

Sunnyvale Christian School

Elementary

Student/Parent

Handbook



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Dear SCS Families,

We are so glad you have decided to join our 'family' at Sunnyvale Christian School. It is our pleasure to have you journey with us this year as we pray for God's richest blessing and provision for this school and for each of you. It is our joy to partner together with you, striving to provide a safe, loving environment dedicated to the education of your children.

Sunnyvale Christian School sits in the heart of the Silicon Valley, providing a safe place for your child, with a concentrated emphasis on developing leaders who practice Compassion, learn through Collaboration, build Competence, and express themselves through Creativity.

It is our hope that this Parent-Student Handbook will assist you in your journey at SCS. Please use it as a reference for school policies and procedures. Our prayer and intent is for you to see that our hearts are dedicated to providing a loving environment for all who walk onto this campus. We encourage you to become involved in our events and community service opportunities.

We ask each family to fill out our "Time and Talent" (TnT) volunteer form and return it to the classroom teacher on BACK TO SCHOOL night. We are better together! Each family is expected to volunteer 3 hours per trimester, either in the classroom, on field trips, or helping out by sharing your talents with the school family.

We invite you to join us for coffee in the mornings, at the coffee bar just inside the campus, by the office. We make fresh pots each morning for you, the parents. Sometimes parents bring in donuts to share with other parents also. (Please make sure that your children have breakfast before they come, these are ADULT treats, and not intended as breakfast for children.)

When you and your child(ren) have read and discussed this handbook, please sign and return the Parental Agreement Form to the school office (found on the last page).

Please join us in praying for God's leading and anointing at SCS.

We are humbled and honored to be serving,

Leanna Christie, Principal
Margo Dickson, Vice Principal and Pre-school Director
Lorraine McLintock, Office Manager

Statement of Faith: We Believe...

1. The Bible is our primary authority (2 Timothy 3:15, 16). SCS will be a school that studies, teaches and seeks to obey the Bible. We will honor the Bible as God's Word and trust it as the final infallible authority on all matters of faith and practice.
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), the Trinity. "Therefore go and make disciples in all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is to be honored as head of the church (Colossians 1:18). We will seek to follow Jesus in all we do. School leadership will pray about all decisions and seek unity, listening for the voice of Christ.
4. All people are created in the image and likeness of God and are to be treated with respect (Genesis 1:27). We affirm the blessings of our multicultural world, and welcome people from every race, nationality, language group and culture into our school.
5. The Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is to be praised. We know that God is seeking people to worship Him in Spirit and in truth, and will strive to promote Spirit led worship (chapel), held every Friday, with sincerity and passion (John 4:23). Each class is responsible for leading chapel at least once during the school year.
6. Prayer is to be our lifeline to God (Philippians. 4:6). We will strive to be a praying school, living in relationship with God and seeking to hear his voice. We will praise, thank God, and seek His provisions for all our needs.
7. We are to love each other, live in forgiveness, seek healing and personal growth (1 Peter 4:8). When we have wronged others, we will confess our sin and seek forgiveness. Whenever we feel wronged, we will care enough to confront each other in love, and take the proper steps (Matthew 18: 15-17).
8. In the works of Jesus, he is our example (John 14:12). Jesus proclaimed and demonstrated the Kingdom of God. In his name we will pray for the sick, preach the gospel of the Kingdom, deliver the oppressed from demons and bring comfort to the downtrodden. We will do these things trusting in God, relying on the power of the Spirit and in the name and authority of Jesus.
9. In the value of missionary work. We will prioritize helping people to get into a right relationship with God (Matthew 28:19). Honoring God by making disciples of Jesus Christ is the purpose of the school. SCS will strive to reach the lost in all the world by helping locally, nationally, and globally. Students take an active roll in donating items for those less fortunate, raising money for missionary work, and talking to others about Jesus Christ (Matthew 25:35-40).
10. Every believer is to be a minister of Jesus Christ. We practice the truth that every Christian is called to service in and through the church by encouraging every student to discover their spiritual gift and find their place in life (1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 7:7; 12:4-11).

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide God's word in my heart, that I might not sin against God.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of Sunnyvale Christian School is to lead students and their families to Jesus Christ by providing quality Christian education. We strive to assist students toward a balance of personal commitment to Jesus Christ, intellectual competence, and healthy personal development.

Vision Statement

Students from Sunnyvale Christian School will exhibit the qualities of Jesus Christ in their daily lives. They will not only speak of their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, but they will also manifest this faith in how they love other people and how they act in the world in which they live.

Purpose Statement

Sunnyvale Christian School exists for the purpose of furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ first to our local community, then to our surrounding area, and then to every nation and tribe of the world. It is our purpose to honor Christ in every class and in every activity, developing world citizens and Godly leaders. SCS is a ministry of Crosswalk Community Church.

Philosophy of Education

Sunnyvale Christian School focuses a concentrated emphasis on developing leaders who practice Compassion, learn through Collaboration, build Competence, and express themselves through Creativity.

We will provide a safe structured learning environment for students to receive a top quality Christian education that consistently maintains a competitive edge over the public school system. Students will be equipped to excel whether they proceed to private Christian school environments or the public school. We challenge all students to practice new character traits each month, at home and at school, praying daily with the children, and modeling the truth of love and grace, as Jesus has taught his followers.

We believe in project-based learning and engaging technology as tools for learning.

Expected Student Outcomes

We have the following goals for all students at Sunnyvale Christian School. We expect our graduates to:

1. Be examples of confident, responsible, and community service oriented Christians, with a healthy worldview and desire to shine for Jesus..

2. Manifest the moral and ethical teaching of God's Word in their conduct.
3. Think for themselves, standing up for personal convictions in the face of pressure, while respecting the views of others.
4. Understand that God gives people free will, so choices have consequences and to make good choices means to enjoy positive consequences.
5. Acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute in society striving to improve the values of their world.
6. Learn citizenship, exemplified through courtesy, respect, honesty, obedience, self-control, responsibility, involvement, enthusiasm, and acceptance of correction.

Parent Partnership & TnT Volunteer Requirements

Every family enrolled in SCS is required to invest minimum of 3 hours each trimester, participating in SCS events, helping out on field trips, in your child's class, and/or attending workshops and classes offered by SCS and CCC.

Admission Philosophy, Policies, and Procedures

Sunnyvale Christian School is open to anyone interested in securing a Biblical education, from preschool through fifth grade, whom the school finds qualified for admission and who agrees (and whose parents agree) that he or she shall abide by Sunnyvale Christian School rules. It must always be understood that attendance at Sunnyvale Christian School is a privilege and not a right. This privilege may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the school's standards of conduct and/or who is unwilling to adjust to our environment.

All students should want to attend Sunnyvale Christian School and agree to honestly and wholeheartedly apply themselves to "study to show [themselves] approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15). Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Sunnyvale Christian School admits students of any race, color, religion, national and ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin in admissions policies, scholarship programs, and other school-administered programs. Sunnyvale Christian School reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment, lifestyle choices, and personal qualifications including a willingness to cooperate with Sunnyvale Christian School administration and to abide by school policies. Admission is based on a genuine commitment to a Christian education on the part of both student and parents. Priority will be given to returning students and their siblings.

To apply for admission to SCS, please submit:

1. Completed application form.
2. Request of records form (first grade and above)
3. Signed parental agreement form.
4. Completed immunizations record and health form.

5. Tuition Agreement form.
6. Consent of Medical Treatment
7. Earthquake/Disaster Contact Information Form

If the student is enrolling after the school year has commenced, the administration reserves the right to expand the enrollment process to include academic placement testing and an interview process which may include not only the student and parents, but also the school in which the family is transferring from.

Elementary School Hours

Early Kindergarten – First Grade	8:20AM – 2:30PM	Monday – Friday
Second Grade – Fifth Grade	8:20AM – 3:00PM	Monday – Friday

There is free supervision for all students ten minutes before school starts and ten minutes after school has ended, through our extended care program. All students should arrive at least five minutes before the start of school, no later than 8:15AM.

Additionally, Extended Care is available from 7AM – 8:20AM and 2:30PM or 3:00PM – 6PM for a fee. Ask the office for details or check out online.

Lunches & Snacks: NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please provide nutritional lunches and snacks for your child. SCS strives to provide an environment considerate of the many nut allergies many children suffers avoid sending items that contain nuts or their by-products. Avoid packing candy and empty carbs, which cause anxiousness and does not help children focus and learn. No warm-ups can be accommodated. Pack the lunch ready for your child to eat.

Tuition

Tuition is paid monthly over 11 months starting in August and ending in June. We spread the payments over the year. Families may choose one of the discounts listed, if they apply:

1. 5% discount for yearly tuition paid in full by August 1st.
2. Crosswalk Community Church membership 10% discount.
3. Sibling discount (Applies across both Preschool and Elementary).

Tuition is due on the first of each month and is considered late after the fifth of the month. All billing is through FACTS and a late fee of \$30.00 will be automatically applied to all outstanding accounts. Any alternate manual payment will incur administrative charges of \$10 per transaction. (Donations and fundraiser funds excluded from this charge.)

Registration Fees are non-refundable.

For your convenience, we assume that every family will remain in the SCS program; therefore, we bill the cost of registration for the NEXT academic year after our Open House/Open Registration in February. This registration charge is dispersed over a four month period (March-June) to cover registration fee and secure your child's continued place in our school.

Students will be automatically enrolled, and charges processed, unless otherwise requested in writing 2 weeks prior to auto-enrollment in February.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial aid is available for a limited number of students, on a case by case basis, to be filed online through FACTS. All applications must be complete to be considered and the process is the same for everyone. There is a fee for this processing and consideration of your application.

Our administration commits to prayerfully consider every application submitted by May 1st for the upcoming Fall semester.

Student Daily Electronic Sign-In

We have electronic sign-in for every student. At SCS it is mandatory for each student to be signed 'in' and 'out' each day, with the parental/guardian signature. In case of an emergency this data will be used as attendance records. Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot or picked up at any gate. Proper sign-in and sign-out procedures must be followed at all times. Official pick-up person must be 18 yrs or older and have the name on file.

Each student must be accounted for, signed out and then back in if taken off campus during the school day, whether for lunch or appointment. This is imperative to ensure every child's whereabouts and safety at all times.

Student Release Authorization

Your child will only be released to those so named on your child's emergency information form or an authorized pick-up form. Verbal permission is not legally sufficient. The names of any adult authorized for pick-up MUST be in writing, or we will be unable to release your child. A temporary authorization pick-up form is available in the office. If you need to add an additional name to your emergency information form, please see the office staff.

Holidays

SCS will be closed for the following holidays: Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Spring Break, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and other designated Teacher "in-service" days. Please mark your calendars using our school year calendar.

Student Withdrawals

The educational program at SCS is based on a progressive scope and sequence designed to holistically develop your child through their early years of child development (preschool through fifth grade). We strongly encourage you to have your child attend our program through 5th grade. However, we are aware that families experience unexpected changes and that emergencies take place, so we require a written two week notice for any student who

withdrawals before the end of the school year. Your tuition will be prorated once your written notice has been received by the school office.

Absences

Regular school attendance is required by law and is necessary for good citizenship.

Punctuality is a very important life skill that we want every student to develop. It is important for the start of the class and each child. Have your student at school five to ten minutes early, by 8:15AM at the latest, so that s/he can enjoy some social time prior to starting the school day.

Excused Absences

Excused absences will be issued to students who miss the majority of the school day for reasons deemed excusable. An absence will be excused if it is for one of the following reasons:

1. Illness or injury. Students MUST be free of all symptoms (i.e. fever (which is 99.9 degrees), vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) for 24 hours before being allowed to return to school.
2. Medical appointment. Whenever possible, please schedule medical and dental appointments after school hours. If this is not possible, or if multiple appointments must be scheduled, please vary their scheduled times.
3. Bereavement
4. Court appearances
5. Family emergencies (e.g., car accident, major family illness)

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences will be issued to students who miss the majority of the school day for any reason that does not qualify at an excused absence.

Excessive Tardies/Absences

California State Attendance laws allows 3 tardies and 3 unexcused absences per year. SCS adheres to the laws of the state regarding Compulsory Education, Tardies, and Absences.

Excessive unexcused absences (20 or more) may require retention in the same grade level, as consistent tardiness or absence directly affects a student's academic progress.

Prearranged Absences

Prearranged absences must be approved for students through the administration and the teacher in advance of the absences. i.e. a student leaving the country for an extended period of time.

Tardy Policy

Being on time at the start of every school day is essential for maintaining an effective learning environment for each child in the class. In the Elementary Program, tardies will be issued to students who come to school after 8:20AM, the official school start time.

Late Pick Up

Students that are signed-up for "school hours only" will be charged an additional fee, per hour, when they are not picked up by 2:40 PM (Early K-1st) or 3:10 PM (2nd-5th). A \$15 per hour per

student charge if utilizing extended care without being currently enrolled in the program. See the office for more information on this program.

SCS closes at 6:00 PM. Students must be picked up by 6:00 PM. We give a grace period of five minutes; therefore, after 6:05 PM you will be charged a \$1.00 for each additional minute until 6:30 PM, then \$2.00 per minute. We realize that emergencies do occur from time to time; however, if a student is left an hour beyond closing time, and no contact has been made, the school is obligated to report the situation to the local Police Department as child abandonment. Please stay in close communication with the school and ensure your contact numbers and emergency contact numbers are always up to date and accurate.

Parent/Teacher Communication

This is an area that we as a school community highly value and want to ensure is happening frequently and satisfactorily; we ask that you partner with us. If we have a concern about your child in terms of his/her academics, behavior, or other area of development we will be contacting you to set up a parent-teacher conference. If necessary, the Principal will be available to assist. We ask that you make yourself available so that we can partner together for the benefit of your child.

If you have a concern about your child, your child's teacher, or a situation in which your child was involved, please take the appropriate first step of talking with your child's teacher in a professional manner. If you still have concerns after discussing with your child's teacher please bring this to the attention of the school office. We appreciate you letting us know about your concerns and will seek a solution as quickly as possible. It is our heart to have open lines of communication. Please do not hesitate to talk with us about what is on your heart.

Parent Participation

At SCS, we strive to build a healthy and loving family. We greatly value the parents as senior partners in our ministry together to educate the whole children. Parents and/or caregivers are expected to volunteer at the school to assist in the community life of SCS for a minimum of 3 hours per trimester, or a family may opt out of volunteering and instead be charged \$50.00 each trimester. Volunteer opportunities are available in the classroom, around the campus, and at special events. Throughout the year special events are designed to bless the children and enhance their school experience. Parents are highly encouraged to attend and show an active interest in their child's overall performance. These events include but not limited to: Back to School BBQ, Walk-a-Thon, Christmas Program, Art & Steam Exhibit, Culture & Talent Celebration, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Class Field Trips, and special class events. Please see the school calendar for event dates.

Families will be automatically charged \$50 if they have not completed 3 volunteer hours each trimester. Additional hours will be credit forward to expected 9 annual hours.

SCS Fundraisers support the following projects: playground improvements, facility and program upgrades, staff investment, and class room funds.

Class field trips are an exciting part of our education process at SCS and each teacher will conduct at least two field trips per year. The lower elementary classes tend to go on many more field trips than the upper elementary due to the increasing demands of our formal curriculum. We encourage each parent to attend at least one field trip per school year. Please sign up with the class teacher.

Homework

Homework philosophy at Sunnyvale Christian School is that we strive to teach students to take responsibility for work that has been assigned to them, specifically work they have not completed during the allotted time in the class during the school day. Homework is best completed with oversight of parents, to be considered quality time that allows the parents to assess their child's current progress, encourage the student's heart and to affirm their diligence. Please provide a quiet, calm place for homework. Please commit to working together. Students are expected to turn in all homework assignments on time as required by the teachers and be reading with their families each night. If missing assignments become a problem, parents will be notified. Each teacher will develop a policy on late homework teaching students to take responsibility for their own work.

Health Rules

1. It is imperative that parents respond to phone calls immediately concerning a child that has been identified as ill by the school. Immediate parental attention is required in the case of illness accompanied by high temperature or physical injury.
 - a. Students who are ill must be picked up immediately. In addition to their own discomfort, they can expose other students and adults.
 - b. Students that have a fever of 100 degree or higher or shows signs of significant illness must be taken home immediately. They can return to school when fever has been gone for 24 hours, without the help of medication.
2. SCS does not administer non-prescription medicine. All prescription medicine must be checked into the school office and recorded in the medicine book. It is imperative that you notify the office staff when you sign in medicine. Children are not to be sent to school if they are not well enough to go to the playground or participate in class.
3. Communicable diseases such as Strep Throat, Chicken Pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, etc. must be reported to the school office so that an exposure notice can be posted. The child must also pass the contagious stage given by the doctor before the student may return to school. If the school detects the student may not be ready to return, the parent must get a re-admittance slip from the doctor. The school assumes the parent will use wisdom and discretion when their child has experienced a communicable disease.
4. Parents please use extra-careful judgment when sending your child back to school after an illness. We are carefully cleaning all areas, and encouraging multiple hand cleaning in each class and before eating.

5. In the event of lice outbreak:
 - a. Child must be picked up immediately.
 - b. Office must check student's hair before returning to class.
 - c. Child may not return to class until all the eggs and nits are out of hair.

Student's Personal Property

All clothing and school items (lunch box, backpack, etc.) must be clearly labeled with student's name, using either permanent ink or clothing labels. The school is not responsible for items left on the school premises, WE HAVE NO LOST & FOUND. The campus is used by many church groups after school and on weekends, so it is each student's responsibility to collect their things.

1. No personal toys, games, or electronic devices are allowed on campus. The only exception would be if the teacher has a class function, activity, or reward system that allows students to bring such items.
2. No cell phones. Students are not allowed to have cell phones on their person during school hours, including extended care. If a parent wants their child to have a cell phone, it must be signed into the office and kept at the front desk. The student may be granted permission, by the teacher, to go to the office to call parents, when the teacher deems it is acceptable.
3. No weapons of any sort are allowed on the campus.
4. The school is not responsible for student's personal items and requests that students do not bring valuable items to school.
5. Each student's locker must be kept clean. Decorating lockers is not allowed. No stickers and no locks may be used. Personal items may not be stored for prolonged periods of time. Every Friday, the student lockers must be clean and empty, as this campus is used extensively by Crosswalk Community Church children and programs as well as other faith communities throughout the week.

Student's Dress Code

Sunnyvale Christian School requires that uniforms be worn by all students from Early Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Parents may purchase parts of the uniform at stores other than Appletree; however, they must match the uniforms at Appletree.

Current Student Dress Code is on our website. Every family is responsible to have their students in proper uniform Monday -Thursday, (Friday is free dress day.). All specific uniform requirements are on our website.

Uniform Policy Enforcement:

Professionalism is modeled by the staff, effectively teaching children to take healthy pride in their personal appearance as an individual and as a representative of the school.

If there is a dress code violation, the parent/caregiver will be immediately contacted to correct the infraction. The classroom teacher is primarily responsible to work with the parents to ensure compliance.

Emergency Drills & Procedures

While we have done a great deal at SCS to make the facilities and grounds safe, and to prepare the students and staff to respond effectively to emergencies, the families of our students must be our partners in this effort. We want to briefly summarize some of the important emergency drills and procedures. If you would like to read through our Emergency Procedures Handbook please make your request to the office so we can get a copy for you.

Every student must have a complete file with Consent of Medical Treatment and Emergency Form, to assure proper medical care of each student should an emergency arise. Promptly report any updates to your information.

In case of a medical emergency, the witness to the accident will call on the office or any other the witness to the accident will call the office and/or any other staff member trained with First Aid/CPR to assess the situation. The nearest available staff member will call 911 if deemed necessary. The student's parent's will be notified of the accident.

Below, we have listed a summary of procedures we follow during emergencies. In all cases, the priority is the safety of the children and staff. In setting effective protocol, we ask that you also do the same in your household for your family's safety.

In the case of a Bay Area earthquake or natural disaster, students will be kept at school until a parent or authorized adult collects them. It is imperative that the authorized person speaks with the teacher or designated staff member supervising your child/ren so we maintain accurate accounting of all children. Please plan how your family will respond to major disasters, assuming the telephone lines may be down and public transportation may be in disarray. Please refer to our Emergency Procedures Handbook, available in the office. We trust you will also practice earthquake and fire drills at your home as we partner together for the safety of our children.

Fire drills are conducted periodically.

Earthquake drills are conducted at least once a year.

Evacuation drills are conducted at least once a year, without leaving the campus.

1. Fire Drill: students and staff walk quickly and quietly out of the building, following posted exit routes, and form as a school in the back of the parking lot for accountability.
2. During an earthquake drill:
 - a. Stay clam.
 - b. If indoors, stay indoors, stay put and "drop, cover, and hold" for one minute or until shaking stops.
 - c. If you are outdoors, stay outdoors. Move to an open area away from power lines or poles.
 - d. Move away from windows or other large hazardous objects.

- e. Squat down, tuck head under, and place hands and arms over head and neck to prevent injury.
 - f. Calmly move away from the building to the back of the parking lot. Be prepared for aftershocks.
1. Each teacher has an Emergency Pack by the door which includes an emergency roster of parent contact information. Please keep your teacher and the office informed of any changes of your personal contact information.
 2. Evacuation Procedures: after following the procedures for a fire drill and 911 has been called, the students will be initially moved off campus to the apartment complex lawn at the end of Valencia Street. If necessary, the students will be relocated to either the Sunnyvale Public Library or Washington Park where they will be cared for. As soon as possible, we will contact parents to notify them of the situation.
 3. We will contact parents regarding emergencies, specifically for an injured child. We want to inform parents as quickly as possible, but please realize that the first and foremost priority is the safety of the children.
 4. In an emergency, our alternative meeting place is either the Sunnyvale Public Library, located at 665 W. Olive Ave. Sunnyvale, Ca. 94086 or Washington Park located at 840 Washington Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94086. The library's phone number is (408) 730-7314 and Washington Park's phone number is (408) 730-7751.
 5. For more information on our emergency procedures, please refer to the Emergency Procedures Handbook in the school office.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is honoring to God, themselves, their parents, and the school. As students of a Christian school, we believe that the children should be taught about God, and how to honor God through their words and deeds. We teach the children a high standard of conduct and then give them the appropriate encouragement and example to behave accordingly. As a Christian school, we want every child to experience the love of God through Jesus Christ so that they can share that love with their family, community, and world. These expectations of the students apply to the time that students are in school, at school activities, and the time they are away from school. We believe we are to embody Christ in all that we say and do, so that God may be glorified. We expect respectful behavior at all times!

School Rules

Inside Rules

1. Use quiet inside voices.
2. Raise hand if wish to speak.
3. Walk at all times.
4. Push chair in when leaving a desk/table.
5. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
6. Listen to the teacher.
7. One person talking at a time.
8. Keep your classroom clean.

9. Respect each other.
10. Must be excused by teacher before leaving with parent.

Lunch Rules (all of the above and these:)

1. Sit properly at the green tables (on bottom, facing forward).
2. Keep your area clean. If you spill, immediately notify a teacher. It is the student's responsibility to leave their personal space clean.
3. Must be excused to use the restroom.
4. When lining up, stand in a straight line with no talking.

Outside Rules (all of the above and these:)

1. Treat others as you would like to be treated.
2. Show respect to your teachers.
3. Rocks, sand, and tan bark must stay on the ground in the yard.
4. Share the play equipment and toys, not food, with your neighbors.
5. Sit on your bottom while on the swings. Swing straight and stay on your seat. No jumping from the swings.
6. Use equipment properly and put away when through.
7. Use balls safely and appropriately (does not put others in harm's way or the game will be stopped); no throwing against walls; report all balls that go over the fence or on the roof.
8. Stay within the fenced-in area, remaining on school premises, unless authorized to leave by the teacher.
9. Student must be excused by a teacher when being picked up by their parent.
10. Stay in view of your teacher at all times.
11. Always walk when playing on the play equipment.
12. Speak words of peace to one another.
13. Play in peace with one another. This means no games that lead to physical contact or aggression whether in word or deed.
14. Slides are to be used properly; feet first, on bottom, going down only.
15. Eating is only allowed when sitting on a bench or at a picnic table.
16. Restrooms are to be used properly (No sand or toys).
17. Freeze in place when you hear the bell rung.
18. All sand toys must remain in the sandbox area.

Student Discipline

We strongly believe in discipline, love, and guidance.

We believe that as followers of Christ:

- a. We should not ignore any situation requiring discipline.
- b. We should communicate that Jesus loves each child, regardless of what they do, and that learning to make right choices is best taught through consequential discipline for making wrong choices.

- c. We should be respectful, consistent, and honest to hold children responsible for their behavior. God emphasizes in the scriptures, "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go" (Isaiah 48:17).

SCS discipline policy:

We expect full cooperation, trust and support from all staff and parents.

- a. First time, his/her name is called; eye contact is made and held, and alerted of expectation and infraction.
- b. Second time, same procedure and the student now works alone. A disciplinary note will be sent home, from the primary teacher to the parents, which will be signed by the teacher, explaining the infraction, and will require the parent's signature and the student's signature and must be returned the following day by the student. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Principal the day it is sent home.
- c. Third time, the misbehavior will automatically result in child being sent to the Principal's office and the parents will receive a phone call to come and pick up their child.
- d. In addition, a parent-teacher conference will be held to discuss the continued behavioral concerns. This conference will include, at a minimum, the primary teacher and parent and the Principal. The objective is to successfully partner together for the betterment of the student and the modification of misbehavior. We will consider the student's holistic development and behavior in the classroom, in other classes, as well as in the lunch room, recess, and extended care. We will develop a plan to build character and confidence in the student and modify the behavior that has been inappropriate.

SCS will not tolerate profanity or obscenity by work or action, disrespect to any personnel of the school or towards parents, or acts of aggression or violence toward any person.

SCS has a zero tolerance policy regarding the possession, use, sharing, or sale of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco or weapons of any kind on school grounds.

Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Appropriate and swift discipline will be administered. This includes bullying, acting in ways that scare or harm another person.

Suspensions are determined by the Administration and only after discussion with the teacher and conducting a thorough review of the incident at hand. This review will include an interview with each party involved, any adult witnesses, (including the child's teacher) to garner surrounding information.

Following a suspension, when the student returns, he/she begins with a new slate. The mistakes of yesterday are forgiven and we begin anew.

However, should the misbehavior continue, a meeting will be required to discuss specific, necessary steps to avoid expulsion.

SAMPLE Student Discipline Notice Date: _____

Student Name _____

Grade: _____ Primary Teacher _____

Infraction observed by: _____

Parent, your cooperation and help is greatly needed and appreciated at this time.

Your child's poor choices and problem behavior has escalated, now requiring this form letter letting you know he/she has been having a great deal of difficulty meeting SCS behavior expectations, clearly defined in our handbook.

Unacceptable Behavior

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| 1. ___ Disruptive behavior. | 10. ___ Throwing rocks, tan bark, and sand. |
| 2. ___ Disrespectful towards another student. | 11. ___ Hitting, kicking, hurting another. |
| 3. ___ Disrespectful of teacher/supervisor another. | 12. ___ Name calling or put downs |
| 4. ___ Physically hurtful to another. | 13. ___ Eating during class time. |
| 5. ___ Lying and cheating | 14. ___ Breaking slide rules, swing rules. |
| 6. ___ Refusing to do as the teacher asks. | 15. ___ Unsportsman like conduct. |
| 7. ___ Taking items that do not belong to him/her. | 16. ___ Abusive or crude speech. |
| 8. ___ Abusing materials/school property verbally. | 17. ___ Attacking another student |
| 9. ___ Refusing to respond to teacher's directions. | |

There are some behaviors that will receive **NO warning**, and the student will be sent home immediately, upon notification of principal, teacher and call to parents. These behaviors are:

- ___ **Use of profanity**
- ___ **Acts of aggression or violence**
- ___ **Harassment or Bullying**

We, the parents of _____ have read and understand there is a discipline problem and we will work at home to bring this behavior under control.

Parent's Signature

SCS wants you to understand that if the same discipline pattern continues there will be an immediate parent-teacher conference. The objective is to successfully partner together for the betterment of the student the modification of their behavior. The student's holistic development and behavior (in the classroom, in the lunchroom, at recess, during extended care, and on field trips) will be considered to paint an accurate picture of this student's behavior. Combined with your intimate experience and knowledge of your child we will develop a plan to modify the behavior that is inappropriate.

Teacher _____ Principal _____
Signature Signature