

Dear Frederickson Parents,

It's that time of the year again when we get excited to see each student back on campus for another great year at Cascade Christian! In this newsletter you will find important information in preparation for transitioning back to school next month. God has great things in store for us, and we are honored to do this journey with you!

#### **SPIRITUAL THEME:**

Our Spiritual theme this school year is "Be Still" which is based on Psalm 46:10:

"He says, "Be Still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth."

Students will gain a deeper understanding of what this means for their lives through prayer, chapel and our in-class Bible curriculum. We ask that you join us at home and in your local churches to immerse our students with the Word of God.

## **SOUND LIFE CHURCH:**

We are grateful to continue our strong partnership with Sound Life Church. We have a unique opportunity to support each other's organizations with the same kingdom-driven goal of reaching people for Jesus. If you are looking for a church for you and your family, please visit SLC's <u>website</u> to connect and learn more. At CCS we greatly value and emphasize the role the church plays in our lives and invite all of our families to get connected in a local congregation.

## MEET THE TEACHER: Wednesday, September 4th | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Our teachers and administration are looking forward to getting to know you before the first day of school. Join us between 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in your child's classroom. More information to come!

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Thursday, September 5th with doors opening at 8:15 a.m.

We can't wait to see all of your smiling faces the first day back! Class begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please help us establish new routines to ensure your student is present and ready to learn when class begins.

#### NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION: Thursday, September 5th | 8:45 a.m.

All families new to our campus are invited to attend a welcome orientation in the auditorium on the first day of school. Here you will have the opportunity to gather "need-to-know" information for a successful year.

# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (PARENT ORIENTATION): Tuesday, September 10th | 6:00 p.m.

This informational session is for parents only to discuss all-things Frederickson. This event will also a include time in the classrooms for teachers to provide important information that will help your child be successful such as classroom procedures and routines, homework expectations and parent Q&A time.

## PICTURE DAY: September 11th & 12th

Say cheese! Please see the information below on how to order your student's picture in the fall.



# Picture Day is Coming To Your School!

# Cascade Christian Schools Frederickson

September 11th and 12th



# Easy Access at your Fingertips!

Picture day information, online ordering, and our customer advocate team are all at your fingertips. Scan the QR code or visit <a href="mydorian.com">mydorian.com</a>, search for your school, and click on the green Order button or yellow Help button associated with your picture day.

You can order online now and for up to four (4) days after picture day.

Here are some helpful tips to make picture day great!







# CCS CONVOCATION: Saturday, September 14th | 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Please help us start the new school year off right as we ask the Lord to bless our upcoming school year with prayer, worship, and family fun. This district-wide event is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other Cascade families. Please register <a href="here">here</a> to reserve your <a href="#">FREE</a> meal and don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this special event!



Saturday, September 14, 2024 | 4-6:30 PM

# PRAYER | CONNECTION | FAMILY FUN

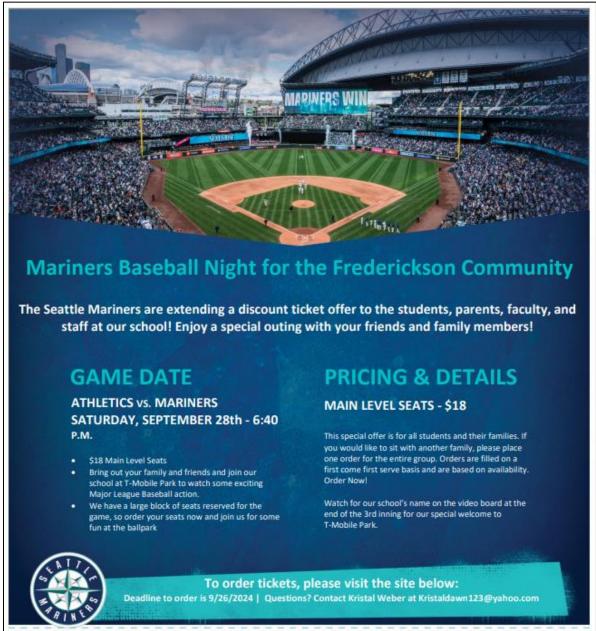
Come and join us for the exciting, new Convocation! Grab your lawn chairs or picnic blankets, settle in with your family, and let's come together for a time of worship and prayers of dedication for the 2024-2025 school year. Don't miss out on dinner! **Preregister for your meal** 



Home football game to follow Convocation @ Sunset Stadium!

# PfC MARINERS' GAME: Saturday, September 28th | 6:40 p.m.

Community events are essential for us at Frederickson, and we are excited to begin with a Mariners' game as our team wraps up the regular season before heading to the playoffs. To purchase tickets, please click on the link <u>here</u>. We hope to see our families 'hit it off' to begin the year!



https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/CascadeChristianFrederickson



# SCHOOL HOURS: Kindergarten - 6th Grades \*Class time extended to 3:15 p.m.\*

Late Start Mondays - 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. | *Classroom doors open at* <u>9:15 a.m.</u> Tuesdays-Fridays - 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. | *Classroom doors open at* <u>8:15 a.m.</u>

We kindly ask that students arrive to school on time as learning begins promptly. Classrooms will be locked at 8:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Mondays) and late arriving students will need their parent/guardian to sign them in at the office and will be marked tardy. For campus security, please do not knock on classroom doors after they are closed nor have your child(ren) walk into the office on their own to be signed in.

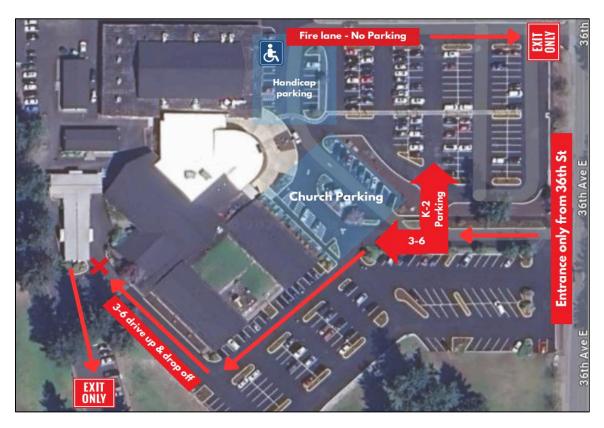
Students are never left unsupervised on campus. For this reason, students who arrive before classroom doors are open will be checked in to Cougar Club. Students will also be taken to Cougar Club after school if they are not picked up by 3:30 p.m. Please be aware that a daily charge will be billed to the family for extended school services.

# ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is vital to the success of your child. To report your child's absence/tardy, click <a href="here">here</a> or go to the Frederickson campus page to locate the online form. Parents will receive communication from the school for absences not reported and an email reminder will be sent when five have been accrued per quarter. Excessive absences/tardies may result in further administrative action.

#### TRAFFIC FLOW:

In an effort to ensure safety across our campus and in our parking lot, this year we have a new traffic flow during school hours. You will notice that our main entrance from 36<sup>th</sup> street will now be **ENTER ONLY**, with the side entrances designated for **EXIT ONLY**.



During drop-off, parents with primary level children (K-2) need to park in the designated parking lot and walk them to class. Parents with intermediate level children (3-6) will drop off through our drive-up area on the map. <u>ALL students must be picked up at the classroom after school is dismissed.</u>

We are asking for your help to park only in the designated parking spots. Parking along fire lanes is strictly prohibited. We also want to be mindful of the utilization of church and handicap parking spaces.

#### **CAMPUS SECURITY:**

All building access points are visible by security cameras throughout the campus. A secure entry system exists at the school office. All visitors must buzz in during school hours before access is granted. We appreciate your understanding and partnership in promoting a safe environment. We also have the privilege of having an armed security guard on campus during school hours. We are grateful for our partnership with VSO in keeping our students safe.

# Watch DOGS Launch: Wednesday, August 28th | 6:00-8:00 p.m. at JHHS

We invite our Frederickson dads to join the Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) program which is designed to provide positive male role models for students and an extra set of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. Please join us as we kick off this program with a fun launch party with pizza and games for both dad and kiddos.

## CHAPEL: Wednesdays 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Each week our chapels are a time of worship and biblical teaching, and parents are welcome to join us after checking in at the office. The last Wednesday of every month, students will be participating in Cougar Family Groups in the classrooms. This is a mentorship opportunity for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders to lead a small group of students through a Bible lesson and activity.

#### **DRESS CODE:**

Daily attire needs to be clean, neat, well-groomed, modest and not cause a distraction to learning. Please review the <u>Parent/Student Handbook</u> as you start to purchase school clothes and set your child up for success. A quick reminder of the following:

- Shorts and skirts/dresses exposing bare legs are permitted until October 1<sup>st</sup>, and need to be two inches below fingertip in length with no holes or tears above the fingertips.
- All leggings must be completely covered by a top in the front and back.
- Hair color is to be natural; save make-up for junior high.
- Athletic shoes for PE, and sandals must be worn with socks.
- Hats, hoodies and sunglasses are not appropriate in the school building.

# **CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:**

We prefer all electronic devices be left at home, however, students who choose to bring them to school must store them in their backpacks and have them turned off. Cell phones, smart watches and the like will be confiscated when misuse occurs.

#### **CALENDAR INFORMATION:**

Our campus calendar can be accessed <u>here</u>. Teachers will also send helpful reminders on their weekly classroom newsletters.

#### **MEDICATION:**

If your child requires a prescription or over-the-counter medication during school hours, please complete this <u>form</u>. The front side of the form must have the physician's signature and instructions. All medication must be dropped off by a guardian to the front office in its original container.

#### **IMMUNIZATIONS:**

State law requires that each student must be current on immunizations before attending school. If you are unsure of the requirements, please check with your pediatrician or access the Washington State Department of Health Washington State Department of Health website. You must provide evidence to the school office that your child is current before the first day of school.

#### CLASS PLACEMENT AND SUPPLY LIST:

Class lists were prayerfully and intentionally created with learning abilities/styles, special needs, relationship dynamics, gender balance and teacher styles in mind. The school supply list is attached for reference, and you may drop off your school supplies during Meet the Teacher.

#### **CLASS PAGES:**

This year we are moving away from Facebook and introducing a platform called SchoolStatus to keep you connected with your students' classroom happenings. This new platform will help streamline all the information you as a parent need including teacher communication, calendars, announcements, and more. Please see below for more information:



#### **INTRODUCING SCHOOLSTATUS CONNECT TO FAMILIES**

We are excited to start using SchoolStatus Connect to unify our family communication across our school. With SchoolStatus Connect, our families will be able to receive communication that is schoolwide as well as classroom specific through whichever channel(s) works best for the family!

Family members can view Connect notifications and keep up with communications in a variety of ways:

- Directly in your email inbox
- As a SMS message on your phone
- In your Connect family portal on the web
- On the mobile app Search "SchoolStatus Connect" in your app store.

There is no need to create an account. SchoolStatus interfaces with FACTS/Renweb and a profile has already been established for you. If you are marked in FACTS/Renweb as a parent/guardian with custody of a student, you can expect a Connect communication soon that will help you to login, update your profile, and create a password. Stay tuned for more information and for your first Connect communications coming soon!

#### **PARENT HANDBOOK:**

Click here to view the <u>Parent/Student Handbook</u> for reference of student conduct expectations, academic information, attendance guidelines and other important information.

#### **COUGAR CLUB REGISTRATION:**

Before and after school care enrollment is <u>here!</u> You can also find information regarding programs offered during school breaks, athletic options, enrichment classes and so much more.

#### **EMERGENCY KITS:**

All students are required to have an emergency kit. Families need to supply them and have their child bring them to class before the end of the first month of school. Emergency kits will also be made available for purchase from the PfC during Meet the Teacher and Parent Orientation. Please see attachment for more details.

#### **LUNCH PROGRAM:**

A hot lunch option is made available for all elementary students to purchase. Each school day, students will indicate if they need a hot lunch or if they have brought a lunch from home upon entering the classroom each morning. Information and instructions are below, and the September lunch menu will be coming soon.



# CCS Frederickson Lunch Program

Our elementary lunch system is online using your FACTS Prepay Accounts. All payments for lunch can be made online though you're FACTS Prepay Accounts.

You will see three campus choices, please select the campus that your student attends. If you have students at more than one campus you will need to add funds to each campus they are attending. Screenshot below...



## Q&A

How fast will payments be posted?

Payments made online will be available immediately.

Does my child need to pay for lunch before they have it?

Funds should be added to your account prior to your student purchasing lunch. If it is an emergency situation, they will be given a lunch and a delinquent payment will be posted.

## Can I still pay in the office?

If you need to make a payment using cash or check, these can be taken at the school office. No change will be given when making a payment with cash. There will be a delay in posting.

How do I know if my child is low on the lunch account?

If your Prepay Account balance falls below \$5.00, you will receive a low balance email notice on Friday reminding you to add funds to your account.

When will the new month's menu be available?

We post the new menu online and by paper on the last Friday of each month.

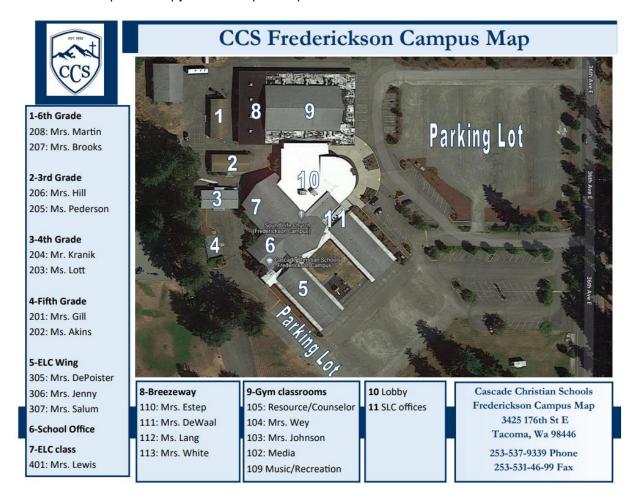
Why is milk listed separately?

The lunch includes entrée, vegetable, fruit and milk. You can choose to buy just milk and pay a separate fee for milk only.

Additional questions? You can reach our Kitchen Manager, Lisa Vance by email: Vancel@cascadechristian.org

#### **CAMPUS MAP:**

Please see below for an updated copy of our campus map.



Parents, thank you for your partnership and for choosing CCS for your child's education. We look forward to having you on campus soon and seeing the many ways in which the Lord will work in our community for the upcoming school year.

Blessings to you!

Mrs. Annie Pichot Elementary School Principal

Mr. Kevin Proctor Elementary Vice Principal