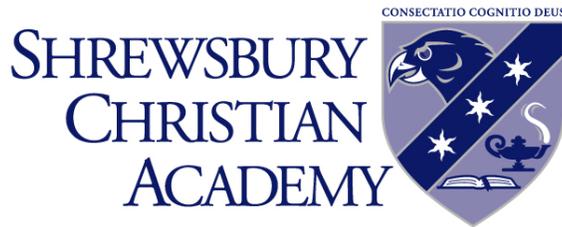




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**SHREWSBURY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
PRESCHOOL HANDBOOK**

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DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

The following policies represent the most recent expression of the administration of Shrewsbury Christian Academy in order to provide for equitable and consistent educational treatment of students. To assure that Shrewsbury Christian Academy achieves and maintains the purpose of this Handbook, and assure the school's ability to meet the needs of its students under changing conditions, Shrewsbury Christian Academy reserves the right to modify, augment, suspend, or revoke any and all policies, procedures, practices, and statements contained in this handbook at any time.

Dear Students and Parents,

This handbook is a tool that has been prepared for parents of Preschool children to assist in developing mutual objectives and understanding in preparing the child for the full-day school years. This handbook will assist in answering any questions you may have about the daily operation of Shrewsbury Christian Academy. The child's first few years in a learning environment are very important. Manners and habits are formed that will influence later learning and development. It is essential that the parents and the teacher work together in guiding and encouraging the child to possess positive attitudes toward God, academics, and social relationships.

As your child takes the first step of a long journey through the educational process, pray daily with him that the Lord will direct not only him but also those who directly influence him while away from the security of the home.

As Unto Him,

W. Randall Reddinger
Head of School

Foreword

This *Parent & Student Handbook* is prepared to answer most questions about Shrewsbury Christian Academy's Preschool. We suggest that this handbook be kept easily accessible throughout the school year for ready reference. Changes are necessary for any school to progress. You will be notified as these changes occur so that you can make notations in your handbook to keep it current.

Shrewsbury Christian Academy is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Education as an approved, non-public school. Although not classified as a daycare center, the school is authorized to offer extended hourly care to registered students of SCA. We refer to this service as "Student Care."

Shrewsbury Christian Academy is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association (MACSA).

Shrewsbury Christian Academy is governed by a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees that is vested with the management of the business affairs of the school.

Vision Statement

Achieving excellence in knowledge and faith

Mission Statement

Educating students in a Christian environment that reveals God's ultimate purpose for their lives

Statement of Faith

- We believe in the divine inspiration, infallibility, and the final authority of the Bible as the Word of God.
 - II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-21
- We believe in the Triune God, eternally existent as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - Matthew 28:19-20; II Corinthians 13:14; I John 5:4-7
- We believe in the uniqueness of man, by virtue of his special creation in God's image.
 - Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-16
- We believe in Jesus Christ as true man and true God; in His unique Deity as the incarnate, virgin-born Son of God.
 - Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:1-3; 1:14; I Peter 2:21-24
- We believe in the representative and substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ as the necessary atonement for our sins.
 - Romans 3:21-30; Galatians 4:4-7
- We believe in the Holy Spirit, through Whom we come to faith in Christ and Who enables us daily to grow in grace.
 - Luke 7:50; 18:42; John 3:15; Ephesians 2:8-9

- We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, and that blessed hope, His personal return.
 - Matthew 16:21; 17:9; John 11:25; Philippians 1:10
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost.
 - Acts 24:15; II Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:41-46

Goals / Objectives

Shrewsbury Christian Academy works with the home and church to provide an atmosphere in which the whole child may grow toward full God-given potential and assist them in developing his/her personal philosophy in each of the following areas:

Spiritual Growth: 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23; John 3:3; Acts 17:31

1. The student will understand that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, the source of doctrine, and the guide for daily living.
2. The student will know the basic tenets of the Christian faith as listed in our school "Statement of Faith".
3. The student will be encouraged to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, honor Him as Lord and Savior, and seek to know and do the will of God.
4. The student will formulate a personal Christian world/life view, which will be integrated into every area of life.

Intellectual Growth: I Cor. 11:7; 2 Tim. 2:15; Luke 2:52; Deut. 6:4-9

1. The student will learn the skills for effective, critical thinking; comprehension; communication; and computation.
2. The student will develop creative thinking and appreciation of the arts and sciences.
3. The student will understand the integration of Biblical principles as seen in all areas of study in the development of a Christian work/life view.

Physical Growth: I Cor. 6:19; I Tim. 4:8; Prov. 4:20-22; John 9:1-3

1. The student will understand that the body is the temple of God; the importance of a balanced diet, exercise, rest and abstinence from harmful substances.
2. The student will learn to apply Biblical principles in sportsmanship and in all athletic endeavors.
3. The student will understand the qualities of loyalty, enthusiasm, and discipline in building an effective team/group endeavor.
4. The student will develop physical coordination and skillful use of the body.

Emotional Growth: Col. 4:5; Gal. 5:22-23

1. The student will learn to apply Biblical principles in handling failure, success, stress, and emotions.

2. The student will know that each individual is a unique person of worth because each is a special creation of God and a recipient of His love.
3. The student will learn to apply Biblical principles in developing and accepting a realistic, wholesome self-image.

Social Growth: Matt. 5:13-16; Psalm 133:1-3; I John 1:7

1. The student will develop proper attitudes, and exhibit respect for authority and for the rights and feelings of others.
2. The student will develop self-discipline and responsibility based on submission to God and those in authority.
3. The student will develop a Biblical understanding of family, good citizenship, and patriotism, and will assume responsibilities to home, church, community, and country.

Philosophy

What is a Christian School?

It is a non-public, privately funded school which gives instruction in all subjects normally taught in private and public schools, and which seeks at all times to give a central place to the Bible and Christian truth.

Why have a Christian School?

The Word of God provides our answer:

- "And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your hearts and you shall teach them diligently to your children." Deuteronomy 6:6,7
- "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

A Christian school exists so that a child may be led into a close relationship with God through a sound educational program. Education must do more than prepare us for life on this earth; it must begin to develop in us a Biblical worldview by which we see God's handiwork in all things.

Why is a Christian School unique?

The power of God in the Holy Spirit through the Word is the force which enables it to accomplish its purpose.

A special student-teacher relationship exists. The Christian educator sees each child as someone for whom Christ died. All phases of learning are directed toward a single goal: Life in Christ.

Bible Version

The SCA School Board has agreed and chosen to receive the NASB version of Holy Scripture as the official version for the school use and Bible memorization. This decision is for clarity and uniformity. However, we use *The Beginners Bible* in Preschool.

Holiday Policy

Shrewsbury Christian Academy endorses Christmas and Easter as holidays that have their roots in the Judeo-Christian belief system. Christmas is a day in which we celebrate the birth of our beloved Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Easter is the completion of the work He accomplished having rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, was crucified and buried, on the third day rose from the dead, and then ascended into heaven to take His rightful place on the throne at the right hand of God. Shrewsbury Christian Academy does not endorse Halloween nor any of the practices which accompany that day. We do, however, attempt to offer an alternative such as a harvest celebration, knowing that "all-saints day" traditionally follows.

Having stated this, we do not promote or endorse the figures that the "world" associates to those days. Therefore, the fictional characters of Santa Claus and/or the Easter Bunny have no place in Shrewsbury's institution or holiday celebrations.

Please assist Shrewsbury in this endeavor by making sure that all holiday celebrations and associated decorations are in accordance with the above stated policy. Any parties or ornaments are to be Christ-centered and appropriate to the Shrewsbury Christian Academy environment. Thank you for your help!

Non-Discriminatory Policy

Shrewsbury Christian Academy welcomes all interested students who desire a strong academic program from a Christian perspective. Shrewsbury Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, gender, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin in the admission policies and school-administered programs.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Preschool at Shrewsbury Christian Academy consists of a comprehensive academic and developmental program divided into Pre-K3 and Pre-K4.

In Preschool, one grade level is not a prerequisite for the next. It is a nice advantage but is not necessary for every child. Each year's curriculum reviews and builds upon the concepts and skills learned the previous year. However, the curriculum does permit a child with no previous school experience to begin at the appropriate age and developmental level.

It is our desire that consistent and reasonable progress be evident in each student. We hope that each child will do his/her best and be content with that accomplishment.

3-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN (Pre-K3)

PreK3 is provided for children who will be at least **three** years old on or before September 30th of the upcoming school year. PreK3 meets two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for three hours a day. Morning sessions are available. Our teachers are excited about opening a world of learning and adventure to the young students!

Requirements for Enrollment: A child must be:

1. Toilet-trained - Child is encouraged to be independent in the restroom. (See Toilet-Trained Definition and Policy)
2. Three years of age on or before September 30 - Because each child's pattern of growth and development is unique, we realize that some students, especially those that are younger in age, may need a second year of PreK3 in order to be successful in PreK4.

Transportation: Transportation to and from Shrewsbury Christian Academy is the responsibility of the parents. Public school transportation is not available for Pre-School students.

4-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN (Pre-K4)

PreK4 is provided for children who will be at least **four** years old on or before September 30th of the upcoming school year. PreK4 has morning sessions available. PreK4 classes meet three days a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for three hours a day. Our teachers believe it is important to give the children in each class the confidence they need to be successful!

Requirements for Enrollment: A child must be:

1. Toilet-trained - Child is expected to be independent in the restroom except for some Occasional assistance. (See Toilet-Trained Definition and Policy)
2. Four years of age on or before September 30th.

Transportation: Transportation to and from Shrewsbury Christian Academy is the responsibility of the parents. Public school transportation is not available for Pre-School students in most districts (check with your school transportation provider).

Grading Scale

G, W, & N Grading Scale

- **PreK3**
 - G Good Progress
 - W Working on Skills
 - N Needs Improvement

O, S, N & U Grading Scale

- PreK4**
 - O Outstanding Development
 - S Satisfactory

- I Improvement
- N Needs Improvement

TOILET-TRAINED DEFINITION AND POLICY

One of the requirements to be enrolled in Preschool at Shrewsbury Christian Academy is that a child **must be toilet-trained**. However, it is not our desire to force toilet training on any child, instead we want parents to wait to enroll their child until he or she is toilet-trained. **A child who is toilet-trained consistently realizes his or her need to use the potty without reminders. He or she is able to undress, use the potty, wipe, and put his or her clothing back on themselves.**

PreK3 students are encouraged to be independent in the restroom. However, they will be assisted with their clothing and reminded to flush and wash their hands each time. **PreK4** students are expected to be independent in the restroom except for some occasional assistance.

An occasional accident is understandable, but should not be a regular occurrence. Parents are to supply extra clothing for their child for bathroom accidents and other emergencies. Please place a change of clothing (including underwear) in a zip-lock bag labeled with your child's name. A change of clothes must be kept in your child's school bag for PreK3 and PreK4 throughout the school year. If an emergency arises and your child does not have a change of clothes at school, you will be called to bring clothing when it is needed.

Please note that if your child needs their clothes changed, the soiled clothing will be placed in a plastic bag and sent home without rinsing it out. This often surprises parents, and we know that it would be much more convenient for you to get clothing that has been rinsed out. However, we are following recommended standards for infection control. Please remember to send a clean change of clothes to school their next day of school.

The ability to use the restroom independently is an important self-help skill. Being able to get clothes off and on without assistance from an adult is necessary for a child to be independent in the restroom. The following is a list of clothing suggestions that will encourage independence.

- *Elastic-waist, loose-fitting pants:* We recommend these instead of pants with belts, buckles, snaps, or buttons because they are easier for children to pull up and down themselves.
- *Waist-length undershirts:* Many children cannot snap and unsnap Onesie-type undershirts or bodysuits. In addition, the long backs can fall in the toilet and get wet.
- *Skirts and loose-fitting tights:* Using the toilet can be difficult for little girls when they need to use one hand to hold up their dress. Skirts that can be pulled up and down like pants work better. Close-fitting tights are usually difficult for little girls to manipulate.
- *Shirts with sleeves that can be easily pushed up:* Hand washing is an

important part of learning to use the restroom independently. Shirts with long sleeves that button at the cuffs are difficult for children and frequently get wet in the hand-washing process.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

Interested families are given a Preschool information packet. After reading it, you should...

1. **Call the school office at 717-235-5763, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.**
2. **Make an appointment for an interview and tour.** You will see the Preschool classroom, as well as the gymnasium. *Write down any questions that you have, and come prepared to ask them.*

Application forms and appropriate fees should be filled out and returned to the office to secure a place in the class. You will be notified if the class of your choice has already been filled.

We would be happy to set up a meeting with your child's teacher, or the Administrator, if you would like further information.

HOURS OF OPERATION

PRESCHOOL K4	SCHOOL HOURS: (M, W, and F)	AM Classes - 8:50 AM - 12:00 AM
PRESCHOOL K3	SCHOOL HOURS: (T and Th)	AM Classes - 8:50 AM - 12:00 AM

School Office Note: School Office hours are from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Payments can be dropped off any time during those hours.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

Morning PreK3 and PreK4

Preschool students that are dropped off early (before 8:40 AM) **must register** for use of Student Care. Students in Student Care will be taken to class by the Student Care staff.

STUDENT DEPARTURE

All Students

It is **IMPORTANT** that parents picking up their child arrive at or before dismissal time. If you cannot be here at dismissal time, please call the school to inform the Office Manager and arrange for Student Care. If someone else is going to pick up your child, please send a note to inform us of the change, or in case of an emergency, call the school Office Manager. Also, please inform us for our records if there is someone who is NEVER to pick up your child. When you come to pick up your child, please wait in your car or outside of the school for your child to be dismissed. The teacher will open the door and dismiss children individually to their parents or designated ride. If someone else is picking up your child, please tell him or her where to wait.

LATE PICK-UP PROCEDURE

The teacher will take a child that is not picked up promptly at dismissal time to Student Care. **You will be charged for Student Care use.**

DISCIPLINE

A. The Preschool faculty member in charge of the child or group of children shall be responsible for their discipline.

B. School Discipline

1. Discipline of children is primarily the responsibility of the parents. The school cannot be expected to mold Christian behavior or instill Christian ethics if they are not reinforced at home. Both home and school must be consistent in their disciplinary practices and should use methods as prescribed by God's Word.
2. The teacher stands in the place of the parents during the hours school is in session.
3. Student behavior shall be directed toward self-discipline, adequate self-control, and respect for authority.

C. The Preschool faculty will punish and discipline in the following ways:

1. There is never cruel, harsh, or unusual punishment
2. No one discipline technique is applied to all children
3. No physical restraints are used to confine a child
4. No child is ever placed in a locked room by themselves
5. No child is humiliated or subjected to profane language or any other form of verbal abuse
6. Discipline is not imposed on a child for failure to eat, sleep, or toilet accidents
7. Corporal punishment is never used.

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

Although you may walk your child to class, it is best if you make your good-bye a quick one so that your child can start his/her day. The children will quickly learn their new routine and in a few days will know what to do without being prompted. We recommend that by Thanksgiving, you should be able to drop your child off in Carline.

If you need to speak with the teacher, please pass-a-note and the teacher will try to get back to you at a break time or after school. Mornings will be hectic and the teacher needs to be available for the children.

Miscellaneous

Please check Sycamore for class news, class reminders and any other pertinent information regarding our class.

If your child is absent, please remember to send in an excuse for that day. If you know your child is going to be absent in advance, please let us know by way of note.

We will have a rotating cycle in our class of a special time of show and tell.

Folders

Please look through your child's book bag/ school bag each night to check for any communication from your child's teacher or the office. Please keep the papers on the "Keep" side and return anything that is on the "Return" side. Folders should be returned on the next school day.

Classroom Rules

1. Be Kind.
2. Be Safe.
3. Be Neat.

PreK3 & PreK4 - At the end of each week, if your child has kept their gumball in the gumball machine, they can pick a treasure from our treasure box.

Consequences: PreK3 & PreK4

First offense - verbal warning.

Second offense - gumball moves to shoot on gumball machine and children are reminded that if it moves again, they will not get a treasure and a note will need to go home to mom and dad.

Third offense - Gumball moves to the trash can and they get a 'time out' for the number of minutes they are years old. They do not get a treasure from the treasure box and a note goes home.

If a behavior report is sent home with your child, please sign and return this form the next school day. A phone call or meeting will occur if severe offenses are continual.

Each day is a brand new day. Your child will start his or her day off with a new slate 😊.

Lunches

If your child is staying all day and is ordering lunch or a drink, please send in one of the lunch cards indicating what they are ordering. This card should be attached to the front of their folder. You may send in one card for the entire week, or a new card on the day you wish to order. Also, if your child will be ordering milk each day, please send in a note at the beginning of the year stating this.

Please do not send in anything for your child that needs to be microwaved for lunch. Only Middle School and Jr. High are allowed to use the microwave as they are self-sufficient and responsible for their own lunch.

Labels

Please make sure you put your child's name on everything. During the fall, there are many navy blue sweatshirts floating around. It is extremely helpful to have a name on the label 😊.

Contact Information

You can contact the teacher by note, email (amartin@scaonline.org), or preferably by Pass-A-Note on Sycamore. You may leave a message at the office, too. The teacher will always try to get back to you as soon as possible. Please do not try to talk with the teacher about problems in the morning or in the afternoon when picking up your child.

Thank you!

***Parents,

Please remember communication is a must to have a successful year! We are so excited to have your family in our school. We will do our best to keep you informed of everything going on. Please keep this handbook to refer to during the year. If you have any questions that have not been addressed here, do not hesitate to contact us.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

- 1. Address/telephone change:* Any time an address or phone number is changed, whether it is home, work, or emergency, please notify the school with that new information.
- 2. Birthdays:* If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, you may send in a small treat for the class to share. Please send a note in advance if you are planning on sending in something with your child.
PreK3 & PreK4 Children's summer birthdays are celebrated at their $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday. We will let you know if there are any food allergies in our room.
- 3. Calendar:* Each family will receive a school calendar prior to the start of the new school year. It is recommended that this be posted in a convenient place for regular reference. We, also, will post on Sycamore a monthly calendar and newsletter to remind you of classroom and school events.
- 4. Change of Clothes:* Please keep a change of (seasonal) clothing in their bag at all times in case of an accident like, wetting, spilled drink, sickness, etc.
- 5. Conferences:* Please make appointments for conferences through your child's classroom teacher. Each teacher welcomes opportunities to talk to parents, discuss difficulties or progress, or answer basic "how-to" questions relevant to their child. During school hours, the teacher's time belongs to the class. Parents should limit conversation to instructions necessary for the welfare of the child.
- 6. Field Trips:* PreK3 goes on one field trip during our farm unit, which is in the spring. PreK4 will go on several field trips throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to attend. Younger siblings are also welcome, unless our vendor places a limit on the children's age. We will use carpooling to transport the students. Permission slips will go home several weeks before the field trip with all the details.
- 7. First Day of School:* On the first day of school, it is best for the parent to leave the child with the teacher. Need for adjustment is not unusual at this young age. The teacher is trained and prepared to deal with such situations. When the parent remains in the classroom, it makes the period of adjustment more difficult for the child. Always instill a positive attitude about school before the year starts.

Reassure your child that preschool and kindergarten will be a time for learning, exploring, and having fun with other children.

8. *Grandparents' Day:* (PreK4) This special occasion is a day in which we welcome grandparents to observe their little bundles of joy.
9. *Invitation Distribution:* The Preschool teachers would be happy to distribute party invitations for you to your child's class, provided that there is one for every child. We would prefer the distribution be done through your child's teacher. In order to avoid any misunderstandings or hurt feelings, if you are including only a select few of your child's classmates, please mail invitations. We appreciate your understanding.
10. *Notes to the Teacher:* A note is the best way to communicate important messages to your child's teacher, especially any changes in your child's routine. Notes should be placed on the front of their folder using the clip provided.
11. *Playground:* As weather and class schedules permit, we will go outside and use the playground. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We try to go out, if only for a few minutes, when it is cold.
12. *Snack Time:* We will have a small snack time each morning. Please send in one or two items and a drink.
13. *Toys:* PreK3 & PreK4 can bring in a stuffed animal, if they are staying for Student Care.
14. *Withdrawals:* All withdrawals must go through the SCA office.

MEDICAL GUIDELINES

No staff member will be allowed to administer any medications without parental authorization. Non-prescriptive drugs will not be given unless the parent has given permission in writing including the student name, dosage, and time of administration. Prescribed drugs must have written permission by the parent and the physician. All medicines must be kept and administered at the office. All medications must be sent into the office in the original prescription bottle, clearly marked what it is, directions for administration, and the child's name on it. By law, we cannot accept medications that are in bags or non-prescription containers. Each parent is responsible to send in any/all medication.

HEALTH/SICKNESS POLICY

Some of the most trying questions parents face: "When should I keep my sick child home from school?" or "When will my sick child be sent home from school?" Here are some guidelines we have compiled to help you decide.

*We have found the best rule of thumb is: You should keep your child out of school or Student Care if he or she **needs frequent, one-on-one care from an adult or lacks the energy or alertness to learn or to play.**

*Keep your child home if he or she has a contagious condition such as chicken pox or strep throat. Let your doctor decide when it is safe to allow your child return to school.

*Your child should take the day off or will be sent home from school if he or she has any of the following symptoms:

- A fever of 100 degrees or higher within the last 12 hours, especially when combined with other symptoms.
- A fever that recurs as medication wears off.
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Persistent headache or body aches.
- Undiagnosed or contagious skin rash.
- Excessive sleepiness, tiredness, or irritability, even if caused by medication.
- Loss of appetite for more than a day.
- An excessively runny nose or eyes that show sign of infection.

A sick child needs more care than we can provide in our school setting. Keeping your child at home is not only the best thing for him or her, but also shows consideration for classmates. Let's work together to keep all of our students as healthy as possible.

INABILITY TO FUNCTION

A child who is unable to function in the classroom on any given day due to physical or emotional reasons such as excessive tiredness, inconsolable crying, or extreme anger or aggression will be sent home. A parent will be called to pick up the child and they will be marked absent for the day.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

In case of school closings, delays or early dismissals due to bad weather or other emergencies, please listen for an announcement regarding *Shrewsbury Christian Academy* on the local radio stations and/or television stations. All announcements will be made on both Maryland and Pennsylvania stations. We do not follow any specific school district. We will be making decisions based on all the districts represented at the school.

For our PreK3/PreK4 program, if we have a two-hour delay we will operate on a Modified Kindergarten Schedule and **we will have PreK3/PreK4**. If we have a one-hour delay, these classes will be open as well. The modified schedule is as follows:

1 hour delay 9:50am to 12:00 pm (No lunch needed)

2 hour delay 10:50am to 1:00pm (Lunch needed)

On days that SCA has a 2 hour delay, your child will be able to order pizza for lunch. Please have your child order lunch as they usually do (in the morning or with a lunch card). PreK3 and PreK4 will need to come to school prepared with a lunch (or they will need to order lunch for the day).

Any delays or closings will also be posted on the SCA website and you will receive an email regarding any changes, unless circumstances simply will not permit this happening.

STUDENT CARE is available on either a two-hour or one-hour delayed schedule. And will follow our starting time schedule. Example: if we are delayed one hour, then AM Student Care begins at 8:00. If we are delayed two hours, then AM Student Care begins at 9:00. If school is closed or closes early, then there is no Student Care.

DRESS CODE

Shrewsbury Christian Academy believes that there is a close relationship between positive scholarship, neatness, and appropriate dress. It is nearly impossible to satisfy everyone in this area of the school guidelines.

The purpose of the dress code is to be obedient to the principles of God's Word and to provide the best possible atmosphere for learning. God's Word says that our dress should be modest and that our attention should be more on improving the inner person more than the outer person. It is the academy's conviction that parents are responsible for the modest dress standards characterizing a Christian young person. Students should also recognize their responsibility and respect for the school, by desiring to attend school in appropriate attire. Traditional styles of clothing are expected.

Shrewsbury Christian Academy has chosen to require standardized attire for its K3 & K4 grade students. This attire is beneficial for the students as well as the school for the following reasons:

- The students are thus encouraged to express their individuality through personal and academic achievements, rather than focusing on a fashionable appearance.
- This attire can lessen the frustration of the morning routine.
- Standardized attire fosters a student's sense of belonging, unity and pride in his school, which can assist in building school and team spirit.
- It ensures that all students are safely and modestly dressed for school activities.
- It eliminates the pressure to wear more elite clothing.
- Clearly identifies Shrewsbury Christian Academy students from visitors that enter the school, and distinguishes them from other students on field trips.
- It suggests an orderly, distinctive, and unified image of the school.
- Makeup is not permitted in Preschool.

The uniforms in K5-8th are slightly different than that of our preschool. We maintain the same colors as the overall dress code in SCA; however, it is a more relaxed atmosphere and clothing items are more simplified.

Pants

- Blue or Khaki elastic waist pants preferred, no holes or fringes at the bottom.
- Slacks are permissible for all students.
- Pants shall be proportioned to fit at the waistline (no hip-huggers).
- Blue or Khaki colored athletic pants.
- No denim or corduroy.

Skirts/Jumpers/Dresses - Modesty

- Girls may wear skirts, jumpers, or dresses.
- **Shorts must be worn underneath.**
- Skirts shall be properly fitted (worn on the waist), and must be no higher than mid-thigh and below fingertip length.

Shorts/Skortts

- Navy or khaki shorts and skortts shall be properly fitted (worn on the waist), and must be no higher than mid-thigh and below fingertip length.

Shirts

- All students may wear white, navy or light blue collared polo, button-down oxfords, T-shirts or turtleneck shirts.
- Shirts and turtlenecks may not have any visible brand names or logos.
- All shirts and blouses should have sleeves.

Socks

- Socks must be worn at all times.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- We prefer slip-ons or shoes with Velcro. However, for safety, as well as neatness, laces must be tied or fastened, so they do not drag.
- Items not permitted are clogs, flip-flops, platform shoes, open-toed shoes, boots, beach shoes and sandals.

Neatness

- Clothing that is frayed, torn, or unclean should not be worn.
- All children should be well groomed and practice good personal hygiene habits.

P.E. Uniform

- PreK3 and PreK4 allow sweatshirts and sweatpants to be worn on any school day in the winter.
- Socks with sneakers.

A WORD TO PARENTS

You, as parents, have one of the most important roles in your child's education. Your attitude and involvement will often affect your child's success and the success of the school. The school cannot operate without your support in work and prayer, and for this reason, some parental responsibilities are listed below:

1. I will pray earnestly for Shrewsbury Christian Academy.
2. I will cooperate fully in the educational functions of SCA, doing my best to make Christian education effective in the life of each of my children that he or she may love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in all of his or her life.
3. I will pay all of my financial obligations to SCA on or before the date due. If I am ever unable to pay on time, I will notify the Head of School or Financial Secretary in advance and in writing, (a) giving a reasonable explanation for the delay and (b) stating when the payment can be made.
4. I will support the school by gifts in addition to my tuition payments and fees, as the Lord enables.
5. I will undertake volunteer duties and responsibilities for SCA as opportunities arise, and as God provides time and strength.
6. I will recommend SCA to other people as opportunities arise.
7. I will attend meetings and parent functions of the school regularly, even though I may not be able to achieve perfect attendance.
8. If I become dissatisfied with the school in any respect, I will seek to resolve the matter with the teacher or school staff member involved rather than begin to speak criticism or hold a negative attitude in my heart. I won't criticize rules or guidelines that are established by the school, because this destroys the authority of the school and limits the help the school can give my children. Matthew 18
9. I will seek the advancement of SCA in all areas - spiritually, academically, and physically. As an SCA parent, I recognize it is my privilege and responsibility to strive toward observance of the above, as God enables me by the power of His Holy Spirit.