

SASKATOON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Christ-centred Education



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in enrolment at Saskatoon Christian School. We appreciate the privilege given by you to partner in Biblically training the next generation of Christian leaders. Our mission is to join parents in teaching, molding and preparing children to live as Christians in a challenging world. We encourage students to fully develop their God-given potential in all aspects of life: academic, physical, emotional, social and spiritual.

SCS was begun in 1983 by a group of faithful Christians who saw the need for a school that had as its goal teaching children from a Biblical perspective. Today, by God's grace, SCS is a non-denominational K – 12 program of approximately 400 students from over 65 churches offering high quality academics and an extensive extra-curricular program. We are an Associate School within Saskatoon Public School Division which allows us to access the resources and professional development of this urban school division while maintaining our clear, Christian distinctiveness. Additionally, God has provided us with a large, modern gym, athletic fields and land for expansion in the very near future. We consider ourselves one strand of the 'cord of three strands' in your child's life. Our partners are the Christian home and local Bible believing/teaching churches; only when all three strands of this three-stranded cord are in place and strong can the optimum results be obtained in our children. We are blessed with a dedicated and professional teaching and support staff. Students enjoy a time of praise and worship each week at our chapels; presently, chapels are divided into primary grades (K – 4), middle years' grades (5 – 8), and high school grades (9 – 12). We hope the enclosed information will answer some of the questions you may have and make you aware of the excellent programs SCS offers students in the Saskatoon area.

At SCS, we are redeeming the future by giving our students the tools to continue to learn about God's Creation and be faithful, growing disciples of Jesus Christ in the world. It is our intention to glorify the Lord in every area: academically, socially, through sports participation, the fine arts and other extra-curricular activities. The students of this school are also involved in mission projects both at home and abroad – secondary students have served in Saskatoon and Bolivia; elementary students have served in the Saskatoon area.

It is our sincere hope we can be of service to you as you explore the educational choices available to your family. Please bring any questions you have to our attention and we will answer to the best of our ability. As you consider Saskatoon Christian School, we join you in prayer for the Lord's guidance and discernment in this decision for your children.

We have attached all relevant documents in order for you to start the enrolment process at SCS. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), please follow the instructions on the attached sheets; when we receive the complete application package, we will contact you for an interview so we may meet with you personally. Please be sure to indicate on your application the phone number where you may be reached during the day.

Yours in Christ,

Doug Wiebe – Principal
Murray Long – High School Vice Principal
Tracy Cherry – Elementary Vice Principal

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Admissions Procedures: Joining the SCS Family

“Things we have heard and known, things our fathers have told us, we will not hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation the praise-worthy deeds of the Lord.” (Psalm 78:3-4)

Thank you for your interest in Saskatoon Christian School. While the application process for new families may appear lengthy, please feel free to contact the school office if you encounter any difficulty with its completion. SCS is committed to providing a Biblical foundation for life that encourages each student to actively choose to follow Christian principles in every experience of their life. Admission to SCS is determined on the basis of a personal interview with parent(s)/guardian(s), student(s), character (Church and Character) references, grades and, potentially, academic/readiness testing. Students who seek admission directly following an expulsion, suspension or behavioural issues at another school will not be eligible for admission until they have demonstrated success at another school. The purposes of these standards are to allow students and their families to understand our commitment to Christ-centred education and to focus their commitment toward choosing obedience to Christ in all aspects of life.

Step One: Application

All applications for admission will be considered from parents/guardians who:

1. Include at least one parent/guardian who is personally committed to Christ.
2. Can sign they are in agreement with our Statement of Faith.

To activate your application file, the School Office must receive each item identified in Section One on the **“Application for Admission Checklist”**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is the parents/guardians responsibility to follow up on the Church Reference and Character Reference forms. These forms can be faxed or emailed to the school to accelerate the process. Please submit the remainder of the admission package while waiting for reference forms to be submitted. **Interviews will be scheduled once we receive all the required forms and materials.**

Thoroughly read and complete all forms in the admission packet. Return the completed packet to the School Office with the non-refundable \$250.00 Registration Fee. Packets can be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to the SCS School Office.

- Please note, only the pages marked **FILL OUT AND RETURN** need to be turned in as your admission packet. Pages marked **READ AND KEEP** are to be kept for your personal records.
- Our school is limited in our ability to meet the needs of students with severe learning disabilities, either psychological or physical.
- To plan for each year, SCS must know in advance every potential or probable use of our Resource Personnel. Failure to accurately inform SCS about these needs may result in the school’s inability to meet the applicant’s needs in the future.

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Parents must subscribe to the SCS Statement of Faith and desire to partner with us in developing their child(ren) spiritually and academically. SCS admission is limited to parents and students who demonstrate the following:

1. That there is a profession of faith in Jesus Christ on the part of at least one custodial parent and the grade 5 – 12 student (John 3:3, I Peter 1:23).
2. That there be membership in, and regular attendance at, a church in which the Bible is sincerely believed and taught; this church will agree with the SCS Statement of Faith. Because we work closely with Christian churches and mutually promote their work, it is imperative students at SCS come from Bible-believing churches – this gives reason to an admission process, which takes some time and involves an interview.
3. That there be an understanding of and agreement with, the purpose of SCS to provide children with a Christ-centred education in which Jesus Christ is acknowledged in every area; where the basis for instruction is the Bible, the Word of God.
4. That there is a commitment on the part of the parents to support the work of SCS through prayer, volunteer labour and financial contributions.
5. That each applicant provide evidence of emotional stability, a satisfactory behaviour record and sound social adjustment; for students grade 5 – 12, an expression of a desire to attend SCS. SCS does not, at this time, have the resources to adequately provide proper education regarding certain special needs students.
6. The student is not under suspension/expulsion from another school; if so, evidence of satisfactory behaviour must be demonstrated prior to application to SCS.
7. SCS reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, spiritual commitment, lifestyle choices and personal suitability including a willingness to cooperate with SCS administration and to abide by its policies. (Romans 2:11)
8. Parents must have read, agreed with and signed the Statement of Faith and Parental Commitment.

The Principal or his designate will be responsible to carry out the admissions policies established by the SCS Board. All admission requests are submitted to the SCS Administrative Team who make the final decision. Parents are then notified by the School Office of that decision.

Step Two: Consideration for Admission

The next step in the Admission Process is the Administration/Parent interview.

Step Three: Notification

New applicants will be accepted on the basis of a complete review of the academic information, the personal interview and reference forms. Applicants will be contacted within one week of the interview to notify you if your child has been accepted. Successful applicants beyond the number we are able to accept will be placed in a waiting pool.

Note: All SCS Admissions decisions made by the SCS Board are final and not subject to an appeal process.

* The SCS Board is elected by members of the school society. SCS is governed by the SSCE (Saskatoon Society for Christian Education).

Applicants Who Are Not Canadian Citizens

Students who are not Canadian citizens and/or do not speak English as a first language must contact the Newcomer Student Centre before the SCS application process can begin. 310 – 21st Street East, (306) 683-8400.

Saskatoon Christian School is not part of the International Student Program.



Application for Admission Checklist

Section 1: Forms	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REQUESTED ITEMS FOR ENROLMENT (BE SURE ALL FORMS ARE ATTACHED)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed New Family Application form	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attached Registration Fee Cheque (\$250/family) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are applying for the current school year, please date the cheque for the current date. Once notified of acceptance to SCS, this is a non-refundable deposit which will be applied to your first month's tuition. • If you are applying for the new school year, please postdate the cheque for July 1. Once notified of acceptance to SCS, this is a non-refundable deposit after June 30 which will be applied to your first month's tuition. 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed SCS Student Commitment (Signed by each Grade 7 – 12 Student)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed SCS Student Questionnaire (One form for each Grade 7 – 12 Student)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of most recent report card (for Grades 1 – 12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attach a copy of most recent transcript (for Grades 10 – 12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Kindergarten Readiness Checklist (for Kindergarten students only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Parent Commitment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Statement of Faith	
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Church Reference (one per student)	The Church Reference and Character Reference should be filled out by two different people.
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Character Reference (one per student)	
Section 2: Interview	
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with SCS Administration for family interview	
Section 3: Additional Forms	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL FORMS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Custody Agreements (The School Office MUST be notified of custody issues)	

Please use this checklist and attach to completed forms and materials. Enrolment forms will only be processed with all fees and forms enclosed.

A child must be 5 years of age by January 31 to be admitted to Kindergarten and can demonstrate Kindergarten readiness. This may require testing by our SCS Resource Staff.

Parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the scheduled parent orientation session in late August prior to school start.

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