



## Dates to Remember

- 1) **First day of School: Thursday, August 19** – full day
  - **New daily school hours: 8:15AM -3:15PM**
  - Students will report to the following rooms for **student orientation**:  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: rooms 27/28      7<sup>th</sup> Grade: rooms 29/30      8<sup>th</sup> Grade: rooms 31/32
- 2) **Back to School Night** – Friday, September 3, 7:00PM
- 3) **Labor Day** – Monday, September 6 – No School

## Classes and Schedule

- 1) **For up-to-date announcements and information** log onto **PowerSchool** If you have forgotten your screen name or password or you are a new family and have not received one yet, please e-mail [info@ccs-rams.org](mailto:info@ccs-rams.org) and request that it is sent to you.
- 2) 8th grade Math placement (Algebra Readiness or College Prep Algebra I) will be posted on the school's website: [www.ccs-rams.org](http://www.ccs-rams.org) by August 2. If you have any questions about class assignments, please send an e-mail to: [ccsreg@ccs-rams.org](mailto:ccsreg@ccs-rams.org).
- 3) 7<sup>th</sup> grade Mandarin placement (Mandarin I or Mandarin I Honors) will be posted on the school's website: [www.ccs-rams.org](http://www.ccs-rams.org) by August 2. If you have any questions about class assignments, please send an e-mail to: [ccsreg@ccs-rams.org](mailto:ccsreg@ccs-rams.org).
- 4) **Schedule for new students** will be determined by the Academic Advisor after all placement tests have been taken. If you have completed all tests, but have not been scheduled for an August meeting, please contact the registrar, Mrs. Cindy Loh at [cindyloh@ccs-rams.org](mailto:cindyloh@ccs-rams.org).
- 5) **New Students requiring Mandarin placement will take place on Friday, August 6, 10:30 – 12noon** in room 26. Please send an e-mail to [ccsreg@ccs-rams.org](mailto:ccsreg@ccs-rams.org) to confirm appointment.

## Middle School Textbooks

- 1) Students are responsible for obtaining their own textbooks for their classes. The list of middle school student texts can be found by going to the **MBS Direct link** on the school's homepage [www.ccs-rams.org](http://www.ccs-rams.org) or by going straight to <http://direct.mbsbooks.com/chinesechristian.htm> on the Internet.
- 2) Please note that while students may purchase new and used student texts through MBS Direct, students are free to choose whatever vendor they wish. Students are encouraged to check prices and/or investigate used books through the PTF used textbook sale or from friends and classmates.
- 3) There will be a limited supply of used **textbooks for sale** on **Monday, August 9, from 5:30PM-8:30PM**.

## PE and Sports

- 1) Students will **change for P.E.** beginning on the following dates:

**6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Friday, August 20      **7<sup>th</sup> grade:** Monday, August 23

Students are expected to have their P.E. clothes by then. P.E. clothes may be purchased on campus on Monday, August 9, from 5:30PM-8:30PM, or during the first week of school.

- 2) Contact Mr. Kimball Wong ([Kimballwong@ccs-rams.org](mailto:Kimballwong@ccs-rams.org)) if you are interested in participating in Cross Country. Practice begins Tuesday, August 24.

## Class Outings

- 3) The **6<sup>th</sup> graders** will have their outdoor education trip at **Camp Del Oro in October**. Information will be provided during Orientation on August 9.
- 4) Please find enclosed updated information for the **8<sup>th</sup> grade Grand Canyon trip**, October 14-19. Responses forms and deposits are **due August 20**. There will be a parent information meeting **Thursday, August 26**.

## School Traffic

- 1) **Use the Lewelling Boulevard entrance** whenever arriving on campus between 7AM and 9AM or 3PM and 4PM (12:15-1PM on minimum days).
- 2) **Safety is our primary concern** whenever cars are driving on campus
  - Follow the established traffic pattern (see Before/After School Traffic Notice).
  - Observe all posted directions and instructions.
  - Limit your speed to 5 mph. Be especially careful at crosswalks.
  - Avoid backing up if at all possible when children are present.
- 3) **Do not pick up or drop off your child on adjacent streets.** We want to minimize traffic and parking congestion in the community as much as possible. Do not jeopardize the school's good reputation and relationship with the City and neighborhood. Drive onto the campus to pick up or drop off your child.

## Parent Reminders

- 1) **Be sure to obtain permission from the school office before going to your child's class or walking through the hallways.** This is to avoid distractions and to maintain security. Please uphold the standards we teach your children by dressing modestly and observing all school ground rules: e.g. no littering, smoking, spitting, cursing, or offensive conduct.
- 2) **Please notify the school as early as possible of any absences or changes in transportation.** Call **510-351-4957 x605** at any time to leave a message.

- 3) **Please inform the office immediately of any change** in home or work location or phone number, doctor's phone number, emergency contacts, or insurance information.
- 4) **Students may bring cell phones onto campus.** However, they must be turned off, stored away out of sight and cannot be used on campus without prior approval from school staff during school hours. If you need to contact your child, please do so through the school office.
- 5) **State law prohibits students from possessing prescription drugs on campus.** Students needing to take medication during the school day must give it to the school nurse along with written instructions from a parent or doctor. The nurse will call the student to take the medicine at the appropriate time. The medication should be in its original container if possible.
- 6) **Students with a communicable condition may not come to school.** Please inform the school of existing health conditions (e.g. food allergies, asthma, etc.) and of any change in a child's health status (e.g. new medications, etc.).
- 7) Students arriving **10 minutes after the official start time must obtain a Tardy Pass** from the school office before going to class.
- 8) **Food service payments should be made separate from tuition payments.** If paying by check, please include your child's name and grade to insure proper credit. If you are paying for more than one child, write the names of all children included in the payment and have the same child pay each time.