

SPRINGS
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Parent Handbook

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The Before and After School Program (BASP) is a service offered by Springs Christian Academy to accommodate the working hours of parents and staff. The Before and After School Program provides a friendly and comfortable atmosphere where the students may become involved with a variety of activities, such as games, gym times, special activities as well as a quiet place for those who wish to do homework. Children are supervised by staff members and High School assistants who work to achieve safe, quality care for all of the children.

This Parent Handbook will explain the policies of the Before and After School Program.

1. LOCATION

The Before and After School Program is located at the 595 Lagimodiere campus.

2. PROGRAM HOURS

The Before School Program operates from 7:00 a.m. till 8:30 a.m.

The After School Program operates from 4:00 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.

3. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE THIS PROGRAM

- The program is offered to all Springs Christian Academy students in Kindergarten to grade 6. Completion of the Before and After School Program's online registration form is required for your child to attend the program on a drop in or regular basis.
- For safety reasons, Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are not allowed to wait by themselves or with older siblings anywhere inside or outside the 595 Lagimodiere campus during the Before and After School Program hours.

4. GUIDELINES OF THE BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

- The parent/guardian must walk the student into the program and a care worker must acknowledge receiving the child from the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian signs in their child and records the time into the attendance book.
- If a Kindergarten to Grade 6 student is dropped off at the school before 8:30 a.m., that student must be brought in the Before School Program. If a student is dropped off after 8:30 a.m., there is outside staff supervision until the entry bell rings at 8:50 a.m.
- At 8:30 a.m. the Before School students will go outside (weather permitting), where they will be under the supervision of Springs Christian Academy staff.
- Students are expected to maintain our SCA Honour Code. Failure to comply would jeopardize being allowed to use the program.

5. GUIDELINES OF THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are dismissed from classes at 3:35 p.m. If students have not been picked up by 4:00 p.m., they will be taken to the After School Program and parents will be charged for the service.
- On early dismissal days, the After School Program is available from 2:30 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.

- **LATE PICK UP FEES**
All children must be picked up by 5:30 p.m. There is an automatic \$1.00/minute surcharge per child after 5:30 p.m. After 6:00 pm, the surcharge is \$2.00/minute surcharge per child. It is the responsibility of the **parent to be on time or to arrange a ride** for their child if they cannot be on time. Children picked up late on a regular basis may be suspended or removed from the After School Program.
- **The parent/guardian must be sure that the After School Program worker acknowledges the departure of the child. The parent/guardian must sign the child out and record the time before leaving the After School Program.**

6. AUTHORIZED PICK-UP PEOPLE

People Who Are Allowed to Pick Up Your Child(ren)

- In your re-enrolment online application, you were able to indicate your Authorized Pick Up people. If you need to make any changes to this, please contact BASP.
- If there is a person who is not allowed to pick up your child, please email BASP@springs.ca and attach any documentation, such as a court order, relevant to the situation. (Copies of any custody or restraining orders must be on file with SCA to enable us to take appropriate action for a situation).
- Arrangements may be made to allow another adult to pick up your child on a particular day, providing written or verbal permission has been given by the parent/guardian. If permission is given, a phone number must be left where the parent/guardian can be reached to confirm this information.

7. EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON

- An emergency contact person is required for every child in the Before or After School Program. This is a person (in Winnipeg) who may be reached if a parent cannot be reached. Please be sure that one or more Emergency Contacts are identified on your online application at the time of online enrollment. If you need to make any changes to this, please contact BASP.

8. ILLNESS

- Sick children should not be sent to the Before or After School Program for the protection of other children and staff.
- Any communicable disease including (head lice, strep throat, fifth disease, chicken pox, German measles, hand-foot & mouth disease, impetigo, pink eye, scabies and scarlet fever) need to be reported to the Program Director or school office so that we can be aware of symptoms in other children and notify parents.
- If a child should become sick in the Before or After School Program, a staff member will call the parent/guardian to pick up the child as soon as possible. Should the parents not be able to be contacted, the Emergency Contact will be called. Please make arrangements with your Emergency Contact person to pick up your child in your absence if it is deemed necessary.

9. INJURIES

- Depending on the severity of an injury, a parent/guardian may be called to pick up an injured child.
- As per SCA policy, if there is a situation that requires a call for an ambulance, the ambulance will be called first, followed by a call to the parent/guardian. If the parent cannot be reached, the Emergency Contact will be called.
- **Please note:** If a child is taken to the hospital by ambulance, the charge for this service will be directed to the parent of the child.

10. CHANGE OF INFORMATION

- If there is a change of personal information (address, home phone number, cell phone number, Emergency Contact, Authorized Pick-up Person), please inform both the BASP Director and the school office as soon as possible.

11. FOOTWEAR

- For safety regulations, children in the Before and After School Program will be required to wear footwear. Children who do not have shoes must wear their boots.

12. SNACKS

- We recommend that students who will be in the After School Program till 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. pack an additional snack to include in their lunch kits or backpacks.
- Due to nut allergies please do not send snacks with peanuts or peanut products. Safety of all the children needs to be our first consideration.
- Due to food allergies it is extremely important that students do not give their food to other students.

13. BILLING & PAYMENT PROCESSES

- ****New for 2024-2025: Due to program demand, SCA is requiring families to pre-register for either monthly use with pre-authorized payments or for occasional/emergency use.***
- Parents/guardians will be billed monthly according to attendance the month after via email. Invoices will be sent out after month end. If you would like to pay by online bill payment, e-transfer, or pre-authorized debit, please contact accounting@springs.ca.
- Any discrepancies of attendance may be directed to the BASP Director at BASP@springs.ca.
- Payments should be directed to the school office clearly indicating the payment is for the BASP. Please make cheques payable to Springs Christian Academy.
- Any outstanding fees must be paid by the end of June.

14. **MONTHLY FEES**

1 Child (Half-Time Kindergarten Student only)

Before School - \$40.00
After School - \$40.00
Before & After - \$80.00

2 Children

Before School - \$150.00
After School - \$150.00
Before & After - \$300.00

1 Child

Before School - \$80.00
After School - \$80.00
Before & After - \$160.00

3 Children+

Before School - \$200.00
After School - \$200.00
Before & After - \$400.00

Occasional/Emergency Use visits will be billed at a rate of \$6.00 per visit per child, with no monthly cap. These spaces are on a first come, first serve basis and will be billed at the end of each month.

15. **IN-SERVICE DAYS**

- There will be no Before or After School Program on in-service days during the school year. There will be Before School Program on the last day of school; however, there will be no After School Program on the last day of school.

16. All staff members at the Before and After School Program are committed to the belief and vision of Springs Christian Academy as stated in the School Mission Statement. All adult BASP workers are required to complete Criminal Record checks and Child Abuse Registry forms.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTACT INFO:

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