



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

Preschool



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

Dear Prospective Preschool Family,

Grace Christian School exists to glorify God by providing an educational community committed to the classical and Christian ideals of truth, goodness and beauty, the cultivation of wisdom and virtue, and the integration of faith and learning with all of life. Our goal is to partner with families to cultivate students committed to impacting our culture for Christ.

Grace Christian School is focused on education with a Biblical worldview. All subjects at Grace Christian School are taught as part of an integrated whole with God's Word at the center. God's Word is the standard of truth and authority by which all subjects are taught. The purpose of this is to help students see God's sovereignty over all things and to glorify Him as Lord. GCS teachers, administration, and support staff are committed to demonstrating excellence as they devote themselves to educating students and training the next generation of Christian leaders.

Developmentally and age-appropriate practices are a result of biblically-based, research-informed concepts providing understanding of how young children grow and learn. Such practices involve teaching to the developmental domains of the whole child: spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and cognitive. These practices meet children where they are in their unique God-designed development, allowing for achievable goals while encouraging challenge and independent exploration. Developmentally appropriate practices take into consideration the ability, interests, culture, diversity, personality, and temperament of each child.

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

About our PRESCHOOL



Grace Christian Preschool was established using the same spiritual and academic teaching philosophies of Grace Christian School, founded in 1981. We are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. Our classroom teachers have been licensed by the Ohio Department of Education, have a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA), or a background in early childhood with ongoing training each year. Head of School is Cindy Phillips. Preschool Director is Stephanie Christian.

Our Philosophy

It is our goal that children are encouraged to learn and grow by providing developmentally appropriate experiences where all children can succeed in a safe and nurturing environment. We offer a curriculum rooted in a God-centered Biblical world view. This view holds that the Bible is the inherent Word of God and God's truth is the standard for all truth.

Core Values

Our educators believe all children:

- Are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26)
- Are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14)
- Are sinners in need of a Savior (Romans 3:23)
- Have lives marked with a purpose (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Are valued by God (Matthew 19:14)

Importance of Classroom Environment

Our educators understand the importance of the indoor and outdoor learning environments. They design a rich atmosphere which provides a variety of safe and reassuring stimuli for the different needs of each student. A wide variety of age-appropriate opportunities are provided to help move each child toward mastery of skills and concepts. Decisions about classroom resources and materials are planned and implemented with each child in mind, reflecting a biblical worldview.

3.5 – 5 Year Old Preschool Classes

Our program has four classrooms that provide a scaffolded and spiral approach to teaching the curriculum to both meet students where they are and challenge them to the next level of learning. We focus on social, emotional, and spiritual development, as this is what sets them up with a solid foundation for the education ahead of them. We provide developmentally appropriate practices for learning through play and hands-on activities that support their cognitive and physical development, pre-reading and numeracy skills, and communication skills. As our students grow in their skills and work toward Kindergarten readiness, they have a regular focus on studying the Bible, math, phonics, language arts, beginning writing, social studies, and science. Children must be 3 years 6 months of age by September 1, 2024 and fully potty-trained and able to use the bathroom with no assistance.



Our COMMUNITY

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!

We chose to send our children to Grace Christian School because we knew that it was a place where our family's core values are extended from our home to the classroom. Not only are our children receiving an excellent education but they are being taught God's word, the importance of kindness and inclusion, love and compassion, and the value of hard work. - *Laura Espy-Bell*

Check out this Resource for Parents: [Kidslinked.com](https://www.kidslinked.com)

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 a child.

WHY is a Biblical Worldview important?

History, science, the arts, in 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 not explaining how God is 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 our life experiences, and our beliefs and values. It includes what we believe to be true. A Biblical worldview means that we 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.

Our MISSION

We engage students in an education of excellence enabling them to impact the world through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The education of Grace Christian School is grounded in Biblical truth, Christ’s redeeming grace, and the historical Christian faith. Students prepare for and learn through opportunities to live out their faith, in worship, love, and obedience in light of the Bible and a creation-fall-redemption-restoration framework. Our mission is to engage students in an education of excellence, enabling them to impact the world through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We prepare and equip our students for life pursuits so that they may both participate in Christ’s redemptive work and grow in their relationship with Him.

Authentically CHRISTIAN, Distinctively CLASSICAL

A classical Christian understanding of life makes a profound difference in how we approach education. From the content of our curriculum to the methods of our teachers to the culture of our students and parents, an authentic Christian faith and a distinctively classical philosophy of education inform every aspect of our mission.

At our core, Grace Christian believes in:

- + **Glorifying God:** Grace Christian was founded on the conviction that our highest purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This conviction informs our whole approach to education as we seek to love God with all our hearts and minds and serve others with the gifts he has given us.
- + **Impacting Lives:** More than just academics, Grace Christian exists to impact the lives of students, families, and our community. We accomplish this by providing a safe and nurturing educational community committed to discipleship, education, and service.
- + **Daring to be Wise:** The classical Christian tradition teaches that wisdom is supreme and that the source and origin of a wise and flourishing life comes from the Lord; He gives wisdom and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:6). This conviction drives our passion for learning within the context of a biblical world and life view.
- + **Celebrating Diversity:** As a diverse community of Christians, our purpose is to further biblical understanding of life through Christian education, in partnership with families and the church.

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 guest speakers. Our students truly love and appreciate the worship and praise element that exists in every Ekklesia.



The WARRIOR CODE

At GCS, we abide by the Warrior Code.

A Warrior **Accepts Responsibility, Demonstrates Humility, Leads Courageously and Rejects Passivity.**



A Warrior displays:

COURAGE

Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid of them! The LORD your God will go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

LOYALTY

For I desire loyalty and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6)

KINDNESS

What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar. (Proverbs 19:22)

HUMILITY

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

HONESTY

Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. (Ephesians 4:25)

SELF-DISCIPLINE

Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Spend your time and energy in training yourself for spiritual fitness. Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next. (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

PERSEVERANCE

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

EXCELLENCE

Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win. (1 Corinthians 9:24)

INTEGRITY

People with integrity have firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall. (Proverbs 10:9)

SERVANT-LEADERSHIP

But among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must become your servant. (Matthew 20:26-27)

POP STARS

"People Of Praise"

At GCS, our desire is to encourage students as they strive to live out the warrior code. One way we do this is through Pop Stars. To be a Pop Star, students are nominated by GCS staff. Nominees must display at least one of the qualities of the warrior code.

Each month, students who have been nominated receive a special treat and spend time with Mrs. Phillips. The students are recognized for the unique ways they love others like Jesus by seeing others, praying boldly and acting in love. Students may be nominated several times throughout the year.

Preschool Tuition

Preschool	Gross Tuition	Monthly Payments (July 2024 - June 2025)
Full day: T/TH	3,650	\$304.17
Full Day: M/W/F	4,950	\$412.50
Full Day: M/T/W/Th/F	7,200	\$600.00

Tuition Payment Options

- **Annual Payment** – Due in full by July 1, 2024 or within 10 days of enrollment.
- **Monthly Payments** – Payments made through FACTS beginning July 2024 through June 2025.

Tuition Reductions

- **East Side Grace attendees** – 10% (if the family regularly attends ESG and is actively involved in a church ministry program and financially supporting the church on a regular basis.)

Admissions-Related Fees (non-refundable)

- **New Student Application Fee** - \$190 per student; due at the time the Application for Admission is submitted.
- **Returning Student Re-enrollment Fee** - \$145 per student if enrollment is completed by January 21, 2024; \$190 per student if enrollment is completed after January 21, 2024.

FAMILY FACILITY FEE *Non-refundable fee Due April 26, 2024 or upon acceptance to GCS, whichever is later.	One Student at GCS	Two Students at GCS	Three or more Students at GCS	Late Fee:
Preschool-8 th Grade	\$500	\$525	\$550	\$50/month

Extended Care

Extended care is offered before and after school from 7:15-8:30 and after school from end of dismissal until 5:30. The cost is \$6.50 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?

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