



FIRST SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Excessive Tardies

We are experiencing a high volume of tardies and we need your help to get your child(ren) to school on time please. We all understand that the traffic in Tucson is crazy and mornings with children can bring many issues. However, it is your responsibility to do what is necessary to get your child to school on time. If being on time is an issue for you, please work on a new schedule of getting up earlier and having a better routine which includes allowing extra time for traffic issues. We do allow seven unexcused tardies per nine weeks, which is very lenient. Because your child does not drive, we know it is usually not the students fault, however we do not know how to serve the parents consequences. I am open to suggestions. I feel that we extend a lot of grace in this area. Below is the current policy the school board has adopted:

TARDINESS: Promptness is a virtue which we trust our students will learn early in life. However, if students are tardy for school, they **MUST report to the school office** to receive an admission slip to class. Tardy students are expected to obtain assignments for any missed classes and complete them as if they had been in class. No more than seven unexcused tardies are allowed per quarter. **At seven unexcused tardies there will be a parent/administrator conference. At eight unexcused tardies the child will serve a consequence (community service, detention, etc.)** If there are subsequent tardies in the quarter, the child could be suspended for the day.

There is no penalty for excused tardiness. Examples of excused tardiness: car trouble, illness, and appointments.

Please understand that your child's education is important. When a student is late, important instruction is missed. This **causes a disruption to the class and takes time away from all the other students.**

Thank you for your assistance in limiting classroom disruptions.

ANNUAL COLOR RUN

Be on the lookout for an email the second week of February regarding our Color Run. We are still working out the details for this fundraiser.

NO REHEATS

Please note that on grill days when we do not eat in the cafeteria, do not send your child with any food that needs to be heated up in the microwave.



Compassion International

Please remember to continue to support our *Compassion International* program. As a school, we are sponsoring two children, Jeki from Indonesia and Carlos from Bolivia. Their pictures and biographies are posted in the hallway. We ask our students to bring in 50 cents every Wednesday. This is our continuing mission project, and we want to teach our children how to reach out and help other children who are in need.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 10	Spring Pictures	April 7 - 14	Spring Break
Feb. 22	Teacher Development Day - Half Day	April 28	Pima County Fair Field Trip
Feb. 23 - 24	Rodeo Break - No School	May 5	Spring Program 7 p.m.
March 3	Open House - Half Day	May 24	Preschool Graduation - 8:45 a.m.
March 10	Grading Day - No School		Kindergarten Graduation - 9:45 a.m.
March 17	Color Run - Half Day		Honors Chapel & 6th grade Graduation at 11:00 a.m.
Mar. 27 - 31	Standardized Testing		
April 6	Teacher Development Day - Half Day	May 25	Last Day of School

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