



Faith. Preparation. Community. Service. Spirit. Leadership.



Dear Prospective GCS Family,

Providing a Christian education involves much more than offering students courses in religion. Christian education, as we at Grace Christian School view it, is the integration of Biblical teaching in all of our courses so that our students learn to see God in all facets of life. In GCS's Christ-centered curriculum, God's word is the standard of truth and authority by which all subjects are taught.

Additionally, Christian education is more than just offering traditional areas of instruction--it is offering an education so that students will be exposed to academic excellence. GCS makes no apology for striving for excellence in its more unique areas of instruction like having all students learn a foreign language, providing an all-day, phonics based kindergarten, and offering exceptional instrumental and vocal music programs.

Our commitment to providing students with an unsurpassed educational experience is further demonstrated in our partnerships with the University of Richmond and Boston University, which provide students with a school technology program that provides them with necessary skills for high school, college and beyond. Students also have the opportunity to participate in specialized creative writing, spelling, speech, science and mathematics competitions involving other private schools.

The teaching faculty and administrative staff at GCS exist to reinforce and support you as parents. Just as important, parents of students at GCS must be committed to helping their child achieve their God-given potential by working in conjunction with us. When the school and parents partner together, not only are children affirmed for who they are, but also the highest ideals of Christian conduct and achievement are realized.

Educating children today to become Christ-centered leaders of tomorrow has been the hallmark of the education we at GCS have provided for more than a quarter of a century. We are honored and privileged to continue this tradition of excellence as we join with you to provide the superior quality of Christian education Grace Christian School affords.

In His Service,

Mrs. Cynthia V. Phillips, Head of School

They will be  
called oaks of  
righteousness,  
a planting of  
the Lord for the  
display of his  
splendor.

Isaiah 61:3

# WHY Christian Education?

A quality Christian school should never become an institution that shelters students into a reclusive life. That is not the purpose of Christian education. In fact, the mission of Christian education is to do just the opposite – serve the community and equip students to be transforming influences in the world for Jesus Christ. Travel opportunities, missions trips, international student programs, and community service are just some of the ways students at a Christian school learn about the world and how to share their faith.



**The Cardus Education Survey is the most comprehensive study ever done** on the outcomes of K-12 Christian education. The study found that Christian school graduates, as compared to graduates from non-faith based schools, charter schools, and public schools, are:

- More outwardly-focused individuals with a higher commitment to family, church, and the larger society
- Donate significantly more money, are more generous with their time, and participate in far more relief and development services than their peers
- More confident
- More likely to graduate from college
- Less likely to divorce
- Pray more
- Read the Bible more often

## A True PARTNERSHIP

A Christian school does not replace the role of the parent or church; a Christian school like GCS becomes a partner with the parent and church. Christian parents today, too often, feel as if they are battling an entire culture in order to raise Godly children. Parents increase their effectiveness by widening the circle of influence around their children with other Godly adults. At a Christian school, students are taught by faculty and staff who share the same basic values and beliefs as the parents. It is a partnership. Those relationships will have a lasting influence on your child.



# WHY is a Biblical Worldview important?

History, science, the arts, and every subject, every curriculum, and every teacher has a point of view. There is no such thing as neutral. If a Christian viewpoint is not present, the only other option is a non-Christian viewpoint. Not allowing prayer, not wishing “Merry Christmas” or explaining how God is not involved in history, are just some of hundreds of examples that present God as non-existent or unimportant when this supposedly “neutral” point of view is presented. Children are bombarded with non-Christian messaging from movies, TV, music, social media, academia, and more. We believe that a school should be instrumental in equipping children to understand the truth about life, the world, and their place in it, and that truth includes God.

## Teaching from a BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

We all have a lens through which we view and understand the world. It forms from your life experiences, and your beliefs and values. It includes what you believe to be true. A Biblical worldview means that you examine, evaluate, and make sense of the world through the truth of the Bible. Christian schools teach from a Biblical worldview. Christian teachers and coaches integrate Biblical values into every program of the school.

But grow in  
the grace and  
knowledge of our  
Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ. To  
him be glory both  
now and forever!

Amen.

2 Peter 3:18



# About our **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



3rd Grade Field Trip to the Ohio  
Historical Society

Core Classroom Faculty Members **16**

K-5th Grade **228**

Student to Teacher Ratio **19:1**

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 38 years, we provide an excellent, distinctly Christian education from preschool through 8th grade.

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.

## Current Course Offerings for Kindergarten - 5th Grade

- Bible Instruction
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- History & Social Studies
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Technology
- Music
- Art

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.

# 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.

## 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 affirm their identity in Christ.

## Preparation

The Bible tells us that perseverance and preparation go together. 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.

## Spirit

Our spirit, the essential us, refers to both our thoughts and actions (Prov. 23:7; Matt.12:34). Students learn and develop friendships in a setting, that enables them to appreciate how each individual is uniquely created in God's image while binding them together in shared values.

## Community

Throughout the Bible, "community" is mentioned as a way of life, particularly in the early Church. 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.

## Leadership

Character is the conduit for producing Christian service and leadership. We lead out of who we are in Christ. Our goal is to inspire students into Christian leadership that embodies worshiping Christ, and includes a teaching and serving process that envisions, influences, shapes, and enhances followers of Christ.

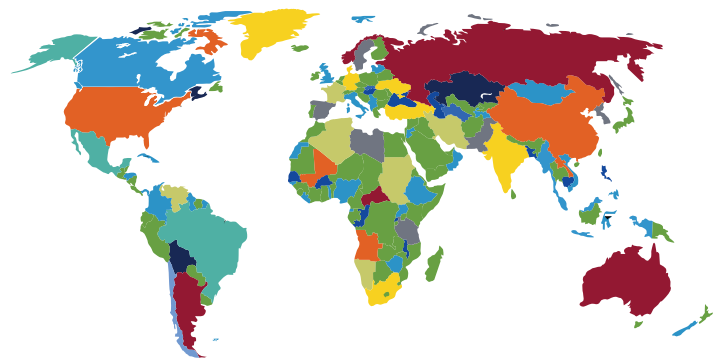


# About EKKLESIA

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 at 9am on Wednesday mornings.**



Joy Run



Over 20 countries are represented at GCS

At GCS, we desire to *Spread Grace*

At GCS, we are a beautiful, diverse community of families who love Jesus. We seek to equip and encourage one another as we strive to raise Christ-centric adults. As a school, we provide:

- Opportunities to connect at events designed for fellowship and fun!
- Opportunities to grow as parents and families!
- Online Resources available when you're available!





3rd Grade Science Experiments



2nd Grade Book Character Day



5th Grade Camp

# Hear from our FAMILIES

We have 2 children that attend Grace Christian School. We can honestly say that it is the best investment we have made for our children. We wanted a school that supported their Christian upbringing and challenged them academically. The commitment, love, and care the entire staff pours into our children is above and beyond. We are thankful that Jesus Christ is at the center of everything GCS does. This school is committed to developing our children into servants of Christ. We have witnessed the fruits both academically and spiritually in our children, and we are so thankful that our children have the opportunity to experience an excellent Christian education.

*- Parfait & Kelly Kirura*

GCS has an amazing way of empowering families to consider God in every aspect. Since preschool we have witnessed our children develop an extraordinary love for Christ. GCS has the total package! A great balance both biblically and academically. The advanced curriculum cultivates learning and fun. Our children love GCS and highly enjoy going to school each day. By partnering with GCS, together we are strengthening our children to grow in grace and become the leaders of today. It takes a village to raise a child and GCS has become our village to help support, love and develop our children, keeping God in mind! *-Tywan & Nina Banks*



Spring Musical for grades 4th - 8th



# Elementary Tuition

## Gross Tuition

**\$5,300**

## Annual Payment (2% reduction)

**\$5,194.00**

due in full 7/1

## Semi-Annual Payments (1% reduction)

**\$2,623.50** / twice year

due in full 7/1 & 12/31

## Monthly Payments

(July 2017 - June 2018)

**\$441.67** / month

## Tuition Reductions

There is a 1% discount for paying tuition semi-annually and a 2% discount for paying tuition annually.

Families are also eligible for these reductions:

- Second (and each additional) child: 10%
- East Side Grace Brethren attendees: 10% (if the family regularly attends ESGBC and is actively involved in a church ministry program)

# Admissions-Related Fees

## Application Fee

A non-refundable fee due when the application for admission is submitted. The application packet is not complete until the application fee is received:

- **\$115 per student** for current families if turned in by February 23, 2018; for applications and/or application fees turned in after February 23, 2018, the fee is \$165
- **\$140 for each new student** (for siblings of existing students as well); due at the time of Application.

## Family Facility Fee

A non-refundable fee due by April 27, 2018 or upon acceptance to Grace Christian School, whichever is later.

Family Facility Fee (One Student at GCS): \$500

Family Facility Fee (Two Students at GCS): \$525

Family Facility Fee (Three or More Students at GCS): \$550

If Facility Fee paid after  
April 27, 2018 add: \$50

# Extended Care

Extended care is offered before and after school from 7:15-8:15 and after school from end of dismissal until 5:30. The cost is \$5.50 per hour. There is a late fee of \$1 per minute after 5:30. Please see the Parent Student Handbook for full extended care information.

# Next Steps

## Have questions?

Contact us.

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you to schedule a tour.  
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