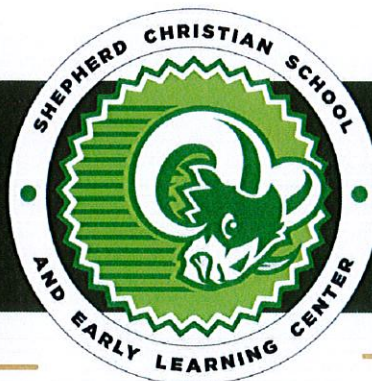




FAMILY HUDDLE

August 24-25, 2026





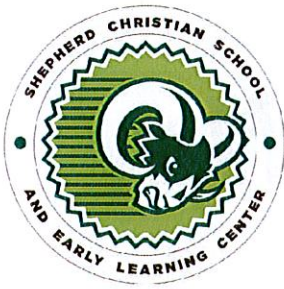
Flow of Evening

6:00 Worship and Welcome

- **Welcome:** Jacob
- **Worship:** Pastor Zach
- **Devotional:** Pastor Rob
- **Prayer:** Pastor Brett and Pastor Bryanna

Informational Session

- **Jacob:** Mission and Vision
- **Jacob:** Admin and Support Staff Introductions
- **Mita:** Meet the High School and Specials Teachers
- **Lisa:** Meet the PreK- 7th Grade Team
 - Dismiss Teachers to classrooms
- **Jacob:**
 - **Refer to packet:**
 - Behavior
 - Dress Code
 - Changes to Drop-off and Pick-up procedures
 - Attendance and Tardy Policies
 - Nut-Free Policy
 - Any questions? Can find us later!
- Event Flow
 - Drop off school supplies and receive classroom information from homeroom teachers
 - Participate in the scavenger hunt
 - Visit photobooth, snack station and tables in the Central complex



Mission and Vision

Our Mission

In partnership with family and God, our mission is to: Nurture children spiritually, physically, academically and socially as they grow in Christ-likeness.

Our Vision

At Shepherd Christian School, as a Christian, PreK-8th grade school, faith is not separated from learning but integrated intentionally, resulting in a unique environment and community. We cultivate intelligent Christ followers who can articulate their worldview in a marketplace full of opposing ideas and ideologies!



The R.A.M.S. Way

At Shepherd Christian School, our culture begins with three simple commitments:

We will honor God.

We will work hard.

We will be a good friend.

These commitments shape how we teach, learn, serve, and treat one another. The R.A.M.S. Way gives our students a simple, consistent way to put those commitments into action every day.

Through clear expectations, consistent support, and positive reinforcement, we strive to create an environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, physically, and spiritually.

Our Pledge

At Shepherd Christian School we will honor God, we will work hard, we will be a good friend, we are **RAMS: Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, and Safe**. Through consistent expectations and positive supports, we foster an environment where all students thrive academically and socially.

The Shepherd Way → The R.A.M.S. Way

Honor God → Be Respectful & Safe

Work Hard → Be Accountable & Motivated

Be a Good Friend → Be Respectful & Safe

Our culture is what we believe.

The R.A.M.S. Way is how we live it.

We Are R.A.M.S.

R — Respectful

Treat others with kindness and care.

We use encouraging words, listen when others are speaking, respect people and property, and treat others the way we want to be treated.

A — Accountable

Take responsibility for your actions and words.

We own our choices, follow through on our responsibilities, tell the truth, and make things right when we make a mistake.

M — Motivated

Strive to do your best every day.

We come ready to learn, work hard, persevere when things are difficult, and take pride in giving our best effort.

S — Safe

Keep yourself and others free from harm.

We make choices that protect the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of ourselves and others. We follow directions, use materials and spaces appropriately, and speak up when something is unsafe.

For Staff

RAMS starts with us.

As staff members, we are not only teaching students the R.A.M.S. Way—we are modeling it. Our students learn from how we speak, respond, work, handle conflict, and treat one another.

We expect students to be **Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, and Safe**, and we hold ourselves to the same standard.

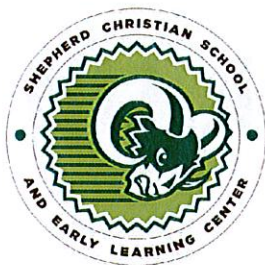
When we model the R.A.M.S. Way consistently, we create the culture we want our students to experience.



Behavior Matrix

Setting	Respectful	Accountable	Motivated	Safe
Classroom	Listen when others speak	Complete tasks on time	Stay focused, try your best	Keep hands and feet to self
Hallways	Use a quiet voice	Go directly to your destination	Walk with purpose	Stay to the right, walk calmly
Cafeteria	Use manners, clean up area	Follow routines	Making well balanced meal choices.	Remain seated, clean spills
Playground	Share equipment, include others	Follow game rules	Try new activities	Use equipment safely
Restrooms	Give privacy	Use time wisely	Return promptly	Wash hands, report problems

***Posters of this will be provided for each corresponding space.**



2026-2027 School Calendar



Shepherd Christian School Calendar 2026-2027

August 2026						
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August
 12-21 Staff PD
 24 Meet the Teacher /BSB for last names A-I
 25 Meet the Teacher /BSB for last names J-Z
 26 First Day of School
 27-28 Pre-K Staggered Start

January 2027						
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January
 1-4 No School - Christmas Break
 14 End of Q2
 15 No School - Records Day
 18 No School - ML King Jr. Day
 19 Report Cards Go Home
 19-22 I-Ready Assessments

September 2026						
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September
 7 No School - Labor Day
 8-11 I-Ready Assessments
 17 Picture Day

February 2027						
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February
 9 Conferences Scheduled 4:00-8:00
 11 Conferences Scheduled 4:00-8:00
 12 No School
 15 No School - Presidents Day
 16-19 High School Missions Trip
 26 International Day

October 2026						
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October
 9 Innovation Day
 13 Picture Retakes
 14-16 Heartland Trip for 6th Grade
 22 End of Quarter 1
 23 No School - Records Day
 27 Report Cards Go Home

March 2027						
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March
 1-5 Read Across America Week
 4 Reading Night
 18 End of Q3
 19 No School - Records Day
 23 Report Cards Go Home
 22-25 Rainbow Food Drive
 26-31 No School - Spring Break

November 2026						
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November
 4 Conferences Scheduled 4:00-8:00pm
 5 No School - Conferences Scheduled 9am-8pm
 6 No School
 11 Veterans Day Chapel
 23-30 Thanksgiving Break

April 2027						
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April
 1-2 No School - Spring Break
 6-9 D.C. Trip for 8th Graders
 23 Earth Day Celebration
 26-30 I-Ready Assessments

December 2026						
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December
 8 Concert 6:30-9:30
 10 Concert 6:30-9:30
 16 Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration
 18 No School
 21-31 No School - Christmas Break

May 2027						
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May
 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week
 20 End of Q4
 21 No School - Records Day
 25 Field Day
 26 Report Cards Sent Home
 27 Last Day: Awards/ End of School Bash
 1-4 Teacher Pack up and Checkout

- First and Last Day of School for Students
- School Closed for Students
- School Closed for Staff and Students
- End of Quarters

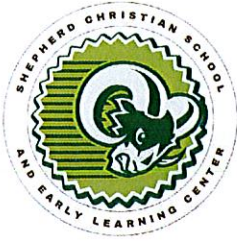
- Testing
- Conferences
- School Day Events for Students
- Events For Students and Family

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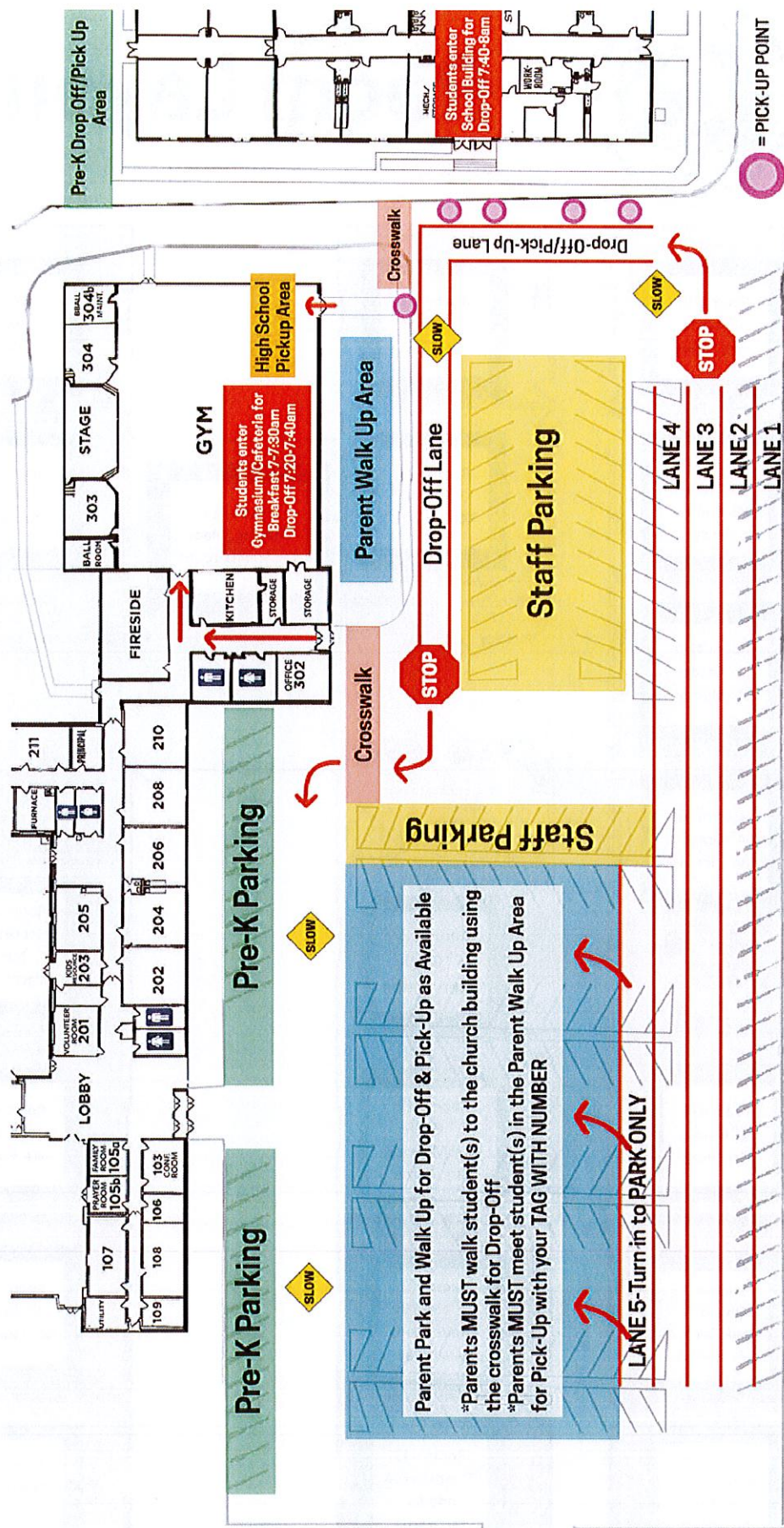
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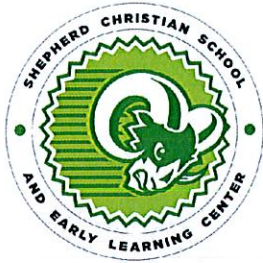
Drop-Off and Pick-Up Changes & Expectations

1. Added lane to allow parents to Park and Walk-Up
 - a. You **MUST** walk your student to the church building using the designated Crosswalk for Drop-Off
 - b. You **MUST** meet your student in the Parent Walk Up Area for Pick-Up and you must have your TAG w/ NUMBER
2. Drop-Off Times
 - a. 7:00 - 7:30 - Breakfast go to Gym/Cafeteria (use 1000# to enter)
 - b. 7:20 - 7:40 - Drop-Off to Gym/Cafeteria
 - c. 7:40 - 8:00 - Drop-Off to School
3. Pick-Up Times
 - a. 2:00-2:50 - Parents may begin lining up
 - b. 2:50 - Pick-Up Begins
 - c. 3:30 - Pick-Up Ends
4. Please use CAUTION:
 - a. Throughout Drop-Off and Pick-Up
 - b. When turning out of the Parent Parking Area
 - c. When crossing the Crosswalks
5. Please pull all the way to the center church entrance when you are the lead car for Drop-Off, DO NOT stop in front of the school building
6. Please follow the directives of School / Church Staff as they coordinate traffic flow

Our Goals:

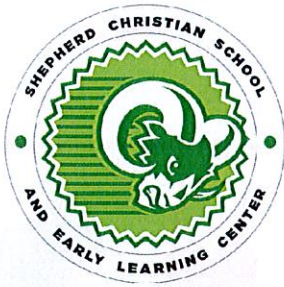
- Safely get your kiddos home each day
- Thank you for your help and your patience!





Room Layout





Prek and Kindergarten Dress Code

General Guidelines

- Clothing must be clean, modest, and neat — free of holes, rips, excessive wear, or fraying.
- Spirit wear is encouraged and may be worn any day.
- Clothing should fit comfortably and modestly — not overly tight, baggy, or revealing.
- Undergarments must never be visible.
- Chapel t-shirts should be worn on chapel days

Prek-K

- Clothing should be comfortable and functional
- Parents should remember that children play, paint, and sometimes get messy
- An extra change of clothes should be kept in your child's backpack or left in their locker. Please remember to change out these outfits according to the weather
- Chapel t-shirts should be worn on chapel days
- Permitted footwear includes sneakers, Crocs with heel straps, and close-toed sandals with back straps
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days

Not permitted:

- Sleeveless tops of any kind
- Crop tops or tops that expose the midriff
- Innapropriate Graphics or Text
- Pajama Pants

Prek - K Footwear

- Permitted footwear includes sneakers, Crocs with heel straps, and close-toed sandals with back straps
- Not permitted: flip-flops, slippers, or backless shoes
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days

Prek-K

Do



Don't



Outerwear

- SCS-branded hoodies, crewneck, V-neck sweaters/sweatshirts, full- or half-zip pullovers
- Plain (logo-free aside from small manufacturer logos) hoodies, crewneck or V-neck sweaters/sweatshirts, full- or half-zip pullovers
- Coats are not permitted indoors and must be stored in designated areas during the school day.
- Students should dress appropriately for weather, as recess will occur outside unless temperatures fall below 30°F.

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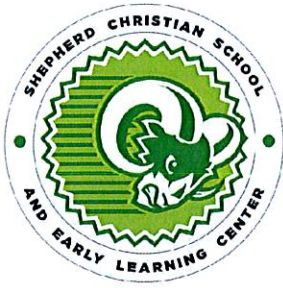
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Accessories & Appearance

- Hats, hoods, sunglasses, sweatbands, and coats are not to be worn inside
- Earrings are permitted, but styles should be appropriate for safe outdoor play and P.E. activities
- Hair color, makeup, and nail polish must not be distracting to the school environment
- Hair should be neatly groomed



1st - 5th Grade Dress Code

General Guidelines

- Clothing must be clean, modest, and neat — free of holes, rips, excessive wear, or fraying.
- Spirit wear is encouraged and may be worn any day.
- Clothing should fit comfortably and modestly — not overly tight, baggy, or revealing.
- Undergarments must never be visible.
- Chapel t-shirts should be worn on chapel days

1st- 5th Grade Tops

- Approved options include:
 - Solid or Small patterned Colored T-Shirts, Polos, Sweatshirts, Collared Shirts, Crewnecks, Turtlenecks free from images, text, and logos (small manufacturer logos are okay)
 - Any SCS spirit top (no tank tops) from the link provided:
<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/OH/Gahanna/Shepherd+Christian+School>
- Not permitted:
 - Sleeveless tops of any kind
 - Crop tops or tops that expose the midriff

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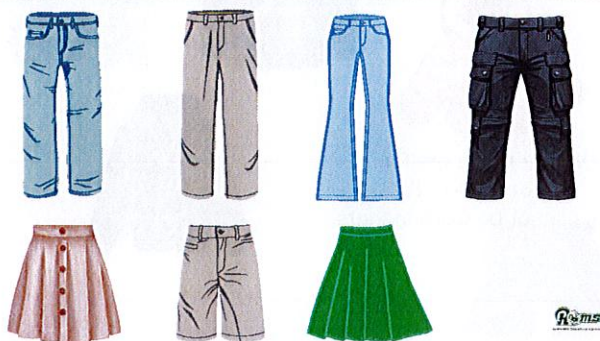
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1st- 5th Grade Bottoms

- Approved options include:
 - Solid color Pants, jeans, capris, skirts, jumpers, dresses, or shorts
 - Skirts, jumpers, shorts, and dresses should be knee length and allow for comfortable movement and appropriate coverage.
- Bottoms must be free of holes or distressing and sit on the hips or waist
- Not Permitted:
 - Leggings
 - Pajama Pants
 - Sweatpants

Do



Don't



1st- 5th Grade Footwear

- Permitted footwear includes sneakers, Crocs with heel straps, and close-toed sandals with back straps
- Not permitted: flip-flops, slippers, or backless shoes
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days

Do



Don't



1st- 5th Grade Outerwear

- Solid or Small patterned Colored Hoodies, Crewneck, V-neck sweaters/sweatshirts, full- or half-zip pullovers, free from images, text, and logos (small manufacturer logos are okay)
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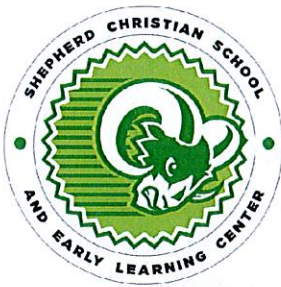
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6th- 8th Grade Dress Code

General Guidelines

- Clothing must be clean, modest, and neat — free of holes, rips, excessive wear, or fraying.
- Spirit wear is encouraged and may be worn any day.
- Clothing should fit comfortably and modestly — not overly tight, baggy, or revealing.
- Undergarments must never be visible.
- Chapel t-shirts should be worn on chapel days

6th- 8th Grade Tops

- Approved options include:
 - Solid green, white, or black polos, Sweatshirts, Hoodies, Crewnecks, Turtlenecks free from images, text, and logo (small manufacturer logos are okay)
 - Any SCS top (no tank tops or tie-dye) from the link provided:
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- Not permitted:
 - Sleeveless tops of any kind
 - Crop tops or tops that expose the midriff

Do



Don't



6th- 8th Grade Bottoms

- Approved options include:
 - Solid blue, black, khaki Pants, Jeans, capris, skirts, jumpers, dresses, or shorts
 - Skirts, jumpers, shorts, and dresses should be knee length and allow for comfortable movement and appropriate coverage.
- Bottoms must be free of holes or distressing and sit on the hips or waist
- Not Permitted:
 - Leggings
 - Pajama Pants
 - Sweatpants/Joggers

Do



Don't



6th- 8th Grade Footwear

- Permitted footwear includes sneakers, Crocs with heel straps, and close-toed sandals with back straps
- Not permitted: flip-flops, slippers, or backless shoes
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days

Do



Don't



6th- 8th Grade Outerwear

- Solid green, white, or black Crewneck, V-neck sweaters/sweatshirts, full- or half-zip pullovers, free from images, text, and logos (small manufacturer logos are okay)
- SCS Branded Hoodies, Crewnecks or Pullovers
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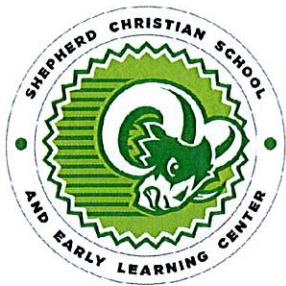
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9th- 12th Grade Dress Code

General Guidelines

- Clothing must be clean, modest, and neat — free of holes, rips, excessive wear, or fraying.
- Spirit wear is encouraged and may be worn any day.
- Clothing should fit comfortably and modestly — not overly tight, baggy, or revealing.
- Undergarments must never be visible.
- Chapel t-shirts should be worn on chapel days

9th- 12th Grade Tops

- Approved options include:
- Solid green, white, or black polos, quarter zips, crewnecks, sweaters free from images, text, and logos
- SCS top (ONLY: polos, quarter zips, crewnecks, sweaters) from the link provided:
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- SCS t-shirts will be permitted on Fridays only
- Not permitted:
- Hoodies
- Sleeveless tops of any kind
- Crop tops or tops that expose the midriff

Do



Don't



9th- 12th Grade Bottoms

- Approved options include:
 - Solid blue, black, khaki Pants, Jeans, capris, skirts, jumpers, dresses, or shorts
 - Skirts, jumpers, shorts, and dresses should be knee length and allow for comfortable movement and appropriate coverage.
- Bottoms must be free of holes or distressing and sit on the hips or waist
- Not Permitted:
 - Leggings
 - Pajama Pants
 - Sweatpants/joggers

Do



Don't



9th- 12th Grade Footwear

- Permitted footwear includes sneakers, Crocs with heel straps, and close-toed sandals with back straps
- Not permitted: flip-flops, slippers, or backless shoes
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days

Do



Don't



9th- 12th Grade Outerwear

- Solid green, white, or black Crewneck, V-neck sweaters/sweatshirts, full- or half-zip pullovers, free from images, text, and logos (small manufacturer logos are okay)
- SCS Branded Hoodies, Crewnecks or Pullovers
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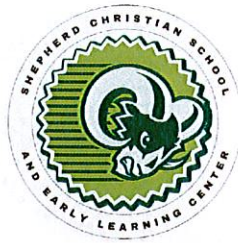


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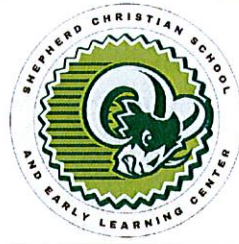
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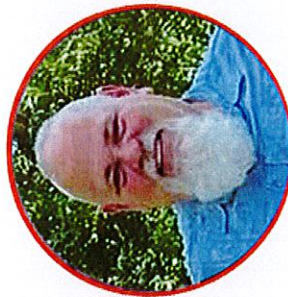
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