office each day.

## 2. **Planned Absences:**

Occasionally parents may decide that certain experiences or family needs may warrant a student's absence from classes. We strongly discourage parents from taking their students out of class. However, should parents decide to take their children out of school, the following procedures are to be followed:

### a. **Parent-Requested Absences (PRA)**

- 1) Requests must be made to the office using the PRA form at least two days before the absence. The PRA will then be authorized by an administrator. Forms are available in the office.
- 2) Students must be accompanied by their parent(s) or parent-appointed adult guardian (over 21).
- 3) The PRA should be used when the parents expect a student to be absent for more than one day.
- 4) These days should not be planned during the last five days of each semester or during exams. Teachers will not spend time in or out of class helping students learn missed concepts for a PRA taken during these times.
- 5) When arranging for a PRA, keep in mind the excessive absence policy: When a student misses more than 12 times in a semester, the student will lose credit for the course.
- 6) The school reserves the right to withhold permission for an excused absence based on the student's prior attendance record.

### b. **College Visits/Job Shadows**

- 1) Requests for all college visits and job shadows must be made at least two days before the visit and must be approved by one of the school counselors. Forms are available in the Counseling Office. Parental permission is required on the form.
- 2) Students must notify teachers of the anticipated missed classes for a college visit.
- 3) These days are counted as absences on the attendance record.
- 4) Under normal circumstances, these days should not be planned for the last ten days of each semester.

## 3. **Skips/Class**

- a. The penalty for a skip or a class suspension will be a minimum of 2 Breakfast Clubs for each class hour missed plus a minimum of two points will be added to the student's discipline record for each class hour missed.
- b. No missed work, including tests or quizzes, may be made up.
- c. The teachers will not spend time in or out of class helping the student learn missed concepts.

## 4. **Making up work for Planned Absences**

- a. Prior to their leaving, students will make arrangements with **other students** to collect homework assignments and to take notes in their absence.
- b. Students may request work from teachers. However, it is possible that for practical reasons, the teachers may not have work ready to distribute. The teacher may change lesson plans based on what is happening in the classroom during the time the student is gone. The reality is that, in many classes, work will have to be made up on the student's return.
- c. On their return, students are encouraged to seek help from other students to learn concepts and material taught in their absence.
- d. On their return, the **student shall initiate contact** with the teacher. An appointment will be set at a time convenient for the teacher for the purpose of setting up a time frame for turning in homework and projects and taking missed quizzes/tests. Students who fail to initiate contact with a teacher within a reasonable time will not be allowed to submit missing work.
- e. All homework, projects and tests must be completed in a timely manner. The time frame will be determined by the teacher at the scheduled appointment.
- f. Quizzes and tests may be made up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. in Room 123 or during a study hall. Teachers may have the option of giving an alternate version of a missed test or quiz.

- g. Teachers may have the option of not grading the missed daily homework with a letter grade. They may drop the assignments from the student's final grade.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Since the school bears the name of Jesus Christ, a high standard of conduct is expected of staff and students alike. Our public conduct should be consistent with our basic concept of life, and since we profess to love God above all and our neighbor as ourselves, we should reflect that love in all of our actions as well as in our attitudes toward each other and our work. Christian students in a Christian school should behave as Christians, following the Biblical principles we all accept as guidelines—"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."

The rules and regulations of South Christian High are in effect throughout the school day on or near the school property, at the Kent Career Technical Center, and at all school-sponsored events. Students who violate school rules will receive a consequence for their behavior.

### 1. **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is a study hall held in Room 123 from 7:10 a.m. to 7:40 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Students serving a Breakfast Club will be assigned one discipline point.

### 2. **Work Hour**

Work hours are service hours to the custodian. Unless otherwise indicated, students serving hours of work will be assigned 2 discipline point per hour of work.

### 3. **Zero Hour**

Zero Hour is a study hall held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 123 from 7:10 a.m. - 7:40 a.m. Students serving a zero hour will not be assigned a discipline point.

## **DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE**

Students who receive a Breakfast Club or hours of work must attend every Breakfast Club or work every hour until the time assigned is completed. If for some reason they cannot appear at the assigned time, they must explain this to the Assistant Principal on that day before first-hour class. If this does not happen, an additional Breakfast Club or hour of work may be assigned.

## **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

If a student is disruptive in class and is asked by a teacher to stay after class or after school for a disciplinary discussion and does not report, the student may be assigned a Breakfast Club.

A teacher may remove students from class if their conduct is such that it interferes with the educational process. Such suspension is considered an unexcused absence. (Zeros for missed work and a minimum of one hour of work and two discipline points will be assigned for each hour out of class). Parental contact must be made. When students are dismissed from a class, they must report to the office. Repeated dismissal will result in permanent removal from the class with a failing grade as well.

## **STUDY HALLS**

Study Halls will be held in the Anchor Entrance Commons and supervised by a Study Hall monitor.

### **Study Hall Rules:**

In order to establish a positive classroom environment that is conducive to studying, learning, and success for all, there are a few rules that must be followed. The ability to take a study hall is

a privilege. Any student who does not follow these rules is subject to school discipline, including the potential of being allowed to take study hall in the future.

- ALL STUDENTS MUST check in with their study hall teacher for attendance at the start of class.
- Students may sit in the designated study hall room, where desired, and that will become their assigned seat. The teacher reserves the right to adjust seating based on behavior.
- Students must ask permission to use the bathroom, go to their lockers, the printer, or anywhere else in the building. The locker rooms and gyms are off limits during study hall. A sign out sheet will be completed by the student.
- Study Hall is a time for students to work on homework, prepare for tests/quizzes, catch up on missed assignments, and even read/journal/sketch. Come prepared with something to do.
- QUIET talking regarding schoolwork is allowed in study hall. Remember to be respectful of others around you.
- Cell phones must be turned in to the study hall supervisor from bell to bell.

\*Violations of STUDY HALL RULES may result in a warning first and then a discipline referral.

## KCTC STUDENTS

Students returning from KCTC may not leave school grounds and may not loiter in the parking lot. If time remains before class begins, KCTC students may study or wait in the common space. They may not wander the halls.

## BEVERAGES AND FOOD

No beverages in glass containers may be brought into school. No snacks with shells, such as sunflower seeds or peanuts, may be brought into the school. All beverages and food are prohibited in the auditorium and the gyms. Violators will receive a minimum of a Breakfast Club.

## BUSES

When students are transported by bus, they are expected to behave courteously, keep all parts of the body inside the bus, use the trash can, use the proper exit, and be respectful of others.

## DRESS CODE

As an institution of Christian learning, our goal is to establish an environment that promotes learning and Christian community. Following the dress code creates an environment that honors Christ and promotes learning. In general, a student's clothing, jewelry, and hairstyle must be modest and not draw undue attention to him or herself.

**Overall Appearance:** Clothing must be neat and clean. Clothing that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, inappropriate music artists, sex, or the confederate flag is not allowed. Clothing with pictures or words that are sexually suggestive or demeaning is not allowed. See-through clothing is not allowed.

**Pants:** Should not have any holes, rips, or shreds and must be worn over the hips so that underwear is not visible. Pants should not have wording over the backside. Pajama bottoms are not appropriate.

**Shorts:** All shorts, including athletic shorts, must reach to the end of the extended fingertips.

**Dresses/Skirts:** Must not be more than one inch above the knee. When non-see-through, leggings, such as yoga pants, are worn, dress/skirts must reach to the end of fingertips.

**Girls' Shirts/Tops:** Must not be low cut or reveal cleavage and must hang below the waist so that, even when both arms are raised, midriff skin is not visible. They may be sleeveless if the straps are three inches in width from the neckline to the sleeve edge. Off-the-shoulder, racer-back and open-back tops are not appropriate. Bra straps must not be visible.

**Boys' Shirts:** Must have sleeves

**Miscellaneous:** Hats, hoods, and sunglasses must not be worn in the building during the school day. Tattoos must be modest. Nose piercings must be small and modest. Any clothing, accessories, makeup, hair, piercings, and/or tattoos that are determined to be offensive or distracting may be prohibited.

The dress code will be strictly enforced during school hours, but the administration has the right to determine appropriateness of attire at all school functions.

## PERSONAL HARASSMENT

Harassment is defined as any behavior or patterns of behavior from one student against another student which limits that student's ability to function in school or which creates a hostile or abusive environment in school. This behavior includes, but is not limited to, any physical, written, verbal, or electronic harassment against another student based on personal characteristics, gender, sexual orientation, race, or disability. Harassment of any kind violates fundamental Christian principles and is prohibited.

Any student who believes he or she has experienced intimidating or harassing behavior is encouraged to

- tell the harasser that the behavior is unwanted and must stop, and
- report the incident to an administrator, counselor, or teacher.

Any student who witnesses harassment is encouraged to

- directly inform the harasser that the behavior is unwanted and must stop, and
- report the harassment to an administrator, counselor, or teacher.

Precautions will be taken to protect the identity of any student who reports incidents of harassment.

Administrators will take all reported incidents of harassment seriously and will act to investigate all complaints in a timely manner. "I was just joking," or, "It was all in fun" will not be accepted as legitimate explanations by a student for harassing another student. Any student who is determined to have violated this policy will be subject to discipline which may include suspension or expulsion. If any harassment is criminal in nature, such as assault, the local police will be notified immediately.

## STUDENT DRIVING

Driving a car may be a necessity for many students, but students are expected to be cautious and careful. Careless driving (squealing tires, throwing up gravel, speeding, endangering lives and property) will result in a minimum of two discipline points, a \$25 fine and notification of parents for the first violation. There will be a minimum \$50 fine and possible loss of driving privileges for the second violation. Reports from neighbors about irresponsible student driving on surrounding streets will result in the same consequences as careless driving. The school is not responsible for accidents or damages to cars that occur on school property.

Student vehicles displaying inappropriate bumper stickers or inappropriate flags will be asked to remove them.

Generally, students will not be expected to provide their own transportation for field trips or athletic events. On rare occasions, a student may be asked to drive to an event. This will be done with parent permission.

## PARKING AND PARKING PERMITS

Students driving cars to school must obtain a parking sticker from the main office and display it on the lower left corner of the driver's side windshield. Students who do not display permits on their vehicles may receive a Breakfast Club. Students' cars must be properly parked between the yellow lines and locked during the school day. Students must park in the student parking lot. Underclassmen may not park in painted senior parking spots. Improperly parked cars may be fined a minimum of \$10.

## PARKING LOTS

Cars and parking lots are off limits to all students. A Breakfast Club and 1 point will be assigned to students found in the parking lot without permission during break or noon. There is to be no loitering in the parking lots before or after school or during noon hour. Violation of this loitering rule before or after school will result in a Breakfast Club.

## CHAPELS AND ASSEMBLIES

Chapel is a time set apart on Tuesday and Friday for faculty and students to worship together. Students should sit in the sections and seats assigned to them. Students' behavior in chapel should be reverent. Assemblies are held occasionally. Students are expected to sit in their assigned seats and behave courteously toward those leading worship or providing the assembly. A minimum of one Breakfast Club will be assigned for inappropriate behavior.

## CHEATING

Cheating is the dishonest use of another person's work by presenting that work as one's own. This includes tests, quizzes, assignments, or daily work. "Copying" and "pasting" for assignments is cheating. The possession of "cheat sheets," whether actually used or not, is interpreted as cheating and the penalty remains the same. If cheating involves an agreement between a "giver" and a "receiver," both will be treated equally with respect to discipline points. The teacher will determine whether the student will fail the:

1. Quiz, assignment, or test
2. The semester

Students caught cheating will be given hours of work and/or points as determined by administration.

## PHONE POLICY

Phones must be turned off and stored when students enter the school building. Phones must remain off and stored until the end of the school day.

Students may choose where they store their phone during school hours; however, it is a requirement that the phone is off and not in his or her possession during the day. This includes in pockets, bags, backpacks, or purses. A safe location will be provided in the high school office for students desiring to leave their phone there for the day. The school strongly recommends utilizing this option, or storing phones in locked vehicles or locked lockers to minimize temptation and maximize safety from potential theft.

Other personal technology – defined as any device that is not provided by South Christian, such as smartwatches, iPads, tablets, etc – is also prohibited. These items, like phones, must be turned off and stored during school hours.

If, for unavoidable reasons, a student must use his or her device during school hours, he or she is required to go to the main office to do so. Students may also use South Christian's landline to make calls. If parents must get in touch with their child during the school day, the parent should call the office, and the school will assist in getting the message to the student with an appropriate level of urgency.

### Locker Rooms

Locker Rooms are designated to protect the safety and privacy of our students. With safety and privacy in mind, locker rooms at SCHS are phone free zones at all times, including before, during, and after school. There should not be a cell phone in a locker room at any time. Original disciplinary consequences will be doubled.

### Enforcement

If a student is seen in possession of a phone during school hours, it will be collected and turned in to the main office where it may be picked up at the end of the day. All consequences for phone violations will be enforced at the end of the day.

### Consequences

- **First offense:** When the student comes to the office to pick up his or her phone, he or she will be given up to one discipline point and a breakfast club. The student must sign a statement that he or she understands that a second offense is subject to a \$50 fine.
- **Second offense:** Student is levied a \$50 fine and 2 additional discipline points.
- **Third offense:** Student is levied a \$50 fine and 2 additional discipline points. A parent must pick up the device from the office at the end of the day. At this time, the parent, student, and assistant principal will meet to discuss a plan to support the student in ending this behavior.

Any additional offenses will be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school and loss of other privileges.

### Medical Circumstances

Any students requiring their phone for medical circumstances should contact their counselor to begin the process of acquiring an exemption from this policy.

## LOCKERS

Students will be assigned a locker. Students may not change to another locker. Students should check their locker daily for messages from the school office or counselors.

Lockers are to be kept clean. They are inspected periodically with or without notice. Inappropriate locker decorations will result in an hour of work. Students who damage lockers will be charged.

Students may be suspended for entering another person's locker. Bags and other articles may not be left in the hallway. Only school locks, which are available from the office for a \$5 refundable fee, may be used. Use of a lock is highly encouraged. Theft from unlocked lockers is the student's responsibility. **DO NOT LEAVE UNLOCKED VALUABLES IN THE LOCKER ROOM.** Lock them up!

## DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Public display of affection is not appropriate.

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Students may not possess or use alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia. Students may not misuse prescription drugs. The penalty for these offenses will be suspension from school with readmission possible only after a meeting with parents and the Education Committee. An additional requirement for readmission may be an addiction assessment by a licensed counselor. Students shall not appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The penalty for this could include suspension.

Information regarding buying, supplying or selling drugs or alcohol will be reported to the parents. Students apprehended on campus or at a school-sponsored event for these activities will be reported to the police. These students will be recommended to the Education Committee for expulsion. Subsequent re-enrollment will be a board decision.

The school reserves the right to request that any student undergo an immediate drug/alcohol screening. This may include the use of a breathalyzer at events such as dances or prom. More information about drug testing is in the SCHS policy manual which is available from the office.

## HALL BEHAVIOR

Misconduct in the hallways will be treated in a way that is consistent with expectations of general behavior in the school. Students will receive appropriate consequences for doing damage, leaving garbage, using inappropriate language, mistreating others, running, etc. A Breakfast Club or hours of work will be assigned for misbehavior.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE AND UNLAWFUL ENTRY

Students and their parents are financially liable for damage to school property that was a result of vandalism. Any unlawful entry to the building or damage to the building may result in work hours, suspension, expulsion, and/or a call to the police. The school is considered closed at 10:00 p.m. unless there is a school-sponsored event.

## SMOKING AND VAPING

Smoking, the possession of tobacco or devices that simulate smoking, or helping others who are smoking, will result in a minimum of \$10 fine, 2 hours of work, and 2 points for the 1st offense and a \$20 fine, 2 hours of work, and 2 points for the 2nd offense. An addiction assessment by a licensed counselor may also be required at the parents' expense.

## WEAPONS

The possession of any explosive device or weapon, including but not limited to guns or knives, is not allowed in or around the school or at any school function. Any object used to threaten or otherwise create concern in the school community will be treated as if the object were a weapon. Violations of this rule will result in suspension and will be grounds for expulsion.

## SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL

Students may be suspended by the Principal or Assistant Principal for using alcohol, drugs, or mimic drugs; for uttering obscenities in any form; for deliberately abusing school property; for showing disrespect or disobedience to any school employee; for violently opposing authority; for promoting strife within the school; for fighting; for abusing fellow students; for degrading the name of the school; for stealing; for possession of a weapon or for neglecting to make up required hours or Breakfast Clubs.

Depending on the violation, a student will receive an in-school suspension or an out-of-school suspension. Suspensions may be from one day to two weeks. When a student receives a suspension, their parents will be notified.

A student who is assigned an in-school suspension will be assigned to a room in the school for the term of their suspension. They will receive assignments from the teachers and may not communicate with other students. Break and lunch time will be different from the regular time. Any non-compliance with in-school suspension rules will result in additional discipline.

The suspended student will receive a minimum of one hour of work or two Breakfast Clubs for each period suspended. The maximum number of points a student will receive for a suspension is five points.

## EXPULSION

Expulsion is the exclusion of a student from school. Administrators will recommend expulsion to the school board for the student whose conduct and attitude is such that he/she should be expelled. This is not limited to students who reach 21 points.

## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Occasionally during the school year, misunderstanding or problems may arise between teacher and student, teacher and parent, or parent and school. This is often the result of a lack of communication between the two parties. Therefore, to deal with these problems, the following prescribed plan should be followed. Please note that steps one through four must be done within **48 hours (or two school days)** of the situation causing the grievance.

1. The student should bring all grievances (questions, problems, complaints) directly to the teacher outside of class time.
2. If the grievance is not cleared up at the above level, the student's parent should contact the teacher.

3. If it is not resolved by the parent, the student should make an appointment with the principal.
4. If it is still not resolved, the parent should address the issue to the Education Committee in a letter so that it can be addressed at the next monthly meeting.

### POINT POLICY SYSTEM

The following point system will be used in determining the student's status at South Christian.

1. 6 points
  - a. The student will see the Assistant Principal and a letter will be sent to the parents.
  - b. The student is not eligible for student council for the current or following year.
2. 11 points
  - a. The student, with his/her parents, will attend an appointment with the administration and a counselor or social worker.
  - b. The student will be placed on probation at KCTC for the next full year.
  - c. The student will be suspended from athletics for a minimum of 1/3 of a season. Refer to the athletic policy.
  - d. Receiving 11 points for the second time will result in permanent suspension from all athletic activities. A student may appeal and regain eligibility one calendar year after the second violation by demonstrating a change of attitude to the eligibility appeal committee.
3. 16 points  
The student will attend a meeting with his/her parents, the administration, and the education committee of the board with possible placement on probation. The student is ineligible for KCTC for the next full year.
4. 21 points  
The administration will recommend to the education committee of the board that the student be expelled.
5. For students who graduate early, the above point levels are 3, 5, 8 and 11 respectively.

### TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Student use of technology at South Christian High School is a privilege. All technology usage must be in line with the spiritual and educational mission of the school.

South Christian High School provides students with access to the school's electronic communication systems and network for school-related and educational purposes. Students may use the systems for limited personal purposes with permission from a teacher or an administrator. Students may not use their personal computers to access the school's Intranet, Internet, or any other CIS system unless approved by the Technology Director or an administrator. Students must use South Christian's systems and software responsibly and ethically. Information taken from the Internet must be used for legal purposes or for non-profit purposes only.

All resources, user accounts, and information are the property of South Christian High School. Users have no privacy expectation in their use of the system. The school reserves the right to monitor and track system activity.

Students should be aware that information shared by students on the Internet is public information and can be used by school personnel when it involves students' behaviors at school or at school events. Conflicts between students occurring at school as a result of online communication at home or at school are school business. If a student believes he or she has received an intimidating or harassing communication from another student, this communication should be reported to an administrator, counselor, or teacher.

Any student determined to have changed or deleted anything from a computer's hard drive, reconfigured a system, or changed settings, etc. may lose computer privileges, be suspended from school, and/or pay any fees necessary to restore or repair the computer. Copying software from the school computers is considered theft of school property. Students who damage or break a school computer including laptops, iPads, Chrome Books, etc., whether maliciously or accidentally, will be required to pay the costs to repair or replace the computer.

Students must sign the school's "Acceptable Use Guidelines" in order to use school's computers and to access the school's systems. Violation of these guidelines will result in the loss of privileges and possible disciplinary action under the school discipline code.

## ORGANIZATIONS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

### FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

The Fine Arts Boosters work to maintain excellence for the Fine Arts programs of the school including, vocal music, instrumental music, visual arts, and theater. They support the fine arts by offering encouragement, financial assistance, and volunteers for special projects and events. The Fine Arts Coordinator organizes Fine Arts Booster business and regularly communicates with the Education Committee of the School Board and the Fine Arts staff. The Fine Arts Boosters meet monthly and anyone who wishes to support the fine arts at SCHS is welcome and encouraged to participate.

### MOMS IN PRAYER

Join other moms to pray one hour a week for your students and your school. See how God will change your life when you begin praying regularly with other moms. Email the coordinator with questions or comments.

### NEW LIFE THRIFT STORE

This joint venture of the five South Suburban Christian Schools is in need of volunteers for receiving donations, sorting, and clerking in the store. We are responsible to staff the store two months per year and this will be noted in the Weekly Announcements and South Scenes. Each parent is encouraged to serve a four-hour shift each year. Donations of gently used clothing, furniture pieces, and household items are also needed. The store is located at 4339 S. Division in Wyoming.

### SPORTS BOOSTERS

Sports Booster members are individuals that participate by volunteering in concession stands, ticket taking or other activities that promote a solid athletic program. In addition, there are several fundraisers that boosters will be asked to help with. Many hands are needed to make these programs work and limit the amount of time required by each member. One perk to volunteering your time is that you are given a free sports pass that lets you into home games throughout the school year. More importantly you will get an opportunity to interact with other parents and get to know more of the South Christian community. If you are interested in joining Sports Boosters please email [sports@schs.org](mailto:sports@schs.org)

### YOUNG LIFE MISSION COMMUNITY

This is a group of parents who care for the team of Young Life leaders and advocate for them in the community. This can mean any combination of praying for them, providing dinner, writing thank you cards, sending encouraging texts, or helping connect them to the community. For more information, contact Jenna Brinks (YL Staff) at [jbrinks03@gmail.com](mailto:jbrinks03@gmail.com).

*All volunteers will be subject to a state background check. If it comes back positive, a fingerprint background check may be required.*

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### ALL PARENT BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

This is your opportunity to meet the teachers as you go through your student's schedule of classes. Ninth graders' parents especially, are strongly encouraged to attend this event which is held on an evening during the first few weeks of school. Watch for more details in the August *South Scenes*.

### ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Annual Association Meeting is held each May. The purpose is to elect new board members and to approve the budget for the following school year. All parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting is announced via school publications, mailings, and the website.

### ATHLETIC EVENTS

Athletic games take place throughout the school year. Schedules for all events are available in the office at the beginning of each season and on our sports website [www.southchristiansports.com](http://www.southchristiansports.com). Maps to help you find where competitions are held are also available on our website.

An athletic season or winter pass is available for purchase and is honored at home contests. Pass holders have the opportunity to buy tournament tickets on the first day of sales. All others are considered general public and will be able to buy on a first-come, first-served basis.

All SCHS students are allowed free admission to all home athletic events. A student ID is required.

### BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERTS

Concerts are held periodically throughout the school year. These concerts are given in the SCHS auditorium or an area church. Dates and times are published in the *South Scenes*, the website calendar and in many church bulletins.

### THEATER DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Each year, the Theater Department develops a play in the fall and a musical in the spring. These opportunities allow each student to try out, participate, and explore many dramatic, technical, and creative venues which expand their appreciation, understanding, and versatility in theater. All students are given free admission to the play and musical with their student I.D.

### SENIOR COLLEGE NIGHT, JUNIOR COLLEGE NIGHT, SOPHOMORE PARENT COFFEE

These events are for parents to learn about post-secondary planning tips, timelines, resources and important information as students make plans for after high school.

### GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Grandparents and/or senior friends of our students are invited to visit school to spend the morning in classes and attend a chapel. This is held in May. Invitations are mailed to grandparents and details are also posted in church bulletins and the *South Scenes*.

## HONORS CONVOCATION

A senior awards night is held each May honoring those who are graduating with honors and highest honors, have received college scholarships, athletic awards, and other outstanding achievements. Each department will also honor their outstanding seniors of the year. Parents who have students being honored will receive an invitation by email.

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are scheduled in October and March. Dates are published in the *South Scenes*. A link to online conference scheduling will be emailed to all parents a week prior to conferences.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CLASS RINGS

Josten's services our students with class rings, graduation announcements, and caps and gowns. Class rings can also be purchased through several area jewelers.

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Many varied activities are available to your son/daughter while at SCHS. Encourage your teenager to complete the activities form and to take advantage of the many opportunities open to them. The form, which is found in the information packet distributed at Curriculum Night, will be turned into SCHS with the course selection sheet.

### OFFICE HOURS

The office is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when school is in session. Office hours during school vacations are listed in the *South Scenes*, on our website calendar, or you may call the school during these times to check on office hours.

### ONLINE ACCESS TO GRADES

All students and parents are given a login and password to access grades through PowerSchool, the host of our academic data. This login remains in effect for each student during their four years at SCHS. Interim reports are no longer sent to parents since grades can be accessed at any time through PowerSchool.

### ONLINE ACCESS TO HOMEWORK

Teachers use Google Classroom for posting homework. All students are given a student activation code from their teachers in the beginning of the school year.

### PASTORS AND YOUTH LEADERS

Pastors and youth leaders are encouraged to be a visible link in our school and are free to meet with students from their church and/or youth group during the student's study hall or lunch hour.

### PUBLICATIONS

*Hi-Lites* is published twice a year and is mailed to all interested constituents of the school.

*South Scenes* is a newsletter emailed each month to parents of current students.

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of bad winter weather you will receive a text and/or email for school closings and delays. You can also listen to your radio or watch your TV. A few of the stations we use are WCSG, WOOD-TV, and WZZM-TV. You can also go to the websites of the stations listed above. If our school is not closed due to weather conditions, but you feel your student should not drive to school, notify the office that he or she will not be in school. Your student is not automatically excused if other schools in your area are closed.

If a tornado watch or tornado warning is in effect, students will remain in session with necessary precautions taken. If a warning is in effect at dismissal time, they will then be kept in safety areas until an all clear is given.

### EMERGENCY/VIOLENT INCIDENT

In the event of a violent incident at the school, parents should not come to the school until a communication comes from the school. A more dangerous situation can be created if emergency personnel are impeded by traffic.

### SCHOOL PICTURES/STUDENT ID'S

A photographer takes pictures of all students at the beginning of each school year. These pictures are used for ID cards which are required for entry into some school events. All underclassmen are photographed at this time for the yearbook and are given opportunity to buy the pictures if desired.

### SENIOR PICTURE

Senior pictures may be taken by a photographer of your choice. Pictures for the yearbook must be head and shoulder poses with muted backgrounds but without hands, hats, and back drops like cars, pets, etc., will be accepted. Ladies, please make sure your straps/blouse are visible in the submitted picture. Vertical/portrait shots are preferred as landscape portraits will be cropped by the yearbook members. Deadline to submit a picture is January 31.

### YEARBOOK

The *Anchor* is published every year by students. It is distributed in the summer for the prior school year. Students and alumni are notified when the yearbook is available. Watch for announcements on the ad campaign in the fall.