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## **How do we keep up with the latest Information from CCS?**

- Follow us on Facebook (@CasasChristianSchool), Instagram (@casaschristianschoolk8) and (@casaskinder), and Twitter (@casaschristian1).
- Download the app! Search for "Casas Christian School" in the App store. This app is great to access our school calendars, the school newsletters, the PTF Portal and so much more!
- ParentsWeb is a source of communication between the teachers and families. It is used for homework, to check grades, and to order lunch. You will receive a separate handout detailing how to use ParentsWeb. You can also go to [casaschristianschool.com](http://casaschristianschool.com) and click on "Parent Login" at the upper right of the page to create an account and login.
- You will receive a weekly email during the school year from the school office.
- The school sends out parent alerts via text. In case of an emergency, You will also receive a phone call home.
- Attend the quarterly parent meetings, where you will hear from Mr. Dowdle and Mr. Kempf, the Parent-Teacher Fellowship, and can voice feedback.

## **Where do we park?**

- We have a large parking lot on the south side of the campus, near the school office. Before school, elementary students will line up on the playground at 7:55am and, after school, are dismissed near the office at 3:00pm. Kindergarten parents pick up from the classroom.

- There is also a convenient drive-thru drop-off zone behind the school office in the mornings for all elementary parents. In the afternoon, the same zone is for pick-up of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Middle school parents drop off and pick up on the North Education side of the campus. Please see the attached map for the drop-off / pick-up loop.
- On rainy days, drop-off in the morning is in the Extended Care room (SE209). Pick-up will be at your child(ren)'s classroom for grades K-3. Grades 4 and 5 will wait under the awning by the pick-up zone. Middle school has normal pick-up procedures. Signs will be displayed to indicate when rainy days procedures should be followed.
- If at any time you need to access the campus during school hours, please come to the school office for a visitor badge.

### **What do the students wear to school?**

CCS follows a specific dress code that can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook, located on the website and CCS app. On Thursdays, everyone dresses in school uniform for Chapel.

### **How do we order Chapel clothing?**

There are different ways to order Chapel clothing:

- Stop by the office, as there are some items in stock for purchase.
- CCS has three ordering periods throughout the year. You will be notified when those occur (typically summer, winter, and spring) and can shop online at: <http://www.casaschool.com/student-life/uniforms.cfm>
- Land's End is open year-round for ordering: <https://www.landsend.com> (school number 900136821). Please make sure you input the school number for preapproved clothing.

### **How do we find out who will be my child's teacher?**

In July, you will receive a large envelope in the mail that will introduce your child(ren)'s teacher(s), as well as math placement and other pertinent information for the school year.

**Do the students get to go on trips?**

Each grade has multiple field trips throughout the year. Your teacher will give you a schedule of when those occur and may even have volunteer opportunities for you to attend. CCS has a bus and driver that provides the transportation. Middle school students have overnight trips that require more planning and extra paperwork. Be on the lookout for information on those in the upcoming year!

**What kinds of extra-curricular activities can my child look forward to?**

After-school activities, include and are not limited to the following:

- Worshipping Warriors
- Mandarin
- STEM Scouts
- Dance Classes
- Guitar
- Orchestra
- After-school Sports (K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Middle School Sports (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Golf and Tennis with TGA

Many after-school programs involve a cost, and some have requirements to enroll. Please refer to the fliers that will be sent home about these programs throughout the year for more information.

**What additional supervision is available for my child outside of school hours?**

We have a program called Extended Care that is available before and after school. The morning hours are from 7:00AM until 7:45AM. After school it is available from 3:00PM until 6:00PM. Your teacher packet sent in July will have more information on this program.

**What do we need to know regarding your middle school athletic program?**

Grades 6-8 students have the opportunity to play in different sports throughout the year. On some occasions, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are permitted to play! A physical

- For boys, we offer flag football (fall), soccer (winter), and basketball (spring).
- For girls, we offer volleyball (fall), softball (winter), and basketball (spring).
- Physical forms are required for a student to play.
- There is a parent meeting in the beginning of each sport season so that you can become familiar with all pertinent information.

### **How do we get involved in the school?**

- Teachers will present volunteer opportunities in their classrooms. You'll have an opportunity at the Meet-the-Teacher event to sign up.
- As a parent of a child in this school, you are already a member of the Parent-Teacher Fellowship! CCS has an amazing PTF that puts on events throughout the year. To find out more, visit the PTF tab on the app or visit the CCS PTF Facebook page (@casaschristianschoolptf). Or attend a monthly PTF meeting, or the quarterly parent meeting.
- The school needs and welcomes volunteers. Be on the lookout for specific volunteer opportunities at Parent Orientation night at the beginning of the year.

### **How can we make tuition affordable?**

Arizona is fortunate enough to have the Tuition Tax Credit Program that allows Arizona taxpayers to make a contribution to a School Tuition Organization that will help to fund private school students' tuition. All families are eligible to receive tuition assistance through the Arizona Private School Tuition Credit Program. We currently have 95% of our families taking advantage of this opportunity, with almost 54% covering tuition in full! We have scheduled Tax Credit Workshops for anyone who would like to attend to learn more about how it works.

Financial aid is also available through the Casas Christian School in-house scholarship process as well as from outside tax credit organizations called School Tuition Organizations (STOs). Visit the school website ([www.casaschristianschool.com](http://www.casaschristianschool.com)) > Admissions > Financial Aid) to learn more!

### **What can we look forward to next?**

Important events to note:

- Meet the Teacher is usually the day before school starts. This is where your student(s) will familiarize himself/herself with their new classroom.
- New Parent Breakfast is usually the first or second morning of school after drop-off (about 8am). PTF invites all new families to join them in Ironwood to answer your questions answered, get to know one another, and grab a bite to eat.
- Parent Orientation night is scheduled within the first couple weeks of school. All parents are encouraged to attend and get to know their child(ren)'s teachers and classroom habits.
- Middle school students have a retreat scheduled toward the end of August. This is a great time for fellowship among the students.

***We are so honored that you have chosen Casas Christian School for your family!  
If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call our front office at  
(520) 297-0922 or email [info@casaschristianschool.com](mailto:info@casaschristianschool.com).***



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## additional fees

The following is a list of fees that MAY affect a child enrolled at CCS. These amounts are based on the 2018-2019 school year and are subject to change.

- Emergency Lunch- When a child does not have a lunch at school, we provide an emergency lunch and bill the family \$5.50.
- Lost Library Books/Textbooks- When a child loses a library/text book and it is not replaced by the end of the school year the family is billed the replacement cost (varies).
- Yearbook- Families are charged the cost of one yearbook per child enrolled (\$25 per child).
- Class Supply Fees- Teachers for each student enrolled into 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th purchase the students' supplies (\$30). Other grades provide supply lists for families to purchase on their own.
- Field Trips- Each student will take approximately 3-5 field trips throughout the school year. The cost of these varies from \$5-\$20 depending on the trip.
- Middle School Trips- These trips are optional. The cost varies from \$85-\$525.
- After School Programming K-8th- After school programming varies from STEM-focused to the arts. The cost is typically less than \$120 for the 8 week program.
- Extended Care- Supervision is available from 7:00am-7:45am and then again after school from 3:00-6:30 at a charge of \$4.00 per hour (billed in 15 minute increments).
- Tardy Fee- Students receive 3 tardies per quarter without any penalty. All subsequent unexcused tardies are \$15 each. The count resets at the beginning of each quarter. Kindergarten families receive their first month with no penalties.
- Intervention for Reading, Speech, Organizational Skills and/or Math- Certain students need additional support at CCS. Depending on frequency, those services could be from \$88.30-\$198.60 monthly. These fees are able to be covered with tax credit funds.
- Athletic Fee- All students participating in a competitive sport pay \$130 per sport.

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