



Trinity Christian School

2016-2017 SURVIVAL GUIDE

9 - 11 GRADES



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STUDENT COUNCIL	Dana Johnson

PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK

The parent and student handbook is on the TCS website under the upper school tab.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- School is from 8:00 am – 3:15 pm each day. Classes Monday and Thursday will be periods 1 – 4. Tuesday and Friday will be periods 5 – 8. Wednesday is 1 – 8 with chapel in the mornings.
- Students are allowed in the building 7:30 – 3:30 each day.

DINING HALL AND LUNCHESES

High School lunches: MTTT A Lunch 12:15 – 12:50; B Lunch 12:55 – 1:35

Italia Express is the independent provider of hot lunches at TCS.

Microwaves are also available in the dining hall.

NOTE: Only relatives of students may bring food to a student or come have lunch with him/her. Students must eat during their regularly scheduled lunch time.

ORDERING TEXTBOOKS

Students will be responsible to secure their own textbooks. Electronic books are encouraged. You can find the list of books for each class by going to the TCS website.

- Click on right side button that says order books
- Choose from your specific grade level and books.

UNIFORMS

Parker Uniforms

www.parkersu.com

1126 S Cedar Ridge Dr Suite 102, Duncanville, TX 75137

(972) 572-9191

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

1. **Shoes:** A closed toe and closed heel shoe with a heel extending no more than 1" below the sole of the shoe. Sandals, house shoes, shower shoes, flip-flops, backless, or open shoes of any type are not permitted. No student is permitted to be "shoeless" while on campus.
1. **Polo Shirts:** Students may wear any of the approved polo style shirts with the TCS stacked T or approved oxford shirts. Only the top button of the oxford shirt may be unbuttoned. There will be no excessively large or excessively tight shirts. Shirts are to be worn in such a manner as to exemplify modesty. All shirts must fall below the top of the waistband.
2. **Hair:** Hair must be clean and combed or braided. No extreme hairstyles are allowed. Hair must be of a natural color. Partial or complete shaving of the head is not acceptable except for medical purposes. No designs or patterns may be cut into the hair. Boys hair should not fall below the collar.
2. **Shorts, Pants, Capris and Belts:** Shorts must be longer than the finger tips with arms extended at the side in a relaxed stance. Only uniform shorts are allowed. Shorts may not be rolled or altered.
 - a. Pants may be the uniform khaki or black and cannot be split or altered. Sagging pants or shorts or not permitted. Excessively tight pants are not permitted. Jeggings or leggings are not considered uniform pants. Girls may wear capri uniform pants.
 - b. There will be no "jogger" style pants allowed.
 - c. A belt must be worn with pants or shorts. The belt must fit through all of the belt loops and be secured at the waist
3. **Skirt (Girls):** Skirts must be worn so as to reach the top of the knee cap when walking or standing. Modesty shorts must be worn with skirts at all times. Skirts must be black or khaki uniform style and material.
4. **T-Shirts:** T-shirts with any designs or writing are not allowed under the uniform shirts. Students may only wear t-shirts of school colors under the polo and oxford shirts.
5. **Head Coverings:** No head coverings are to be worn inside the building.
6. **Facial Hair:** All facial hair must be neat and well-trimmed.
7. **Undershirts & Tank tops:** T-shirts with any designs or writing are not allowed under the uniform shirts. Students may only wear a t-shirt of school colors under their polo or oxford shirts.
8. **COATS/JACKETS/HOODIES:** Only approved TCS letter jackets, windbreakers, monogrammed sweaters or sweatshirts, may be worn in the classroom. Sweatshirts and jackets sold through Parker Uniform or provided by an approved TCS program or sport are permissible. Other coats or jackets may only be worn outside. Students who wear coats from home must put them in their locker at the start of the day.

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAY!

Spirit Wear is approved to wear on Fridays only. Should students choose not to participate, usual uniform standards apply. Spirit wear guidelines are as follows:

1. All spirit shirts must be predominantly TCS colors (shirt colors must be royal blue, black, grey, or white) and must be official shirts from the school uniform store or sold by the school.
2. Spirit Wear that is available for purchase through the school only.
3. Athletic director approved team shirt
4. T-shirts issued by Explicit Ministries in school colors (must be a youth shirt only)
5. Jeans must be blue, black, white, or grey and should not have patterns
Jeans must fit appropriately and have no holes

PARENT AND STUDENT WEBSITE

To get your schedule you will use the school database website. It also has the ability to send weekly emailed progress reports from teachers to one or both parents. In addition, you can access your child's daily assignments and grades on the internet with our Parent's Web Site!

To access the Parent's Website:



- Type in the address www.renweb.com.
- Click on the box that says Parent's Web Login
- Log in as follows: School ID is TCS-CH, then, **type in the E-mail address that you provided to the school.**
- Click new parent login if you have not logged into RenWeb before.
- You will be emailed a new password within 3 minutes (to the e-mail address you typed in, which must be the same e-mail address that you provided to the school).
- Go back to the first screen and type in your password to log in.
- Select "Continue"
- To access grades, click Classrooms.
- This will bring up all classes that each of your children are enrolled in at Trinity.
- Click on Homework Summary or Grade book Summary at the top for each child.
- You can also check your child's attendance and email the teachers directly from this site!

Please call the Secondary Office if you have any questions or problems. 972-291-2505

ABSENCES

Students need to make every effort to be in class, on time, every day. With the block scheduling, students miss way more information when they are absent. If absences are unavoidable, please send an email to lharwell@trinitychristianschool.com in order for the absence to be excused. You may also write a note for the student to deliver to her.

If a student must sign out for an appointment, etc., send Mrs. Harwell an email with the time you will be picking up your student. She will give him/her a note. Once you are on campus, you can sign your student out of school in the front office. Be sure to sign your student back into school upon return.

Excessive Absences: Students who miss more than 9 absences in a semester may be required to attend Saturday school to get credit for classes. Saturday school is an extra charge of \$25 each time. If your student has extenuating circumstances,, contact the upper school principal for a waiver.

Tardies: for every 3 tardies in a class, a student receives a detention. He/she may pay off the detention for \$5 or serve it.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PARKING

High School students are to be dropped off in the back parking lot by the patio. Students who are driving to school must get a parking permit and space assignment from the high school office. Bring \$10, driver's liscence, proof of insurance, and car liscence plate make and model with you.

ELECTRONIC TABLET PROTOCOL

- R** remember to keep it charged 100% battery every day
- E** exclusively use your tablet every day for school use only
- S** stay only on the apps as assigned by the teacher
- P** protect your electronic devices from damage
- O** obey the TCS honor code with all electronic devices
- N** navigate the web using social media guidelines
- S** sync your tablet regularly
- I** immediately report damaged, lost or stolen tablets to the IT department
- B** bring your accessories every day; charger, etc.
- L** learn to use your tablet for educational purposes wisely
- E** engage with humans often with tablets in moderation

- U** use electronic devices in designated areas and at designated times
- S** secure your table in a safe location at all times
- E** explore new ways to learn with your tablet

NO TABLET ZONES: Locker rooms, bathrooms, school events during the school day, dining hall (for JH)

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1	Picture Day! (wear uniform and bring order forms)
September 2	FIRST PEP RALLY OF THE YEAR! 2:30 pm, gym
September 5	No school: Labor Day
September 12 - 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences encouraged
September 19 - 23	Spiritual Emphasis Week
September 23	Plunge Baptism Party starting around 11:30 am & early release
September 12	Progress Reports emailed
September 12-23	Fall Fundraiser!
October 7	End of Term
October 10	Report Cards emailed
October 10-14	HOMEcomings WEEK: The Legacy Lives On! Celebrating 35 years of TCS
October 19	PSAT (for all 9 – 11 graders)
November 7	Progress Reports emailed
November 14	NHS Induction
November 17 – 21	Thanksgiving Break
December 12 – 15	Semester Exam Week
December 16	Payment on 8th grade mission trip due
December 19	Report cards emailed
January 3	School begins Semester 2
January 30	Progress reports emailed
February 2 - 3	Musical
March 6	Report Cards emailed
April 10	Progress reports emailed
April 10 – 13	Easter Spiritual Emphasis and Plunge Party



Dual Credit courses are college level courses taken through Cedar Valley College that may be counted both as college credit and high school credit. Any TCS student entering the **11th or 12th grade** who qualifies on the Cedar Valley placement test may register for dual credit courses through the Academic Dean's office. SAGU (Southwestern Assemblies of God University) also partners with TCS offering dual credit courses. However, their course have fees attached.

Courses taken as dual credit may not be taken to replace a required core course at Trinity Christian School. Application packets are available in the high school office. **FOR BEST INFORMATION ON WHAT COURSES ARE MOST BENEFICIAL**, students need to check on the websites of their intended universities and in the degree requirements of the specific degree plans. These items are usually found in the school's general bulletin or on the college of study websites.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is designed to recognize students in grades 10 - 12 who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. They must also possess high moral character, have involvement in community service, and demonstrate leadership. A high scholastic average alone does not qualify the student for admission to the NHS. Students are elected to the NHS by a Faculty Council, who considers all four areas. NJHS is for 7 - 8 grades carries similar requirements.



POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING



Parents are reminded that colleges and universities have the right to determine their own admissions requirements, procedures, and protocols. Moreover, the entrance requirements of American colleges and universities vary greatly from school to school. College entrance is becoming ever more competitive. For this reason, Trinity Christian School parents and students are admonished to plan early and carefully regarding their interests in making college decisions. Students should consider and investigate the entrance requirements of the college or university of their choice early in the high school years so that a more informed course selection and graduation plan choice can be made.

PSAT

This test is designed to test the verbal, mathematical, and written skills of students. This test is taken in preparation for the SAT during the junior year. National Merit Scholarships are available if the student's junior level scores qualify him/her to be a Finalist. At Trinity all high school 8-11 graders will participate in the PSAT. This test is given only once per year in October.



COLLEGE VISITS



Policy: Each senior is allowed 2 days of absences for college visits. Juniors are allowed 1 day of absence for college visits. Please choose wisely. Make sure to visit the university website in order to make the most of each visit. In order to be excused, prior to the college visit, each student should obtain a college visit form from the high school office. Students must have each teacher sign the form and return it to the office. All students are encouraged to make visits during family travels.

HELPFUL COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS WEBSITES

- ✓ www.actstudent.org (ACT website)
- ✓ www.collegeboard.com (SAT website)
- ✓ www.commonapp.org (college applications for many of the universities in the US)
- ✓ www.applytexas.org (access all Texas college admissions and their scholarships)
- ✓ www.collegeforalltexans.com (planning, applying & paying for college)
- ✓ www.fafsa.ed.gov (US financial aid application)
- ✓ www.fastweb.com (scholarships)
- ✓ www.finaid.org (scholarships)
- ✓ www.scholarships.com (scholarships)
- ✓ www.schoolsoup.com (scholarships)
- ✓ www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (college sports)



SAT and ACT Test Dates for 2016-2017

Most colleges and universities require one of two major entrance exams: the ACT and or the SAT Reasoning Test. Students usually take these at the end of the junior year or at the beginning of their senior year. Websites are www.act.org and www.collegeboard.com.

Date of Test	Test	Register by	Get Scores By †	
			Web	Mail
Oct. 1	SAT & SAT Subject	Sep. 1 (9/20 w/ late fee)	Oct. 27	Nov. 5
Oct. 22	ACT	Sep. 16 (9/30 w/ late fee)	Nov. 7	Nov. 12
Nov. 5	SAT & SAT Subject	Oct. 7 (10/25 w/ late fee)	Nov. 29	Dec. 8
Dec. 3	SAT & SAT Subject	Nov. 3 (11/22 w/ late fee)	Dec. 23	Jan. 2
Dec. 10	ACT	Nov. 4 (11/18 w/ late fee)	Dec. 26	Dec. 31
Jan. 21	SAT & SAT Subject	Dec. 21 (1/10 w/ late fee)	Feb. 9	Feb. 18
Feb. 11	ACT	Jan. 13 (1/20 w/ late fee)	Feb. 27	Mar. 4
Mar. 11	SAT only	Feb. 10 (2/28 w/ late fee)	Mar. 30	Apr. 8
Apr. 8	ACT	Mar. 3 (3/17 w/ late fee)	Apr. 24	Apr. 29