



**Jump Start Guide 2023-2024**

# Elementary



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# New Parent FAQ

What can I expect on the first day of school?

## **First Day for PK3, PK4 and K Students**

Thursday, August 10th

We will have staggered times for PK3 – K Students.

8:15 K Students

8:30 PK4 Students

8:45 PK3 Students

Parents will be able to walk their child to class but may only stay in the classroom for 15 minutes so teachers can begin instruction. Parents that need to follow regular schedule on the 1<sup>st</sup> day may walk students to class from 7:30 – 8:00.

## **First Day of School - 1st—5th Grade**

Thursday , August 10<sup>th</sup>

Students may be dropped off in front starting at 7:15. They will be seated in the foyer Until 7:30.

At 7:30, students will be picked up by their homeroom teacher. At 8:00, instruction will begin.

We recommend parents do not walk their child to the classroom unless the student is new to ACS.

## **When does the school day begin and end?**

Learning begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm for PK3, PK 4 and K  
Learning begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:15 pm for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> students

# Health and Wellness

**Students and staff experiencing ANY symptoms of illness must stay home.** ACS policy states that students showing signs of illness such as **fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rashes, etc. will not be allowed to attend school and must stay home for 24 hours** from the last episode of fever, vomiting, diarrhea or rashes. **This has always been our policy.**

**Good health hygiene will be taught and practiced.** Washing hands regularly and thoroughly with warm soap and water is still believed to be the most effective way to prevent transmission of disease. ACS will teach the importance of hand hygiene and ensure there is plenty of soap, paper towels, and opportunities to wash hands. Hand sanitizer will be available in all areas of the school.

**Students will not be allowed to share supplies.** Students must have their own supplies. Sharing supplies will not be allowed. Desks, work area, and supplies will be wiped with disinfectant daily.

**Water Fountains have been converted to water fill stations thanks to our ACS PTO.** All students should come to school with a **leak-proof water bottle** (containing ONLY plain water) daily in their backpack. Parents of young children need to make sure their child has practiced opening and closing the water bottle. Flip-top bottles are a great option for littles. We want to avoid the teacher placing their hands on something your child will place in their mouth frequently.

**Outdoor time will be maximized.** We will spend time outdoors, when possible, especially during the warmer months. Research shows that viruses and illness spread less easily outside. We will seize opportunities for outdoor instructional time and recreation. For the months of August and September, we will closely monitor heat advisories for outdoor activity.

**Any student who is ill will be placed in the front office until they can be picked up. Parents are requested to pick up students within 30 minutes of notification that their child is ill.**

# Health and Wellness Continued

## **Chapel services:**

It is our plan to continue to hold Chapel services and allow family to attend. Family will be asked to enter through the side gym doors. The gym doors will be open at 8:15 for chapel which begins at 8:45. Once the chapel has begun, the side doors will be closed and locked. Driver licenses will be scanned at the gym door and visitors will be given a "Visitor" sticker. We will have a special "family" seating section in the front and to the side of the chapel area. We will release students to the families at the end of chapel.

## **CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROTOCOLS**

Each classroom and restroom will be cleaned/disinfected at the end of each day. All high touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.

The cafeteria tables will be disinfected regularly.

Staff will have access to supplies to clean/disinfect working surfaces.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building in common areas.

# What time is best to drop off my child?

We encourage drop off at 7:45 or before to allow for children time to get to their classroom and complete their routine.

## Where do I drop off my child at the beginning of the day?

Drop off times begin at 7:15 and end at 8:00. After 8:00, you will need to ring the doorbell at the front door and you will need to sign in your child.

### **Elementary**

During the 2022-2023 school year, ACS started new traffic patterns. These patterns will be maintained for the current school year. Please see the map in this publication.

### **Tips for a successful drop off:**

**Do not use cell phones during drop off and pick up.**

**Have students ready to exit the vehicle—Backpack ready, eating completed, give a quick hug and help students exit**

**Stay in your vehicle and allow staff to assist**

**Do not use the drop off time for a teacher conference. If important information needs to be shared, please call the school or park to go inside and speak with the office staff.**

## Where and how do I pick up my child at the end of the day?

**Pick up for PK3, PK4, K begins at 3:00.**

**Pick up for 1st-5th begins at 3:15.**

**Pick up for 6th—12th begins at 3:20.**

### **Elementary**

Enter the side entrance off Enchanted Oaks Continue to the front of the building. Cars will enter at the back of the front parking lot and continue around the loop to the front of the school. Cars will then go back out the side drive and exit onto Enchanted Oaks.

Parents with both PK and K-5th students should pick up beginning at 3:15. Siblings will be released together. **Parents may not park across the parking lot and pick up their children. Everyone must use the car line.**

## **What if I have a child on the Elementary side and the Secondary side? Where do I pick them up?**

If the sibling is 1<sup>st</sup> grade or above, the student will be sent to the back entrance to meet their older sibling. Students will be escorted by a staff member.

If the sibling is **K** grade or below, the secondary student will be sent to the elementary "pick up" side to meet their younger sibling.

### **Tips for a Successful Pick Up:**

Don't talk on cell phone

Watch teachers who will direct traffic

Once the child is in car, you will continue on the side drive back out to Enchanted Oaks Drive.

Do not get out of your car to put children into vehicle

Do not use the pickup line for parent conferences.

# What Are the Lunch and Snack Details?

Lunch visitors will be allowed on Fridays or on a student's birthday.. Parents are welcome to pick up their child and have a lunch in the back of the school where picnic tables are located on any day. Please let the teacher know if you will be taking your child to eat so they may have them ready to meet you.

## Lunch Times—Lunch times are 30 minutes

**PK3** eat in the classrooms beginning at 10:50.

**PK4** eat in the cafeteria from: 10:50 – 11:20.

**Kindergarten** 11:00 – 11:30

**1st Grade** 11:10 – 11:40

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** 11:25 – 11:55

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade** 11:30 – 12:00

## How much does school lunch cost?

Due to the rising food costs, the ACS board voted to raise the cost of lunches by \$.50. Hot lunch (includes milk or juice) - **\$4.00**

**Elementary Milk or water - \$0.50**

You do not have to send money for lunch. You are billed at the end of the month.

## Where do I order school lunches?

A daily lunch count is done by the classroom teacher. Students without a lunch will be ordered a lunch. You will be billed for your lunch selections on your monthly tuition account at the end of the month.

## Are snacks provided during the day?

Each class has a snack time during the day for grades PK3—K.

Students are to bring their own snacks from home, or the teachers will make arrangements with parents for snacks.

## May I send birthday treats for my child?

Birthday treats are welcomed

Please email the teacher ahead of time to determine the best time to bring the snack and whether or not there are allergies to consider

Both store-bought or homemade are welcomed

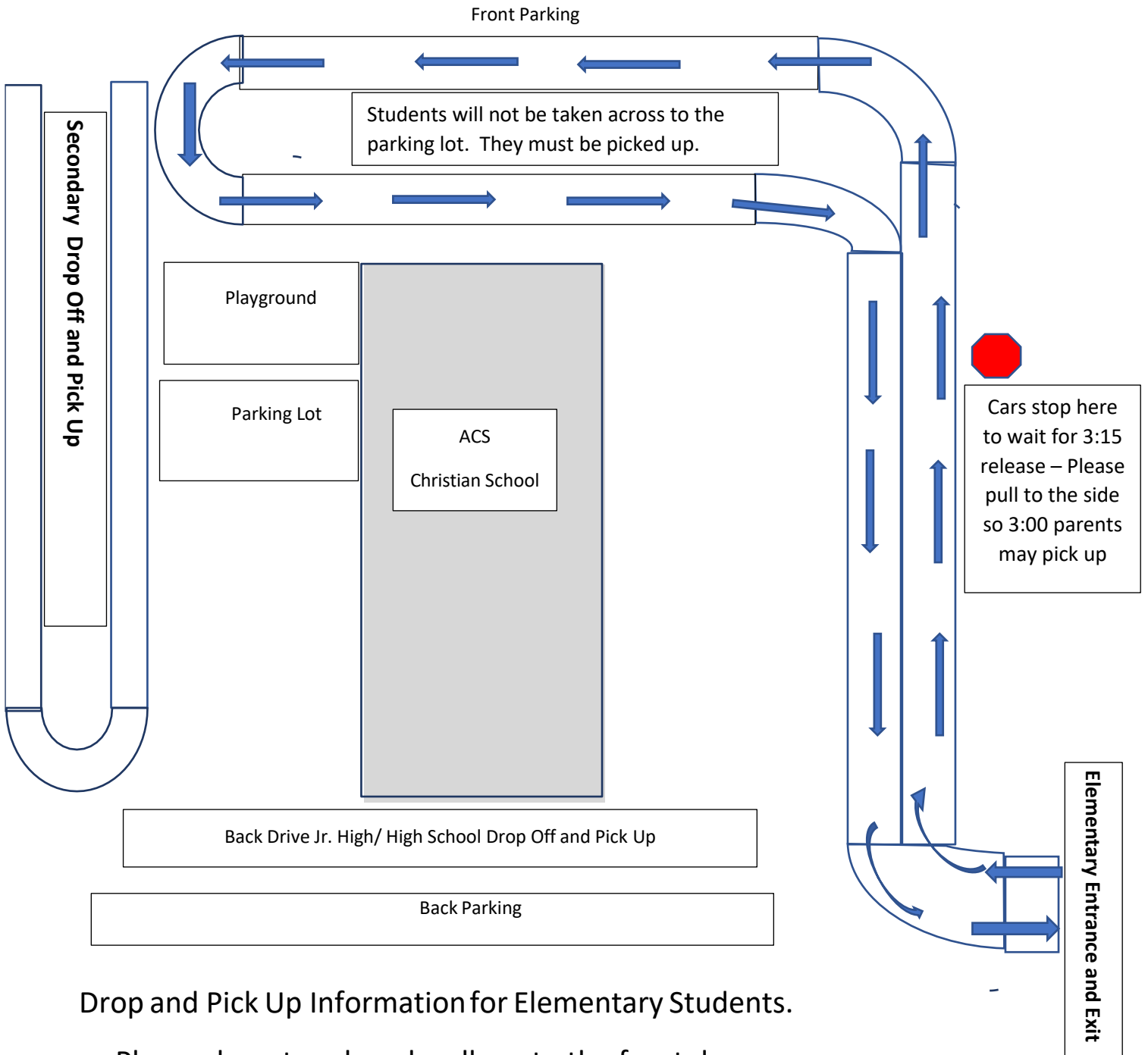
Please be cognizant of the size of the snack given and the limited time allotted for these mini-celebrations

All students in the class should be included in Birthday treats.

All cookies, cupcakes, etc. should be the same. Please do not send two types of treats. It makes it very hard to pass out and some students do not get the kind they would like.

Balloons, flowers and gifts will be left at the front office until the end of the day due to limited classroom space.

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### Drop and Pick Up Information for Elementary Students.

Please do not park and walk up to the front doors during pick up

Heritage Oaks Subdivision



# What is the school dress-code?

You will find a more detailed explanation in your [ACS Parent/Student Handbook](#), so please review. Basic guidelines include:

## **ACS ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE FOR GRADES PK3 - 5TH**

**Angleton Christian School looks to parents as being responsible for the dress of their child**

Uniform Package can be purchased through the school store at the following website:

<https://acsuniforms.itemorder.com>

Uniform bottoms may be purchased at the vendor of your choice.

Girls have the option to wear plaid skirts and/or jumpers. **Approved plaids (Garnet/Khaki Plaid, Red/Black Plaid, and Red Plaid) can be found at Lands' End. Use Preferred School # 900187287.**

## **ACS Elementary Uniform Guidelines**

### **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:**

Polo (red, white, black, navy cool grey, or steel grey) embroidered with ACS logo.  
Shorts, Pants, or jumper (khaki, black, navy, denim, or approved plaid for girls).  
Skirts (black, navy, denim) Shorts or leggings must be worn under all dresses or skirts. **Leggings may NOT be worn alone as pants** and must be the following colors: red, white, gray, black, blue, denim.

### **Wednesday (Chapel Day):**

**Black** Polo with embroidered ACS logo  
**Khaki** pants, skirt or shorts

### **Friday:**

ACS T-shirts or Christian themed T-shirts OR uniform polo (red, white, black, cool grey, or steel grey) embroidered with ACS logo.  
Shorts, pants, skirts, or jumper (khaki, black, navy, denim, or approved plaid for girls)

### **Jackets:**

During the day, students may choose to wear a jacket during class time, throughout the school building. This jacket is provided in the ACS Uniform Package; Students may wear a pull-on hoodie, or a zippered hoodie purchased through the ACS online store. On cold days, larger jackets may be worn for outdoor activities. Students may not have the hood on any jacket on their head, inside the building, during the school day. **Please label student jackets so they may be returned if they are lost and found.**

## **Shoes:**

Athletic shoes must be worn for PE.

All shoes must be close-toed shoes.

Crocs are not acceptable footwear.

**It is recommended that students wear shoes with velcro or another easy method for putting shoes on/off until they are able to tie shoelaces on their own.**

## **General Guidelines:**

- Jeans and pants may not be torn, frayed or embellished. Jeans only may be embellished on the pockets.
- Skirts and shorts must be not more than 2" above the knee.
- Cargo shorts are not preferred, however due to the variation in students and needs, cargo shorts will be allowed.
- Belts are optional.
- All clothing must fit properly.
- Only the top button of shirts may be unbuttoned.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Students in PK through 5th grade are not allowed to wear makeup. Extreme hairstyles (color, cut, or style) are unacceptable and not allowed
- No caps, hats, or bandanas unless approved by the principal for special occasions.
- Boy's hair must be neatly groomed in a natural color, clean-cut, trimmed above the eye-brow and earlobes in the front and above the shirt collar in the back.
- Girls hair should be neatly groomed in a natural color. It should clear the eyebrow and be kept out of the line of vision, being cut, or fastened in such a manner as not to require continuous attention.
- Dress determined to cause a distraction in the classroom will not be allowed.

**\*Final decisions on "extreme" situations concerning the dress code are at the principal's discretion**

## **FREE DRESS DAYS:**

Occasionally students are rewarded with free dress days. On these days, students are permitted some leniency in their dress. Sleeveless shirts must have straps that are at least 1" in width. The following will not be allowed: Torn or frayed pants, shirts with straps less than 1 inch wide.

The short/skirt length rule (no more than 2" above the knee) still applies as do the rules concerning shoes.

Weather appropriate clothing helps your child enjoy outdoor recess during each season. **In case of an emergency, each PK 3, PK4 and K student needs a complete change of labeled clothing, including underwear and socks, to keep at school at all times**

# What kind of communication should I expect from the school?

Please read any emails you receive from your teacher or the school. Make sure that these emails are not going into your junk mail.

Most grade levels will utilize Google Classroom. There is a Google Classroom app that may be downloaded to your cell phone. We use the student management system - FACTS SIS. Parents may use the same password from their FACTS account to see grading, attendance and other student information.

You will receive communications from Mrs. G, our Head of School, regarding inspirational and important information for your family.

Visit the [ACS website](#) to find other information related to your child and family. Teacher communication will be in the form of Google Classroom. It is important for you to accept the email invitation when it is sent from your child's teacher.

Contact [aramirez@acs4me.org](mailto:aramirez@acs4me.org) if you are not receiving emails or are have difficulty with communication.

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