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2019-2020 Back-to-School Information

SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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 CypressChristian.org

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Secondary 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES – Details for each event can be found on the Calendar at CypressChristian.org/About/Calendar

Thursday, August 1	Secondary Parent Athletics Meeting	7 p.m.	East Gym
Thursday, August 8	CCS 101 for New Parents	7 p.m.	East Gym
Friday, August 9	Eighth Grade Lock-In	9 p.m.	West Gym
Monday, August 12	Elementary Parent/Teacher Night	See page 4 for times and locations.	
Tuesday, August 13	New Warrior Workshop (Lunch provided)	8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Secondary Lunchroom
Tuesday, August 13	Open House for All Students	1-3 p.m.	CCS Campus
Tuesday, August 13	Warrior Warehouse Tax-Free Sale	8 a.m.–4 p.m.	East Gym
Wednesday, August 14	First Day of School	8 a.m.	CCS Campus
Wednesday, August 14	“Boo Hoo” Party for Kindergarten Parents	8:15 a.m.	Elementary Lunchroom
Friday, August 16	Blue & White Night	6:30 p.m.	East Gym
Monday, August 26	Middle School Parent Night	6:30 p.m.	West Gym
Friday, August 30	Parent Service Organization (PSO)	8 a.m.	East Gym Foyer
Tuesday, September 10	Parent Service Organization (PSO)	8 a.m.	East Gym Foyer

BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION ON WEBSITE

Go to the school website at CypressChristian.org/Parents/Back-to-School for complete, up-to-date information on supply lists, dress code guidelines and more. Also visit the website Parent Portal at CypressChristian.org/Parents throughout the year for important information.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

It is the parents’ responsibility to notify CCS of changes to contact, emergency or medical information.

- Updates to address, subdivision, phones, email or emergency contact information: 2019-2020 Information Update or Mary.Granato@CypressChristian.org.
- Updates to your child’s medical information: Robin.Brown@CypressChristian.org.

WARRIOR WEEKLY

Warrior Weekly is delivered to email inboxes each Thursday. Warrior Weekly provides timely, important information as well as highlights from the week. If you are not receiving this email publication, please contact Mary.Granato@CypressChristian.org to be added to the distribution list.

DRESS CODE

All uniform shirts should display the interlocking CC logo. Each student must have at least one navy blue polo shirt with the interlocking CC logo to wear on chapel days and other designated special event days. Complete dress code guidelines may be found on the website at CypressChristian.org/Parents/Dress-Code.

OPTIONAL SIGN-UP FORMS

The following forms are accessible through FACTS SIS [ParentsWeb](#) > School > Web Forms > Current Optional Forms:

- Driver/Chaperone/Volunteer Agreement
- Student Vehicle Registration
- Athletic Code of Conduct
- Athletic Insurance Information

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Proof of medical insurance is required for all student athletes (K-12) by the first day of school. Visit CypressChristian.org/Parents/Forms-Information/Student-Medical-Insurance on the website for more information.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS | ALLERGY ACTION PLAN

All prescription medications must be brought to the school nurse by the parent/guardian in the original, properly labeled container. A [Medication Release Form](#) must be on file in the school nurse's office before any medication may be administered. Students with allergies should have an [Allergy Action Plan](#) on file in the nurse's office. These forms are available on the Parent Portal of the website at CypressChristian.org/Parents under the Health & Wellness tab. Please contact the school nurse at Robin.Brown@CypressChristian.org with any health issues concerning your child.

SCHOOL ABSENCE

Please call the school at 281.469.8829 or email Elementary.Receptionist@CypressChristian.org or Secondary.Receptionist@CypressChristian.org by 8:30 a.m. on days when your child is ill or will be unexpectedly absent from school.

MORNING DROP-OFF HOURS

Student supervision begins at 7:30 a.m. The school does not provide supervision for students who are dropped off before that time.

CARPOOL INFORMATION

Carpool tags are mandatory and will be assigned to all families.

- If you have an elementary student, carpool tags may be picked up in your youngest child's homeroom class during Open House on August 13 or at Elementary Parent Night on August 12.
- If you have a secondary student, carpool tags may be picked up from the secondary receptionist at Open House on August 13.
- Complete carpool information is available on the Parent Portal of the website at CypressChristian.org/Parents under Carpool Procedures.

PARKING PERMITS FOR STUDENTS

- To receive a student parking pass, seniors and juniors must complete the following:
 - Prior to August 7, complete the Student Vehicle Registration form located on FACTS SIS [ParentsWeb](#) > School > Web Forms > Current Optional Forms > Student Vehicle Registration.
 - The student parking permit fee of \$10 will be billed through the Family FACTS incidentals account.
 - Students should pick up their parking permit during Open House in the West Gym on August 13.
- Students will not be allowed to park on campus without a student parking pass after Friday, August 16.
- Information regarding availability for sophomores to park on campus will be sent out at a later date.

VEHICLE PERMIT DECALS

Permit decals will be mailed to school families before the first day of school. These decals will serve as your preauthorized access to campus. Please remove and dispose of last year's decals (if applicable). Place the new decal in the upper left of the driver's side interior windshield (below the tint line, if applicable). The Welcome Center will not be staffed on a daily basis for the upcoming year. In order to enter campus, please enter your access code on the touchscreen panel just outside the Jones Rd. entrance. The access code is available through FACTS SIS [ParentsWeb](#) > School > Resource Documents > Gate Code Letter. More information on permit decals and campus vehicle procedures will be included in the mail-out.

COMBINED POLICIES HANDBOOK

The Combined Policies Handbook, which includes General Parent/Student School Policies, Secondary Academic Policies, Elementary Academic Policies, Athletic Department Policies and Dress Code Policies is available through FACTS SIS [ParentsWeb](#) > School > Resource Documents > Combined Policies Handbook 2019-2020. Please take time to review this important document.

CELL PHONES | ELECTRONIC DEVICES

While students are permitted to bring cell phones to school, to help reduce distractions and promote an orderly academic environment during key hours of the school day, their use is limited to brief calls to parents during carpool and communication during after-school activities. These devices are not to be accessed by the student or carried in the students' clothing but are to be off and stored in the student's backpack, vehicle or locker during the school day. Parents who need to get an urgent message to a student during the school day should call the school and leave a message with the receptionist. If a student violates this policy, the electronic device/phone will be confiscated and turned in to the administrative office. Please refer to the Combined Policies Handbook 2019-2020 for more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supply lists are available on the Parent Portal of the website at CypressChristian.org/Parents under the School Supply List tab.

NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE (NASB) AND ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION BIBLE (ESV)

Cypress Christian School uses the New American Standard Bible (NASB) and English Standard Version (ESV) as our standard texts for K-12 Bible classes. Additionally, the school has Bibles on hand so that students can purchase their own copy for \$5. Bibles are available in the Warrior Warehouse.

BLUE & WHITE NIGHT – A Time of Food, Fellowship and Celebration

Blue & White Night is a back-to-school event for CCS K-12 families and employees. Enjoy dinner, fellowship with old and new friends and help us celebrate the new school year on Friday, August 16. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short program from 7:30-8:15 p.m. [Click here](#) to purchase \$8 meal tickets (\$30 family maximum) for southern barbecue including brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans and chips along with dessert and a drink. Deadline to purchase meals is Thursday, August 15 at noon. Meal tickets are not required to attend the event.

WARRIOR WAREHOUSE

The Warrior Warehouse is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Tuesday, August 13, there will be a Tax-Free Sale in the Warrior Warehouse.

PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION (PSO)

The Parent Service Organization (PSO) is a volunteer program for parents, grandparents, extended family and friends! To learn more, [click here](#) to register for informational meetings to be held on August 30 and September 10 at 8 a.m. in the East Gym Foyer. [Click here](#) to go to the PSO page of our website under the Support tab for more details. We are eager to partner with our volunteers who are excited to share their God-given gifts and talents with Cypress Christian School.

CHAPEL

Chapel is held every Wednesday. Parents are welcome to attend chapel services. It is a time of praise and worship, guest speakers, devotions, etc.

FOLLOW CCS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

For CCS news and photos throughout the week:

- Like CCS on Facebook: [Facebook.com/CypressChristianSchool/](https://www.facebook.com/CypressChristianSchool/)
- Follow CCS on Twitter: [@CyChristian](https://twitter.com/CyChristian)
- Follow CCS on Instagram: CyChristian

ELEMENTARY ATHLETICS

Elementary athletics are offered to K-5 students in the fall (soccer) and in the spring (t-ball, baseball, softball). Fourth and fifth grade students will have the opportunity to play basketball in the winter. The students play in the WHCSA League - West Houston Christian Sports Association. Teams are coached by volunteer parents with one weekly practice and games on Saturdays. Opponents are from other private / parochial schools. [Click here](#) to register for elementary soccer or to volunteer to coach. The deadline to register is Sunday, August 18.



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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SECONDARY STUDENT SCHEDULES

Students in grades 6-12 should log on to FACTS SIS the week prior to the start of school to access their schedules and locker assignments. Please note that schedules will continue to be modified through August 13. Secondary administrators will be available during Open House to answer questions.

OPEN HOUSE – Tuesday, August 13, 1-3 p.m.

Secondary students are encouraged to attend Open House to meet faculty, locate classes, organize lockers and shop at the Warrior Warehouse. Please bring a printed copy of your schedule/locker assignment with you to Open House.

FACTS SIS (formerly RenWeb)

FACTS SIS [ParentsWeb](#) is a private and secure parents' portal that allows parents to view academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's information from others. ParentsWeb can be used to see your child's grades, attendance, homework and conduct, to communicate with teachers, to access a variety of posted school information, to access your FACTS account to view your payment plan, scheduled payment dates, funding source and incidental billing. Returning parents - your username to log in has not changed. New parents - instructions to set up your account are available on the Parent Portal of the website at [CypressChristian.org/Parents](#) under the FACTS SIS tab.

SCHOOLGY

Schoology is a learning management system where parents can access academic information specific to middle and high school classes. Schoology can be used to view class notes, activities, calendar/lesson plans and to communicate with teachers.

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

Summer reading requirements for grades 6-12 are available on the Parent Portal of the website at [CypressChristian.org/Parents](#) under the Summer Reading tab. Required reading materials are available for purchase in the Warrior Warehouse. Activity packets are available on the school website. Students should complete their reading and any related assignments prior to the first day of school. Any questions about ELA class placement and summer reading should be directed to Iva Nell Rhea (MS students) or Becky Fredrickson (HS students).

SECONDARY LUNCHES

- Lunches will be available for purchase beginning Wednesday, August 14. Snacks, hot pockets, peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, fruit, chips, drinks, etc. will also be available for purchase from the kitchen.
- Menu selections vary and entrees range from \$1.50 to \$6. Snacks and drinks range from \$.50 to \$2. Please do not send cash to purchase items. Secondary lunches will be billed through the family FACTS incidentals account.
- The secondary lunch menu is available on the Parent Portal of the website at [CypressChristian.org/Parents](#) under the Lunch tab.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SNACK

Students in grades 6-8 may bring a healthy snack to eat at a specified time each morning in the classroom. Students are not allowed to purchase items in the lunchroom to eat at snack time. Students may have a bottle of water or carry a clear refillable water bottle with a secure, non-spill top. Other drinks are not permitted in the classrooms.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT

Middle School Parent Night will be held on Monday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Gym. Following the general meeting, parents will follow their child's class schedule to visit classrooms. Parents will hear from teachers about goals and plans for the new school year. Parents of students in grades 6-8 should plan to attend this meeting.

SECONDARY PICK-UP AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP)

Secondary students may not stay after school unless they are involved in a school-sanctioned activity or are enrolled in ASP. Please pick up students as promptly as normal carpool procedures allow. In the event of an unexpected delay in picking up your child, and because students must always be supervised when they are on the CCS campus, it is necessary to pass the expense of late supervision along to parents. Students remaining on campus after 4 p.m. will be kept in the late supervision room in the Secondary A building. Parents will be billed \$25 for any part of the first 30 minutes that they are late (after the 4 p.m. pick-up deadline) and \$50 for each additional 30-minute period. Parents will be assessed an additional \$100 for any student picked up after 5 p.m.

CCS offers an After School Program (ASP) for middle school students. Information about ASP can be found on the school website at CypressChristian.org/Academics/After-School-Program.

TAPPS (ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC)

Secondary students who participate in Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) events and competitions will need to complete and have on file at CCS a [TAPPS Student Acknowledgement of Rules form](#). Athletes are to direct their forms to the Athletic Director and academic participants to Mrs. Harris.

ATHLETICS

- *Physicals for Athletes:* All athletes must have a current physical on file before participation in any official sports practice at CCS. Physical forms are available at CypressChristian.org/Athletics/Forms. Completed forms should be turned in to the Athletics Office.
- Proof of medical insurance is required for all students (K-12) by the first day of school for participation in after-school sports. Go to CypressChristian.org/Parents/Forms-Information/Student-Medical-Insurance for additional information and optional Texas Kids First Insurance forms.
- Please take time to review the Athletic Department Policies, which can be found in the Combined Policies Handbook. It is available through FACTS SIS [ParentsWeb](#) > School > Resource Documents > Combined Policies Handbook 2019-2020.
- *Secondary Parent Athletics Meeting:* Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m. in the East Gym
All parents with students who will be involved in secondary sports for the 2019-2020 school year are required to attend this informational meeting. A new athlete/health management system – Rank One – will be discussed, along with a new communication app for parents. Please plan on attending and helping CCS get athletics information and systems working well with parents, athletes and coaches.