



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

Middle School
6th, 7th & 8th 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,

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

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.



Career Day

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 our MIDDLE SCHOOL



Faculty Members **11** (Core and Special Class Subjects)

6th - 8th Grade **100**

Student to Teacher Ratio **17:1**

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.

The beginning of adolescence marks the beginning of dramatic changes. Students at this age, though young and inexperienced, are in the process of putting childhood behind them. They often feel self-conscious and unready for adult responsibilities, but they yearn, nevertheless, to be mature.

We recognize the traits of this period of transition and address them in the design of our middle school. From the start of sixth grade to eighth grade graduation, students are guided, encouraged and challenged toward becoming Godly young adults who desire to grow in their faith.

Course Outlines by grade

6th Grade

- Bible
- English
- Math or Pre-Algebra
- Science
- Ancient World Civilizations
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Technology
- Music
- Art

7th Grade

- Bible
- English (College Prep or Honors)
- Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1
- Science
- US History
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Technology
- Music
- Art

8th Grade

- Bible
- English (College Prep or Honors)
- Algebra 1 or Geometry
- Science
- US History
- Civics, Government & Economics
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Technology
- Music
- Art

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 quarter, students who have been nominated that grading period 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.

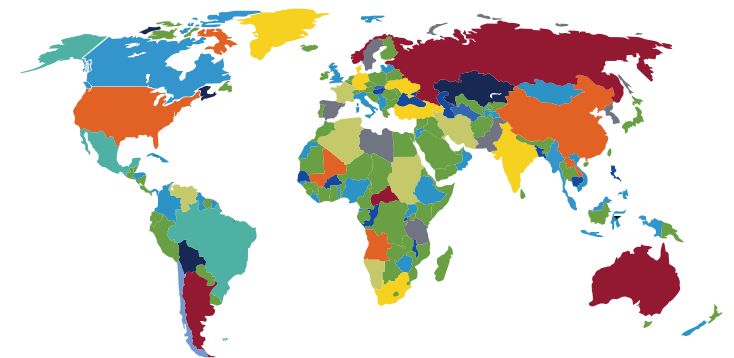
About EKKLESIA

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.**



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*

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. - *Oyauma & Sacheen Garrison*



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)

BEYOND the Classroom

We believe that taking part in meaningful activities outside the classroom is just as important as what's being taught during the school day. We encourage students to explore opportunities to further develop their gifts and talents. Activities include:

- National Junior Honor Society
- Latin
- Orchestra
- Vocal Ensemble
- Art
- DNow Discipleship Program
- Outdoor Education
- "Making A Difference" Discipleship Intensive

Athletics

In addition to physical education that is part of the school's general course of study, Middle School students have the opportunity to compete on interscholastic teams:

- Co-Ed Soccer
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys/Girls Basketball
- Girls Cheerleading
- Co-Ed Track & Field
- Co-Ed Tennis



Middle School Tuition

Gross Tuition

\$6,200

Annual Payment

(\$100 reduction)

\$6,100.00

due in full 7/1

Monthly Payments

(July 2021 - June 2022)

\$516.66 / month

Tuition Reductions

There is a \$100 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 5, 2021; for applications and/or application fees turned in from February 8-19, 2021, the fee is \$140; applications submitted after the deadline of February 19, 2021 will pay the fee of \$150.
- **\$150 for each new student** (for siblings of existing students as well); due at the time of Application for Admission is submitted..

Family Facility Fee

A non-refundable fee due by April 23, 2021 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 23, 2021 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 \$6.00 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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