

Dear High School Parents,

August 2022

We are very excited for the way we begin our school year here at Santiam Christian! Each day of the first week of school is designed to help students start the year right with the Lord, with their teachers and one another.

On Tuesday, the first day of school, 9th – 12th grade students will get a chance to go through their full class schedule and meet all their teachers. After a provided lunch with their class, they will participate in activities that will help them to get to know Santiam Christian and each other better. School will dismiss at the normal time of 3:10. Buses will run routes in the morning and after school.

On Wednesday, the seniors will spend the day at an off-campus retreat designed to teach them about Christian leadership. Senior class advisor Mrs. Kniebuehler will be sending specifics to the senior families about this. The rest of the high school will be on campus for the full school day from 8 – 3:10. Buses will run routes in the morning and after school.

On Thursday, September 8, all high school students and teachers will spend the day down at Camp Harlow near Eugene for what we call Pursuit – a one day retreat inspired by the verse II Timothy 2:22 which says, “*Flee the evil desires of youth and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*” Our theme for Pursuit this year is ELEVATE. We are praying that God would move on our campus and that students will set their minds on Christ. Our speaker will be Pastor Seth Trimmer of Grace City Church in Corvallis. Seth is one of our favorite chapel speakers and we are looking forward to how God will use him to work in the hearts of your students! Pursuit is a designated **phone-free event** to help students focus on the Lord and those around them. Even though students will not have their phones with them, you will still be able to get in touch with us in case of an emergency. (Camp Harlow main office – 541-683-5416)

We plan to leave school on buses in the morning at 8 am and return to campus around 6 pm (lunch will be provided). Students will participate in main worship sessions with our speaker, small groups, free time (including swimming, mini golf, volleyball tourney, ping pong tourney) and team competitions. There will not be sports practices during free time – any practices will occur after we return to campus. (Some athletes will be bused home early for games.) Buses will run routes in the morning but not the evening – students will need to be picked up on campus at 6 pm. See attached packing list.

On Friday, we will all be back on campus for the full school day attending classes with some fun surprises here and there. Then after school, everyone is invited for the annual all-school Harvest Carnival and Dinner before the first home football game. Normal morning and afternoon bus routes will run.

Since lunch will be provided on Tuesday and Thursday, please be sure to fill out the attached Dietary Accommodations Form by Monday, August 29, if your student has any dietary accommodations of which we should be aware.

Here is a summary of our plans for the first week for the High School:

- **Tuesday, September 6** – First Day of High School, 9th-12th will attend all class periods and have a special lunch with their grade. School begins at 8 am in the gym and dismisses at 3:10.
- **Wednesday, September 7** – Normal day of school for 9th – 11th grades. Seniors will be at their off-campus “Senior Seminar.”
- **Thursday, September 8** – Worship and camp activities at Camp Harlow returning to SC at 6 pm. Students should wear their “Class Color” for camp day (9th=blue 10th=pink 11th=yellow 12th=green)
- **Friday, September 9** – Normal day of school for 9th – 12th grades. Harvest Carnival after school.

Please join us in praying that our students would know and be known by their classmates and teachers and for a deepening of their relationship with the Lord, as we begin the school year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.
Thank you again!!

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