

Strickland Christian School
2025 – 2026
HANDBOOK



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*"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
Matthew 28:20*

Welcome to Strickland Christian School.

All education involves religious training; thus, it is essential to teach children the necessary subjects and skills from a Christian perspective so that children may become all that Christ has intended (Col. 2:3, 1 Cor. 8:1b, Eph. 3:19). We are thankful that you as parents are committed to providing your child a quality Christian education and are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to transform your child's mind and heart (Rev. 3:20). We at Strickland Christian School promise to partner with you to give your child an affordable private education that emphasizes Bible knowledge, advanced phonics, writing, and mathematics and includes other important academic disciplines. With these ends in view, we earnestly request your prayers that we might accomplish all we can for Christ's glory.

The purpose of this handbook is to give you an overview of our policies, procedures, and curriculum. We hope it will answer your questions and give you a clear picture of what to expect as your child begins a new school year.

Statement of Faith

- 1.** We believe in one eternal, omniscient, and omnipresent God who reveals Himself personally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is a God of love and truth who has created the universe and given man dominion over the whole earth.
- 2.** Man has fallen from fellowship and communion with God due to sin and rebellion, and is incapable of restoring that fellowship through his own works.
- 3.** Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God, and was sent by God to destroy the works of the devil and redeem mankind from sin and its effects. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, was crucified, died, and was buried. He rose from the dead bodily and ascended into heaven. His death was the substitutionary punishment for man's sin, and His blood is the only means of purification from sin. As both God and man He is the only mediator between God and men and the only Savior of the world; He will return to earth to judge all men.
- 4.** God commands all men everywhere to repent, believe in the Lord Jesus, and be baptized for the remission of their sins.
- 5.** Man is saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and in His gospel only. All men will be resurrected to judgment by God. Those who are lost will pay the penalty of eternal damnation, and those who are saved will be rewarded with eternal life and joy in God's presence.
- 6.** God has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in men, to renew and regenerate men, and to guide them into all the truth.
- 7.** The Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God and is therefore our authority for faith and action. Studying and meditating on the Scriptures is valuable for learning the truth, correcting wrong thinking and actions and training in godliness and righteous living.
- 8.** Jesus Christ is the Lord and only sovereign of our lives, so we must honor, worship and obey Him and do all that He has commanded to accomplish His purposes and establish His kingdom on the earth.
- 9.** Children are a heritage and gift from the Lord to their parents. Parents, and most especially the father, therefore, are the authority and responsible parties in the training, discipline, admonition, and care of their children. We believe the school is called by God to assist the parents and minister to the children so that the young may take their place in the family, church, and society as God has intended.

Curriculum Overview

Chapel Program- From time to time, 1st - 8th grade students will attend a chapel service composed of the students from one or more grades. The purpose will be to sing and worship in a larger group and hear an inspirational message from a teacher, principal, or approved speaker. Scheduled chapel programs will be put on the monthly calendar, and parents are cordially invited to attend.

Kindergarten (4–5-year-olds)

Our four-year-old kindergarten (K-4) program focuses on phonics for reading. Therefore, these students learn to read by the end of the school year! Number recognition through 20 and counting to 100 by ones, fives and tens are also taught. Color pages and worksheets emphasize prewriting skills including the alphabet, shapes, colors, days of the week, and months of the year. Students attend music class twice a week. Special kindergarten programs include the Christmas program and the spring achievement program.

Kindergarten (5–6-year-olds)

Our 5-year-old kindergarten (K-5) curriculum includes advanced phonics, cursive penmanship, capitalization, punctuation, and primary spelling rules. The children are writing dictated sentences in cursive and reading sentences by the end of the school year. They study 100 addition facts and are given self-paced math sheets daily. Students will master the writing and recognition of all the numbers to 100. Students will have coloring pages and a few craft projects and will attend music class twice a week. Special kindergarten programs include the Christmas program and the spring achievement program.

First Grade

In first grade the children continue with phonics and can read from the King James Bible by the end of the year. The King James Bible has long been the standard of excellence for the English language. Training in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling rules are continued along with the study of sentence diagramming, parts of speech, and vocabulary. They have spelling words, write dictated sentences, and write themes daily. Students master two-digit addition and subtraction with borrowing and carrying. They begin learning their multiplication facts and engage in mental math computations in addition and subtraction by the end of the year. They have special classes twice weekly for Spanish, music, and physical education. They also have an exposure to America's heritage, heroes, and geography.

Second Grade

Phonics, reading comprehension, vocabulary, punctuation and capitalization, and spelling rules are continued as well as parts of speech and sentence diagramming. They write themes daily from a Bible story and continue to write sentences from dictation. Third grade Saxon math worksheets are used as they continue with two and three digit carrying and borrowing in addition and subtraction. Two-and-three-digit multiplication is usually mastered, and division facts and long division are introduced. Students engage in mental math computation in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division by the end of the year. They have separate classes twice weekly for Spanish, music, and physical education. They also have more exposure to America's heritage, heroes, geography, and nature studies.

Third through Eighth Grade

Math

Students use the Saxon math series and are 1 or 2 grade levels advanced (third grade doing fourth or fifth grade studies, etc.) We allow for individual advancement when appropriate and approved by the teacher. Seventh graders complete pre-algebra, and eighth graders complete high school algebra one.

English Grammar

We use the A Beka language series and are one grade level advanced. There is a concentration on parts of speech, punctuation, capitalization, diagramming and sentence structure.

History

A Beka history includes U. S. History and Old and New World History. Texas History is also offered.

Technology

Students study the history of computers, parts of a computer, typing skills, word processing, desktop publishing, creating a database, creating spreadsheets, and computer graphics. Seventh and eighth graders learn beginner programming skills and integrate technology with other subjects. Strickland has its own server to protect students on the internet.

Music

Classes are held twice a week for third and fourth grades and once a week for fifth through eighth grades. Music classes concentrate on choral singing with worship songs, hymns, patriotic songs, and folk songs, the rudiments of rhythm, sound, tempo, listening skills, and rhythm instruments. Fourth graders and older learn recorder and may advance to ukulele and xylophone. Third through sixth grade students prepare for a performance in the spring.

P. E.

Classes for first through eighth grades emphasize sports and games appropriate for each age level. Sports include kickball, volleyball, soccer, basketball, and flag football. Physical conditioning exercises are utilized daily. P.E. classes are held twice a week.

Registration

All students presently registered at Strickland Christian School who plan to return next year must re-register by **March 6, 2025**, for the 2025-2026 school year or lose the registration fee discount and preferred status to new enrollees. The contract and all forms needed for enrollment are available to download from the school's website. You may re-register your child by signing a new contract, completing the registration forms, and paying the **\$300** registration fee. All signed contracts, registration forms, and checks must be given to your child's teacher or to the school office by March 7, 2025. All contracts and chosen tuition payments are subject to approval by the office. Returning students who register after the March 6th deadline must pay the full **\$350** registration fee. Students may not register unless any balance owed to the school, including tuition, late fees, and extended care tuition fees is paid. **Siblings of returning students** will be honored with a preferred status over new students if they also **register by March 6th**. The registration fee for siblings who have never attended is **\$350** since they are new students. The activity fee of **\$120** may be paid at registration or spread throughout the year.

Upon notification that your contract has been approved, the registration fee and the facilities fee become non-refundable, and payment of the **full year's tuition becomes due on May 10, 2025**. The director may agree to an alternative monthly payment schedule; however, the contract is a guarantee that the entire year's tuition will be paid in full. All monthly payments will be made to **Blackbaud Tuition Management**. If a parent moves a distance of at least thirty miles from the school for employment purposes and furnishes a letter from his employer, the outstanding tuition balance will be forgiven.

To reserve a place on the waiting list prior to open enrollment, a prospective new student must submit an enrollment application and a non-refundable application fee of **\$100**. The application fee is credited to the student's account upon registration. See the enrollment application on our website for all the details.

Tuition Payments

Strickland School partners with Blackbaud Tuition Management for the processing and collection of monthly tuition and fee payments. Parents who choose a monthly option must register online with Blackbaud in response to an email and choose to make their payments by the 5th or the 15th of each month. Payments are made directly to Blackbaud and credited to the school's account. Parents may check their account and make payments online (<https://parent.blackbaud.school>), pay with credit card, debit card, check, cash, or automatic bank draft. However, parents choosing the 15th for their payment date must set up and maintain an automatic bank draft payment. There is a convenience fee for credit and debit card payments. Blackbaud will charge a **\$30** declined payment fee and a **\$40** late fee.

2025-2026 Tuition Payment Options*

The full year's tuition is considered due and must be paid by May 10, 2025. Choose from the following available options with the director's approval, but timely payments must be made.

Grade Level	Due May 10 th	Due Monthly June 5-Sept .5	Due Monthly June 5-Feb .5	Due Monthly June .5-May 5
K-4, K-5 Half Day	1 Payment of \$4640	4 Payments of \$1250 for a total of \$5000	9 Payments of \$575 for a total of \$5175	12 Payments of \$440 for a total of \$5280
K-4, K-5 Full Day	1 Payment of \$7250	4 payments of \$1840 for a total of \$7360	9 Payments of \$840 for a total of \$7560	12 Payments of \$640 for a total of \$7640
1st - 3rd Grade	1 Payment of \$6240	4 Payments of \$1585 for a total of \$6340	9 Payments of \$725 for a total of \$6525	12 Payments of \$555 for a total of \$6660
4th - 8th Grade	1 Payment of \$6430	4 Payments of \$1640 for a total of \$6560	9 Payments of \$745 for a total of \$6705	12 Payments of \$570 for a total of \$6840
Extended Care	1 Payment of \$2780	4 Payments of \$720 for a total of \$2880	**9 Payments of \$338 for a total of \$3042	12 Payments of \$280 for a total of \$3360

Summary of Fees (not including **Blackbaud** fees)

Registration Fee: \$350

Activity Fee: \$120

Extended Care Registration: \$30

Facility fee: \$250 (one-time charge for new students)

Change Fee: \$25

NSF Fee: \$20

Late Fee: \$35

***Tuition payment schedules are subject to the following provisions and requirements:**

- Note: The **September to May Extended Care payment plan is \$375 per month.**
- The contract is an agreement to pay the full year's tuition. Only under circumstances mentioned in the handbook will tuition payments be forgiven. (See page 6)
- When a monthly payment schedule is approved, timely payments are due on the 5th or the 15th of the months indicated as selected in the contract. All monthly payments are paid to and managed **by Blackbaud Tuition Management.**
- A late enrollment plan is available for students who register after the start date of the plans above. Please contact the director of admissions for details. After September 1st, a **\$25** change fee will be charged for each change in a child's enrollment or extended care status or payment schedule. Your acceptance letter will inform you of your family's total payment due.

Tuition Assistance

Strickland Christian School provides tuition assistance for students on a case-by-case basis. Parents must qualify based upon income and family needs. All requested information must be completed and submitted online to Blackbaud Financial Aid Management <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>. A processing fee must also be paid to Blackbaud for this service. Please see the link for the financial application on our website under enrollment and tuition assistance.

Enrollment Considerations

Assignment to classes will be determined by the staff. The principal reserves the right to reassign students if necessary. Assignment by the principal is final. Teacher requests submitted with rationale in writing by parents before July 1st will be considered but are not binding on the school administrators, teachers, or staff. Before open house, students in grades with multiple classes will receive a letter from the teacher to whom they have been assigned. Strickland Christian School hires teachers who are godly and qualified so that, regardless of your child's classroom assignment, he will have a quality educational experience.

Kindergarten students are assigned to classes by age. Those in the 4-year-old kindergarten (K4) must turn 4 by **September 30, 2025**. Students must complete the 5-year-old kindergarten (K5) program to be considered for first grade. Those in the K5 program must turn 5 by September 30, 2025. This deadline is one month later than the public schools allow. Both K4 and K5 are designed so that the necessary phonics, writing, and math are taught in the mornings. Our full-day kindergarten is designed for those students who are unable to be with their families in the afternoons. The afternoon students do not earn an advantage in basic skills over their morning peers and may have a different teacher and classroom in the afternoon. Please see the sample kindergarten schedule available from the office for further information.

The information provided in this handbook is designed to insure smooth operation of all school affairs and activities and to foster peace and harmony in parent, teacher, and student relationships. Please read and commit yourself and your child to adhere to the guidelines communicated herein. If the need arises, Strickland Christian School reserves the right to change any policy, procedure, or content of this handbook at any time at its sole discretion.

School Supplies

Your tuition and registration provide for most school supplies. Your child needs to bring only notebook paper to begin school. This should be brought to the open house. The grade, type, and amount of paper you must purchase are listed below.

Grade	Type	Amount
1 st through 5 th	Wide Ruled	2,000 sheets
6 th through 8 th	College Ruled	1,000 sheets

Extended Care

Strickland Christian School provides extended day care from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for those students who must be left after school. The Extended Care program is licensed by the Texas Department of Human Services and is operated by qualified, caring teachers.

Extended Care tuition is in addition to the school tuition. All Extended Care tuition is added to school tuition for the monthly payment total. Thus, the Extended Care payment is subject to the same due dates, late fees, and other provisions as school tuition payments. (See the tuition section of the handbook.) Other limited or part-time schedules must be approved by the Extended Care director and school director and once approved may not be modified as to times and days without good reason and without permission of the same.

Drop-in Rates

Students who are not registered in Extended Care and students who stay later than their scheduled time must pay **\$6** per thirty-minute period or any part thereof with a **\$36** maximum per child during the noon to 3:00 p.m. afternoon kindergarten session and a **\$36** maximum per child during the 3 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Extended Care session. This is due when the student is picked up.

Extended Care **closes promptly at 6:00 p.m.**, and teachers are not paid to stay late. Therefore, any student who is picked-up after 6:00 p.m. must pay the teachers a **\$10** minimum flat late fee plus \$1 per minute after 6:10 fee. This is also due on the date of the occurrence.

Parent Orientation

The school will host a mandatory parent orientation for all families new to Strickland Christian School. One parent or guardian from each family registered is required to attend to obtain pertinent information about Strickland Christian School's policies and procedures including student and parent requirements, discipline, and uniforms. **The orientation is for adults only so please make childcare arrangements for your child on that night.** Please refer to the calendar to choose one of the orientations offered. The earlier date is recommended, as it will give ample time for parents to prepare for the new year.

Parent Teacher Fellowship

The Parent Teacher Fellowship at Strickland School (PTF) is a volunteer organization for Strickland families. The PTF is a non-profit service organization assisting parents, teachers, and students. The PTF is composed of parents and teachers from Strickland School so all their activities benefit our students and families.

Homework

Homework is considered an especially important part of the Strickland Christian School program and is necessary for the student to achieve critical skills. Every attempt is made to give students a lighter homework load on Wednesdays in the upper grades. Assignments one day late will be penalized at the teacher's discretion including recording a zero; assignments two days late will receive a zero. Students also receive a demerit for late assignments. Students who continue with delinquent assignments will receive other disciplinary action.

*These times are estimates and will vary from night to night, with the ability and diligence of the child and with the degree of parental oversight.

Grading System

A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	68-69
A	94-96	B	84-86	C	74-76	D	66-67
A-	90-93	B-	80-83	C-	70-73	D-	65
						F	64 or less

Reporting to Parents

Third through eighth graders will receive a progress report at the end of the first four weeks. At the end of each nine-week reporting period, all students will be given a report card. The parents or teacher may request a conference at any time. Please keep in close communication with your teachers. Scheduled conferences begin the first week of October. Parents of fifth through eighth graders may receive their child's final report card via mail about one week after the last day of school. Report cards and all other student records will be withheld if tuition or other charges and fees are not current.

Summer School

Summer school will be available for Strickland students in various grades. This will be held at the school, typically for four weeks, for two to four hours a day. All summer school programs are administrated by the individual teachers. For more information, please contact the office.

Restriction of Activities

If there are any medical conditions which restrict a student's activity in P.E. classes or sports in general, instructions in writing signed by the parent must be furnished to the teacher or the office at the beginning of the school year or as soon as a medical condition is diagnosed.

Walking Home from School

Any student who walks or bikes home from school must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

Health

Strickland School teachers and staff work hard at helping students stay healthy. We encourage frequent hand washing and antibacterial use in the classrooms. An ultraviolet light is installed in all HVAC systems to kill germs, viruses, and bacteria in the air. The entire facility is treated with an antimicrobial quarterly; this treatment kills viruses and germs constantly for three months. However, Strickland School cannot insure students or parents against infectious diseases. Any additional health or illness policies that may be posted on our website become a part of this handbook and may be changed anytime without notice at the discretion of the director.

Illness

A child must **not** be brought to school if one of the following exists:

1. The child **has a fever or has had a fever in the past 24 hours**. A child must also be fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication before they are allowed to return to school.
2. The child has symptoms and signs of possible severe illness (such as lethargy, uncontrolled breathing, diarrhea, and vomiting in the past 24 hours, rash with fever, wheezing, or untreated persistent cough).
3. The child has lice or nits whether active or not.
4. The child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease; the advice of the child's healthcare professional must then determine that the child is no longer contagious and is able to participate in the school's activities.

Please advise the school if your child has a serious infectious disease (like COVID or the flu) or lice or nits (cases for which the other parents need to be informed). Otherwise, it is not necessary to call the school about your child's illness unless you need your child's assignments.

Attendance

A student is tardy if not seated and ready to learn by 8:00 a.m. Tardiness causes undue hardship for everyone involved and may affect a student's eligibility for reenrollment. The student will receive a warning slip every seven times tardiness occurs. Repeated tardiness may also result in other disciplinary actions. Teachers and administrators will redirect parents and students who continue to have tardiness and attendance issues. Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. to have time to prepare for class. An incident of tardiness is excused only if the student is late due to a doctor's or dentist's appointment and the student provides the teacher with a note from the doctor upon returning to school. An excused tardiness is recorded for the permanent record but does not count toward the total for warning slips.

Calendar

Each month during the school year a calendar of events will be available on the school website for your information. Any calendar is subject to change, whether it is on the website or is sent home in printed form. Be advised that the published school calendar may be subject to minor changes due to school closures for weather or other problems. Such "snow days" may be added to the end of the school year or taken during scheduled holidays. A listing of holidays and important dates may be found on the school website. **The first day of school is Wednesday, August 20, 2025.** See the website calendar for other important dates.

If you need to leave a message or speak with your child's teacher about a non-emergency, please call by 10:30 a.m. The answering system is checked frequently so please do not hesitate to leave a detailed message. Messages received after 10:30 a.m. may not necessarily be delivered in time, especially messages for teachers who leave at noon. Your child's classroom teacher will also provide business phone or cell numbers and email addresses for parents to use. Carpool changes should be handled by texting or sending a signed note to your child's teacher.

Contacting Other Parents

Parents are not permitted to hand out flyers or send messages through the school for personal or business reasons. Student addresses and phone numbers are confidential and will not be given to other students or parents by teachers or staff without permission.

Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

Strickland Christian School is a drug free zone; therefore, drugs, alcohol and tobacco are not permitted in the buildings or on the grounds at any time.

Holiday Celebrations

Our desire is to glorify Christ during the Christian holiday seasons. We will therefore emphasize the true meaning of Christmas and Easter. We do not permit the celebration of Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny or Earth Day at school. Because Halloween originated as a pagan holiday and is now celebrated by the occult, we do not allow our students to participate in Halloween activities while at school. Therefore, please do not bring or send your child with any Halloween party favors, toys, candies, cakes or other related symbols or items. A short Valentine's Day party will be held, and students should only bring Valentine greetings that are appropriate and do not encourage romantic relationships.

Security

The outside doors remain locked during the school day so parents who arrive to school late or who want to pick up their children early must check in at the office. For the safety of our students, staff and parents, Strickland School is not a firearm-free zone. Please request a firearms policy from the director for more information.

At 3:00 p.m. students will go to their designated carpool area. Kindergarten through third graders will be kept at the curb on the east end of the school until parents drive up. A teacher will escort them to the car. Fourth through eighth graders will wait at the picnic tables at the south end of the building. Younger students may also wait at the picnic tables with their older siblings. Please be on time. Any student not picked up by 3:15 p.m. will be taken directly to Extended Care. **Parents will then be required to pay a drop-in day care fee and will need to come into the cafeteria to sign out the student.**

Carpools

The students will be released only to a parent unless the teacher has received a written notice to the contrary. Carpools are required to register for prior approval before release may be given. A definitive list of people authorized to pick up a child is imperative. All arrangements for going home with other children must be made before school, and the child's teacher must be notified in writing prior to any change in the usual arrangements. Changes to carpool must be made in advance of the school day; notification to the school by phone is acceptable in an emergency.

Weather Problems/School Cancellation

For any class interruptions or delays due to weather, parents must check the school's answering machine (512 447-1447) or the website (www.stricklandschool.com). Television stations are not always reliable for school closing information. Teachers will report to school thirty minutes before school is to begin on days when school begins late.

Field Trips

Students begin taking field trips as early as first grade. Parents receive a permission slip to sign that outlines the details of the trip. Teachers choose the chaperones and drivers for the trips as they need and deem appropriate. Teachers take only those adults they need on field trips so the parents as a group are not invited and may not attend. These are class field trips, not family field trips, so siblings of students on the trip or children from outside the school may not attend. The teachers are responsible for all decisions made concerning a field trip so they alone have full authority for the planning, preparation, and implementation of the event. Students must use seat belts while being transported in vehicles unless a bus or other public carrier without seat belts is hired. The school maintains liability insurance for field trips that acts as a secondary policy for the insurance which the drivers carry. All field trip drivers must be licensed and insured and must sign the Field Trip Driver form provided by the teacher. If a bus or other carrier is used, that carrier is insured and operating within the laws of the State of Texas as far as school staff can determine.

Prohibited Items

The following items are not permitted at school:

- Baseball caps
- Head coverings of any kind except outside on very cold days
- Playing cards and trading cards or toys
- Knives or any other weapons

- Sunglasses (except to be worn outside)
- Calculators (except for Algebra I or higher students)
- Electronic equipment of any kind including flashlights, I-pads, phones, and other communication devices
- Wristwatches with alarms or other noises
- Any items deemed by teachers to be a distraction in the classroom
- Magazines, comic books, and any books or written material with inappropriate content
- Suitcases and briefcases
- Anything with inappropriate slogans or pictures
- Pullover jackets, non-uniform sweatshirts, or non-uniform sweaters

Technology and Children

Modern technology offers amazing tools for work and communication. Unfortunately, like the television, these tools can be used for great good or great harm. Using the internet and mobile devices without proper supervision can be harmful to children, even those in middle school or junior high. This is one reason students are not permitted to bring mobile devices to Strickland. Young people (including teenagers) are learning who they are and trying to navigate the difficulties of social interaction. Adding texting and social media to the mix exacerbates the challenges of social growth and opens the door to unkindness and harassment.

People are tempted to post or text content that they would never say to a person's face. Scientific studies indicate there is a relationship between children's mental health problems and their use of social media. With all this in mind, we implore parents to guard their children from the dangers of the internet and social media. Examples of studies are listed here:

<https://www.kalw.org/show/your-call/2025-01-22/the-impact-of-social-media-on-the-mental-health-of-adolescents>;

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/za/blog/no-more-fomo/202501/social-media-and-loneliness-a-dangerous-pair>

We encourage you to determine the proper age for your children to begin to use the internet and phones and to install parental controls until your child is mature. We also request that you do not allow your children to text or engage in social media with other Strickland students. If a student needs to obtain a homework assignment, he should use the old-fashioned method: use the family phone to call. If we all practice these safety measures, we will be able to help our children grow in a safe environment without evil influences.

AI use is also often a detriment to learning. Students must not use their phones or the internet to write sentences or essays for them, nor to do their math homework. Use of AI to do homework deprives students of the processes needed to form good study and learning habits and is often simply cheating and plagiarism. Please monitor your child's homework activities to make certain that he or she is doing the work himself or herself rather than letting the app do the work.

Discipline

General Policies

Students are expected to conform to each teacher's classroom customs, procedures, and regulations as well as the school rules and procedures. Respect for teachers and all adults is of paramount importance. Misconduct of minor significance will be handled by individual teachers. Teachers may choose the consequences for misbehavior including silent snack, timeouts, missing recess, or P.E., writing, or other repercussion. However, conduct of major significance that calls for corporal punishment at the discretion of the homeroom teacher, though handled by the teacher, will be administered with the assistance of another teacher or the principal. The parent will be notified immediately thereafter. Corporal punishment may be used for one major offense or for a series of minor offenses. The principal reserves the right to personally handle the discipline of any child at any time he deems appropriate or to appoint other teachers to administer the discipline in his place. In the event a problem persists without parental cooperation or is considered a negative influence upon the other students or upon the school, the school reserves the right to temporarily suspend or to permanently expel the offending student.

Warning or pink slips may be issued for the following reasons in any grade, or for other serious offenses not listed:

- Foul language or foul gestures
- Bragging about participation in sin
- Rudeness
- Stealing
- Fighting or purposely provoking others to the point of anger
- Having tobacco, liquor, or drugs on campus
- Ridiculing
- Slandering
- Gossiping
- Lying
- Cheating
- Threatening
- Spitting
- Tripping
- Disrespect
- Repeatedly breaking rules or procedures
- Vandalism
- Lewdness or pornography

Dress Code

Uniforms

Uniforms are required for all students beginning on the first day of school. Except as otherwise noted in this handbook, uniforms must be ordered directly from Lands' End, our only approved uniform supplier. All new uniforms must be bought from the current Lands' End School Uniform Catalog unless otherwise noted. Lands' End for School may be contacted through the link on the school website, at 1-800-469-2222 or at www.landsend.com/school. Official uniform lists follow and the link on the school website will direct parents to a catalogue customized for Strickland students. Uniform catalogs are also available at the time of enrollment if requested. Only those items on the list will be acceptable uniform items and must only be the correct **styles** and **colors** specified. Please note that there are two uniform lists—one for K4/K5 and one for the other grades. Please refer to the uniform lists in this handbook (p.23, 24) when ordering. When you order uniforms from Lands' End and use the preferred school number, **9000-5205-1**, a percentage of your purchase will be donated by Lands' End to the PTF.

Hair

Male students must wear haircuts that are masculine, reasonable, and conservative. Boys may not braid their hair nor have spiked hair. Older boys must always be clean-shaven. Hair must be kept in an orderly manner above the shirt collar and no longer than the top of the eyebrows; tops of ears must be highly visible. Female students may wear their hair in any feminine, reasonable style if it is cut back or pinned no longer than the top of the eyebrows. No bleached or dyed hair is allowed. No students may have designs or lines cut or shaved into the hair.

Pants and Dresses

Students may wear solid khaki or solid navy dress pants from any supplier. No jeans and no denim material are allowed. The uniform jumpers, skirts and skorts must be purchased from Lands' End. Jumper, skirt and skort lengths must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee when the student is standing normally. Girls must wear leather-like dress shoes with any skirt, jumper or skort. Girls must wear bike shorts underneath jumpers, skorts, and skirts unless they are wearing tights.

Shoes and Socks

Leather-like dress shoes may be solid black or brown (girls may also wear navy), but must not be high-tops, athletic shoes, sandals, open-toed, or boots, and must have normal (not platform) heels. Boys may wear, but are not required to wear, leather dress shoes except to P.E... Female students may wear the leather dress shoes with any uniform (except P.E.). Female students **must** wear leather dress shoes with skirts, jumpers or skorts. Students may wear athletic shoes with normal soles (no platform soles allowed). **Athletic shoes may be worn with shorts or pants only and must be worn for P.E.** All athletic shoes worn at school must be well fitting and not subject to coming loose when students are running, walking, or playing. See the approved uniform list at the end of the handbook for more details.

Shorts

Students may wear solid navy or solid khaki dress shorts from any supplier. Hem length must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee when the student is standing straight. Shorts may not be jeans, denim material, jean look-alikes, nor have cargo pockets or painter's loops. First through eighth graders must wear shorts with belt loops.

Belts

Students must wear belts with pants and shorts, *except K4 and K5 students who may not wear belts*. Belts must be leather or leather-like and must be well-fitting. Belts may be brown, black, or tan. No large or gaudy belt buckles are allowed.

Outerwear

Only approved uniform sweaters may be worn as outerwear in the buildings. Students may wear jackets or coats outside. However, no sweatshirts (except for 1st and 2nd graders on P.E. days), no pullover jackets, and no non-uniform sweaters may be worn. Students must be prepared with uniform sweaters on the first day of school as some classrooms are cool even in the summer.

Head Covering

No head covering may be worn at school except that girls may wear headbands, barrettes, pins, or bows which are simple, not gaudy, and do not clash with the uniform in color. Students may wear winter caps or hats during recess or P.E. if teachers consider it sufficiently cold.

Backpacks

Backpacks with or without wheels are acceptable, but no suitcases are allowed.

Used Uniforms

From time to time the school or PTF may sell used uniforms as a service to parents. Those sales will be announced at a later date. Parents who purchase them must be certain that used uniforms meet dress code standards.

K-4 AND K-5

Approved Uniform Items from Lands' End

Preferred Number: 9000-5205-1

BOYS AND GIRLS

Lands' End Mesh or Interlock Polo Shirt
(Short or long sleeved)
Lands' End Drifter Cardigan Sweater (Button or Zipper)
Monograms (for sweaters only)
Logos (for sweaters and shirts)
Lands' End School Spirit Active Tee

COLORS

Red, White, Burgundy, Maize, Classic Navy,
Evergreen, Chambray Blue
Red, Classic Navy, Evergreen, Burgundy
Desert Khaki (Style 6)
Desert Khaki (style 6)
Navy

GIRLS ONLY

Lands' End Peter Pan Shirt (short or long sleeved)
Lands' End Feminine Fit Polo (short or long sleeved)

Lands' End Fine Gauge Cardigan Sweater
Lands' End Box-Pleated Jumper
Lands' End Chino Skirt At-the-knee (long)
Lands' End A-line Skirt At-the-Knee
Lands' End Chino Skort Knee Length

White, Blue
Red, White, Burgundy, Maize, Classic Navy,
Evergreen, Chambray Blue
Classic Navy, Evergreen, Red
Classic Navy, Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid
Khaki, Classic Navy
Khaki, Classic Navy
Khaki, Classic Navy

Approved Uniform Items from Any Supplier

BOYS AND GIRLS

Polo Shirt (short or long sleeved)
Shorts
Dress Pants
Solid Colored Socks
Leather Dress Shoes
Athletic Shoes

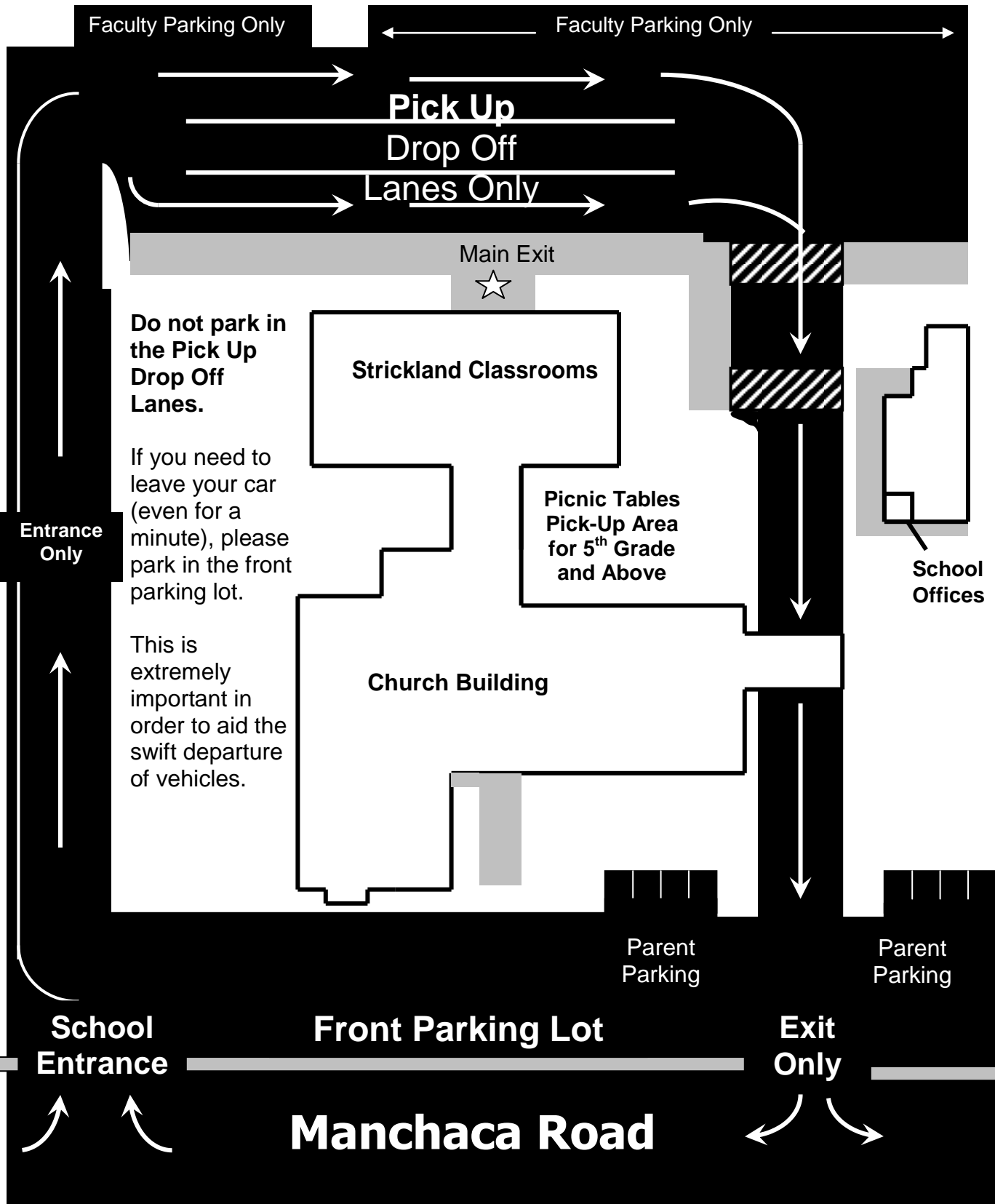
White
Khaki, Navy
Khaki, Navy
White, Navy, Khaki
Black, Brown

GIRLS ONLY

Bike Shorts (with skirts & dresses)
Solid Colored Leggings
Leather Dress Shoes
Belts

Navy, Black
Navy, White
Black, Navy, Brown
Not allowed in K4 or K5

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