

# **Greeting OSC Families!**

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to jump into a fresh school year!

As we begin the new school year, please take a moment to read our **updated** *Parent Handbook*. The index will highlight which policies have been revised or updated. If you have any questions or need clarification, don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to help!

# 2025-2026 STAFF & PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Christian organizations have a unique task and function based on a foundational understanding of Biblical implications for teaching and learning. Our OSC teachers are not only certified (ECE) Early Childhood Educators, (ECE-A) Early Childhood Educator Assistants or (RA) Responsible Adults as required by Childcare Licensing Authorities, but are also dedicated and committed Christian educators who adhere to BCCA's statement of faith and strive to provide students with the best care, support and education. Each teacher also holds a valid first aid certificate and has undergone a criminal record check.

PROGRAM HOURS			
SEP - JUN	6:30am - 8:45am and 2:30pm - 6:30pm ( <b>BCCA only</b> FRIs FROM 12:35pm)		
JUL - AUG	6:30am - 6:00pm		
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS	6:30am - 6:30pm **Additional fee will apply		
KIDS CLUB EARLY CLOSURE DAY HOURS 6:30am - 5:30pm (3:00pm DEC 24)			

TEACHER:STUDENT RATIOS 1:12 for Grades K-1 | 1:15 for Grades 2 and up

# **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

Our OSC team members are happy to help and address any concerns about your child or our program, and the OSC supervisors are available at any time to address any serious/ongoing concerns or challenges your child may be having at our center.

SUPERVISORS Ms. Candice ● Ms. Danielle ● Ms. Gloria | <u>kcsupervisors@bccaschool.ca</u>

GROUP	CLASSROOM	TEACHERS	EMAIL ADDRESS
OSC1	PORTABLE	Ms. Martha	martha@bccaschool.ca
BCCA-K	4000	Ms. Ann	jfrenal@bccaschool.ca
OSC2	PORTABLE	Ms. Erika	erika@bccaschool.ca
BCCA-K/1	3000	Ms. Paola	paola@bccaschool.ca
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SD43-G1-3		Ms. Oksana	oksanak@bccaschool.ca
OSC5	ROOM # 112	Ms. Alma	apastrana@bccaschool.ca
BCCA-G1-2		Ms. Zaya	zaya@bccaschool.ca
0SC6 SD43-G2-5	ROOM # 114  *support staff	Ms. Fatemeh Ms. Christy Ms. K*	fatemeh@bccaschool.ca christy@bccaschool.ca korneiuk@bccaschool.ca
OSC7 BCCA-G2-6	ROOM # 199   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1		-

For more specific questions, these contacts will come in handy...

ACCOUNTING

Ms. Su Vericherla and team | kcaccounting@bccaschool.ca

STUDENT RECORDS

Ms. Angela Jin and team | kcoffice@bccaschool.ca

OTHER CONCERNS

Ms. Theresa Lee | kidsclub@bccaschool.ca

#### **CLASS LISTS 2025-2026**

- We have noted your child's days, and grades as per our records. However, if there are any changes or missing information OR if you see an error, please bring it to our attention as soon as possible.
- Please inform us of your child's new classroom number and new classroom teacher as soon as possible to ensure our OSC team has all the information necessary for safe and smooth drop-offs & pick-ups.
- In the event of new students registering, students may be switched between OSC classes. Parents/Guardians will be informed prior to making any changes. There may also be occasions when the students and OSC staff will need to switch classrooms to accommodate all our students.
- As requests to switch children's classes/groups start flying in, we first ask that you please carefully read Ms. Theresa's Class Switch Request Letter regarding the process behind class placements.

Even as we forward you the latest class lists, please be aware that there may be some changes as student and families settle into their routine and schedules. The names and contact information of all the staff and supervisors are provided here for easy access.

## TRAFFIC PROCEDURE REMINDERS

During school times we recommend families to avoid the peak hours of 8:10 – 8:40am and 2:45 – 3:15pm (Fridays: 12:15 – 12:45pm). Families needing to drop-off and pick up during these times can park on Lincoln or side streets such as Killarney, etc. and walk to our facility. Families are not allowed to drive around our school building at all. PARKING OR STANDING IS PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY.

#### OSC (BEFORE SCHOOL CARE) MORNING DROP-OFFS

- 6:30am 7:00am to Portable 7000
- 7:00am 8:00am to the Gym

Please use the main parking lot for your drop-off, and walk your child to the gym. Drop-off is by 8:00am the latest and our doors will close at that time as our staff must organize our students so we are able to board our buses and drop students to their respective schools in a timely manner.

- All KINDERGARTEN students will be dropped off directly to their classroom doors.
- All STUDENTS GRADE 1 & UP will be dismissed to head to their lines/classroom doors 10 minutes before their first bell.

## OSC (AFTER SCHOOL CARE) AFTERNOON PICK-UPS

- All KINDERGARTEN students will be picked up directly from their classroom doors.
- All STUDENTS GRADE 1 & UP will meet at a pre-designated meeting spot on the school grounds.
   OSC Supervisors will send out a photo map of the meeting spot prior to the first day of school. If
   your child will not attend before school on the first day, please be sure to familiarize them with the
   meeting spot so they know where to meet their teachers.
- ALL students will meet in the gym after they are picked up from the various schools and the groups will be dismissed around 3:30pm with their respective teachers after roll-call.

## PLEASE NOTE \*\*KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY PERIOD for SD43\*\*

- There will be **NO drop-offs or pick-ups** for SD43 students other than at the school's regular bell schedule (Please see section <u>SD43 EARLY DISMISSALS</u> for further details).
- There will be **NO busing service** on the first day of school (TUE, SEP 2<sup>ND</sup>)
- In the event that students have schedules outside of their regular starting and dismissal timings, such as the first official day of class (WED, SEP 3<sup>RD</sup>) and gradual entry for kindergarteners, parents will have to arrange for their own pick-up and drop-off to the center. Full day care can be provided for kindergartners during their gradual entry weeks as long as families inform us ahead of time. \*\*Additional fees may apply

Please be sure to <u>let us know ahead of time</u> if your child needs additional care, so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. If you have any questions regarding the Kindergarten gradual entry, or other full days, etc. please be sure to contact the OSC Supervisors directly, we are happy to help!

#### Examples,

- (A) if the school bell is at 8:45am and your Kindergartener's gradual entry is from 8:45am 10:00am then Kids Club can do the morning drop-off but will not do the pick-up.
- (B) If the school's dismissal bell is at 2:45pm and your Kindergartener's gradual entry is from 1:00pm to 2:45pm then Kids Club can do the pick-up but not the drop-off.
- (C) If your Kindergartener's gradual entry is from 10:00am-11:30am then Kids Club will not do either drop-off or pick-up HOWEVER parents may drop off the Kindergartener to OSC in the morning, pick them up for their gradual entry and drop them back to the center after their gradual entry period, and the child can remain in OSC till the end of our day.
- (D) If there is no one available to do your Kindergartener's drop-off and pick-up, he/she may skip gradual entry and remain at Kids Club for the full day.

## **ADDITIONAL FEES**

- There is an additional fee of \$31.00 to cover for care when needed outside the OSC hours of 6:30-8:45am and 2:30-6:30pm (BCCA 12:35-6:30pm FRIs). This is on your child's registered days and includes pro-d days, early dismissal, kindergarten gradual entry, etc.
- For <u>drop-in</u> on days your child is not registered for, there is a fee of \$33.00 for 4 hours or less, and \$60.00 for the full day. Drop-in spaces are based on availability.
- Additional fees will be automatically withdrawn with the monthly fee for the *following month*. i.e. for a Pro-D day attended in April, your account will be charged in May. If you see any error/discrepancy or have any questions related to accounting, please email Su kcadminassistant@bccaschool.ca

#### **EARLY DROP-OFF and LATE PICK-UP FEE**

Please be punctual in dropping off and picking up your child. If your child is not collected at the end of his or her scheduled program time, there will be an additional charge of \$1.00 per minute for each additional minute as agreed upon in the registration form. The same applies to students who are dropped off earlier than their program start-time. Please note that the 5 minutes' grace period has been removed and the \$1/minute fee will apply from the respective closing time effective September 2025. The policy in the Parent's Handbook has been updated accordingly.

## **SD43 EARLY DISMISSALS**

- We can only accommodate pick-ups for <u>school-wide</u> early dismissals. That means if just your child's class, or only grade 1, or only grades K-1 has an early dismissal, we will not do the early pick-up but pick up at the regular school dismissal time. In this situation, parents are welcome to arrange for their child(ren) to be dropped off early directly to the center. \*\*Additional fees will apply
- Some schools have the option to <u>pick up at the regular school dismissal time</u> even on listed early dismissal days. Kids Club will go with the <u>majority decision</u> and <u>only arrange for pick up at ONE time</u>. If the earlier time is chosen by the majority, the additional fee of \$31.00 will apply. Families preferring not to pay the additional fee may make alternative arrangements for their child to be picked up at the regular bell schedule and dropped off to the center for the usual after school OSC hours at no extra charge.

Supervisors or teachers will reach out via Procare a week prior to remind families about upcoming early dismissal dates and to decide upon the pick-up time.

# **SIGNAL & PROCARE COMMUNICATION**

We will use Signal only for our SD43 schools for pick-up communication ONLY. Please **ONLY** send a message in your child's Signal chat groups when they do **NOT** need to be picked up.



- 1. Blakeburn Elementary (BLE) 2. Cedar Drive Elementary (CDE)
- 3. Irvine Elementary (IRE) 4. Leigh Elementary (LEE)

For more information on how to join our Signal groups, photo permissions, user expectations, how to add members and more, please <u>click here</u>



For BCCA and ALL other communication, we will use **Procare**. Please read the notice on how to sign-up for your Procare account IF not done so already.

Please email <a href="mailto:kcoffice@bccaschool.ca">kcoffice@bccaschool.ca</a> in case you have any issues or challenges. We will be using Procare for our daily communication, notices and reminders, so please ensure that at least one parent has a valid account.

# KIDS CLUB EARLY CLOSURES AT 5:30PM (3:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE)

Our center has four scheduled early closures through-out the year. They are slated every other month, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, and will occur in 2025-2026 as follows. <u>The only exception will be on Wednesday</u>, <u>December 24<sup>th</sup> when we close at 3:00pm</u>.

24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2025 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025\* 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2026 Supervisors and teachers will send out reminders regarding the early closures via Procare. Please ensure that you make the appropriate arrangements to pick up your child on time as a late fee of \$1 per child, per minute will be apply right from closing time. The 5-minute grace period has been removed effective September 2025. Please see the update in our Parent's Handbook.

## **STATUTORY HOLIDAYS & ANNUAL CLOSURES**

Our center is closed on all statutory holidays as well as Easter Monday, Christmas week and <u>effective this</u> <u>school year</u>, <u>we will be closed **TWO** weeks prior to schools reopening in September 2027. In the following <u>school year (2027-2028) we will also close TWO weeks in December instead of ONE.</u> Our Parent's handbook has been updated accordingly.</u>

Our closure this school year (SEP'25-AUG'26) are as follows:

1 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025	25 <sup>TH</sup> DEC, 2025 to 1 <sup>ST</sup> JAN, 2026	18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2026
30 <sup>™</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025	16 <sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026	1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2025
13 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2025	3 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2026	3 <sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2025
11 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025	6 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2026	24 <sup>TH</sup> AUG – 7 <sup>TH</sup> SEP, 2026

#### **UNEXPECTED CLOSURES**

On snow days and/or other unexpected emergencies when BC Christian Academy is closed, BCCA Kids Club Centre may be closed as well. Notifications will be sent out to families as soon as possible via Procare. For information on snow days please check the BC Christian Academy homepage at <a href="https://www.bcchristianacademy.ca">www.bcchristianacademy.ca</a>.

We are thankful for each unique child and family that God has sent to our center and are looking forward to an awesome year together! Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or the OSC supervisors, if you have any questions or concerns. Your ongoing support, prayers and cooperation are truly appreciated. Thank you!

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31