



Grace Christian School

How can I Get Involved?

PRAY

Prayer plays a vital role in the life of our school. Pray that God would use our students, teachers, and community to make an impact for Jesus Christ.

SPONSOR A STUDENT

Contribute a financial gift to support a student that needs financial assistance in the form of annual, monthly or one-time donations.

VOLUNTEER

Help out in the classroom or in the office on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis. Whatever your talent or interest is, we can use you.

FINANCIAL GIVING

GCS relies on the generosity of God's people through voluntary gift donations to help meet each year's budget. Grace Christian School is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Core Values

The core values of Grace Christian School are to provide:

- A solid spiritual Biblical foundation. (Psalm 102:25-27)
- Academic excellence. (Matthew 22:37)
- Extra-curricular excellence. (I Corinthians 10:31)
- A low student to teacher ratio. (Mark 4:34, Mark 9:35)
- Moral instruction. (Philippians 4:8)
- An optimal learning environment. (Isaiah 11:9b)

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Vision

The vision of Grace Christian School is to prepare students for the academic rigors of higher education and to teach them Christian character and faith to live their lives for Jesus Christ.

Mission

The mission and purpose of Grace Christian School is to aid parents in leading children to academic, spiritual, physical, emotional, and relational truth.

NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 ESV



ACADEMICS

GCS is a pre-K through 8th grade elementary school. We strive to provide each student with a rigorous academic experience. We use Bob Jones and ABeka Christian school curriculum for the majority of our classroom education, while ensuring we are preparing our students for their next step in higher education by aligning to the new State of Illinois Standards.



LIBRARY

The students check out books several times a month from the Pontiac Public Library. Each grade level uses a combination of short stories, novels, and other quality literature books in the classroom to supplement the curriculum.

MUSIC

The students present a fall and spring musical each year. In addition, the students in grades 5 - 8 have an opportunity to participate in band through a co-op with multiple schools in the Pontiac area. They take weekly individual lessons and then perform in concerts throughout the year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The students participate in weekly physical education classes in order to recognize the value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, and social interaction.



CHAPEL

Mondays and Fridays are special Chapel times. On Mondays the students are introduced to local, national, and international missionaries who share their ministry with the students. On Fridays, local pastors are invited to deliver a biblical message with our students. Parents and grandparents are always invited to attend these open chapel times.

How do I enroll my child?

1. APPLICATION

Complete the New Student Application form located on the website or you can stop by the school and pick one up from the main office.

2. ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW

Once the admissions committee has reviewed the application, they will arrange for an interview with the student and parents. If deemed necessary, further academic evaluation may be conducted to ensure grade level readiness.

3. REGISTRATION

Upon admission approval by the board of education, a registration packet of information will be given to the parents to fill out and return with a non-refundable registration fee.

WELCOME TO THE GCS FAMILY!

Community Outreach

Grace Christian School desires for our students to be leaders in the community and serve their fellow man. We strive to serve the student, their family, and the community. Grace Christian School serves the family through parenting seminars, marriage classes, Grandparent's day, hosting faith based movies, elderly community visits, food drives, Veterans Day program, Salvation Army bell-ringing, and providing supplies to local missionaries.

Preschool/Kindergarten

Early education is important to us, therefore we offer half-day preschool for children who will be 4-years-old on or before September 1st of that year and full-day kindergarten.

Athletics

GCS has established a co-op agreement in both girls and boys IESA sports with St. Mary's School in Pontiac. The following is a list of sports offered:

- Girls Softball
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Baseball
- Boys Basketball



AT GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, we seek to equip students to recognize the Lordship of Christ in all subject areas of learning, and to respond in obedience to His call to be transforming influences in society.

AT GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, we prayerfully envision the kind of person we want our students to become. Not only do we shape a child's *mind*, but we also acknowledge the impact we will have on the *heart* of a child.

AT GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, we understand that Christian principles are taught at home, outside of the school. Therefore, we want parents to know that we don't exist to replace good Christian parenting, but rather we function as an extension of what the parent is seeking to accomplish in the lives of their children. It is important for us that our students not only see God being acknowledged and honored at home, but also in our school because that is where children will spend a majority of their young life.

AT GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, we strive to meet the kind of educational atmosphere that parents want to provide for their children. Parents can be assured that every teacher will not only challenge their child with rigorous academics, but also frame the whole of their curriculum through the lens of Scripture, and openly model the love of Jesus through their actions and words.

GCS ADVANTAGES

- Low student to teacher ratio
- Affordable, competitive tuition rates with multiple payment options
- Music, Physical Education, Art, and Library are offered each week.
- Provide a safe, supportive environment where children succeed.
- Biblical perspective in all subjects
- Annual academic progress testing
- Competitive extracurricular activities

