

LAKESIDE CAMPUS

- Supervision available in the gym atrium before school starting at 7:15 a.m. and after school until 6:00 p.m.

LAKESIDE DRESS CODE

- Lakeside dress code information can be found in the [2021-2022 Uniform Guide](#) (also found in the MySCS portal).
- Formal dress code on Thursdays - Boys wear white button shirt with the SCS tie, girls wear white button up shirts.
- Hoodies allowed on Friday Spirit days.

7TH GRADE ACADEMICS**7TH GRADE CURRICULUM/ATHLETICS**

- All: Bible, English, Science, Math, U.S. History (to Reconstruction), and World Language (one semester Chinese, one semester Spanish).
- We use the math portion of the ACT Aspire test to identify students who may benefit from going straight into Algebra I in 7th grade. Typically, this has only been approximately five students each year. All other students will be placed in 7th Grade Math or 7th Grade Pre-Algebra. The counselor's office will initiate contact.
- Choose between the Fine Arts rotation or band.
- Choose between Athletics and Athletics Alternative. Students can receive an athletic credit if they see an outside coach/instructor for 80 hours per semester. We encourage all students to be in athletics. Plan for costs involved in participating in athletics: \$40 for shirt/short combo.
- If a student is in Learning Lab, it takes the place of a world language or fine arts class.
- Know how FACTS/RenWeb works, and read at least the middle school section of SCS Weekly!
- You will receive a Google Form from our registrar, Kristin Pope, that will ask you to make your course requests for next year.

TARPLEY PREP

- ACT Prep for English, Math and Science begins in 7th grade without an additional cost.

SUMMER READING

- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, must be complete before the first day of school.

DC/VA TRIP

- The annual 7th grade trip to Washington DC and Virginia will tentatively take place November 1-7. Details will be released at the beginning of the school year.

BYOD

- Chromebook is an excellent choice

7TH OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

ATHLETICS

- Football
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Track
- Softball
- Baseball
- Swimming

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Service Council
- PSIA
- Spelling Bee
- Snack Pack
- Cheerleading

FINE ARTS

- Concerts each semester
- Rising Star Play/Musical (Spring Semester)

7TH GRADE UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Summer Workouts
- 7th Grade Parent Orientation
- Back to School Fair

WHO'S WHO

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

- Ms. Nicole Caylor - mental health concerns and academic and scheduling questions

ATTENDANCE

- attendance@southwestchristian.org

NURSE

- Mrs. Carrie Auten

ATHLETIC QUESTIONS

- Mr. Tracy Howard

To contact a staff member by email use: firstname.lastname@southwestchristian.org

8TH GRADE CURRICULUM/ATHLETICS

- All: Bible, English, Science, Math, World Geography, and World Language (either Chinese I or Spanish I).
- Math placement will be determined by Orleans-Hanna, Pre-Algebra grades, & ACT Aspire Scores, but select the course you want your child to take.
- High school credit opportunities: World Geography, Algebra I Honors, Algebra I, Geometry Honors, Spanish I, Chinese I, Spanish I Honors, Chinese I Honors
- Fine Arts Opportunities: Art, Choir, Robotics, Theatre Arts, Praise Ministries, and Band.
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- ***The deadline for course registration is January 28.***

TARPLEY PREP

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8TH GRADE TRIP

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8TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING**COLLEGE COUNSELORS**

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- Eagle Flight Camp
- Back to School Fair
- 9th Grade Parent Academy
- High School Retreat
- Homecoming Game
- Homecoming Dance
- Minimester

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HELPFUL TIPS

- Tips for your child's 9th grade year: encourage sleep, manage technology, manage extracurricular choices, and recognize that social circles can change. Encourage your child to be a self-advocate and communicate early and often.
- Email/FACTS/RenWeb/Google Classroom/Remind - These are important.

9TH GRADE ACADEMICS**GUIDANCE COUNSELORS**

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9TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING**COLLEGE COUNSELORS - Mrs. Cara Lemaster and Mrs. Kim Hoffman**

- 9th graders will take the PSAT 8/9 in the Fall, PreACT in the spring.
- Tarpley Prep - ACT prep continues through 9th grade.
- All Freshman begin the year with a 0.0 GPA. Grades from this point forward count!

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Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Science
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10TH GRADE ACADEMICS

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10TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING

COLLEGE COUNSELORS - Mrs. Cara Lemaster and Mrs. Kim Hoffman

- You have to go to know! Begin visiting college campuses.
- Keep track of activities and awards on Naviance.
- Take challenging courses. GPA matters!
- Use your summer to work, job shadow, or volunteer.
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IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Back to School Fair
- High School Retreat
- Homecoming Game
- Homecoming Dance
- Minimester
- Prom
- Junior Blessing

PARENT-LED EVENTS

- Prom is put on by the Junior class and will be directed by the class sponsor, Brodie Solomon.

11TH GRADE ACADEMICS

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

- Ms. Nicole Caylor - mental health concerns
- Mr. David Durnil - academic and scheduling questions
- Select courses with your child prior to the deadline.
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11TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING

COLLEGE COUNSELORS - Mrs. Cara Lemaster and Mrs. Kim Hoffman

- Meeting with college representatives visiting SCS
- Getting to know your students: Life Calling class, YouScience testing, surveys
- PSAT/NMSQT in mid-October
- You've got to go to know! College visits and minimester.
- Individual family meetings: spring semester
- Preparing for college applications: resume, essay writing, admission committee game
- Look for summer opportunities by searching search "summer opportunities" on southwestchristian.org or visit www.southwestchristian.org/myscs/summeropportunities.cfm

PLAN FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- Grades are especially important this year because this is possibly the last set of grades a college will see before making an admission decision.
- Use Naviance to learn the admission requirements for your schools of interest.
- Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities.
- List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Visit with college representatives who come to the school in the fall & spring. If it is a college you are interested in, make sure you introduce yourself to the representative and ask a valid question about the school.
- Have parents fill out the College Counselors' required parent questionnaire before scheduling Junior Meeting with the College Counseling Office (in late January).
- Be thinking about whom you will ask for recommendations. You will need to inform the teachers you choose before the summer break that you will need a letter from them.
- Start visiting local colleges: large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what works for you. Develop a list of 15-20 colleges that interest you.
- Continue to be involved in your community, school and church. Remember, students must earn 10 hours of community service each non-COVID year while at SCS. Students earning 50 hours or more each non-COVID year will receive the Christian Service Award at graduation. Up to half of the hours earned may be earned through SCS opportunities. You can start accumulating hours June 1.

PLAN YOUR SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE

- Look at the school calendar and compare it to the SAT/ACT dates. Look for conflicts with sporting events, prom, homecoming, and any other important school dates.
- Take the PSAT at school in October. Remember the PSAT your junior year is the only test that qualifies you to become a National Merit Scholar.
- In the second semester of your junior year take both the ACT and SAT at least once.
- Prepare and do well on AP Exams to receive credit at most colleges.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE SUMMER & SENIOR YEAR

- Prepare to take the SAT or ACT again. You wouldn't take any other test in high school without preparing for it, so think of this as preparing for the most important test of your high school career.
- Review your senior year class schedule with your guidance counselor. Challenge yourself with honors and AP classes and stick with sequences you've begun, in the languages, for example.
- Plan summer activities early. Enrich yourself by volunteering, getting an interesting job or internship, or signing up for special summer learning programs.
- Take a full schedule. Colleges look closely at your senior schedule.
- Take some time to work on your college application essays. It is less stressful to write in the summer without other academic responsibilities.
- Check with applytexas.org to see if you can start your college applications in July.
- Update your Common Application.
- Finalize your resume.

KEEP YOUR MOMENTUM THIS SUMMER

- Prepare and sign up to take the SAT and ACT in the spring.
- Visit and tour colleges. Spend some time in the city and area around the campus. At colleges you are serious about, schedule interviews with admissions counselors, if available.

DUAL CREDIT VS. ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Southwest Christian School has developed a strong Dual Credit program through partnerships with Colorado Christian University, LeTourneau University, the University of Texas, and other schools. Through these courses, many SCS students graduate with college credit, some receiving upwards of 30 hours. Additionally, SCS offers several AP courses as another means of achieving college credit. Determining which option is best for an individual student can be challenging. Below is a list of considerations and benefits to each option:

	DUAL CREDIT	AP
OVERVIEW	Students take college courses at SCS, allowing them to earn credit for both high school and college.	AP classes prepare students to pass an end of course exam to prove their mastery of college-level curriculum.
COST	Classes range from \$200 - \$500 per course plus the cost of a textbook	\$100 per end of course exam plus the cost of a textbook
TRANSFERABILITY	Accepted by most state and private colleges. No guarantees. May not be accepted at more selective private schools. Acceptance can depend on a student's major and degree plan.	Accepted by most institutions. Exam score to receive credit varies by subject and university.
HOW IS THE GRADE DETERMINED?	A Dual Credit grade is based on a full semester of classwork. The same grade is posted on the SCS and college or university transcripts. Students receive honors credit at SCS for the course.	AP credit is solely based on the score earned on the AP exam administered in May. Scores range from 1-5 with a 3 or higher needed to receive credit (in most cases). Students receive honors credit at SCS for the course.
HOW IS THE GRADE TRANSFERRED?	Students will have a college transcript indicating all college credits earned, and they will need to submit all dual credit transcripts to their college.	Students request their AP score to be sent to their college.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Entering college with a large number of credits can be beneficial to students wanting to take fewer hours per semester or students intending to graduate from college early to pursue an advanced degree.
- Many schools require students to declare their major at the completion of 30-45 hours. If your child is unsure of his or her future plans, this can unnecessarily accelerate such decisions.
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IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Back to School Fair
- High School Retreat
- Homecoming Game
- Homecoming Dance
- Minimester
- Prom
- Chisholm Trail Campus College Walk

PARENT-LED EVENTS

- First Day of School Event
- Top Hats and Tiaras Dinner
- Senior Lunches
- Senior Blessing Dinner

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12TH GRADE ACADEMICS

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- Select courses with your child prior to the deadline.
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12TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING

COLLEGE COUNSELORS - Mrs. Cara Lemaster and Mrs. Kim Hoffman

- Complete Junior parent survey.
- Visit colleges -- You've got to go to know.
- Apply! College applications open this summer.
- Begin SAT/ACT testing this spring.
- Use summer to job shadow, work, volunteer, prepare for fall SAT/ACT.
- Attend Application Workshop

KEEP YOUR MOMENTUM THIS SUMMER

- Prepare and sign up to retake the SAT in August and/or the ACT in September.
- Visit and tour colleges. Spend some time in the city and area around the campus. At colleges you are serious about, schedule interviews with admissions counselors, if available.
- Check important dates; some universities have early dates or rolling admissions. Each college has their own deadlines.

PULLING YOUR APPLICATION TOGETHER

- Narrow your list of colleges to between 5 and 10 and review it with your college counselor. Visit as many as possible.
- Make a master calendar and note:
 - Test dates, fees, and deadlines
 - College application due dates
 - Required financial aid applications and their deadline
 - Recommendations, transcripts, and other necessary materials
- Write application essays and ask teachers, parents, and friends to read first drafts.
- Sign up to test again if your scores are not in line with your college admission requirements.

APPLYING EARLY

- The Apply Texas application opens on July 1. The Common Application opens August 1.
- Remember, the goal is to submit a well done (perfect) application, not the earliest application.
- Send your SAT scores at collegeboard.com and your ACT scores through ACT.org.
- Request your transcript on Naviance.
- Attend fall meetings with colleges visiting SCS.
- Ask if your college offers an early estimate of financial aid eligibility.

FINANCIAL AID: APPLY EARLY. APPLY RIGHT.

- Submit your FAFSA as soon as it opens October 1.
- Check to see if your college requires the CSS Profile for financial aid.
- Men 18 or older must register for the selective service to receive federal financial aid.

A comprehensive college guide will be given to each rising senior at their individual student/parent meeting in the spring.

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