



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

Elementary School
Kindergarten - 5th Grades



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 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 such as 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

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.

Commitment to SAFETY

ACADEMIC

It is without question that one place children should feel safe to make mistakes and maintain self-respect is at school. Mistakes will be made. Children need to feel comfortable admitting them. We do everything possible to help children realize that it is all right to be wrong. This kind of unconditional acceptance by teachers and parents promotes the feelings of safety that are essential in the learning place.

PHYSICAL

Physical safety at school is a critical issue for students. It is nearly impossible for students to learn if they feel unsafe.

A school environment that consists of order, safety and security measures, and discipline promotes positive student outcomes. A safe and orderly classroom correlates with student achievement.

EMOTIONAL

Students desire to see school as a place that has their best interest at heart; a place that promotes security, safety, support, belonging, warmth, and rapport with their peers and teachers. Attention to such non-academic issues establishes an emotional safety zone that helps students to confront cognitive challenges without defensiveness.

SPIRITUAL

Creating a loving, caring community is essential for a student's spiritual well-being and growth. Standing firm on Biblical truth and invoking thoughtful curiosity is a hallmark of our educational environment. Students can question their faith, ask hard questions and trust that teachers will not shut them down but help them explore the answers, while turning them to the God who loves them.

About our **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Core Classroom Faculty Members **19**

K-5th Grade **235**

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 39 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.

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)



The 1 Timothy Team

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

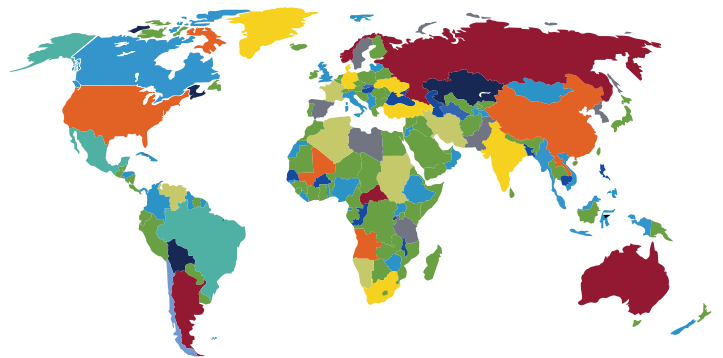
At GCS, our desire is to encourage students as they strive to live out the Warrior Code. One way we do this is through the 1 Timothy Team.

To be on the 1 Timothy Team, students are nominated by a teacher or peer. Nominees must display at least one of the qualities of The Warrior Code.

Each month, students who have been nominated that month will have lunch with Mrs. Phillips as well as have their picture on the Team Wall. Students may be nominated several times throughout the year.

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.**



Over 30 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!

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

Kindergarten's Butterfly release day



4th & 5th Grade Choir performs



Isaiah 41 Water Challenge



Hear from our FAMILIES

My husband and I cannot imagine our children at any other school. It is a great feeling when your child gets up each morning eager to go to school because they feel safe and loved by teachers and friends. It is an even greater feeling, as a parent, knowing the school shares our values and our children are being taught the Word of God. - *Will & Bianca Burrus*

Our daughter started at Grace Christian in Kindergarten and is now in the first grade. We have been welcomed from the very beginning of Kamp Kinders. She struggles with change and the love she was shown from the beginning in the meeting with Mrs. Phillips to now has made her transition very positive. More importantly, she is excited to learn about God and tell us all about it. We attended a chapel service and we left feeling energized, excited and comforted knowing that our daughter attends a school that does "church" on her level.

- *Anthony & Janica Tucker*

The past eight years of my life have been nothing less than amazing... thanks to this school. Not only has GCS been my second home, but the people here have helped shape me into who I am today. Grace Christian has been such a blessing and has nurtured my faith in ways I can't explain. Here, the teachers are your friends and the students are your family. - *Cheyenne, Recent Graduate*

Football at the Food Trucks & Fellowship Festival



Elementary Tuition

Gross Tuition

\$5,600

Annual Payment

(\$120 reduction)*

\$5,500.00

due in full 7/1

Monthly Payments

(July 2020 - June 2021)

\$466.67 / month

**\$20.00 of the annual payment reduction is credited because all single payment families will need to enroll in FACTS Tuition Management and pay a \$20 annual fee to FACTS.*

Tuition Reductions

There is a \$120 reduction for paying tuition annually. Families are also eligible for these reductions:

- Second (and each additional) child: \$500 per child
- 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:

- **\$120 per student** for current families if turned in by February 21, 2020; for applications and/or application fees turned in after February 21, 2020, the fee is \$170
- **\$150 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 24, 2020 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 24, 2020 add: \$50

Extended Care

Extended care is offered before and after school from 7:15-8:00 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?

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