



# Cascade Christian Schools Junior High

Dear Cascade Christian Family,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! We are looking forward to the students being on campus soon and are always excited for the start of school. We hope you enjoy these final weeks of summer break before the routine begins again. Our administrative team has been consistently praying for this upcoming year, asking that God's presence would lead, protect, and surround our school. Our desire is to honor and glorify Jesus Christ in all we do and allow His Word to change our hearts and lives. We want to create a strong partnership with you to develop students into discerning leaders that will impact the world for the glory of God!

Enclosed you will find information to prepare you for the school year. Please read this packet in its entirety to ensure you are informed.

Our ***spiritual theme*** for the school year is...



With great excitement and anticipation for all that is ahead,

*Your Junior High Administrative Team*

# Back-to-School Details

## Class Schedules

You may view your student's schedule in FACTS beginning **Wednesday, August 27**, by the end of the day. If you have any scheduling questions once your student's schedule has been uploaded, please email Kristen Easter at [EasterK@CascadeChristian.org](mailto:EasterK@CascadeChristian.org).

## New Family Orientation—8th grade

**If you are new to Cascade Christian Schools and entering 8th grade, please join us on Preview Day, September 3, from 10-10:30am** for general information and Q&A with our principal. We want you to feel well-acquainted with the many things happening in the life of our school prior to the first day of classes.

## Preview Day & Picture Day

**Wednesday, September 3 is Junior High Preview Day & Picture Day.** Students will come on campus to receive their schedules, walk their schedule, meet teachers, take school/yearbook pictures, receive an ASB card, and locate their locker (7<sup>th</sup> graders only). Pictures will be taken by [Dorian Studio](#) and order forms are available now for preorder or you can purchase them on-site the day of. Picture retakes are scheduled for October 23.

### 8th Grade Preview Day

- 8:00-8:15am – PAC Welcome and directions
- 8:15-9:15am – Schedule Preview & Walk
- 9:15-10:00am – Preview Day Checklist completion
- 10:00-10:30am – Optional Parent Q & A for new 8th grade families

### 7th Grade Preview Day

- 12:30-1:00pm- PAC Welcome and Orientation
- 1:00-2:00pm – Schedule Preview & Walk
- 2:00-3:00pm – Preview Day Checklist completion

### Grab your gear!

Blue Crew & Whiteout school spirit gear will be on sale during Preview Day. Prices range from \$20-\$30.

## Lockers

Lockers will be automatically assigned to all 7th graders. If desired, 8th graders will have an opportunity to request a locker during advisory.

## Device Checkout

8th grade students will pick up their school issued device on Preview Day. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will collect their device on the first day of school in 7<sup>th</sup> period class.

## Junior High School Supplies

Junior high students will receive specific school supply lists from individual teachers on the first day of class. **A scientific calculator**, organizational binder, pens, pencils, highlighters, notebook paper, Bible (we recommend NIV), and backpack will be sufficient to start school.



## 2025–2026 Bell Schedule

**Beginning this school year, the Junior High and High School are adopting a new bell schedule.** Over the past two years, we have discussed at length how to best leverage and use our greatest resource: time. Our bell schedule reflects a few key components that we believe are essential to providing an excellent Christ-centered education. Our schedule includes classes meeting regularly throughout the week (four out of five days). Our schedule emphasizes the importance of chapel early in the week. Our schedule includes extended time for teachers to create deeper learning experiences for students (block periods on Wednesday and Thursday). Our schedule includes intentional time to know, value, and support students uniquely (advisory and WIN). In summary, we believe we have organized the time to the best we know how and are excited for our students to develop as discerning leaders this school year.

### Junior High Bell Schedule

Monday (Late Start)	Tuesday (Chapel)	Wednesday (Odd)	Thursday (Even)	Friday (Chapel)
Late Start	Per 1 7:45-8:30	Period 1 7:45-9:05	Period 2 7:45-9:05	Per 1 7:45-8:30
Per 1 8:30-9:15	Chapel 8:35-9:15			Advisory 8:35-9:15
Per 2 9:20-10:05	Per 2 9:20-10:05	Period 3 9:10-10:30	Period 4 9:10-10:30	Per 2 9:20-10:05
Per 3 10:10-10:55	Per 3 10:10-10:55			Per 3 10:10-10:55
Per 4 11:00-11:45	Per 4 11:00-11:45	Period 5 10:35-12:05	Advisory 10:35-11:15	Per 4 11:00-11:45
Lunch 11:45-12:15	Lunch 11:45-12:15	Lunch 12:05-12:35	Lunch 11:15-11:50	Lunch 11:45-12:15
Per 5 12:20-1:05	Per 5 12:20-1:05	Period 7 12:40-2:00	Period 6 11:55-1:15	Per 5 12:20-1:05
Per 6 1:10-1:55	Per 6 1:10-1:55			Per 6 1:10-1:55
Per 7 2:00-2:45	Per 7 2:00-2:45	Advisory 2:05-2:45	WIN 1:25-2:45	Per 7 2:00-2:45

**Advisory** – Advisory is designed to create family/small group environment where students and staff can develop deep relationships. Advisory provides space in the school day to ensure students are growing in all of the CCS 4 Pillars: Academic Excellence, Leadership, Personal Character Development, and Spiritual Formation.

**WIN (What's Important Now)** – WIN time is dedicated for students to be supported academically, athletically, artistically, and spiritually. Additionally, this time will provide additional opportunities for student growth and belonging through clubs, small groups Bible studies, and unique experiences that otherwise are not able to fit within the school day.



## Free dessert on the first day of school!

The ASB Leadership Team will be offering a free ice cream dessert for all JH & HS students on the first day of school. Normal lunch is available for purchase or student can bring a lunch from home.

## Lunch

The hot lunch program will start on the first day of class. There are a variety of selections available for purchase. Our lunch is an à la carte service, and a full meal costs approximately \$6-\$8 per day. Vending machines are available to purchase soda, juice, sports drinks, and snacks. Water bottle refill machines, hot water, and microwaves are also available for student use.

**Our program does not accept cash.** Please be aware of the information below which outlines the important aspects of the lunch program. Students are also welcome to bring their lunch from home.

Our lunch system is an online **Pre-Pay Program**. All payments are to be made online through your FACTS Pre-Pay account. Please select “Junior/Senior High” when making a payment.

- If you have students at other campuses, you will need to make a separate payment.
- Payments made online will be available immediately in the lunch system.
- In order to buy lunch, students must use their ASB card or enter their Student ID number on a keypad. (Note: JH students are encouraged to memorize this number. It will remain the same number every year.)
- If you need to make a payment using cash or check, these can be taken at the front office or district office. There will be a 2- to 3-day delay before this payment will be available on your student’s lunch account.
- If your Pre-Pay lunch balance falls below \$5, you will receive a low balance email notice on Sunday reminding you to add funds to your account.

Please make sure all past due lunch accounts are paid in full prior to the first day of school.

### ***Important—Food delivery service is not allowed.***

Cascade Christian Junior High is a closed campus, including lunchtime. Students are expected to remain on campus and are not allowed to receive outside food deliveries (e.g., from Uber Eats or Grub Hub). Students need to bring a lunch from home or purchase a lunch on campus.

#### **Weekly Entrées (\$3.00)**

Salads and charcuterie offered daily

Mon – Pasta/International

Tues – Hamburgers

Weds – Pizza

Thurs – Chicken Burger

Fri – Cougar Choice

#### **À La Carte Menu**

Chips (\$1.50)

Drinks (\$1.50)

Bagels/Muffins (\$2.50)

Cookies (\$1.50)

Fruit or Veggie cup (\$1.50)

Cup a Noodle (\$1.75)

Protein Drinks/Bars (\$2.50)

# Attendance Details

## Attendance

If your student is going to be absent, let us know by filling out our [online attendance form](#), scan the QR code below, or call the school office at 253-445-9706. **Please follow up with a written or email note within two school days (48 hours) in order for the absence to be excused.**

If your student will miss 3+ days, they must submit a [pre-arranged absence form](#) at least one week prior.



**Attendance Form**

## Attendance Text Alert

You will receive a text alert if your student is marked absent and we have not been contacted by a parent/guardian. Upon returning to school following any absence, the student is to report to the office with a signed and dated note from his/her parent or guardian explaining the reason for the absence. **Students will receive an “unexcused absence” if a written note or email from their parent or guardian is not received within two days (48 hours) of the absence.**

## Tardiness

- For every **third** unexcused tardy per quarter, students will be assigned before or after-school detention.
- For every **sixth** unexcused tardy, students will be assigned a Saturday School.
- For every **ninth** unexcused, they will receive an additional consequence an administrator will contact parents, and a further plan of action determined.

## Excessive Absences

A student may not receive credit in a course in which he or she has exceeded **15 absences** per semester, excused or unexcused. This includes absences for medical appointments and illnesses. When the student exceeds 9 days, the parent will receive a warning letter that the student is in jeopardy of losing credit. If a student exceeds 15 absences, the parent **MUST** petition for credit if the parent believes extenuating circumstances merit review of the student's record.

## Early Dismissal Policy

If a student needs to leave early (dental or medical appointments), they will need to be picked up by 2:15 pm. We will no longer be able to interrupt class for dismissals between 2:15–2:45pm. Due to our new bell schedule, the ideal time for a student to miss class is Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 pm. (during Advisory/WIN).





## Before & After School Policy

Students are allowed to enter the main building 30 minutes prior to the start of school. Classroom doors will be opened at 7:30am with the exception of the Junior High building. That building will remain locked until the warning bell (5 min prior to school start). Students must be picked up each day by 3:30pm, unless they are involved in a school-sanctioned sport, club, or activity. If students are still on campus at 3:30pm, parents will be called to arrange for transportation home. Once the front office closes at 4:00pm, students will no longer be allowed to remain unsupervised in the building. Please contact the school office or your PfC leader if you need support in arranging carpool transportation or if you have any other specific needs.

## Cell Phone Policy (Updated)

Cascade Christian Schools is a **cell phone and smart device-free environment for all Junior High and High School students during school hours**. JH and HS students are not permitted to have a cell phone, smart watch, or any other personal telecommunication device (iPad, tablet, etc.) with them while on campus during school hours. The only device students are permitted to have with them during school hours is their school-issued device.

**Parents will need to complete a form (from Advisory) indicating one of the following options:**

- **Option 1** – Student does not have a phone or smart device.
- **Option 2** – Student will check device(s) into a locked storage container at the beginning of the first class of the day. Students can retrieve their device(s) after the school day is over. Students who arrive late after the tardy bell or early dismissal will check their device(s) in at the office.

If you have a unique condition that requires smart device monitoring, appropriate accommodations may be available. Please contact the counselors, Allison Meeks or Kevin Nishimoto, for possible accommodations at [meeksa@cascadechristian.org](mailto:meeksa@cascadechristian.org) for last names starting with A-M, and [Nishimotok@cascadechristian.org](mailto:Nishimotok@cascadechristian.org) for last names starting with N-Z.

## Canvas & FACTS for Parents

Please click below or scan QR to learn about Canvas & FACTS. These platforms will be helpful when checking grades, assignments, and financials. You can also download the FACTS Family app for a one-time fee. Many parents find the app user-friendly and it is the most convenient way to check your student's grades.

[\*\*Canvas & FACTS FAQ\*\*](#)



**CANVAS FAQ**

## Junior High Connect Day

Our JH Connect Day will take place on-site at the school on **Tuesday, September 9th**. The High School students will be off-site for the day so we're taking over the campus! Drop off time will be 7:45-8:15am & pick up time will remain the same. We will provide a pizza lunch for all students. There will also be food and snacks for purchase in cafeteria. This will be an awesome time for students to get to know advisory classmates, make new friends, and have fun!

# Dress and Appearance Expectations

The purpose of Cascade Christian Junior High/High School's dress and appearance expectations is to enable the student to demonstrate traits of a discerning leader by making appropriate dress and appearance choices that reflect CCS' core values and character traits of Wisdom, Integrity, Excellence & Honor. We expect students/families to hold high standards of personal appearance and modesty. How we dress is a testimony to others, as well as a reflection of our school. Dress and appearance must be in harmony with CCS Guiding Principles.

*Parents are asked to partner with the school to train their children regarding the purpose of the dress and appearance expectations. Parents are also asked to see that their children are dressed properly when they leave for school. Parents are encouraged to confirm if clothing is within the expectations prior to purchasing the clothing.*

CCS students will honor God, honor others, and honor themselves by coming to school in the following manner: ready to learn and prepared to lead projecting a positive image that stands out as distinctly different from the secular world. Students are expected to dress clean, neat, and modest, not drawing undue attention to themselves or distracting from the learning environment. Administrators reserve the right to interpret and enforce the dress & appearance standards of CCS students.

## General Guidelines for Students

Some general guidelines to help define what is meant by "clean, neat, and modest" include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Clothing that is not extremely tight-fitting, lowcut, or exposing a bare midriff
- Leggings or yoga pants that are completely and generously covered by a dress, skirt, or top in the front and the back
- Dresses, skirts, and shorts that are longer than two inches below fingertip length on all sides & no skin visible on upper thighs
- Tops that have straps over shoulders with a two-finger width, no bare shoulders or bra straps should be showing
- Jeans that have no holes higher than two inches below fingertip length; no skin visible on upper thighs
- Pants that are not flannel or soft pajama pants
- Hair and facial hair that is well groomed
- Facial piercings limited to the nose and ears
- Tattoos that are non-offensive in nature, as defined by the administration
- Sweatshirts may be worn with hoods as long as the hood is not up
- Hats that do not limit or obstruct eyes or ears; with faculty and staff reserving the right to require individual students or groups of students at specific times to remove their hats
- Shirts, hats, clothing items, and accessories that do not contain writing, pictures, or slogans that create distractions/divisiveness and do not follow Cascade Christian's core principles.

# Dress and Appearance Expectations Continued...

Our desire is to help students learn the importance for dressing appropriately for various occasions, including:

- Sports and athletics
- Pep assembly and spirit days
- Chapel (students are encouraged to dress up for chapel)
- Retreat and off-campus events
- School dances and special events\*
- Performing arts

All dress and appearance standards apply to half-days and modified schedules, including finals week.

*\*For formal school events, students and parents will be asked to sign the Special Events Dress Code Form to keep on file for the event. If girls have questions about the appropriateness of certain dresses for formal school events, they are encouraged to bring the dress or photo of the dress to school prior to the event and have it approved by the designated staff member.*

## Dress and Appearance Consequence

If a student is found to be out of compliance with the school dress code, they will be required to change into school-provided clothing (t-shirt or sweatpants). A dress code violation will be recorded and an email will be sent to the parent/guardian explaining the infraction. The notice will also remind families that school-provided clothing must be returned clean and in good condition. **If items are not returned by the end of the month, a non-refundable replacement cost will be charged to the student's FACTS account.** On the third violation—and for each subsequent violation—a detention will be assigned. Failure to attend detention will result in an automatic Saturday School assignment.

If a pattern of dress code violations develops, the school may require a meeting with the parent/guardian and an administrator to discuss additional consequences.

***Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will. —Romans 12:1-2, NIV***



## Fall Sports

### Begins September 4th

- Boys Baseball
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross Country (Co-ed)
- Cheer

## Winter 2 Sports

### Tentatively Begin January 5th

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer
- Cheer

## Winter 1 Sports

### Tentatively Begin October 27th

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Soccer
- Cheer

## Spring Sports

### Tentatively Begin March 9th

- Football
- Track and Field (Co-ed)
- Cheer

## Sports Requirements for Athletic Eligibility

### Athletic Registration on FinalForms – *completed yearly*

Parent and students must complete all parent/student forms on [Final Forms](#).

**An athlete must be cleared through this site prior to being allowed to participate in a practice.**

If you are registering for the first time, your steps are to:

- 1) Create a parent account
- 2) Add your student
- 3) Complete all forms and submit a current physical exam

### Physical Exam – *valid for two years from the exam date.*

Student athletes are required to pass a physical exam with a local health provider in order to be fully cleared for athletic participation. These exams can be uploaded into your FinalForms account (see bullet point above). Students that do not have a current physical exam on file will not be allowed to participate until one has been submitted.

## Academics

Grade checks will take place every 6-weeks during the school year and students may not have more than two D's and no F's to remain eligible for participation.

## Athletic Fees

All students participating in sports will be assessed a sports participation fee. The standard participation fee is \$145, except for football which is \$200. These fees are charged through your FACTS account and are not submitted until a few weeks into the season when rosters have solidified. There can also be optional, sport specific Spirit Pack fees which pay for items (sweatshirts, warmups, etc.) that become the property of the athlete upon purchase.

## Junior High IMPACT Term (I-Term) Trips

We are excited about the opportunities for JH I-Term! During our 4-day I-Term week in March, students will have the **choice** between traveling on a learning/experiential trip or serving on a team completing community service projects. Traveling is not mandatory and will cost money. All students will be able to sign up for the I-Term of their choice, whether to travel (sign-ups in September) or to serve on a local team (sign-ups in October). The trip options are as follows:

- **8th Grade:** Washington D.C. (US History focus) **or** Bay Area, CA (Science focus)
- **7th Grade:** PNW Washington/Oregon (History focus) **or** Bay Area, CA (Science focus)

You can expect to hear from the trip leaders once school is underway regarding information meetings and how to register. Sammy Bratz is our Junior High I-Term Coordinator, and you can reach out to her with questions by emailing [BratzS@CascadeChristian.org](mailto:BratzS@CascadeChristian.org).

## Medication at School

Whenever possible, we urge parents and physicians to design a schedule for administering any prescribed or non-prescribed medication to a student outside of school hours. The rare exceptions involve special conditions where it is necessary that the child have the medication in order to remain at school (this includes prescription and non-prescription medication). **If a student must take prescription or non-prescription medication at school during the day, they must have a [medication authorization form](#) filled out and signed by BOTH a physician and parent/guardian.**

Medication must be in the original container and be brought to the school office immediately upon arrival at school, along with the required paperwork. Students in possession of medication in violation of the above guidelines may be subject to disciplinary consequences. We do not permit sharing of medications between students. **The school office cannot dispense any medication (including aspirin and cough drops) to students without proper paperwork and all required signatures. These stipulations are in accordance with Washington State law.**

## Emergency Readiness

FACTS ParentAlert will be utilized to send messages via text message in the case of an emergency, inclement weather, and absences. These alerts are automatically sent to the contacts on file in FACTS. No registration is required. **Please be sure your contact information is always up-to-date.**

## Parent Participation

Parents for Cascade, or PfC, is our school support organization. The Junior High and High School PfC meet in partnership with the school. For more information, please stop by the PfC table on Preview Day or contact Suzy Hoover at [jshspfc@cascadechristian.org](mailto:jshspfc@cascadechristian.org).

# 2025–2026 Junior High

## Approximate Associated Costs

### Junior High Fees

There is one annual fee of \$350 per student which is assessed to each family's FACTS account. For Junior High students this includes: ASB card (with free entry into sporting events), JH Connect Day (fall), End-of-Year Retreat (spring), T-shirt, and a yearbook. Please contact the district office at (253)-841-1776 with questions or concerns about this payment structure. Additional fees will be added to your FACTS account under incidental billing.

#### September

Annual Student.....\$350  
Fall Sports Fee.....\$145  
Clubs.....\$25-\$50

#### October

Technology Insurance.....\$90

#### November

Winter 1 Sports Fee.....\$145

#### February

Winter 2 Sports Fee.....\$145

#### March

Continuous Enrollment Fee.....\$165  
(or \$55 in Jan, Feb, & March)

#### April

Spring Sports Fee.....\$145  
Football Sports Fee.....\$200

#### June

Misc Fines.....\$8-\$1,200  
(Missing lock, lost book, uninsured technology)

**High School athletic game tickets are free to students with ASB card. Playoff tickets cost between \$10-\$15. Go Cougs!**

### Fundraisers:

Cascade Christian Schools has four annual fundraisers that you are invited to!

- **The Cougar Classic Golf Tournament** is **Friday, September 19**, at Hawks Prairie Golf Course! Take a swing to support secondary athletes while enjoying friendly competition and building connections.
- **The Week of Generosity (GEN Week)** is a five-day fundraiser that helps students stay at the school they love by raising money for our Variable Tuition program. The Junior High and High School's GEN Week kickoff is **Monday, October 27**. Complimentary handcrafted drinks, award-winning pancakes, and school spirit will be served!
- **The Night of Generosity** celebrates the CCS community's generosity! Guests come dressed in white and dazzling attire to enjoy dinner and a show in the Junior High gym on **Saturday, November 15**. Gifts given at this special evening will increase YOUR campus' excellence.
- **The 2025 IMPACT Auction** will be **Saturday, March 21**, at a surprise location we will announce soon! All generous gifts raised during the raffles, dinner, dessert dash, silent and live auctions, and raise the paddle will go toward the Fields of Dreams sports complex on Pioneer Campus.



# Important Upcoming Dates

**CONVOCATION - Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 4pm at JH/HS Campus!**

**[Click here to RSVP for your free Branks BBQ meal at Convocation!](#)**



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District Parent-Student Handbook



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