CCS Middle School Things Every Parent and Student Need to Know

1. What will my child's schedule look like?

- a. The schedule will include five core courses (Bible, English, Math, Science, & Social Studies) as well as three periods of rotation classes and clubs. The school schedules these classes.
- b. The schedule is a modified block with 8 periods meeting on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Odd-numbered double periods meet on Tuesday and even-numbered double periods meet on Thursday.
- c. Chapel meets every other week on Wednesdays with small groups meeting on alternate weeks.

2. What will the rotation schedule look like and what will my child be taking?

a. Each student in each grade will take Art, Computer, Language Arts Extension, Math Extension, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish each week. All rotations will meet twice a week with the exception of extensions which will only meet once a week.

3. What are the attendance and missed work policies at CCS?

- a. School begins each day at 8:00 a.m. and bus riders are dismissed at 2:45 p.m. Students arriving at school after 8:00 a.m. must sign in at the main office in the high school building. Students leaving before 2:45 p.m. should also sign out in the main office.
- b. Parents who arrive at the school before 2:45 p.m. to pick up their child should wait in the parking lot at Conestoga Mennonite Church until <u>all</u> the buses have exited the school parking lot.
- c. Refer to the Parent/Student handbook found <u>here</u> to see the attendance policy in regards to excused absences, unexcused absences, tardies to school, parent communication in the case of an absence, loss of points for marking period grades, and the school's missed work policy.

4. How is my child expected to dress for school at CCS?

- a. Students are asked to dress in a manner that will honor Christ and is sensitive to staff and students at CCS.
- b. Specific guidelines are found in the Parent/Student Handbook found on our <u>Resources</u> <u>page</u>. Students are expected to dress neatly and modestly.

5. What should I do if my child will be absent from school?

- a. Parents should call the school absence line at 610-286-0353 and press 3.
- b. Absences not reported within 5 days of the absence will be unexcused.

6. What is the Cell Phone Policy at CCS?

- a. The cell phone policy has changed this year. Students must turn them off upon arriving at school and store them in the cell phone locker in their homeroom until the end of the day. They will pick them up at the end of the day and may turn them back on at that time.
- b. Headphones are not to be used at any time in school between 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM unless given permission by a teacher.

7. What extracurricular activities are available for middle school students at CCS?

- a. Sports: Fall Boys Soccer, Fall Girls Volleyball, Winter Boys and Girls Basketball, Spring Boys and Girls Track, Boys Baseball
- b. Clubs and Activities: Band, Fall and Spring Dramas, Student Council

- 8. How might I stay in communication with my child's teachers as well as stay informed about my child's assignments and academic performance?
 - a. The Parent Portal on FACTS SIS will allow you to e-mail your child's teachers, view his/her grades, and view your student's assignments for the week.
 - b. You may always call your child's teacher at the school if you wish to speak with them.

9. Will my child be able to buy lunch?

- a. We do not serve hot lunches at CCS with the exception of fundraiser lunches that often occur on Wednesdays.
- b. Students will be able to buy drinks and snacks at lunch time each day.

10. What other information do I need to know?

- a. Each MS student will receive a CCS e-mail account to use for school business.
- **11. What is the bell schedule for CCS?** Remember that we have a modified block with double odd numbered periods meeting on Tuesday and double even numbered periods on Thursday.

MS/HS Bell Schedule	2024-2025								
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
HR	8:00-8:06	HR	8:00-8:06	HR & Chapel	8:00-9:00	HR	8:00-8:06	HR	8:00-8:06
1st	8:09-8:51	1st	8:09-9:36	1st	9:03-9:39	2nd	8:09-9:36	1st	8:09-8:51
2nd	8:54-9:36			2nd	9:42-10:18			2nd	8:54-9:36
3rd	9:39-10:21	3rd	9:39-11:06	3rd	10:21-10:57	4th	9:39-11:06	3rd	9:39-10:21
4th	10:24-11:06			4th	11:00 -11:36			4th	10:24-11:06
Lunch	11:09-11:39	Lunch	11:09-11:39	Lunch	11:39-12:03	Lunch	11:09-11:39	Lunch	11:09-11:39
5th	11:42-12:24			5th	12:06-12:42			5th	11:42-12:24
6th	12:27-1:09	5th	11:42-1:09	6th	12:45-1:21	6th	11:42-1:09	6th	12:27-1:09
7th	1:12-1:54			7th	1:24-2:00			7th	1:12-1:54
8th	1:57-2:39	7th	1:12-2:39	8th	2:03-2:39	8th	1:12-2:39	8th	1:57-2:39