



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

Elementary School
Kindergarten - 5th Grades

Dear Prospective GCS 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.

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



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)

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?

Every teacher and curriculum 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 spoken prayer, not teaching about God's handiwork in creation, or not explaining how God is involved in history are just a few examples that present God as non-existent or unimportant. It is not neutral, as many claim it to be. In today's culture, children are bombarded with information regarding their identity that does not align with biblical truth. Children need to be reminded of who God has created them to be and encouraged to notice how scripture applies to all subjects.

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 our **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Core and Special Classroom Faculty Members **18**

K-5th Grade **255**

Student to Teacher Ratio **18:1**

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 40 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
- Geography & Social Studies
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Music
- Art
- Drama

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)

**STOP
AND SEE.
PRAY
BOLDLY.
ACT IN
LOVE.**

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.

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.



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)

Hear from our FAMILIES



Grace Christian School is a welcoming, loving, Christ-centered environment where our children have thrived emotionally and academically. The excellent academic curriculum and caring and dedicated teachers and staff have allowed our children to develop a love of learning and gain self confidence as leaders at school and in our community. Grace Christian has provided a solid Christian education and spiritual foundation which our children have taken with them into high school and college. We highly recommend Grace Christian School as a top notch place where your child will be loved and nurtured as they are receiving a high quality education. - *Oyauma & Sacheen Garrison*



We have had a wonderful experience with our children at Grace Christian School the past year and a half! We are so thankful to be a part of a school that is not only challenging our children academically, but also helping to grow their faith and build their character. We really appreciate our children being taught from a biblical worldview and the same values we are teaching at home. GCS has been a wonderful partnership for us in the difficult journey of training our children up in the way they should go! - *Buck and Rachel Gardenier*



Elementary Tuition

Gross Tuition

\$6,500

Annual Payment

(\$100 reduction)

\$6,400.00

due in full 7/1

Monthly Payments

(July 2023 - June 2024)

\$541.67 / month

Tuition Reductions

- \$100 discount for annual tuition payment made by July 1, 2023
- Multi-child discount – second (and each additional) child: \$500 per child
- East Side Grace Brethren Church attendees – 10% (if the family regularly attends ESGBC and is actively involved in a church ministry program and financially supporting the church on a regular basis.)

Admissions-Related Fees

- **New Student Application Fee** - \$175 non-refundable fee *per each new student* (for siblings of existing students as well); due at the time the Application for Admission is submitted.
- **Returning Student Re-enrollment Fee** - \$130 *per each student* for current families if enrollment is completed by January 22, 2023; for enrollment packets completed from January 23-February 3, 2023 the fee is \$150; enrollment packets submitted after the deadline of February 3, 2023 will pay a fee of \$175.00.

FAMILY FACILITY FEE *Non-refundable fee Due April 21, 2023 or upon acceptance to GCS, whichever is later.	One Student at GCS	Two Students at GCS	Three or more Students at GCS	Paid after April 21, 2023 add:
Preschool-8 th Grade	\$500	\$525	\$550	\$100 *

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 \$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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