

High School Frequently Asked Questions 2018-2019

1. Where is the high school supply list located?

A general supply list is available at <u>www.scacrusaders.com</u> under the "School Forms" section. Students will mostly need a general supply of folders, paper, pencils, pens, etc. High school teachers will have other class specific supplies listed on the syllabus that students will receive on the first day of school.

2. Do all students need an iPad?

Yes, all secondary students (6-12) are required to have an iPad. Students who have not received their school issued iPad will need to attend orientation and stop by the cafeteria between 5:00-7:15 to pick up their iPad from Mr. Raines, our Technology Coordinator. All required apps will be purchased and loaded by the school. Students will use the iPad daily in their classes and should therefore bring it fully charged and in a protective case each day.

3. When will I get my textbooks?

Students may have both e-textbooks or hard copies depending on their course schedule. Information on downloading textbooks will be given out the first two days of school. E-textbooks should be downloaded by Monday, August 13th. Contact <u>iPadHelp@scacrusaders.com</u> if you need assistance. Hard copy textbooks will be handed out during the first week of school.

4. What should I wear for orientation?

We ask that students dress modestly. No shorts or tank tops and skirts should be knee length. Jeans are acceptable.

5. Can I buy PE uniforms, sweatshirts, or other spirit merchandise on orientation night?

Yes, a variety of school merchandise will be available for purchase. PE uniforms are required for all students taking HOPE class.

6. How do students order lunch?

Students may place a lunch order in the cafeteria before 9:30 am each morning. Lunch orders will be verified using a biometric scanner as students go through the lunch line. After verification, charges will be applied to each family's account at the end of each school day. Payments for lunches should be clearly marked as for such and should be submitted to the SCA Business Office.

7. What do I do if I don't know where to go during the day?

Just ask any teacher or staff member, he or she will be happy to help you find your way to your next class.

8. How do I contact my student's teachers?

Contact information for teachers is posted on RenWeb or on the school website under "About" then "SCA Team". All families should have a RenWeb account. If you are a new family and did not receive directions, or need assistance, please contact Amber Varney at <u>avarney@scacrusaders.com</u> for instructions. This information will also be included on the syllabi that students receive the first day of school. Email is the best and most efficient way to contact teachers and school staff. Please allow at least one full business day for a response.

9. What if my child needs extra help in one of his or her classes?

Teachers offer help class one day a week before or after school. Help classes are for additional assistance but do not act as one-on-one tutoring. If a tutor is needed, please contact your child's teacher for tutoring opportunities. A help class schedule will be posted on the high school resource page on the SCA website under "Resources" then "Students" and last "High School Resources". Students who wish to attend help class should come to class with a specific question, homework assignment, or concept for which they are requiring teacher assistance.

10. How can I best track my student's grades and homework?

You may log into your RenWeb account to access your student's live gradebook and current homework listing. Teachers update RenWeb grade books once a week. Automated progress reports containing full details of academic progress are also emailed home every Sunday evening. Homework is also posted for the week in RenWeb. This is a projection of the week's homework and it may change throughout the week due to teachers modifying lessons plans to best fit the needs of our students. It is the student's responsibility to have the correct class homework.

11. When will I be able to view my schedule?

Student schedules will be posted to RenWeb on August 3rd at 4 PM.

12. Can I request a schedule change? The Director of Guidance Services, Mrs. Everitt, attempts to accommodate schedule change requests but it may not always be possible due to class size or schedule conflicts. Please do not email requests but rather complete the course <u>Course Change</u> <u>Request Form</u> first. This electronic course change request form can be accessed using the link above or by visiting the school website and going to "Resources", "Students" then "Guidance Resources". You will receive a confirmation email when the course change is completed.

13. When should I plan to pick up my child?

Traffic is usually very congested for the first few days of school, so we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Although students are dismissed at 3:05, we ask that parents picking up students in grades 6-12 <u>wait to arrive on campus until 3:15 for pick up</u>. Students in

grades 6-12 should be picked up under the awning by the church to help with overall pickup efficiency and safety.

14. What do I need to know about my student staying after school?

All secondary students on campus after 3:40 must report to mandatory after-care in the cafeteria for appropriate supervision. High school students <u>will not</u> be charged for attending after-care.

15. What happens if my student is late for school?

The school day starts at 7:50. Any student arriving after the bell will report to the cafeteria to receive a tardy pass.

16. What if my student is sick and unable to attend school?

Please contact Mrs. Vivi Torres at <u>vtorres@scacrusaders.com</u> in attendance to report the absence. An excuse note or email should be sent upon the student's return to school. Absences are marked unexcused until the excuse note is received and the attendance office changes the status of the absences in RenWeb. When students are out sick, they may check RenWeb for the day's homework for make up work; you do not need to email each individual teacher. Students will be responsible to make up work and any scheduled tests or quizzes within 2 school days of their return. Students may be required to utilize the Testing Center to make up assessments. The Testing Center is held in P712 (Mr. Pletcher's room) on Tuesday/Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

17. Can students use cell phones during the day?

Students may not use their cell phone during any class period for **any** reason. Students are allowed to use their phone between classes and during lunch. A detailed technology policy for using cell phones is in the student handbook and will be reviewed at the beginning of the school year. Please review this policy with your student if a cell phone will be brought to school. Students will not be able to connect cell phones to our Wi-Fi network.

18. What should be done if a student plans to drive to school?

All students that drive to school will need to have an accurate student driver form in the Dean of Students' office. Mr. VanKleeck will have a meeting during the school day at the beginning of the year with student drivers to collect information. Student drivers must park on the north side of the gym and not in the main parking lot. The first lot is reserved for senior class drivers and the second lot just west of the first lot. Students are not permitted to go to their cars at any time during the day without permission from a high school dean or the principal.

19. How do I find out what activities and events are scheduled at school?

We use a variety of venues to communicate to our parents and students. We encourage parents and students to utilize the calendar on RenWeb as the main form of communication. This calendar includes all school programs, grade level guidance meetings, and special events. Parents will also receive a weekly newsletter *The Crusader Connection* emailed to them every Friday. SCA also uses social media (Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook) to promote school events (information available on school website).

20. Will students have a locker?

In the past few years, the majority of our students do not utilize a locker because most of having most of their textbooks are on the iPad. However, lockers can be issued to students that request them. Please have your student email the Dean of Students, <u>mvankleeck@scacrusaders.com</u>, directly and he will issue him/her a locker during the first week of school.

21. What is Moodle?

Moodle is an online learning management system used in many classes. Students will submit work, access class tools, and take tests and quizzes on Moodle. Please visit the school website to watch our brief tutorial and learn more about Moodle (under the technology section).

22. How can I get involved and/or help?

We welcome and appreciate your involvement. Please contact our SIA Coordinator, Mrs. Donna Baird, <u>dbaird@scacrusaders.com</u> to find out more about the opportunities to help. Most of all, we ask that you join us in praying for our teachers, our students, our leadership team, and God's continued blessings on SCA.

Important Beginning of the Year Reminders:

August 7th- Orientation

- o 2:00-4:30 Elementary/Preschool Classroom Drop-In (Classrooms)
- o 5:00-7:15 High school iPad Pick-up in the Cafeteria
- 5:30-6:30 Middle and High school orientation in church
- o 6:30-7:15 Middle and High School students may visit classrooms

* Maps of the campus will be available in the cafeteria during orientation.

August 9th- First Day of School

7:20 Student drop off begins (Drop off under the double awning at the church where teachers are present to supervise. Students will report to the cafeteria upon arrival.)

- 7:45 Students dismissed to first period
- 7:50 School day begins
- **3:05** Dismissal for secondary students (Please arrive between 3:15-3:30 for pick up)

Please contact Mrs. Pope, high school principal, at <u>mpope@scacrusaders.com</u> if you need more information.