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Tampa Catholic High School

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2016-17

Welcome to all new students, returning upperclassmen and families. We are excited to be working with each of you and expect your Tampa Catholic experience to be successful. Please read the enclosed information carefully as it will help you plan for the start of the new school year. This reference guide does not replace the Parent/student Handbook. If you have any questions or concerns, call our main office at 813-870-0860.

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Orientation

Attendance is mandatory – full uniform is required for all orientations – bring paper/pencil

- ▶ **Freshman:** Wednesday, August 10th 8:00 am – 3:00 pm / Starting at Crusader Hall, followed by a full day of class experience. **Parent/Student Handbooks distributed and purchase locks.** (new locks, \$7 each for regular school locker and gym/PE locker). By state law no student may start school, NOT EVEN ORIENTATION, without submitting the state required Health/Physical and Immunization forms.
- ▶ **Sophomores:** Wednesday, August 10th from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Crusader Hall
- ▶ **Juniors:** Wednesday, August 10th from 9:30 am – 10:30 am – Crusader Hall
- ▶ **Seniors:** Wednesday, August 10th from 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Crusader Hall

First Day of School

The first day of classes for entire student body:

Thursday, August 11th, 2016

All students must be in full uniform. The first bell rings at 8:00 am! Students are considered **TARDY** if they are not in their homeroom at 8:10 am.

Teacher Meet and Greet

Wednesday, August 17th 6:00 pm, Crusader Hall

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet teachers and share in your son/daughter's daily class schedule which will be provided as you check in.

Parent attendance: Encouraged (not a student event)

Parent Meetings

- ▶ **New Family Orientation and iPad Distribution, Crusader Hall:** Who should attend? All incoming freshman and new transfer students and parents. A parent is required to sign a technology agreement at this meeting before an iPad can be issued to the student. Parent attendance: Required. Please attend one of the following sessions:
 - **August 2 (Tuesday) from 6 – 8 pm**
 - **August 4 (Thursday) from 6 – 8 pm**
 - **August 8 (Monday) from 3 – 5 pm**
- ▶ **Freshman Parent Guidance Meeting, Crusader Hall:** Presented by the Administration & Guidance department. Who should attend? All incoming freshman parents. Parent attendance: Required.
 - **Wednesday, Sept. 7 - 6 – 8 pm**
- ▶ **Back to School & New Family Mass, Crusader Hall:** Who should attend? All TC parents and families are welcome. As with all Tampa Catholic Masses, both Catholic and non-Catholic families are welcome. Please join us as we celebrate the new school year in prayer. Parent attendance: Optional
 - **Saturday, Sept. 17 at 5 pm**
- ▶ **Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors Guidance Meetings** – Check the school calendar for parent meeting dates and times. Parent attendance: Required

The School Day / Attendance

- ▶ Student supervision is provided on campus from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and on Wednesday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- ▶ Regular and punctual attendance for each school day and each class is expected.
- ▶ The first bell rings at 8:00 am every day!
- ▶ Students are considered **TARDY** if they are not in their homeroom at 8:10 am every day.
- ▶ Tardy students must receive a pass from the front office to be admitted to class.
- ▶ The school day ends at 3:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- ▶ The school day ends at 2:15 pm on Wednesday.
- ▶ **Note:** Bell schedule (**page 46 of the student handbook**)
- ▶ If a student is late to school or will be absent for the day, please call the main office at 813-870-0860.
- ▶ If you do not call in, the student will be marked unexcused.
- ▶ Signing in or out of school: Any time a student leaves campus prior to dismissal, he/she must sign out at the main office and must have written parent/guardian permission. The note must be provided to the front office at the beginning of the school day.
- ▶ A student will not be called out of class for dismissal or to pick something up in the main office.

School Uniform / PE Uniform / Dress-Out Days

The dress and grooming of students shall reflect modesty and good taste and shall not be disruptive of the classroom atmosphere or educational program of the school. Final judgment on any questions of appearance and the interpretation of the dress requirements will be made by the Dean of Student Life. At the discretion of the Dean, a student who is in violation of the dress requirements may not attend class and may be sent home or a parent or guardian may be called to bring proper attire. No refund will be given to any student who is asked to leave a Tampa Catholic function due to violation of dress code.

Risse Brothers - Tampa Catholic School and PE uniform provider

Address: 4228 N Armenia Ave, Tampa, FL 33607

Phone: (813) 282-8338

Website: www.rissebrothers.com

- ▶ **See Dress Requirements on page 19-21 in the student handbook**

Only Tampa Catholic approved outerwear: green, non-hooded, crew neck sweatshirts will be permitted to be worn during the day - uniform jacket and/or sweater; varsity letter jacket; approved team or club sweatshirt and/or jacket. Garments cannot be torn or altered. No hooded sweatshirts may be worn on campus at any time including dress-out and spirit days.

The uniform shoe is to be a plain/solid color black or dark brown leather shoe with black or dark brown laces and a black or dark brown sole. Shoes are to be worn with plain white socks which are ankle length (covering both sides of the ankle bone) to mid-calf in length.

Dress-out Day: On days designated as Spirit Day or Dress-out Day, students are permitted to be out of uniform. An announcement will be made concerning the approved dress for each particular event/activity. Approved

dress is: Jeans (no tears, rips or holes), khakis, capris or Tampa Catholic uniform shorts, Tampa Catholic spirit t-shirt, team sport jersey, team shirt, Mission shirt or TC uniform shirt, sneakers or sandals. No flip flops or sport slip-ons are allowed. Belts must be worn at all times.

Reds Team Sports - Tampa Catholic Spirit Wear provider

Address: 4542 Eagle Falls Place, Tampa, FL 33619

Phone: (813) 612-5999

Website: www.redsteamsports.com

ID Cards:

Student Identification Cards: At the beginning of the year students are issued a student identification card. This I.D. card must be carried by students at all times while on campus and at all school-related activities and sporting events. Failure to produce an I.D. card when requested by a faculty or staff member may result in detention. Lost or missing I.D. cards must be immediately reported to the Dean. Lost cards will be replaced at a cost of \$10.00.

Locks

Locks for Homeroom Locker and PE Locker: Locks are available for purchase (new lock, \$7 each) in the main administration office. Locks on all lockers must be a Tampa Catholic issued lock or the lock will be removed. Students must keep a lock on their locker at all times to ensure safety of their personal belongings.

Parking Tags / Car-Pool / Drop-Off • Pick-Up

Parking Tags: All students driving to school must have a valid Tampa Catholic Parking Permit to park on campus. Permits are available for purchase for \$10 each from the Dean of Student Life. You will need to provide the make, model, year, tag number and car color. Student parking on campus is considered a privilege and may be revoked by the Dean for infractions of school policy.

1. Speeding, reckless driving or making excessive noise on school property may result in loss of driving privileges. The speed limit on school property is 10 mph
2. Loitering in parking lots before, during or after school is not permitted.
3. Students may not go to their vehicles or be in the parking areas during the school day (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) without permission from an Administrator.
4. Students who drive to school must park on school property. Students must park in spaces designated for student parking.
5. Vehicles parked in an unauthorized manner will be towed away at owner's expense.
6. The area in the senior parking lot between the Administration building and the main exit gate that empties east onto Rome Avenue is designated for office staff, faculty and visitors and is not for student parking.

Car Pool: Please call the front office at 813-870-0860 to request a car pool list per designated zip code. The requested list will be emailed to your Rediker contact information. It is your responsibility to contact the families to arrange transportation.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up / Parking:

- ▶ **Freshmen** will be dropped off and picked up at the front of the school
- ▶ **Sophomores** will be dropped off and picked up at the back of the school, near cafeteria side
- ▶ **Juniors** will park at the gymnasium parking lot
- ▶ **Seniors** can park in front of the school and behind the chapel, brother's residence.
- ▶ **Gates** are locked for the safety of our students and campus. Please park temporarily in the Administrative parking lot if the gates are locked and receive instructions for parking.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading 2016: Tampa Catholic students are expected to continue to improve literacy skills over the summer. For this reason, each English course has an assigned summer reading book for students to read. During the first quarter, students will be assessed on their understanding and comprehension of the text. Students should be able to: Comprehend the basic elements of the book: plot points, names of characters, when and where the book takes place, etc. Reflect upon the book, making connections to self, other texts, and the world. Discuss the assigned book with their peers and teacher. Write about the assigned book, including details and evidence from the text to support their points. You may purchase Summer Reading books via MBS online bookstore/quicklinks on our website. (see Quick Links button at top right on each web page)

English 1: Positive by Paige Rawls - ISBN # 978-0062342515

English 1 Honors: Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing
- ISBN # 978-0465058785

English 2: A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah - ISBN # 978-0374531263

English 2 Honors: A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah - ISBN # 978-0374531263

English 3: The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway - ISBN 978-0684801223

English 3 DE: The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne - ISBN # 978-1512090567

AP Language: On Writing by Stephen King - ISBN # 978-1439156810

English 4: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho - ISBN # 978-0062315007

English 4 DE: On Writing by Stephen King - ISBN # 978-1439156810

AP Literature: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen - ISBN # 978 - 1593082017

iPads / Calculators

iPads: iPads are issued at the beginning of each school year. **See orientation and back to school meetings for new students.** If iPads were collected at the end of the school for updates, the student will receive their iPad in their homeroom.

Tampa Catholic High School is committed to student use of technology as a tool to expand learning opportunities and conduct scholarly research. The use of technology facilitates global collaboration—a vital skill for 21st century learners. Students at Tampa Catholic utilize their Apple iPad on a wireless network. Apple iPads and the wireless network on Tampa Catholic's campus are strictly for educational use consistent with the school's educational goals. Along with the opportunity this provides, comes responsibility. This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) is designed to give the student and the students' family, as well as others on campus, clear and concise guidelines regarding the appropriate use of the Apple iPad. The underlying premise of this policy is

that all members of the Tampa Catholic community must uphold the values of honesty and integrity. We expect our students to exercise good judgment and to utilize technology with integrity.

NOTE: Students are entirely responsible for backing up their own data.

- ▶ The Apple iPad should be handled with care. Inappropriate treatment of the school Apple iPad is not acceptable.
- ▶ No writing/stickers will be allowed on the Apple iPad /Apple iPad cases; these are not to be defaced in any way.
- ▶ Do not remove, move or write on the identification sticker on your Apple iPad.
- ▶ Students are not allowed to create any administrative passwords on their Apple iPads.
- ▶ Students are expected to come to school with a fully charged battery on a daily basis.
- ▶ Students are not to remove the case or screen protector at any time.

Calculators: Students are required to purchase a TI-Nspire CX calculator (non-CAS model) for their math classes.

Books / Edmodo

Books: Once you have received your schedule (July), you will be able to purchase textbooks through the MBS online bookstore link (see TC website Quick Links button, top right on each page). Some of our courses will be using an iBook or EBook for their course study. ALL book information regardless of textbook or digital book can be found on the MBS website. **Incoming students should wait until they receive their iPads before downloading any of their digital books.** 2016-17 Online bookstore opens on 7/18/2016.

Edmodo is a free and secure learning network for teachers, students, and schools. It provides a safe way for us to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions and receive class information.

Edmodo is accessible online and through any mobile device with Internet capabilities. Students can access their account from any mobile device or computer, and set up notifications within Edmodo to receive alerts/reminders via text or email. Parents will not be able to sign up for an account until the student signs up on the first day of school. There is a parent Edmodo app for mobile devices.

Student Schedules

Completed schedules will be emailed to the parent/guardian in mid-July to all registered students. Note: if there are outstanding service hours - parent or student, and/or finance balances, a student will not receive their schedule. If you did not receive a schedule, please call the main office at 813-870-0860.

The final schedule was completed for your student through a very comprehensive process. Each of the core courses were selected in conjunction with the pre-requisites clearly outlined in the course catalog. In addition, our teachers were asked to meet by department and were given a transcript of each student, a list of all standardized test scores, including the EXPLORE, the PLAN, the PSAT (which determines AP potential), the PERT (college placement test for Dual Enrollment classes), the ACT and SAT. They were also provided with not only cumulative weighted and unweighted grade point averages, but individual grade point averages by discipline. With this extensive information, teachers met collaboratively by Department and made their course recommendations for each student.

As a result, we are very confident that the placement that was made in all core courses is accurate and in the best academic interest of the student. Therefore, there will be no core course level changes without Administrative consultation. Once we accumulated the information from the teachers on core classes, the

guidance counselors asked each of the students to hand in a sheet of elective choices that they would be interested in taking. Students were asked to rank in order of preference 6 options. Amassing all of this information, we created this final schedule. During second semester guidance counselors met with current students, and went over the schedule for accuracy and input.

Incoming Freshman choices are limited to one physical education class and one performing arts class as required by the State Department of Education, for a total of seven (7) classes and one (1) lunch period. The schedule that you will be emailed is a direct result of the extensive review by the admissions committee.

Students are assigned to a guidance counselor according to their last name.

Janice Stuart, jstuart@tampacatholic.org (A - G)

Brother Dominic Sanpietro, dsanpietro@tampacatholic.org (H - P)

Mark Ventura, mventura@tampacatholic.org (Q - Z)

- ▶ ***The course catalog is available on the website.***

Service Hours

Service Hours: Tampa Catholic requires every student to complete: Freshmen 5 hours per quarter, Sophomores 5 hours per quarter, Juniors 7.5 hours per quarter, and Seniors 7.5 hours per quarter.

Students may complete more than the required number of hours per quarter after the minimum requirement is met. In addition, at least half of the total required annual service hours must qualify as a Corporal Work of Mercy (Feed the Hungry • Give Drink to the Thirsty • Clothe the Naked • Shelter the Homeless • Visit the Sick • Visit the Imprisoned • Bury the Dead). *"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."* (Matthew 25:40) An understanding of what qualifies as a Corporal Work of Mercy will be reviewed by the theology teacher at the start of the school year.

Students who do not complete their service hours by the due date listed on the official school calendar will immediately lose all student privileges (participation in athletics, clubs, honor societies and school events) until the required service hours are up to date. Students with deficient service hours may not start a new school year until all hours are completed. Seniors may not exempt exams.

- ▶ ***Service hour forms are available on the TC website.***

Lunch

Lunch: All students must remain on campus during the lunch period. Lunches may be purchased in the cafeteria, or students may bring their own lunches and eat in the cafeteria. The school's expectation is that lunches will not be delivered to the Main Office for students to pick up. Currently there are three lunch periods during the academic day at Tampa Catholic. Our lunch program at Tampa Catholic is provided by "Catering by The Family". Catering by the Family sets the daily menu and prices. Drinks are available for purchase. There are also several microwaves and plastic eating utensils for individual use. The Deans are present in the cafeteria during the lunch hours. In case you miss them in homeroom, the daily announcements can be viewed during the lunch period on a screen near the Deans table.

After-School / Athletics

After School Activities and Athletics: Tampa Catholic High School recognizes the importance of co-curricular activities in a well-rounded high school experience. Participation in all co-curricular programs, including varsity and junior varsity athletics, service organizations, and special interest clubs is considered a privilege and not a right of Tampa Catholic students. Therefore, membership on any team or in any club is contingent upon a student's satisfactory academic and behavioral comportment. The privilege of participating in any co-curricular program may be revoked by the Administration for serious violation of any campus rule or Code of Conduct.

Students participating in conditioning or trying out for athletic teams or other activities must be re-registered for the new school year. Supervision for sport and club activities will begin at the scheduled start time of the event and continue for thirty (30) minutes after completion of the event.

Students must have a complete, up-to-date sports physical and liability form on file before participation in any athletic sport. FHSAA requires that all student athletes complete an online course titled "Concussion in Sports". The free course is offered at the National Federation of State High School Associations' education website, www.nfhslearn.com. The athlete will have to create an account, select the course "Concussion in Sports" and print out the certificate of completion. This course is mandatory for all FHSAA member school athletes and must be completed before the first day of your sport's practice. The certificate of completion can either be turned in to your sport's coach or to the athletic office in the Crusader Gymnasium.

▶ ***See the Athletics link on the website to download the forms.***

Parent Need To Know

Parent Service Hours: It is the parents' or guardians' responsibility to volunteer for the activities of their choice. Parents and guardians are encouraged to become involved in the Tampa Catholic community according to their interests and talents. Together we will continue to provide our students with a well-balanced and strong Catholic education.

Each Tampa Catholic family is required to volunteer ten (10) service hours annually. Community service to other non-profit organizations, while charitable, does not count toward the Tampa Catholic parent service hour requirement. In lieu of performing service hours, a family may choose to pay \$200.

▶ ***Download the Parent Service Hour form from our website.***

Rediker Parent Portal: Rediker Parent Portals offer access to class information, grades, report cards & attendance records. Report cards will not be mailed. It is important that you follow your students' progress via the Portal on a regular basis. The Portal can be accessed through the Rediker Login button at the top of all TC web pages, or through the mobil device app. Login information is emailed to parent primary email address. Students or parents needing assistance with the portals should contact the main office at 813-870-0860. Students will be provided their own log-in information.

Parent Organizations - Dads' Club/Mothers' Club. The parent organizations promote, encourage and assist in activities that support the students, administration, faculty and staff, and parents of Tampa Catholic High School—enhancing our sense of community. They facilitate communication and create liaison positions, assisting with school fundraising efforts and parent volunteer services. All TC parents are automatically members. Organizational meetings are held throughout the year along with social opportunities. Check the school calendar and the weekly e-TC email newsletter for information and events.

Parent Meetings: Updates for all parent meetings are available on the TC Calendar

Car Pool List: Please call the front office at 813-870-0860 to request a car pool list per designated zip code. The requested list will be emailed to your Rediker contact information. It is your responsibility to contact the families to arrange transportation.

Family Directory: A family directory is available on the Parent Portal. Only families electing to share information (at registration) will be included in the directory.

e-TC Weekly email newsletter. It will contain pertinent information regarding upcoming events and deadlines. e-TC will be sent to the parent email address on file and is typically scheduled for delivery on Friday afternoon via Constant Contact.

Student/Parent Handbook

Student/Parent Handbook: At the beginning of each year, students are given a parent/student handbook that outlines the policies and procedures set by Tampa Catholic High School. When you and your student sign the cover page, you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies and procedures of Tampa Catholic High School contained in this Parent/Student Handbook and consent to Random Drug Testing.

- ▶ *A copy of the Parent/Student Handbook can also be viewed online.*

Tuition / Finance

To obtain information regarding tuition payments or tuition fees, please reference the school's website. All the necessary Tuition Assistance options and F.A.C.T.S. payments information can be found there. If you should need to speak with our Finance Office, please call the main office at 813-870-0860.

- ▶ *Tuition information, tuition assistance and FACTS portal can be found at our website.*

Important Dates / Calendar / Campus Map

Important Dates: To help families plan ahead, Tampa Catholic has provided a list of the major school event dates including social events, holidays and major breaks. Knowing these dates in advance may allow you to make holiday and vacation travel plans or keep an eye on your child's major exam dates.

- ▶ *See Calendar-Major dates on page 47 in the student handbook*

Calendar: The school's major events/public calendar can be found on TC website homepage. The initial view will show the current 5 day week of events. For a look at all events, please be sure to choose the "View All Events" button. Athletics events are also available on their own calendar, just click the button.

- ▶ *See the school Calendar link on the website homepage.*

Campus Maps: Tampa Catholic has a unique college-like campus. The East side of campus contains our riverfront Athletic Complex, while the West side contains the Administration building, all classroom buildings and the Chapel and cafeteria. If you are new to Tampa Catholic, you may want to get to know our campus. Campus maps can be found with a quick search of our website or follow the click below.

- ▶ *See or search for Campus Maps on our website.*

Get Connected

Get Connected: We love our students and our TC families! Most event photos or coverage can be found during or after an event on our Facebook Fan Page. You may see news of our student achievements or field trips... or perhaps news of our alumni and reunions.

Twitter is often the place to pick up game scores, scholarship offers or team news. Instagram has become our go-to place for creative photos of Tampa Catholic life.

Whatever you want to connect with can be found at one or all of our social media feeds.



FACEBOOK



TWITTER



LINKEDIN



YOUTUBE



INSTAGRAM

Save the Dates!

**HOME COMING
TAILGATE**
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016
5-6:30 PM
CRUSADER GYMNASIUM



TAMPA CATHOLIC
ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME

Dinner cooked on site by
**CARRABBA'S
ITALIAN GRILL**

**DiMaggio
Classic**
golf tournament



**MONDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2016**
Best-ball scramble
Shotgun start at noon
Carrollwood Country Club

**All proceeds benefit the
Crusader Athletic programs.**

Cross & Shield Gala
Celebrating Family



Live and Silent Auctions, Dinner, Dance.

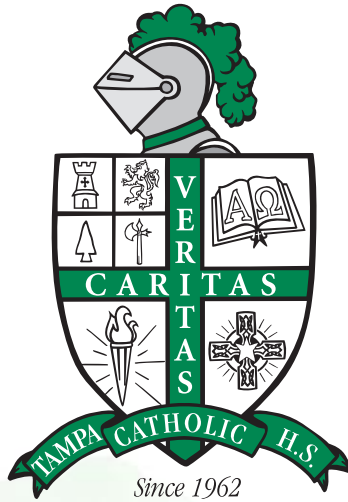
Saturday, March 11, 2017 • 6PM

Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina



Cross and Shield
A TAMPA CATHOLIC CELEBRATION

Proceeds benefit current year needs of the school not covered by tuition and Tampa Catholic's need-based tuition assistance program.



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