

# **Welcome to Thales Academy!**



## **Student Success Guide**

**Rolesville JH/HS**  
**2021-2022**

INCLUDED INFORMATION

- Forms and Documents for New Families
- Canvas, onRecord, and Smart Tuition
- School Calendar and Bell Schedule
- Dress Code
- Lunch Information
- Carpool Procedures
- Clubs and Sports

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# FORMS AND DOCUMENTS FOR NEW FAMILIES

## CLASS SCHEDULING

**Course Registration:** This is the form to register for courses for all grades 6-12.

**Course Catalog:** This is an overview of all of our courses and curriculum at our 6-12 campuses.

## TECHNOLOGY

**Technology Handbook:** This is the user agreement that all 6-12 students agree to before being issued a school iPad.

**Canvas Pairing Guide:** These are directions on how to set up a Canvas account for new Thales Academy families.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**After School Care Registration:** Thales Academy Middle School After School serves grades 6 - 9. During the week, students will participate in a variety of enrichment activities with opportunities for skill development, physical activity and fun. After school operates from school dismissal until 6p. We will have full time and part time options available. Register here: [Registration Link](#)

**Parents and Teachers for Thales Interest Form:** Parents and Teachers for Thales (PATT) is the parent organization at school. Its purpose is to assist in the promotion of excellence in the programs and atmosphere at Thales Academy. PATT provides voluntary support for the school's social activities.

**Student Handbook**

**Junior High Supply List**

**High School Supply List**

**PE Uniform and Spirit Wear:** Please see the links below to order PE uniforms and spirit wear.

**PE Apparel:** <https://thalesrolesvillepe.itemorder.com/>

**Knight Spirit Wear:** <https://thalesrolesvillespirit.itemorder.com/>

Students can proudly wear their spirit wear to sporting events, certain school outings, and on the last Friday of every month. Hoodies and crewneck sweatshirts are not allowed on campus unless it is on an approved spirit shirt day. Students must wear a PE uniform during PE.

# SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR

## BELL SCHEDULE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:55-8:40	1st Period	1st Period	First Period	Fifth Period	1st Period
8:45-9:30	2nd Period	2nd Period			2nd Period
9:35-10:20	3rd Period	3rd Period	Second Period	Sixth Period	3rd Period
10:25-11:10	4th Period	4th Period			4th Period
11:15-11:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:00-12:45	5th Period	5th Period	Third Period	Seventh Period	5th Period
12:50-1:35	6th Period	6th Period			6th Period
1:40-2:25	7th Period	7th Period	Fourth Period	Eighth Period	7th Period
2:30-3:15	8th Period	8th Period			8th Period
* Student Driver's released at 3:15p					
* Carpool Begins at 3:19p					

## SCHOOL CALENDAR



### 2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TRACK IN	TRACK OUT
<b>MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021 thru FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021</b> Monday, 9/6 Labor Day Holiday	<b>SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 thru OCTOBER 10, 2021</b> Three Week Break
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 thru FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021</b> Monday, 11/22 thru Friday, 11/26 Thanksgiving Break	<b>DECEMBER 18, 2021 thru JANUARY 9, 2022</b> Three Week Break
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 thru FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022</b> Monday, 1/17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	<b>MARCH 19, 2022 thru APRIL 10, 2022</b> Three Week Break  <i>*Three Week Break-Includes possible make-up days of March 21-25, 2022*</i>
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 thru FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022</b> Friday, 4/15 Good Friday Holiday Monday, 5/30 Memorial Day Holiday	<b>JUNE 12, 2022 thru JULY 17, 2022</b> 5 Week Summer Break

There is **ONE** day built into the calendar for inclement weather.

All **OTHER** possible make-up days for 2021-22 will come from the first week of third track-out during the week of March 21-25, 2022.

**2022 – 2023 School Year Start Date: Monday, July 18, 2022**

## DRESS CODE

## BOTTOMS

## Dress Pants, Shorts and Skorts

Color: Khaki or navy blue full length pants or knee length shorts or skirts.

No knit, stretch, denim, capri, or corduroy.

Pants, shorts and skirts should be free of holes.

Belts must be worn with pants if they have belt loops, be brown or black in color, and cannot be embellished with decorations.

## TOPS

Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Fleece

Inside: Jackets and sweatshirts with hoods and crewneck sweatshirts are not compliant with the dress code. The following items are acceptable in the building:

Collared shirts – long sleeve or short sleeve. Polo style. Colors are solid navy blue, red, light blue, hunter green, or maize yellow.

Sweater, 1/4 zip or 1/2 zip pullover, or cardigan - crewneck or v-neck in solid navy blue, red, light blue, hunter green or maize yellow. No graphics or prominent logos permitted.

Undergarments must not be visible when students are in uniform.

Shirts must be properly buttoned and must be tucked in at all times. If it is not long enough to stay tucked in, it is not an appropriate shirt. No deep v-necks or plunging necklines. Undershirts and camisoles should match school colors and should be tucked in appropriately.

Outside: There are no restrictions on outerwear worn outside of the school building.

## FOOTWEAR

Tennis Shoes.

Dress shoes: Brown or black in color.

No heels, boots, sandals, clogs, flip flops or mules.

Heelies wheels, Crocs, and shoes that blink are not permitted to be worn in school.

Socks: If worn, must be solid color of white, black or navy blue.

# DRESS CODE

## ACCESSORIES

Jewelry/watches/belt buckles should not be excessively large or gaudy and should not contain inappropriate text or symbols.

Earrings, for girls, should be small and age-appropriate.

No facial piercings.

Make-up should not be heavy.

No heavy chains or necklaces, temporary and/or permanent tattoos, face/body glitter, colored, highlighted, tinted and/or dyed hair in unnatural colors, faux hawks, boys with earrings, hats inside buildings, bandanas or other head coverings.

Boys' hair length should be above the collar and hair should be kept clean cut.

## OTHER NOTES REGARDING THE DRESS CODE

Shirts are to be tucked in at all times.

Bike or knit shorts are to be worn under jumpers or skirts.

No coats, hoodies, jackets, sweatshirts or non-uniform sweaters may be worn in the classroom. Uniform sweaters or fleece pullovers, jackets, and vests may be worn over uniform shirts or turtlenecks.

Backpacks: Wheeled backpacks are prohibited.

School administration has final say on whether or not an item is acceptable in reference to dress code.

## PE UNIFORMS\*

Students must dress-out for PE and are required to wear a gym uniform consisting of navy shorts and a Thales Academy grey t-shirt. All students should have their name written clearly on each article of clothing. It is recommended that this be placed inside the collar of the shirt and on the tag of the shorts.

[\\*Purchase PE Apparel Here](#)

## DRESS-DOWN POLICY\*

Thales Academy holds special "dress-down days" where students and teachers may wear attire outside of the normal dress code.

- Spirit T-shirt with uniform bottoms - one time per quarter and on Field Day
- Spirit Week – themed apparel TBA - one week, once/year
- Game Day – student athletes may dress in business casual attire on days in which they will compete in an athletic event (see Athletic Handbook for details)

[\\*Purchase Spirit-Wear Here](#)

# LUNCH INFORMATION

## LUNCH PROCEDURES

- JH students eat lunch in their homerooms during the lunch period.
- HS students have the choice of eating lunch in a designated room or on the mezzanine.

## MYHOTLUNCHBOX

We have partnered with My Hot Lunchbox as our hot lunch provider. To begin ordering lunches, click the link below\* to log in, or to create a new free account. If you are an existing customer and your student is new to the Rolesville campus, you will need to log in and then add a new profile in which you select Thales Rolesville as your student's campus.

[\\*Order from MyHotLunchBox Here](#)

If you have any questions, please give them a call at (888) 894-8295 or email them at [info@myhotlunchbox.com](mailto:info@myhotlunchbox.com).

## HOMEROOM CLASSROOMS

For those families transitioning to our campus from a Thales K-5 campus, the role change in homeroom placement is notable in the transition to the 6-12 campus. Emails regarding absences or illnesses should be sent to the front office to Michelle Skerlos at [michelle.skerlow@thalesacademy.org](mailto:michelle.skerlow@thalesacademy.org). You are welcome to copy subject teachers on these emails, but it is not necessary to include the homeroom teacher on that correspondence as students report to homeroom classes for lunch only.

## LIVESCHOOL

Our campus behavior system is called LiveSchool. Students have an app on their iPad by which they are able to access their LiveSchool account to track positive and negative points they receive. Parents are able to see these points as well by creating a LiveSchool account synced with an access code to your child's account. These LiveSchool access codes will be shared the week before school begins as well.

# CARPOOL PROCEDURES

## ENTERING AND EXITING CAMPUS

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All cars will enter campus through the Granite Falls Blvd entrance to campus\*. Parents will turn into the driveway from Granite Falls Blvd and proceed down this driveway. Drivers will use two traffic lanes around the building. A staff member will be located at the corner of the front of the building to instruct families before they pull in at the front of the building. Once all cars have stopped at the front entrance of the building, students will exit/enter their vehicle by the direction of a staff member.

[\\*View the Carpool Map](#)

## MORNING CARPOOL

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Staffed morning carpool begins at 7:15am. A bell rings at 7:35a which releases students to 1st period from the gym and then the bell rings at 7:55am for 1st period so any student arriving after this time will be counted tardy for the day. Teachers will be out in the morning to assist with traffic.

## AFTERNOON CARPOOL

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Afternoon carpool will begin at 3:19pm. Parents MAY NOT line up prior to 3:00p. Carpool will run from 3:19pm-3:45pm for all 6-12 students. Any students not picked up after 3:45pm will be charged a late fee in SmartTuition. Students will dismiss from their 8th period classroom. In an effort to provide social distancing during afternoon carpool, we will be limiting the number of students waiting outside on the porch. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we ensure students exit the building safely.

## STUDENT DRIVERS

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If your child is planning to drive to school they must have a parking permit\* and a signed contract on file. Permits and driving contracts can be found in the front office and on Canvas. Student drivers are released at the 3:15p bell and are encouraged to exit campus quickly and safely to avoid afternoon carpool.

[\\*Complete a Student Driver Parking Permit Form](#)



# CARPOOL PROCEDURES

## STUDENT WALKERS

Students who wish to walk home must complete a permission form\*. Please note, walkers should be going to a fixed, consistent, nearby location to be walked to on a daily basis (i.e. a home in a local neighborhood or local business where the parent/guardian is employed). A fixed location excludes Storage Drive. Walkers will be released at the start of carpool at 3:19p each day.

[\\*Complete a Student Walker Permission Form](#)

## TIPS FOR CARPOOL

- No cell phone use is permitted once the line begins to move for the safety of your children.
- Parents should not be parking in the parking lot during morning or afternoon carpool to avoid dropping off in the line. This slows down the flow of traffic on campus tremendously. All cars will be asked to drive through the line.
- Parents are encouraged to form a double lane on campus in the morning and afternoon to help ease the traffic off of Granite Falls Blvd. in the afternoon.
- We respectfully request that you do not flash the tag at the caller and not display it throughout the carpool as this slows the line for all staff and parents. Please keep your carpool tag hung for the entire duration of carpool.
- Be sure to make carpool arrangements for your child PRIOR to the school day. Be sure to share these plans thoroughly with your child so that they know what to expect and they know when you will pick them up.
- It is helpful if you are picking up multiple children make sure to give the caller outside a short name that your riders will recognize (example: The Smith Crew; The Jones Family; John Doe and Crew). This helps keep the line moving efficiently.
- Have your name tag visible throughout the duration of carpool. You are welcome to use our tag or the tag from another campus. You can even make your own! If you need a tag though please let the office know by contacting Michelle Skerlos at [michelle.skerlos@thalesacademy.org](mailto:michelle.skerlos@thalesacademy.org).
- Please remind your child that they need to come out quickly when his/her name is called.
- Carpool Tags: All new families will receive two carpool tags per family the week before school starts at our Open House/Meet the Teacher events.

## SPORTS

Varsity (grades 9-12)		
<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Volleyball</li> <li>• Men's Soccer</li> <li>• Men's Cross Country</li> <li>• Women's Cross Country</li> <li>• Co-ed Cheerleading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Basketball</li> <li>• Men's Basketball</li> <li>• Co-ed Cheerleading</li> <li>• Co-ed Swimming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Baseball</li> <li>• Women's Soccer</li> </ul>

  

Junior High (grades 6-8)		
<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls' Volleyball</li> <li>• Boys' Soccer</li> <li>• Boys' Cross Country</li> <li>• Girls' Cross Country</li> <li>• Co-ed Cheerleading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls' Basketball</li> <li>• Boys' Basketball</li> <li>• Co-ed Cheerleading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys' Baseball</li> <li>• Girls' Soccer</li> <li>• Girls' Softball</li> </ul>

## CLUBS

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### KEY CLUB

This club exists to help students build character through leadership and service. In partnership with the Kiwanis Club, Key Club will enable student to develop service projects in the local community and meet their service hours graduation requirement. This club is open to students grades 9-12; see Mrs. Franco for details. This club will meet on a day TBD during lunch in Mrs. Franco's room.

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club is open to all readers in grades 6-12. They meet during lunch in Mrs. Cheng's room.

TUE

### SPEECH & DEBATE

This club exists to develop competitive speech and debate skills allowing students to find success at local, regional, and nationals competitions. Students will meet once per week to identify competition events, practice skills, and prepare for competitions. This club is open to all students grades 6-12. It meets from 3:45-5pm in room 203 on Tuesday afternoons.

## CLUBS CONT'D



### ROBOTICS CLUB

First Tech Challenge/Robotics Club is oriented around designing and building a competitive robot according to yearly competition specs from First Tech Robotics. Students meet twice a week in Mrs. Tully's LIT room from 3:45-5:30pm. Students compete in regional, state, and national competition bringing their technical skills to compete against some of the best schools in the country.

### QUIZ BOWL

This club enables students 6-12 to prepare for competition in the NCASA Quiz Bowl tournament schedule. This club meets on alternating Tuesdays in Mrs. Chappell's room from 3:45-4:30pm. Interested students should contact Mrs. Chappell.

### OUTSIDE

We strive to plan and develop school-wide acts of kindness and compassion. As virtuous leaders, it is our responsibility to express compassion and care for all members of the Thales community. This club is open to students grades 8-12, and meets on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30pm. See Ms. Cheng for more information

WED

### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

This club is a team competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various scientific disciplines, including earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering. This club gives students the tools to prepare for the contests, and organizes them in teams to work on their contests at home. Every two weeks, the club will gather before the school day begins to check in with the club sponsors. Interested students grades 6-12 should contact Mr. Beck for details.

### HISTORY CLUB

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future." The Thales Rolesville History Club takes this advice to heart. Whether club members are watching a movie, enjoying a field trip, or participating in a debate, they devour as many interesting facts as they can. They are inspired not only by personal pleasure but also by a desire to understand why the world is as it is today and what it may be like in the future. The club is open to any high school student who has an interest in history, contributing to the club's diversity. This year, the club will aim to be active in their pursuit of historical understanding. We will have opportunities to do research, debates and hands-on-learning and discovery through field trip opportunities. History Club meets in Mrs. Kelly's room during lunch on alternating Wednesdays. See Mrs. Kelly for more details.

### YEARBOOK CLUB

This club will gather to learn the process of developing a yearbook, choose assignment of events in the life of the school to document, and work with Mr. Begley to produce a yearbook for the 2021-2022 school year. This club will meet every two weeks for Q1 and Q2, and weekly during Q3 and Q4 and is open for 6-12 students. See Mr. Begley for specific details

### ART CLUB

This club exists to help students learn new art techniques and develop self-driven projects. Art Club will meet every two weeks, in Mr. Begley's room, on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30PM. See Mr. Begley for more details.

## CLUBS CONT'D

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### JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

The Junior Classical League (JCL) exists to promote learning about Latin, Greek, and the ancient world in secondary schools and universities. Through the JCL and our state chapter, the North Carolina Junior Classical League, students attend annual conventions, compete in a variety of contests, and work in their local communities with the common goal of keeping alive the study of the ancient past. JCL meets on Thursdays from 3:45-4:30p.

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### FIRST TECH

First Tech Challenge/Robotics Club is oriented around designing and building a competitive robot according to yearly competition specs from First Tech Robotics. Students meet twice a week in Mrs. Tully's LIT room from 3:45-5:30pm. Students compete in regional, state, and national competition bringing their technical skills to compete against some of the best schools in the country.

### KNIGHTLY NEWS

This club will develop the skills required to produce a morning news show that will periodically replace morning announcements for the student body. This club is open to high school students, and will meet on Thursdays in Mrs. Fischer's room from 3:45- 4:30pm.

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### FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) seeks to encourage students and athletes in their Christian Faith/Community/Fellowship by gathering weekly on Fridays before school for a brief devotional/encouragement talk, donuts, and coffee. For more details, contact Mr. Taylor or Mrs. Jones.

MISC.

### BIRD CLUB

This club exists to observe the beauty of nature in the birds near Thales Academy Rolesville. On certain mornings, to be determined by the Bird Doctor (Begley), students and teachers will arrive at school early and watch birds together. See Dr. Begley for more information about this club. It is open to students 6-12, but all members must have the skills of silence and patience lest they scare away the birds.

### GARDEN CLUB

This club exists to cultivate the raised garden plots next to the soccer field. Members will work with Mrs. Gruber to learn about the plants, how to care for them, and gather occasionally to weed the garden plots. Contact Mrs. Gruber for details about how to be part of this club dedicated to increasing the beauty and order of our campus' gardens!

### ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

The purpose of this club is to participate in competition oriented around solving a problem given at the beginning of the school year following the guidelines/rules provided. Teams are responsible for building items, building sets, designing/making costumes, coming up with a script and then performing at competition in March. This club promotes critical thinking, creativity, public speaking, and collaboration. Contact Mrs. Polomik or Mrs. Babor for more information.

## ABOUT CANVAS

Canvas is used for daily class communication and assignments, so parents are encouraged to use Canvas to stay up-to-date on student activity. Grades for all submitted assignments are posted to Canvas every Monday by 4pm. This campus-level page\* will remain accessible to all parents without a Canvas account, but to access campus announcements and email notifications, as well as course-level student-specific information, including assignments, class announcements, and student grades, parents will need to create an account in Canvas.

[\\*Access the Thales Academy JH/HS Canvas](#)

## USING PAIRING CODES TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Parent accounts should be created at the login page from the link "Parent of a Canvas user? Click here for an account." This process requires a pairing code. You can see this document\* for how you can generate your own. Pairing codes are one-time-use only and expire after 7 days if unused.

[\\*Pairing Code Guide](#)

## TIPS FOR USING CANVAS

Once logged into Canvas, your student's courses will be listed on your Dashboard. Please see the Getting Started with Canvas guide to learn how to customize your dashboard, view grades, and access all course content.

[\\*Getting Started with Canvas](#)

## ABOUT ONRECORD AND SMART TUITION

The onRecord Student Information System contains information about your student's Enrollment, Registration, Attendance, and Final Report Cards. An onRecord account is created during the application process. All payments for tuition and incidental items like field trips and club fees can be paid from the Smart Tuition link on the onRecord resource board. If you would like to access Smart Tuition independently from onRecord, you will need to create an additional username and password from your Smart Tuition account under Edit My Profile>My Username & Password>Update.

[\\*Access onRecord](#)



# UPCOMING DATES; SOCIAL MEDIA

## UPCOMING DATES



6th Grade Open House: Wednesday, July 14th from 2:45p-4:15p

7th & 8th Grade Open House: July 14th at 5:30p

High School Open House: July 14th at 6:45p

New Parent Orientation: July 14th at 4:30p

Open Building: July 16th @ 2-4pm

First Day of School: July 19th

Club Fair and Back to School Bash: July 22nd at 4:00p

Athletics Informational Meeting: July 22nd at 5:30p

## SOCIAL MEDIA



[Thales Academy Rolesville Facebook Page](#)

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[Thales Academy Rolesville Athletics Page](#)