



## Elementary Profile

### Grace Christian School

GCS provides an education that encourages a vital love for God, a commitment to academic excellence, and a dedication to service. Serving Central Ohio families for over 36 years, we provide an excellent, distinctly Christian education from K through 8th grade.

#### GCS Elementary School

Our curriculum is designed to provide students with a thorough and cohesive program of learning based on a Christian worldview. Teachers assist students in developing necessary skills and knowledge, while fueling the natural curiosity of young children. Through a well-planned scope and sequence, increasing in complexity and fostering essential independence, students leaving our Elementary School are well prepared to meet the middle school years with confidence.

#### Elementary School

Core Classrooms	13
Faculty Members	
K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	270
Student to Teacher Ratio	22:1

#### Memberships

- Assn. of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Christian Schools International (CSI)

#### Grades

Students in Kindergarten receive academic report card grades of 1-4. Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades are graded on a A through F scale.

#### Ekklesia (Chapel)

One of the most special aspects of our school is Ekklesia. Held weekly on Wednesday mornings, each chapel service gives the opportunity for worship through scripture, singing, prayer, and praise, and may include lessons presented by pastors, students, teachers, and guests speakers. Our students truly love and appreciate the worship and praise element that exists in every Ekklesia. We invite and welcome parents, family and friends to join us each week.

### Our Principles

#### Faith

Faith is not hope—faith is the means by which we receive the things for which we hope. As a school of faith, and as teachers and staff at GCS, our purpose is to model, and give witness to, faith every day, and to inspire our students to do the same.

#### Preparation

The Bible tells us that perseverance and preparation go together. As a school of preparation, we believe our students are called to learn to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and active participants in their faith, in their citizenship, and as life-long learners.

#### Community

Throughout the Bible, “community” is mentioned as a way of life, particularly in the early Church. As a school of community, we believe in the partnership of our families, the church, and our school in reinforcing critical values. Those values include our hope in the Gospel message, respect for individuals, and the dignity of life.

#### Service

The Bible tells us that each of us should use whatever gifts God has uniquely given to us to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Service is belief in action, and, ultimately, service enables our students to develop important leadership skills through Christ. Our school's ongoing service initiative includes supplying food for the ESGBC food pantry, and our “Grace Close to Home” outreach.

#### Spirit

It is a common Bible teaching that how a man thinks is expressed in his actions (Prov. 23:7; Matt. 12:34). Our spirit, the essential us, refers to our thoughts, and, therefore, also to the actions which we take to express those thoughts, or disposition, within us. As a school of spirit, we foster an environment where students learn, interact, and develop friendships in a real world setting, allowing them to appreciate how each of us are uniquely created in God's image, and to bind them together in our shared values.

#### Leadership

Character is the conduit for producing Christian service and leadership. We lead out of who we are in Christ. As a school of leadership, our goal is to inspire students into Christian leadership that embodies worshipping Christ, and includes a teaching and serving process that envisions, influences, shapes, and enhances leaders, and followers, who realize God's goals for change within their community.

# Current Course Offerings for Grades K-5

## Bible Instruction

One of the defining characteristics of GCS is that Biblical principles are integrated into all classes and the entire educational experience. Elementary Bible classes aim to develop Biblical literacy in children. Stories from the Old and New Testament develop a sense of Biblical history and an awareness of God's character, culminating in the person and work of Jesus. Children learn they are made in the image of God, are loved by Him, and are made for a purpose – to follow Him in all things and to live a life pleasing to Him. The Christian worldview perspective is integral to instruction in all subject areas.

## Language Arts

Children K through grade 2 develop a foundation in phonics to establish strong reading and writing skills. Grades 3 through 5 focus on comprehension strategies through the guided reading of classic literature novels. Readers are also required to select level-specific books to read independently. Proficiency in writing, grammar, spelling and handwriting develop as a result.

## Mathematics

## Science

## History & Social Studies

## Physical Education

## Spanish

## Technology

## Music and Art

## Activities & Clubs

## Before Care/After Care

## Bus Service

