



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,

Christian education, as we at Grace Christian School view it, is the integration of Biblical teaching in everything we do, 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.

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 preschool teachers are licensed by the Ohio Department of Education or have a Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). Head of School is Cindy Phillips. Preschool Director is Amber Segna.

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 - 4 Year Old Preschool

This program addresses the child's cognitive development, pre-reading and numeracy skills, communication skills and school readiness. Social, emotional and spiritual development is strengthened through formal learning, hands on activities, interactive play and field trips. Children must be 3 years 6 months of age by September 1, 2020 and potty trained.



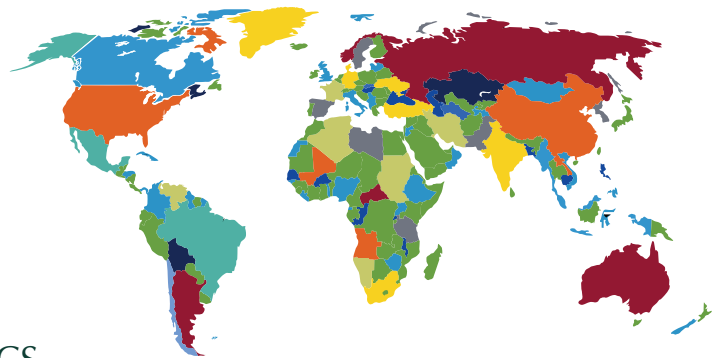
4 - 5 Year Old Preschool

Social, emotional and spiritual development is further strengthened through formal learning, hands on activities, interactive play and field trips. There is a strong emphasis on problem solving, language usage and social skills. Subjects covered include Bible, math, phonics, language arts, beginning writing, social studies and science. Children must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2020 and potty trained.



Our COMMUNITY

Spread Grace



Over 30 countries are represented at GCS

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!

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

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.

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 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.**



Middle School Student leading a discussion and prayer time with our preschoolers

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)

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 and excited and comfort in 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.

- Cheyanne, Recent Graduate

Tuition

Full day 9am - 3pm

2 days (T/TH): \$238.007/mo. or \$2,856/yr.

3 days (M/W/F): \$352.84/mo. or \$4,234/yr.

5 days (M-F): \$574.17/mo. or \$6,890/yr.

Annual Payment Option

\$120.00 Reduction from total tuition amount*

**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

Families are 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?

Contact us.
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Inquiry.

Please fill out the Online
Inquiry Form on our website:
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