# ST. CHRISTOPHER STUDENT/FAMILY HANDBOOK 2018/2019



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# St. Chris Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a rigorous academic environment where all children reach their fullest potential, live the gospel values, and prepare for a life of service and learning.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Religious Education Program at St. Christopher School is based on a philosophy of Catholic life. The teachers, parents, and students work together to live a life of Christian faith, hope, and love. Parents are the primary religious educators of their children. With parents and teachers building a foundation of positive religious attitudes, students can establish a deeper, personal relationship with God.

Students and staff joining together each week to celebrate the liturgy is a defining element of who we are, a Catholic faith community. Time and care are given to the planning of Wednesday school liturgies. Students are given the opportunity to participate in the liturgical ministries and are trained to serve as lectors, cantors, altar attendants, and Eucharistic ministers.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated as whole school services during Advent and Lent.

All students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade attend daily religion classes. The religious education program is designed to educate students in the doctrine, beliefs, moral teachings, and heritage of the Catholic Church. Our religion curriculum follows the Graded Course of Study provided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is in alignment with the catechesis of the Catholic Church.

Prayer is an important part of the day at St. Christopher. Each day begins and ends with prayer and/or scripture. Throughout the year we incorporate special events or occasions into communal prayer services or blessings. Teachers also share prayer and prayer experiences at various times of the day with their students.

Christian Service is an integral part of our Catholic teaching. We strive to help students become aware of their obligation to reach out and help others as active members of the Church. Living a life of service is an effective way to practice the Gospel message.

Catholic Education is ongoing. Parent information programs are offered at the time a child is preparing to receive Eucharist or Penance for the first time. It is necessary for parents to attend these meetings to learn what the child is being taught and to show the importance of the sacraments in the life of the family and the Church.

At St. Christopher we make every effort to create and sustain an environment that gives witness to the Gospel and encourages children to grow into an ever deepening relationship with God.

#### Gender Identity

As stated by the Archdioceses of Cincinnati the following policy has been put in place from this school year forward. In Catholic schools, all curricular and extra-curricular activity is rooted in and consistent with, the principles of Catholic doctrine.

Catholic schools:

- \*Support students with gender dysphoria by treating them with sensitivity, respect, mercy, and compassion.
- \*Require that participation on school teams be according to biological sex.
- \*Require that names and pronouns be in accordance with the person's biological sex.
- \*Designate Catholic sex education, uniforms and gender appropriate dress, bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and sleeping accommodations on trips according to biological sex.
- \*Maintain names in school records according to the student's biological sex.
- \*Provide reasonable accommodation to a private bathroom for use by any student who desires increased privacy.
- \*In case of a specific request, consider in a compassionate way, on a case-by-case basis, the physical and psychological needs of a student based on the following questions:
- i. What is the specific request of the student and/or parents?
- ii. Is the request in keeping with the teaching of the Catholic Church?
- iii. Is the school reasonably able to accommodate the request?

## ADMISSION POLICY

St. Christopher School accepts all children regardless of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, or sexual orientation.

#### **Enrollment Prioritization**

St. Christopher, as a parish school, must give first priority to children of St. Christopher parishioners.

Prioritization is as follows:

- 1. St. Chris Parish members with siblings at St. Chris
- 2. St. Chris Parish members without siblings at St. Chris
- 3. St. John's parish members
- 4. All other non-parish members

# ST. CHRISTOPHER FALCONS

#### STUDENTS NEW TO ST. CHRISTOPHER

Students new to St. Christopher School will undergo a screening process to determine their best educational placement. A one year probationary period is required for all new students. This probationary period provides time to determine if our program and environment will allow the new student to succeed and reach his/her full potential.

#### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the next school year takes place during the month of March. In-house registration occurs the first week of March and lasts for two weeks. Open registration begins with the third week of March and is on-going.

Parents wishing to enroll a child currently attending another school will need to complete the following:

- 1. Schedule a Tour of the School (898-5104)
- Registration packet
- 3. Sign a release of records
- 4. Most recent & last year report cards
- 5. Any IEP or 504 Information

- 6. Any IOWA Tests, STAR Tests (Reading & Math)
- 7. AIR Test Results
- 8. Fill out application
- 9. Fill out discipline disclosure form
- 10. Pay \$150.00 Non-refundable registration fee
- 11. Any custody paper work
- 12. All Fees at former school are paid in full

After the registration fee and all information is received, the information will go to our Admissions Committee. After approximately 2 weeks, the parents/guardians of the applicant will receive a phone call regarding acceptance.

A child can be enrolled at St. Christopher School at any time during the school year based on availability of space in a given class. Parents wishing to enroll a child during a current school year need to follow the above procedures. St. Christopher School, in keeping with the Missing Child Act (ORC3313.672), must request records for a new student within 24 hours of the child being enrolled at St. Chris. Also, in accordance with Ohio law, a school is required to have a copy of the most recent child custody document on file. This document should accompany registration materials.

#### TRANSFERS/WITHDRAWLS

If your child is transferring to another school notify the school in writing. Release of records form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian before school records can be released. We also ask that you take the time to fill out an exit survey. Your child's records will be sent to his/her new school upon receiving a request for records from the new school, *provided all fees are paid in full*. No records will be transferred until your account is *paid in full*.

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is concurrent with registration for grades one through eight.

Families with children already enrolled at St.

Christopher are asked to add a new kindergarten age child to the family registration form during In-House registration.

Families new to St. Christopher can obtain registration packets from the school office and from our webpage at stchristopheronline.com. These packets are available the first week of March. All kindergarten registrations must be accompanied by a \$150 non-refundable registration fee, a copy of the child's birth certificate, Baptismal record (if applicable) and current immunization record.

# Kindergarten Orientation

Parents of enrolling Kindergarten students are required to attend the Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting. This meeting is held in early spring. The orientation meeting will discuss with parents information pertinent to kindergarten readiness, the screening process, and other need to know information. Parents will be able to sign up for a screening time

as part of the orientation meeting. Orientation and Screening dates will be noted on the registration packet.

#### Kindergarten Screening

Screening is mandatory for all incoming kindergarten children. Acceptance into the St. Christopher kindergarten program is determined by the child's readiness, which is based on age and screening results. St. Christopher school requires that a child be age 5 prior to or on August 1. If a child passes the screening and has a late birth date, generally spring through summer, the decision to send the child to kindergarten or to wait a year is up to the child's parents. In the event that a child is young and does **NOT** pass the screening we will recommend a year in a PRE-K program and will not accept the child into kindergarten.

St. Chris can accommodate a total of 50 Kindergarten students, twenty-five in each classroom. Children who have passed the screening and who are age ready will be given a spot in the program. In the event that more than 50 children are registered, the following prioritization will be applied:

- 1. Parish member with older siblings enrolled at St. Chris,
- 2. Parish members according to date of registration in the parish
- 3. St. John's parish members.
- 4. Non-parish members.

#### CLASS ASSIGNMENT

A great deal of thought and care is given to creating class lists. Teachers and the principal take gender, ability levels, behavior, and group dynamics into consideration when dividing a class for the next year. Every attempt is made to create and maintain a good balance in each classroom. Student assignment is totally at the discretion of the classroom teachers and the principal. Please do not request a specific teacher for your child.

# ATTENDANCE AND LEGAL DEFINITION OF TRUANCY

Unexcused absence from school (truancy) is not acceptable. A student who is truant will not receive credit for schoolwork that is missed. A student will be considered habitually truant if the student is absent without a legitimate excuse for five (5) or more consecutive school days, or for seven (7) or more school days in one (1) month, or twelve (12) or more school days in one (1) school year. Furthermore, a student will be considered chronically truant if the student is absent without a legitimate excuse for seven (7) or more consecutive school days in one (1) month, or fifteen (15) or more school days in one (1) school year.

## St. Christopher School Attendance Policy

Regular school attendance has direct impact on classroom success. It also sets a pattern of responsible behavior that will be critically important throughout life.

Students enrolled at St. Christopher School are permitted a total of ten (10) days of excused absence in one (1) school year. For days exceeding ten (10) a physician's note is required. The physician's note must document the date the child was seen by the physician and the date(s) of the excused absence. St. Christopher School follows Ohio State Laws when dealing with truancy. We can and will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

Reasons for excused absence may include:

- \* Personal illness
- \* Death in the family
- \* Serious illness in the student's family

Should a child need to miss a day of school, it is important that a parent call the school office prior to 8:00 a.m. on the morning the child is absent to notify the attendance office. Call 898-5104.

#### Doctor/Dental Appointments

Medical appointments during school hours are discouraged. However, if these cannot be avoided a note stating the appointment date and time must be turned into the School Office upon return to school. Teachers are not authorized to release students from school. For the safety of the child, the student must be released from the school office and a parent or other adult, designated in writing by the parent, must sign the student out and upon return, sign the student in.

#### **Vacations**

Vacations taken while school is in session are considered unexcused absences and are strongly discouraged. In the event of a vacation occurring while school is in session, parent(s) are responsible to notify the school in writing at least one week prior to the date of departure. The student is responsible to obtain work from each teacher upon his/her return to school. The student will be given one day for each day missed from the date he/she returns to school to complete and turn in all missing assignments and tests. Work turned in after the allotted days will be treated as late. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to reteach material missed by a child due to a vacation.

# Illness and Homework

The student is responsible to obtain work from each teacher upon his/her return to school after an illness. The student will be given one day for each day missed plus one day from the date he/she returns to school to complete and turn in all missing assignments and tests. Work turned in after the allotted days will be treated as late.

#### **TARDINESS**

Being on time is an important quality to possess. Class time is valuable. A student who arrives late creates a disruption for the teacher and other students. It is asked that parents / guardians make every effort to assure that their child arrive at school with plenty of time to get settled and prepared for the school day to begin.

A student is considered tardy if he/she is not present in the homeroom and in his/her seat by the 7:50 AM bell. A student arriving after 10:00 AM will be charged with a half-day unexcused absence. Three unexcused days of tardiness will be counted as one day of unexcused absence; that absence will be recorded on the third day tardy.

Upon arrival the student will need to present a signed parental note to the office to establish attendance.

Excused tardies include, but are not limited to:

- \*school bus delays
- \*dental or doctor appointments
  (Note from health care professional is required),
- \*and weather related delays

# TRANSPORTATION

#### Car Riders

Safety is the number one priority! With that said, it is extremely important that all parents/guardians who are dropping children off or picking children up read, understand, and adhere to all of the following car rider procedures!

## Car Rider Drop-off

Parents can drop students off in front of the Emmaus Center beginning at 7:30AM. Please enter the large parking lot/playground through the smaller parking lot in front of church. Traffic cones mark the drop off area. Please pull up to the very first cone to allow an optimum number of cars to unload at one time. This will keep the line moving. Cars can unload in the whole area where the cones are located.

Children need to walk inside the cone area once they exit their car. If a child exits the car on the driver's side they should always walk to the front of their car, so the driver can see them until they are safely inside the cone area.

# Car Rider Pick-up

If the large parking lot/playground area is child free, cars may proceed onto that lot after 2:25p.m. Please drive to the center parking aisle. Pull all the way to the first open parking space (closest to the building) and park. Cars are divided alphabetically with A-L in spaces on the left (church side) and M-Z on the right (soccer field side). Once parked, please step out of the vehicle and wait in the center aisle for the children to be dismissed. Children are dismissed at 2:40 in alphabetical groups. Once all children are in cars we will allow cars to beginning moving toward the exit. A-L exit through the smaller church lot and M-Z exit by the rear driveway that circles around the north end of the school building. It all sounds more complicated than it really is. When all else fails follow the cars in front of you.

# **Bus Riders**

The State of Ohio requires public school districts to transport all elementary school age children to and from school. If the

district is unable to transport children, the district must reimburse parents for transportation.

St. Christopher School students enjoy transportation privileges from the following public school districts: Vandalia Butler, Tipp City, and Northmont.

School bus regulations are established by the State of Ohio and the public school district. All bus regulations are established for the safety and welfare of students. The bus driver is the ultimate authority on the school bus and has the responsibility of enforcing bus regulations. Students who utilize public school transportation have the responsibility of complying with all school bus rules.

Bus transportation is a service provided through tax payer dollars. A student who is unable to follow the school bus rules, listen to the directives of the bus driver, or who exhibits a disrespectful attitude can and will temporarily or permanently forfeit his/her right to public school bus transportation.

# Students will comply with the following directives:

- Be careful when approaching bus stops. Walk on the left facing oncoming traffic. Look both ways to be sure that the road is clear before crossing to the bus.
- The bus has a schedule to follow. Be at your stop on time.
- 3. Assigned seating on the bus is mandated by the State of Ohio. Stay in assigned seat.
- 4. Students are required to remain seated, face forward and keep hands and feet to themselves.
- Students need to recognize that the bus driver has tremendous responsibility for the safety of everyone on the bus. The bus driver must be respected and obeyed!
- 6. Food and drinks are prohibited on the bus.
- 7. Students need to use indoor speaking voices while on the bus.
- 8. Keep all body parts inside the bus at all times!
- 9. Wait for the signal from the bus driver when crossing in front of the bus.

Due to insurance restrictions, students are permitted to ride only the school buses provided by their public school district of residence.

Changes in routine do occur, however, for the safety of our students it is important that those changes be communicated to your child's teacher and the school office. Possible changes might include the need to ride a different bus or the need to get off at a different bus stop. We can help to facilitate such changes if we are informed.

For your child's safety, please inform the school office anytime there is a change in your child's normal means of transportation from school. A dated note to the office must include your child's name, the date the change will occur, and the alternative means of transportation. School personnel cannot rely on a verbal phone message or the word of a child. A

faxed note, received in the school office by 1:30 PM on the day in question, will be accepted.

#### STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

St. Christopher School has the expectation that all students will conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, and respect for themselves, others, and their surroundings. The following code is a general outline that should be used as a behavioral guide by all students. Failure to adhere to the behavioral expectations outlined here will result in disciplinary action. In addition, any student's action that directly affects St. Christopher School, regardless of place or time, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or expulsion by the school.

No student shall engage in any activity that would constitute a violation of the Ohio Revised Code or federal, state and local laws on school property or at a school sponsored event. Any activity that violates federal, state, or local law will result in notification to local law enforcement officials and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the school.

#### Behavioral Expectations

Every attempt is made to establish and maintain a school environment that is respectful, secure, and allows for optimal learning. To this end, administration, teachers, and staff provide firm, fair, and consistent expectations that include, but are not limited to the following.

# Students will:

- \* Arrive to school and class on time
- ★ Be prepared for full participation in each class
- \* Listen to and follow directions
- ★ Be attentive to the learning process and respectful of the rights of others to learn
- ★ Be respectful of teachers, staff, adult volunteers, peers, or any other persons
- \* Respect for the property of St. Christopher School, teachers, peers, and others
- ★ Complete all assignments and tests with integrity and honesty
- ★ Walk when entering and leaving the school
- \* Walk when moving about the school building
- \* Refrain from using language or gestures that are crude, vulgar, indecent, or demeaning to the person or character of others
- ★ Dress in appropriate school attire on uniform as well as out of uniform days

The above list of expectations is not all inclusive. Disciplinary consequences will be issued for failure to meet behavioral expectations. Bullying will not be tolerated in any form before, during, or after school. Students are subject to any and all disciplinary actions described. When an incident of bullying is reported, there will be a full investigation into the incident and documentation of what happened. Parents will be notified and told what occurred and the end result of the investigation and a plan to ensure

no repeat incidences occur. However, parents will not be informed of the consequences for another student due to privacy laws that must be followed. For further information regarding bullying please see the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Bullying Policy #406.05 on their website.

In addition to school wide expectations, each classroom teacher is encouraged to establish a list of expected classroom behaviors. Many teachers use a point system for positive behavior that results in periodic group rewards.

#### CODE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

#### Demerits are warnings!

A Demerit is a written reminder, issued to students in grades one through eight, that rules need to be followed and certain behaviors are inappropriate and unacceptable. A demerit should serve as a deterrent from further inappropriate actions. A demerit slip needs to be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher on the next school day. Failure to return the signed slip will result in an additional demerit.

#### <u>Detentions</u> are consequences!

A student who receives three demerits, will automatically be issued a Wednesday Detention. Detentions may also be issued for individual offenses dependent on the severity of the offense.

Wednesday Detentions are one hour in length, beginning at 2:45 and ending at 3:45. Students must arrive promptly at 2:45 and are expected to remain silent, sit up straight, feet on the floor, and hands folded in front of them for the entire hour. Transportation will need to be arranged or a note must be sent indicating that a student is to walk home.

A student who receives **three (3)** Wednesday detentions **in a** quarter will be issued an automatic Saturday detention in lieu of additional demerits or Wednesday detention.

Saturday Detention is two hours in length beginning at 8:30 AM and ending at 10:30 AM. Students must be dressed in uniform and will need to pay the faculty member on duty \$20.00 upon arrival. A Saturday detention is a working detention. Assigned work is at the discretion of the principal and/or the teacher on duty.

All Detention Slips are to be returned to the school office the next school day following the day the detention was issued.

# Behaviors Warranting Immediate Disciplinary Consequences

More serious violations of school policy will result in Wednesday detention, Saturday detention, in or out of school suspension, or expulsion from St. Christopher School at the discretion of the Principal and Pastor. Examples of such violations include but are not limited to: acts that threaten the safety and well-being of self or others, theft, destruction of property, inappropriate, vulgar or disrespectful language (verbal or written) or gestures, inappropriate touching of

another student, disrespect of teachers or staff, cheating, inappropriate use of technology, possession of pornographic or other inappropriate materials, and threats of physical violence.

As part of its Code of Conduct and disciplinary process, the School reserves the right to require a student to participate in counseling/therapy either as an ongoing means of remedying behavioral issues, or as a condition of returning to school at all. By signing this Handbook, all students and parents agree that they will provide whatever authorization is necessary in order for the School to speak with the counselor, therapist, or other mental health professional in such instances to ensure the student's behavioral issues have been fully remedied. As with the method and extent of any disciplinary measures, the School reserves final judgment in these matters.

The forms of discipline listed above are guidelines. The School's teachers and administration may utilize other disciplinary measures as the situation warrants, and the School reserves full and absolute discretion in these matters. Further, no discipline issued pursuant to this Handbook shall bind the School to issue the same, or even comparable, discipline to other students in the future. Nor will any form or extent of discipline be construed as a precedent for how discipline will be imposed moving forward. Rather, the School reserves sole judgment in disciplining students based on the particular circumstances of each incident, including but not limited to the respective age(s) of the student(s) involved, the student(s)' perceived maturity level, the conduct at issue, the student(s)' attitude and degree of cooperation, the student(s)' disciplinary history, and any other aggravating or mitigating circumstances the School deems present. Nothing in this section, or anywhere else in this Handbook, limits or otherwise constrains the School's authority, discretion, judgment, or responsibility in any student disciplinary matters.

#### Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Cell phones and other electronic devices (this includes iPad, iPod, Nook, Kindle, Apple watch, other watches that text or can make calls or other e-readers) are to be turned off throughout the school day, and in your back pack until you are out of the school building unless otherwise directed and supervised by a teacher. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the confiscation of the devise. Confiscated devices will be returned ONLY to a parent/guardian with the understanding that continued failure to follow this policy will result in the devise being taken and not returned until the last day of school.

# Illegal Behaviors

Behaviors that violate local, state, and or federal law will result in notification of law enforcement officials by the school administration. Suspension and or expulsion from St. Christopher may occur at the discretion of the Principal and Pastor.

Such violations may include but are not limited to the following:

- Possession and/or use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons, including all look alike guns, knives, etc., and look alike drugs
- ★ Possession of pornographic materials
- ★ Sexting
- ★ Inappropriate use of school computers
- ★ Sexual Harassment
- ★ Serious verbal and/or physical threats
- ★ Possession and/or use of explosives



#### **ACADEMICS**

# Teaching the Individual

At St. Christopher, we make every effort to address the needs of each child by recognizing individual differences in children's learning styles and ability levels. To meet these needs, we employ the services of a speech and hearing therapist, intervention specialists, Title I reading teacher, guidance counselor, and a school psychologist. An experienced, State certified teaching staff works in close partnership with these professionals and parents to help ensure the success of each child.

#### Art Education

Art education at St. Christopher School is both rich and enriching. Our students have the opportunity to explore art through a wide variety of mediums. A walk through the school halls on any given day is a colorful testimonial to the creativity of our young artists.



# Music Education

Music education offers our students the opportunity to

explore music of different time periods and cultures.
Through the Orff System students explore rhythm and learn to create music using a variety of percussion instruments. The musical talents of our

students come to life at our Christmas and Spring musicals.

#### Physical Education

The St. Christopher Physical Education Program blends physical fitness, team and recreational sports, and movement into a well-rounded experience.



#### Technology



Recognizing the need to prepare our students for the challenges of the twenty-first century, St.

Christopher School has made a great effort to keep up with the latest developments in technological

equipment, software, and the information highway.

St. Christopher school students can also enjoy field trip experiences from around the world without leaving the school building by using our distance learning equipment.

#### Library

An excellent library facility is available for all students. Every child in grades K - 5 has a weekly library time scheduled for their class. The time may include story time, book talks, browsing and book checkout. Grades 6 - 8 are invited to come to the library during study halls, recess or for special projects.

Library expectations are as follows:

- Students walking through the library on their way to class must do so quietly and respectfully as there is often a library class in session.
- 2. Talking should be in a whisper and kept to a minimum during library time.
- 3. All books must be checked out before leaving the library.
- 4. Books may be taken out for one week.
- Students in grades K-2 may check out two books at a time, grades 3-8 may check out three books.
  - \* After a one week grace period students will be charged \$0.25 per week for overdue books.
  - Fines must be paid and books returned before additional books may be checked out.
  - ★ Library fines must be paid by the close of the school year.
  - \* Students are responsible for lost or stolen books.
  - \* Reference books may not be removed from the library.
  - \* Adult supervision and/or librarian permission is required for use of all equipment.

# REPORT CARDS

St. Christopher School utilizes the report card provided by the Archdiocesan School Office. Report cards are sent home per trimester. The report card is computer generated. Therefore, we do not require that the report card be returned to the child's teacher. However, in an effort to verify that parents have received the report card, we ask that the report card envelope be signed in the space provided and returned to school.

St. Christopher School adheres to the following recommended grading scale provided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati:

# Archdiocesan Grading Scale

A = 100 - 93

B = 92 - 85

C = 84 - 77

D = 76 - 70

F = below 70

Students in grades four through eight receive percentage grades. Students in grades one through three receive "O" outstanding, "S" satisfactory progress, "N" needs improvement.

Religion is an important part of our curriculum and is scheduled into each day at all grade levels. Religion is not calculated into a student's grade point average. However, students 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade who fail to participate in the class or fail to

meet the required criteria for the class will not be eligible for honor roll regardless of grade point average.

Special classes, art, physical education, music, and computer are part of our established curriculum. These subjects need to be taken seriously by students. Students who fail to participate or meet all required criteria for any of these classes in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will not be eligible for the honor roll.

#### INTERIM REPORTS

Parents have on-line access to their child's grades through Option C. For this reason, mid-trimester interims are no longer sent home for all students. However, an interim will be sent home only for students in kindergarten through grade 3 who are making unsatisfactory progress, and students in grades 4-8 who have a grade of "D" or "F" in any academic subject. This report needs to be signed and returned to the child's teacher by the stated date.

# OPTION C & Grades

Parents are strongly encouraged to utilize "Option C" on a regular basis to view an ongoing posting of their child's grades in all subjects.

#### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled three times a year; two days during the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester and once during the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester and once during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers at other times if the need arises. Parents can now schedule conferences online at <a href="https://www.optionc.com">www.optionc.com</a> and log in using your parent username and password. Then go to Office Tab and select Teacher Conferences or there is a box under the student's picture to schedule conferences.

# HONOR ROLL

We are very proud of the academic accomplishments of our students and believe it is important to give them proper recognition. At the end of each trimester we publish a three tier Honor Roll for which students in grades four through eight are eligible.

- Principal's List: Student must achieve A's in all academic subjects.
  - "A" Honors: Student must achieve an average of 93 percent or higher.
- **"B" Honors:** Student must achieve an average of 85 percent or higher.

Students who maintain honor roll status for all 3 trimesters will be recognized at the end of the year awards assembly.

# STANDARDIZED TESTING

The IOWA Test of Basic Skills has been selected by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as the standardized measure of academic progress for diocesan schools. These tests are

administered in the spring of each year to students in grades Kindergarten through eighth.

The IOWA coupled with the CogAt provide one snapshot of a student's anticipated and actual progress. Classroom assessments given throughout the school year provide ongoing assessment of a child's progress. The CogAt is given to second and fifth grade students.

The ACRE (Assessment of Religious Education and Catechesis) is administered to students in grades five and eight. This standardized test is a measure of the effectiveness of the religious education program at St. Christopher. The Archdiocese requires each school to administer the ACRE test in February.

**STAR Reader and STAR Math** are utilized to track student progress throughout each school year.

#### HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an important component of the learning process. It extends learning beyond the classroom, giving students the opportunity to practice and reinforce newly learned skills. At the very least a student should spend some time reading and or going over material covered in class.

#### Late/Missing Homework

It is the expectation that all assigned work will be completed and turned in when it is due. In the event that a student fails to meet the assigned deadline the following guidelines will be followed:

**Grades K-2:** The policy and consequences are set at the discretion of the individual teacher.

**Grades 3-8**: Late assignments will be accepted one day late for 75% credit of the earned grade. Assignments submitted more than one day late will be accepted. However, no credit will be given. It is the expectation that assigned work will be completed even if no credit is given.

# Homework and Absence

When a student is absent from school due to illness we would like for them to concentrate on getting well. With this in mind we will keep their work in a folder to send home with them upon their return to school. If you have a special circumstance please contact the teacher.

# Homework, Integrity, and Copyright Law

Homework, reports, and research papers are all valuable educational tools. It is the expectation of St. Christopher School that each child is ultimately responsible for his/her own work. A student who copies another student's work as well as a student who allows another student to copy his/her work will receive ZERO credit and a detention. Any work that is not done by the student will also be given a ZERO for not being original work of said student. This holds true for homework as well as test material.

#### **Plagiarism**

Technology and the Internet have made it easier for a teacher to determine if a student's work is his/her own or if the work has been copied from another published source. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. A student who fails to follow copyright laws will receive ZERO credit. Plagiarism that is discovered after a grade has been issued will result in a change of grade to ZERO.

#### St. Chris Band Program

St. Christopher students may join the band program in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The 5th grade band, the 6th grade band and the combined 7th & 8th grade band meet every Tuesday and Thursday during the school day. No academic classes will be missed.

All of the bands will perform three in school and three evening concerts per year. Band students may also participate in the vocal programs with Mrs. Bade, the vocal teacher.

In addition to the three in school and evening concerts, the advanced band will take an annual field trip to share their talents. Open house, grandparents day, school masses, classroom performances are additional performance opportunities.

Research shows instrumental music does boost brain power in a way that can increase academic success. Performing music develops and enhances logic, math and language skills. There is a positive correlation between learning to play an instrument and improved literacy and math skills. Music education also increases spatial reasoning, the ability to interpret drawings, plans and models – a skill applicable in science, technology, and design fields. Enhancement of any of those component skills will undoubtedly lead to greater academic success.

Contact Mr. D'Epiro, the band director, or Mrs. LeConey, the assistant band director, at <a href="mailto:stchrisband@gmail.com">stchrisband@gmail.com</a> or call (937)626-4390 for additional information.

# HEALTH SERVICES

## **SCHOOL NURSE**

St. Christopher School employs a school nurse on a part time basis. The school nurse conducts vision screening in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, and seventh grades as well as hearing screenings in Kindergarten, first, second, third, and fifth grades. Screening is also available upon request at all grade levels. Scoliosis screening is provided for students in grade six, seven, and eight. The nurse also provides health presentations to students at various grade levels.

All student health records are maintained by the school nurse. Our nurse provides various other services on an as needed basis.

#### FIRST AID

School personnel are trained in first aid, CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. Basic day-to-day first aid is handled in the school office.

# **ILLNESS and MEDICATION**

Students who become ill at school are referred to the school office where temperatures and basic assessments are made by office personnel. Parents are consulted as needed and children are sent home if necessary. If a child has a temperature, is vomiting, or has diarrhea, parents will be notified to pick up the child. If you child has a fever, you will need to pick them up from school and they may not return for 24 hours AFTER their fever subsides. A supply of over-the-counter medications are kept in the office. We will administer these medications to children who have the proper forms completed by parents and on file in the school office.

Students who need to take prescribed medications while at school need to come to the school office at the appointed time and office personnel will administer the medication as prescribed on the bottle. Parents of students, who have recurring headaches, stomach aches, etc., can send over-the-counter medications into the school office to be administered by office personnel as needed.

All medication must be turned into the school office. For a student to receive medication at school an Administration of Medication form must be completed and on file in the school office. One form per medication is required. This applies to both prescription and over-the-counter medications. This form must be signed by the child's physician.

Insulin pumps for diabetic students and inhalers for asthmatic students may be carried by these students. As with any other medication, the Administration of Medication form must be completed and on file in the school office.

#### STATE MANDATED DRILLS

Fire Drills are conducted at irregular times and without advance notice once a month in accordance with state law. As a matter of safety, everyone leaves the building in silence and in an orderly manner.



Tornado Drills are conducted during the critical months of March through June. It has been determined that the safest area of the building during severe weather is the lower level.

Emergency Procedure Drills are conducted periodically throughout the year. During these drills, teachers and students will be given directions appropriate to the situation.

Intruder Drills are conducted periodically throughout the year. St. Christopher follows all laws and guidelines mandated by the Ohio Department of Education with regard to all drills.

Documentation for all drills is kept on file in the school office. Dates, time taken for evacuation, and time for verification is noted for each drill.

Due to the serious nature of these drills, students must remain silent throughout the entire drill. Failure to do so will result in an automatic WEDNESDAY DETENTION.

#### DRESS CODE

# Dress Code Purpose:

At St. Christopher we value our Catholicism and the traditions of our faith. Our uniforms are our first Opportunity to make an impression on those who see us, and as such are the most apparent expression of our commitment to modesty, safety and a distraction free learning environment. We believe that our dress code policies contribute to a positive school, and provide a level playing field to our students, free of judgment, which may be a byproduct of fads, fashion trends, or socioeconomic factors. Our uniforms and dress code also provide safety from clothing, which may be a hazard on the playground, as well as provide us a means of quickly identifying people who may not belong on school grounds.

#### Mass Attendance:

On any school day that students attend Mass, they must be in full school uniform, including the St. Chris gym uniform if it is their day for gym. Students may not use their jeans day passes on Mass days. (Wednesdays or Holy Days)

# Cardigans, Sweatshirts, or Vests:

Cardigans will be plain, waist length, solid navy blue, light gray or maroon. Sweaters may be crew neck or V-neck, full zip, pull over, and button up. The only logo should be a St. Christopher logo.

#### Shirts:

White, dark navy, light gray, and maroon long or short sleeve collared shirt, and polo shirt, permitted in all grades. No lace collars, no ribbons, ruffling, or smocking on any shirt. Shirts must be tucked in. Undershirts must be white, short-sleeved, with no logos and no logo visible through shirt.

#### Pants:

Standard slack cut, straight leg or boot cut, (no skinny cut, no tight fitting jeggings or pants with lycra, or rivets, no jeans). Pants must be dark navy for grades K-5 and 6-8 may wear khaki or dark navy slack cut pants. Pants may not have pockets on the legs, no cargo pants, no skinny legged pants, no joggers. Pants must be worn at waistline.

# Walking Shorts:

Dark navy twill walking shorts (that must come to the tip of your fingers with your arm extended downward by your side) are permitted from August until October 31st and then again on April 1st until the last day of school with Principal exception based on weather conditions. No sweat pants or jersey knit material shorts allowed. No cargo style shorts. Tights may not

be worn with shorts. Students in junior high (6-8 grades) can wear shorts year round.

#### PE Gym Uniform Policy for Winter

K-4 must wear sweat pants over their p.e. shorts to ensure that they are warm enough should we go out. If you do not have the St. Chris sweatpants, you may wear sweatpants that have no logos or stripes on them and they must be navy.

#### Jumpers:

Girls in grades K-4 may wear dark navy jumpers. Spandex shorts may be worn under jumpers and must not be visible.

Ankle-length or full length navy, gray or white leggings may be worn with jumpers and skirts.

#### Skorts

Girls in K through 5th grade may wear dark navy only and girls in 6-8th grades may wear dark navy or khaki skorts. Skort length must meet your finger tips with your arm fully extended downward by your side. Skorts may be worn all year long. We do recommend leggings/tights/or knee socks be worn with the skort to keep your child warm as we do go outside if it is 32 degrees or above.

#### Socks:

Solid navy, black, gray, or white only with no logo (for example Nike elite socks will not be acceptable during the school day). Socks must be worn, and can be no show, ankle, or midrise. Girls may wear plain (not patterned) tights in solid white, navy or gray.

#### Belts:

Students are encouraged to wear belts. (If they wear a belt it needs to be navy, black or brown) Solid colors only, no patterns, no logos. Students may not wear suspenders on uniform days.

#### Shoes:

- ★ Students are required to wear shoes that are safe, closed toe, non-distracting, and appropriate for school
- \* Sturdy, full-enclosed, non-skid shoes. These may be tennis shoes. Shoes need to be secured via laces, Velcro, buckle, or sturdy strap for safety.
- ★ Shoe designed for laces must be securely laced and tied. No flip-flops or slides.
- \* No sandals, wheeled shoes, no noise, or light up shoes. No raised heels or platforms, unless dress up day, class presentation, picture day, or graduation.
- ★ PE Shoes Students should wear appropriate athletic shoes to school on days when they have P.E.

# Personal Appearance:

Students need to arrive at school dressed neat and clean. Clothing must be in good repair. Please mark all clothing with student's name.

#### Hair Accessories:

Hair accessories must be simple, non-distracting without logos, no scarves, flowers, or embellishments on uniform days.

#### Hats:

Hats and scarves may not be worn in the school building with exception of certain celebrations (students will be notified ahead of time of these exceptions.)

#### Make Up/Nail Polish:

Minimal make up and nail polish may be worn and should be applied at home (DO NOT BRING TO SCHOOL).

#### Jewelry:

Stud size earrings only, no larger in diameter than a dime, and no dangling earrings are to be worn – even on free dress days. No other jewelry allowed with the exception of watches, or a religious medal or coin worn around the neck.

#### Jeans Days:

Free dress is allowed on special occasions throughout the year as designated by the principal. Clothing must be modest and appropriate for school as determined by the school administration. Shorts can be worn, and must reach to your fingertips with your arm fully extended downward by the student's side.

Spandex or lycra shorts are not allowed. If lycra leggings are worn, they must be covered with a top that can be no shorter than your fingertips when your arm is fully extended downward by the student's side.

No pants with holes are allowed. Plain loose-fitting track pants are allowed, but can have no wording or large logo on pants. Shoes, make-up, and jewelry policies are in effect even on free dress days.

#### Spirit Wear Days:

Spirit wear of any color can be worn with your uniform bottoms for these days. These days are NOT the same as jeans days.

# Students may not wear the following:

- ★ Suspenders (unless special day)
- ★ Bow ties, regular ties (unless special day)
- ★ Clothes that are overly revealing, too tight, have inappropriate writing (including but not limited to writing on the seat of the pants), or have holes in them.
- ★ Pajamas of any kind (unless special day)
- **★** Tank Tops
- **★** Yoga Pants
- \* Biker Shorts
- ★ Hats, scarves on the head or toboggans (unless special day)
- ★ Excessive jewelry
- ★ Cut off pants, shorts, or skirts (even if purchased in cut off condition).
- ★ No track shorts, no volleyball shorts, shorts must be bermuda like (just above the knee)

#### P.E. Uniforms

Navy mesh shorts with the St. Christopher logo on them; navy sweats with no branding or stripes and must have the St.

Christopher logo. The shirt must be the gray shirt either long or short sleeve with the St. Christopher logo on it. There will also be a dri-fit shirt and shorts available. The tye-dye shirts will be phased out from August 2016 through May of 2017. Beginning in August of 2017 there will be no tye-dye shirts worn unless you wear them on a jeans day. The tye-dye shirts have been taken off of the order form and will not be ordered from this point on. You may also wear a St. Christopher sweatshirt or  $\frac{3}{4}$  zip in approved colors.

#### CAFETERIA SERVICE

The school cafeteria serves hot lunch each day. All food is prepared daily on site. Students can choose a hot entrée or a peanut butter and jelly lunch plate. Lunch, including milk, for a regular size is \$2.70 and for a large lunch which includes a double portion of the main entre is \$3.25. Milk may be purchased for \$.60

★ Free and reduced lunches are available for those who qualify. Forms for this program may be found in the Family Packet at the beginning of the school year or upon request from the school office.

Children who choose not to take milk with lunch may request a cup for water. The cafeteria should be notified of any student who has a food allergy. A written statement from a physician must be on file in the school office.

#### Lunch Money

Lunch money may be turned in daily or on a pre-paid basis. ALL LUNCH AND MILK MONEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE HOMEROOM. No lunch money is taken in the lunch line. All money turned in is credited to the child's account in the morning and available for debit at lunchtime through a keypad system. ALL MONEY MUST BE IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE CHILD'S NAME AND HOMEROOM. Online payments or tracking of your child's account is available through PayForit.net. Please use your child's six digit Option C ID number when setting up the account.

#### Packed Lunches

Students choosing to pack lunch may purchase milk separately. Students are not permitted to purchase soft drinks during the school day. A soft drink brought to school as part of a child's lunch is not acceptable and will be confiscated by school personnel and replaced with water. Packed lunch items not consumed by a child will be sent back home with the child. This is done to give the parent some feedback about the child's eating habits at school. Sometimes parents may discover that too much food is being sent or in some cases not enough. While prepackaged lunches are convenient and appealing to children, they are not the best choice. These are expensive and children tend to throw away more than they eat. Microwave ovens are available for student use. However, using the microwave is very time consuming. For this reason, we discourage foods that need to be heated.

# Lunch Period

The lunch period is divided into two sessions. Younger students eat first, beginning at 10:50 AM. Students must be at the lunch table for fifteen (15) minutes. At 11:20 younger students may clear their place and line up for recess. Older students in grades five to eight are seated for lunch beginning at 11:40 AM. Students are permitted to leave for recess at noon.

#### **Lunch Room Expectations**

Students need to be seated at tables assigned to their grades. Indoor voices need to be used during lunch. Students are responsible for pushing in their chairs and disposing of their own trash. Students may leave the cafeteria when the teacher on recess duty is ready for them.

# Lunch in the Courtyard

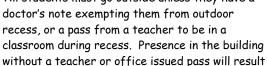
Grades Seven and Eight have the option of eating in the school cafeteria, or when weather permits, they may eat in the courtyard area outside the main school entrance. This is a privilege, students are responsible to dispose of all trash in the container provided. This area is for sitting, eating, and talking. Students who wish to run and/or play need to do so on the large playground.

#### RECESS and RECESS EXPECTATIONS

Recess begins at 11:25 AM and lasts until 12:15 PM. Students in grades one to four have recess from 11:25 - Noon and grades five to eight from Noon to 12:15 PM. Recess is supervised by two staff members and when possible one or more parent/grandparent volunteers.

During recess students have access to the large playground, the soccer field, and the climbing play equipment (climber). The soccer field and the climber are assigned on a rotating basis.

**Outside Recess** occurs weather permitting, no rain and above 32 degrees. All students must go outside unless they have a



in a demerit. Students may not leave the playground without permission from the teacher on duty.

Indoor Recess occurs when the weather does not permit us to be outside. During indoor recess students are to return to their classroom. They may utilize the games/toys available in the room. Students must find something to do and they must be seated at a desk or on the floor. They may play in the gym if it is available and a teacher is available to supervise play.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<u>STUDENT COUNCIL</u> is an organized group of students who meet regularly and share in the life of the school. It is a group of elected representatives. Under the direction of a faculty advisor, student council officers and members organize and implement activities and events that promote school spirit and community service.

THE OHIO MATH LEAGUE CONTEST is sponsored by the Ohio Mathematics League. It is a statewide test administered on site to students in grades six, seven and eight.

The test consists of forty challenging multiple choice questions that need to be completed within a half hour. The top five scores in each

grade level make up the team score. These scores are submitted to the state.

# AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

The school offers after school tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:45. Each session is just \$5.00 and includes a snack and a drink. Student to teacher ratio is ten to one. Students work on homework and/or concepts that may need to be re-taught. This program has made evenings easier for many busy families. Student participants, most often, have accomplished most if not all of their homework for the evening.

# CYO SPORTS

St. Christopher School students in grades four through eight have the opportunity to participate in CYO sports. CYO is not affiliated with or managed by the school. St. Christopher Athletic Boosters, a parish organization, oversees all CYO sports for parish children. Sports offered through Boosters may vary from year to year depending on interest, but typically include soccer, basketball, volleyball and golf. Students in grades kindergarten to eight can participate in track and field in the spring.

"To The Hoop" is an in-parish basketball league for students in grades kindergarten through third. This is an excellent introduction to team sports. It also provides a great opportunity for students to connect outside the classroom. To-The Hoop begins in January. Games are generally played on Saturdays.

#### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

# AUXILIARY SERVICES and Title I

The Ohio State Legislature appropriates Auxiliary Services Funds to nonpublic schools. These funds are administered by Vandalia Butler City Schools on behalf of St. Christopher School.

These funds can be used for the following specific purposes:

- \* Personnel including Intervention Specialists, Speech and Hearing Therapists, School Psychologist, and a Guidance Counselor.
- \* Textbooks other than for religious use can be purchased with these funds. This includes class novel sets and other textbook substitutes.
- \* Educational Equipment for student use.
- \* Computer Hardware and Software for student use.

#### Title I

The purpose of this title is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging

State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

St. Christopher School has a reading specialist assigned to our building. This teacher is employed through the public school district through Title I funding. This program is intended to provide an extra boost to emerging readers in our primary grades. This boost helps ensure that they are reading at an appropriate level for their age and that they have the tools in place to ensure adequate yearly progress in reading.

Student participation in Title I is based on teacher recommendation and a variety of assessment instruments that include: AIMSweb and STAR Reader.

#### Textbook Use Policy

Textbooks are reviewed and if necessary replaced on a five year cycle. Therefore, textbooks, as with any other school property, need to be cared for properly. All textbooks must be covered within the first week of school and must remain covered throughout the school year. Covers need to be replaced as needed. Failure to have books properly covered will result in disciplinary action.

Students are responsible for lost or damaged textbooks. Damage to textbooks will result in a "Damaged Book" fee (\$10 to the full cost of the book) assessed at the end of the school year. A lost textbook will need to be purchased by the student. If the book is found the purchase price will be refunded.

#### Student Agenda

Students in grades three (3) through Eight (8) are given a student agenda at the beginning of each school year. Students need to have these agendas with them throughout the school day. These agendas are important organizational tools that will help a student develop necessary time management skills and work habits. Agendas can also be good communication tools between parents and teachers. Students need to be in the habit of writing all assignments, projects, and test dates in the agenda. A lost agenda must be replaced, and can be purchased in the school office.

#### RESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

St. Christopher School uses new technologies, electronic resources, and Internet access to enhance student learning and to provide a quality educational experience for all students. St. Christopher School is provided Internet connectivity through MDECA, a Data Acquisition Site. Our Internet connectivity is partially funded with moneys provided by the State of Ohio. Therefore, Internet access and activities utilizing other technologies in the school are strictly limited to educational purposes.

In keeping with the mission of St. Christopher School to promote lifelong learning rooted in Gospel values, faculty and staff will monitor, instruct about, and guard against inappropriate, unethical, and illegal use of technology by student or adult users.

#### Yearly Agreement

In order to ensure proper use of technological resources, it is necessary that each user and their parents sign the Responsible Use of Technology Policy- Users Agreement Form. This form must be on file at the school before Internet access is permitted. Signing this form indicates that the user will abide by the rules governing Internet and other technology access as stated in this policy.

#### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of overnight snow, icy roads, fog, flood, fire, or other emergencies affecting the regular opening of a school day, each family will be notified using the One Call system. In addition, school closing information will be posted on local radio and television stations. Whenever the Vandalia-Butler School System is canceled or delayed, St. Christopher School will also be canceled or delayed unless otherwise notified.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

St. Christopher School welcomes parent volunteers in the building. Parent volunteers help us provide many little extras for the students that would be impossible without help. Volunteer opportunities are available for the office, library, cafeteria, playground, some classrooms, and for various events that occur throughout the school year.

- \* All volunteers must be current in their Virtus training. If you do not have Virtus training please call Linda Slatery at 898-3542 ext. 104 to set up a time for training.
- ★ Trainings last 3 hours and are on the second Monday of each month from 6pm-9pm.



## FIELD TRIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

Field trips occur throughout the school year. Whenever possible we use the St. Christopher Parish bus to transport students on these trips. Sometimes it is necessary to ask parents to help drive on a field trip. We are grateful for parent drivers who pitch in when needed. Teachers take time to make sure each trip is carefully planned. It is very important that parents follow the teacher's directions carefully. Field trip permission slips state very specifically where the students will be traveling. Therefore, drivers may not take students to any destination that is not listed on the field trip permission slip. Parent drivers are often asked to chaperone a group of students. For this reason, we ask that parents not bring younger siblings on a field trip unless otherwise indicated by the teacher. All volunteers must have Virtus training. (See Above).

## CHILD CUSTODY AGREEMENTS

In the event of separation or divorce, a copy of child custody papers must be on file in the school office. If any type of supervised visitation is called for or a restraining order has been issued, the school office must be notified and copies of all pertinent court documents must also be on file in the school office.

Any restrictions on who may take your child from school must be made known in writing. It is wise to have several emergency phone numbers (relatives, neighbors) on file at school also.

#### FAMILY INFORMATION CHANGES

Please notify the school office personnel of any change in family information such as employment, phone number, name, address, child custody, etc. For the safety of the child, it is extremely important to keep all contact information up to date.

#### PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

St. Christopher PTO provides support to teachers. PTO also provides a variety of fun and exciting events throughout the school year that boost school spirit and bring families together.

PTO sponsors a Fall Fundraiser the proceeds from this sale provide the funding to support the work they do.

Each year PTO also organizes special events that include; Family Hay Ride, Dayton Dragons Game, Pastries With Parents, School Skating Parties, Father Daughter Dance and Mother Son Event to name a few. They also help fund major projects for the school such as a new intercom system and phones in each classroom.

St. Christopher PTO meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the school library. PTO has yearly dues of \$5.00 per family. Please join our PTO!

#### STATE STANDARDS and ACCREDITATION

St. Christopher School is fully accredited through the Ohio Catholic School Accreditation Association (OCSAA). The mission of OCSAA is threefold:

- 1. To strengthen Catholic identity and mission.
- 2. To engage Catholic schools in the ongoing improvement of learning.
- To ensure OCSAA Standards are fully operative in the schools.

Through participation in OCSAA and adherence to the Graded Course of Study provided through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, St. Christopher School is in full compliance with State of Ohio Standards.

#### SCRIP

SCRIP is a WIN-WIN program that allows individuals to purchase restaurant and retail gift cards through St. Chris. St. Chris receives a percentage of the sale of each gift card. These percentages range from 4% to as high as 25%. SCRIP makes birthday gifts, Christmas gifts, or shopping for any special occasion easy, while at the same time providing income for St. Chris School at no additional cost to the buyer.

Using SCRIP Cards for the purchases we make on a regular basis, like groceries, fuel, clothing does not add any expense over and above what we already spend, but give St. Chris a boost. Families that shop at Kroger and have a Kroger Plus Card that is registered through the Parish, automatically earn St. Chris 4% of their total bill every time they shop at Kroger.

Proceeds from SCRIP go directly into the St. Chris School budget as an income line item. SCRIP has helped over the years to keep tuition increases at a minimum. SCRIP can be purchased through the school office without ever leaving your home. SCRIP is also offered after all Masses on the first and third Sundays of the month.

# <u>Schwann's - A Fundraising Network</u>

#### Order Online:

- \*Visit Schwann's-Cares.com
- \*Click on "Find a Campaign" on the home page
- \*Enter Campaign ID:21718
- \*Click the "Support Now" button
- \*Shop!

# Notice Of Nondiscriminatory Policy As To Students

The St. Christopher school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

#### **VENDORS**

Lands End - www.landsend.com

Educational Apparel - <a href="www.educationalapparel.com">www.educationalapparel.com</a>
(Gym uniforms are available here) This company comes to St. Christoper School in the spring and the fall. They provide a wonderful service for our parents.

Western Ohio Graphics - 937-335-8769 (Gym uniforms are available and they will put our official decal on shorts you buy from them or bring from another vendor.

You may purchase your uniforms from other vendors, however they must follow the uniform guidelines previously stated in this handbook.

# St. Christopher School

# Handbook Signature Page

We have read the St. Christopher handbook and discussed it with our child(ren). We agree to follow the policies and the procedures outlined in the handbook. This page must be signed and returned to the office by the first week of school.

Student Signature	Date	
Parent Signature	Date	
Print Family Name		