



MILPITAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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SCHOOL INFORMATION



ABOUT MILPITAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

THE LEGACY OF MILPITAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The story of Milpitas Christian School is one of God's voice and His provision to see His vision unfold. In early 1973, the Spirit of the Lord gave Judy Morasci, the founder of MCS, a vision for the creation of a preschool that would serve as a Christ-centered outpost in Silicon Valley. Since the foundation of the MCS Preschool, God has richly blessed us and the surrounding community with the addition of both an Elementary and Middle School.

Milpitas Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; these accreditations alone are assurance of the viability and integrity of our academics.

THE MILPITAS CHRISTIAN DIFFERENCE

While our mission provides a firm foundation for the school, so many attributes set us apart; our intentional integration of faith and learning, fine arts, music education, physical education, technology education for all students and outdoor education for students in grades four through eight.

Once enrolled, every student and family becomes a part of the greater Milpitas Christian School family. A focus on community within and outside of the school walls fosters a caring, healthy, safe environment where learning can flourish and others are served.

FACULTY

As Christian role models, our teachers communicate Christian values, not simply with words, but with



PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) is an organization focused on supporting the MCS community. All MCS parents are considered members of the PTF and are encouraged to use their gifts to help build strong bonds between one another, our teachers, and our administration.



Fundraisers

- Race for Education
- Annual Fund

Family Focused Activities

- Thanksgiving Feast
- New Year Celebration
- Family Fun Nights
- Community Outreach

Parent Focused Activities

- Uniform Exchange Program
- Parenting Seminars/Classes
- Bible Study

Student Focused Activities

- Fine Arts Mini Experience
- Book Fair
- Career Day



K - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES (Not an exhaustive list)

Academic Contests

- Spelling Bee
- Creative Writing Contest
- Speech Meet
- Art Fair
- Math Olympics
- Science Fair

Fine Arts Mini Experience

- Artistic Perception
- Creative Expression
- Historical and Cultural Context
- Aesthetic Valuing

Music Education

- Vocal Music & Rhythm
- Music Theory
- Cultural Studies
- Honor Choir
- Beginning Band
- Advanced Band
- Middle School Band
- Jazz Band
- Middle School Musical

Middle School Clubs

- Leadership
- Photography
- Yearbook
- Musical
- Drama
- Robotics
- Crochet Service Project

Physical Education

- Motor Skills
- Sports Skills
- Health and Fitness
- Teamwork and Cooperation
- President's Physical Fitness Program

Athletics (6th – 8th)

- Girls' Softball
- Girls' Basketball
- Girls' Volleyball
- Girls' Soccer
- Girls' Cross Country
- Boys' Flag Football
- Boys' Basketball
- Boys' Volleyball
- Boys' Soccer
- Boys' Cross Country

Technology

- PC Desktop Lab
- Rosetta Stone (Spanish)
- Chromebooks
- Smartboards
- Digital cameras
- iPads
- Starfall
- Google Docs

Robotics

- Bee-Bot Robots
- LEGO We-do
- LEGO Mindstorms
- Basic Programming

Field Trips

- San Jose History
- Santa Clara Courthouse
- Missions
- Planetarium
- Oakland Zoo
- Intel Museum
- NASA/Ames
- Theater Performances
- Community Service

Outdoor Ed (4th – 8th)

- CA Gold Country
- Sonoma County
- Marin Headlands
- Santa Cruz Mountains
- Sierra Mountains

Special Themed Days

- Johnny Appleseed
- 50's & 100's Day
- Colonial Day
- Rancho Day
- Ocean Week

Media Center/Library

- Certified Librarian
- 16,000 Book Titles
- Accelerated Reader Program

After School Clubs

- Chess
- Soccer
- Mandarin
- Clay Art
- Painting
- Robotics

ACSI DISTRICT ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Note: the number in parentheses indicates the total number of students earning the award.

ART FAIR			
2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best of Show (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best of Show – Grade Level (1) • 1st Place for Grade (5) • 2nd Place for Grade (1) • 3rd Place for Grade (2) • Theme Award (3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best of Entire Show (1) • Best of Show – Grade Level (1) • 2nd Place for Grade (1) • 3rd Place for Grade (4) • Theme Award (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best of Show – Grade Level (3) • 2nd Place for Grade (4) • 3rd Place for Grade (5) • Theme Award (4)

CREATIVE WRITING (GRADES 3-8)			
2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior (5) * • Excellent (5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior (5) * • Excellent (5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior (1) * • Excellent (8) • Good (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent (10)

*Published in ACSI Book of Superior Works

MATH			
2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place, medal (5) • 1st place (5) • 2nd place (4) • 3rd place (4) • 4th place (7) • 5th place (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place, medal (2) • 1st place (4) • 2nd place (2) • 3rd place (4) • 4th place (2) • 5th place (4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place, medal (4) • 1st place (4) • 2nd place (3) • 3rd place (2) • 4th place (3) • 5th place (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place, medal (3) • 1st place (1) • 2nd place (2) • 3rd place (3) • 4th place (3) • 5th place (3)

SPELLING			
2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Upper Grades Spell Off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Place • 3rd Place • 4th Place 	Upper Grades Spell Off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place • 2nd Place • 3rd Place • 4th Place 	Upper Grades Spell Off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Place 	Upper Grades Spell Off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place • 2nd Place • 3rd Place • 4th Place
Grade Level Bees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place (2) • 2nd Place (6) • 3rd Place (4) • 4th Place (2) 	Grade Level Bees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place (2) • 2nd Place (6) • 3rd Place (4) • 4th Place (2) 	Grade Level Bees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place (2) • 2nd Place (6) • 3rd Place (4) • 4th Place (2) 	Grade Level Bees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place (1) • 2nd Place (1) • 4th Place (2)

Two categories: computation and reasoning.
 ACSI NATIONAL Spelling Bee participants from MCS: 2006, 2008 (2 students), 2013, 2015
 1st place, medal = minimum score of 85%

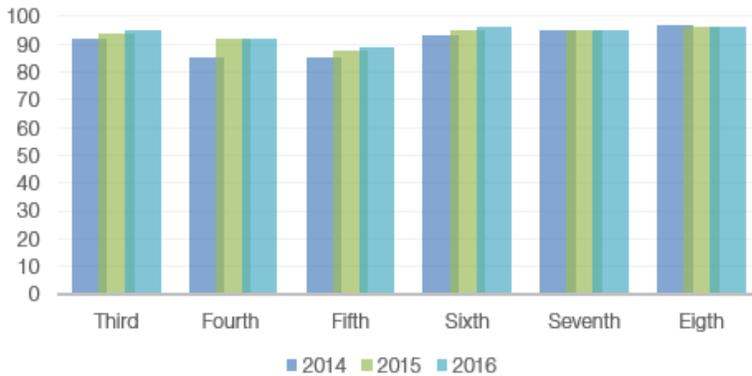
SPEECH (GRADES 6-8)			
2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold (1) • Silver (2) • Bronze (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold (1) • Bronze (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold (1) • Silver (2)



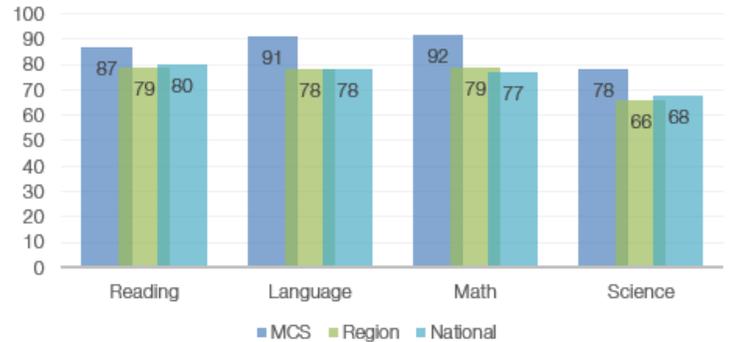
ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

Students in second through eighth grades participate in achievement testing each spring. MCS students in grades two through eight consistently perform in the top 15% in the nation in math, reading, and language (*median national percentile*)

**Total Scores by Grade
Math, Reading, and Language**



**ACSI National Comparison
Eighth Grade, Class of 2016**



HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE

Our mission is to prepare students for a lifetime of learning, service to their communities, leadership and future success. Our graduates move on to prestigious high schools and colleges. An average of 75% of our graduates apply to private/charter

- BASIS Independent Schools
- Bellarmine College Preparatory
- Fremont Christian School
- The Harker School
- Presentation High School
- Summit Charter Schools
- St. Francis High School
- St. Lawrence Academy
- The King's Academy

MCS Class of 2013	MCS Class of 2014	MCS Class of 2015	MCS Class of 2016
96% accepted	97% accepted	96% accepted	100% accepted

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (Not an exhaustive list)

Our course of study prepares students to excel in prestigious colleges and universities.

- Academy of Art University
- Arizona State University
- Art Institute of Portland
- Biola University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- California State University System
- Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo & Pomona
- Calvin College
- Chapman University
- Claremont College
- Georgetown University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Lindenwood University
- Loyola Marymount
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Northwestern College
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Santa Clara University
- Seattle University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- U.C. Davis School of Law
- University of California System
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of Virginia - School of Law
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Westmont College
- Whitworth University
- William Jessup University

TK & KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN

MCS celebrates the individuality of children and provides a kindergarten experience that promotes learning specific to the developmental age of the child. Children around the age of five vary greatly in their readiness for an academic school program. We are committed to the belief that God has a unique timetable for each child, and that children benefit most from correct placement in accordance with their developmental, rather than their chronological age. We use proven assessments, parent and teacher input, and the skill and wisdom of an experienced staff to assist parents in making a wise choice. The kindergarten and transitional kindergarten classes differ mainly in the degree of structure, the length of the school day, and the types of readiness skill activities.

Transitional kindergarten (TK) followed by one year of kindergarten is designed for students who will be turning five by December 31st and for students who are old enough for regular kindergarten but not yet developmentally mature enough to benefit from the more structured environment. Children applying for admission to the one-year kindergarten program must be five years old by September first.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

BIBLE

Learning to worship God and love Jesus is an important part of the curriculum. Daily Bible lessons and weekly chapels lead to understanding of the basics of the Christian faith. In kindergarten, students learn familiar children's stories and heroes from the Bible.

- Alphabet recognition
- Sequencing
- Auditory discrimination
- Listening
- Following directions
- Sound association
- Left to right progression
- Visual discrimination
- Literature



TK & KINDERGARTEN

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

MATHEMATICS

It is important in both TK and kindergarten that students gain understanding of the patterns and meaning in exploring the many facets of math in daily life.

- Manipulatives
- Graphing
- Ordering
- Counting
- Measuring
- Calendar
- Charting
- Sequencing
- Weighing
- Grouping

SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

Students learn about themselves, family life, community, and the wonders of God's creation. Our science curriculum lays the foundation for observation and experimentation in the following years. Cultural diversity and responsibility for the environment are taught and affirmed.

CREATIVITY

In both TK and Kindergarten, the children are affirmed in their creativity through a variety of experiences in music and art. Crafts provide skill practice in cutting, fine motor skills, and following directions.

MOTOR SKILLS

- Team work
- Health
- Flexibility
- Balance
- Fluid Motion

Both



ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

MCS provides a full range of academic coursework in first through eighth grades. All grades receive formal instruction in the core academic subjects of Bible, language arts, math, science, and social studies. All lessons follow a carefully developed sequential academic plan and are taught from a Biblical worldview (see last page).

Preparation for future grades begins with the teaching of critical thinking skills, productive study skills, and fostering a love of learning. Upon graduating from MCS, students should demonstrate high academic achievement, a strong sense of integrity and citizenship, Christian character qualities, and effective

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

BIBLE

Memory work and life application are an integral part of the curriculum at each grade level. Biblical truths, positive character traits, and biblical themes are presented in an age-appropriate manner at each grade level. Our study of the Bible provides the basis for our character education program. Throughout the school day, positive character traits are integrated into learning as they are purposefully identified,



C for courage
H for honesty
A for accountability
R for respect
A for authenticity
C for compassion
T for teachable
E for excellence
R for reverence

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

Children experience a wide range of relationship problems as they grow up. Some are normal, while others—such as bullying and taunting—are not. Teaching students to correctly identify the differences between conflict, bullying, taunting, and teasing and equipping them with basic conflict resolution skills

Preschool – 2nd Grade

- Social Thinking curriculum

3rd - 8th Grade

- Raising Respect curriculum

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

LANGUAGE ARTS

The language arts program provides a fullness of learning for students through an integrated approach. The

Literature	Reading	English	Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short story • Poetry • Play/Drama • Essay • Novel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension • Fiction • Non-fiction • Informative text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary • Writing • Grammar • Spelling Bee • Creative writing contest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking • Listening • Speech Meet • Rosetta Stone • Spanish program



MATHEMATICS

The math program concentrates on five basic areas of math. These areas are addressed at each grade level with appropriately increasing difficulty. A blend of Common Core State Standards and MCS specific standards form the basis of our curriculum.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number sense • Algebra and functions • Measurement and geometry • Statistics, data analysis, probability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasoning • Real world application • Math Olympics
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Our math program is designed to support students seeking admission to the college preparatory high schools in

Grade Level	Regular Track	Advanced Track
6th Grade	Sixth Grade Math	Pre-Algebra
7th Grade	Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1
8th Grade	Algebra 1	Geometry



SOCIAL STUDIES

Students learn about the significant people, places and events that have shaped our communities and the world. California State Standards form the basis of our curriculum.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community • California • United States • World history • Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonial Day • Rancho Day • Gold country trip • D.C./East coast trip • Field trips
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SCIENCE

Our science program is inquiry based, engaging students while creating enthusiasm and interest. A large selection of resources support students with varied learning styles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM focus • Next Generation Science Standards • Real life application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design • Inquiry • Hands-on • Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth science • Life science • Physical science • MS Science Fair
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ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

MUSIC EDUCATION

Our music teachers provide a variety of activities and instruction that foster an appreciation for music. Throughout the year, students perform in musical performances to give glory to God for the gift of music and to entertain and inspire our families. Most costs are covered by tuition. A participation fee applies for students who audition for and are accepted for lead roles

Kindergarten	1st & 2nd Grade	3rd – 5th Grade	Middle School
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General music• 2 performances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Music• 1 performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General music• Recorders• 1 performance• Beginning band• Advanced band	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honor Choir• MS Band• Jazz Band• Music festivals• Musical• Hand bell choir

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Technology integration is of primary importance at MCS. Our credentialed technology teacher collaborates with the classroom teachers to design integrated projects across the curriculum areas. Building through the grade levels, students use more advanced computer applications with the goal of incorporating technology into their schoolwork and everyday life.

Digital

Productivity	Robotics	Multi-Media	Coding
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google apps<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Docs• Sheets• Presentation• Forms• Maps• Drawing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bee-bots• LEGO “We-Do”• LEGO Mindstorms• LEGO competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video• Still photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scratch• “Hour of Code” national event



ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our Physical Education program emphasizes concepts that lead children to embrace a heart for God, a heart for each other, while at the

COMPETATIVE SPORTS (Middle School Only)

Bay Area Christian School Athletic League (26 schools)

Girls	Girls Recent Tournament	Boys	Boys Recent Tournament
Softball	2013 – 2nd 2014 – 7th 2015 – 7th 2016 – 7th	Flag Football	New sport in 2014
Cross Country	2012 – 6th	Cross Country	2012 – 3rd
Basketball	2013 – 7th 2014 – 6th 2016 – 8th	Basketball	2011 – 3rd 2012 – 4th 2013 – 7th
Volleyball	2015 – 7th 2016 – 7th	Volleyball	2012 – 4th 2013 – 6th 2015 – 7th 2016 – 8th
Soccer	2013 – 5th 2014 – 6th 2015 – 6th 2016 – 8th	Soccer	2012 – 5th 2013 – 5th 2014 – 3rd 2016 – 5th

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Beginning in fourth grade, students take time away from the campus to experience learning in an outdoor setting. These trips include overnight camping experiences, which strengthen social skills and develop positive character traits. While enhancing learning of science and social studies, outdoor education helps students see learning in the context of the real world that God has created for them. The cost of these programs is included in tuition.

- Fourth grade: Social studies focus, overnight trip (Columbia, CA)
- Fifth grade: Science focus, four-day trip (Sebastopol, CA)
- Sixth grade: Earth science focus, four-day trip (Sausalito, CA)
- Seventh grade: Life science and community service focus, four-day trip (Scotts Valley, CA)



ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

FINE ARTS

FAME © (Fine Arts Mini Experience) is a lively, content-rich, student, parent, and teacher-friendly fine arts program for our TK through fifth grade students. Students learn about:

- Artistic Perception: Learning about artistic elements through the senses to develop a deeper awareness of light, color, sound, movement, and composition to heighten ordinary perception.
- Creative Expression: Producing art by creating or performing the creations of others.
- Historical and Cultural Context: Understanding the arts in the context of the time & place of their creation.
- Aesthetic Valuing: Analyzing & developing criteria for making informed judgments to promote lifelong, fulfilling

LEARNING LAB

Our Learning Lab staff is available to work with students, parents and teachers, when extra help is needed for academic success. Students with classroom attention issues are given the skills and training to help them succeed. Each of the Learning Lab programs is fee-based and not covered by tuition.

- Tutoring (subject specific)
- English language learner support
- Test proctoring
- Learning disabilities assistance (IEPs and 504 plans)

RENAISSANCE CLUB (Not an exhaustive list)

Milpitas Christian School offers an after school enrichment program, The Renaissance Club, for gifted learners; it is designed to provide social and emotional support with like-minded peers, as well as an opportunity to expand

- Art Basics
- Puppets
- MCS "Flea Market Flip"
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Fairy Tales on Trial
- Stock Market Game
- Design Thinking
- Science of Food
- Brainology



PRESCHOOL

Milpitas Christian Preschool is licensed by the Department of Social Services (License #430709420) to provide half-day and full-day programs for children two years and older. Our program is also accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. Extended care is available for part-time students from 7:30 AM until 6:00 PM.

Our developmentally age-appropriate program is Bible based. Our faculty is committed to providing a loving Christian

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Our preschool is committed to presenting the love of God and the truth of His Word, the Bible. We seek to integrate Scriptural principles into all lessons and activities. We teach students that God loves and accepts each of them; He wants to

INTELLECTUAL GROWTH

An intellectually stimulating curriculum includes Bible, language, math, science, social studies, music and movement, art, and sensorial activities that assist each child in attaining age-appropriate skills and concepts.

SOCIAL GROWTH

We believe that social development is a very important part of the preschool experience. Children will expand these skills through free-choice activities, teacher-directed activities and outside exploration. Through these activities, children learn to

PHYSICAL GROWTH

Opportunities are provided daily to enhance the development of fine and gross motor skills. Our daily schedule includes twenty minutes of outside activity for our part-time program. Our full-time program includes twenty minutes in the morning

EMOTIONAL GROWTH

We strive to let each student be successful at his or her own unique rate of development. In this way we instill in the student a sense of self-confidence, a love for learning, and an eagerness to discover new things. Because we are a developmental preschool, we recognize students mature at different rates. Each student has his or her own developmental timetable for attaining the ability to work independently, sit still, and for learning to read and write.



SUMMER PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL SUMMER SESSIONS

Our Preschool summer program is a developmentally age-appropriate preschool program offered in weekly

ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL (K - 8TH GRADE)

The curriculum focus includes completed grade level review and enrichment activities in math, reading

SUMMER TUTORING

Tutoring is available for kindergarten through eighth grade students in all academic subjects through the

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Summer Day Camp is open to students entering kindergarten through eighth grades. Campers will enjoy theme-based weeks designed to engage and tap into a variety of interests. Regular activities include arts and crafts, worship and devotion time, organized games, assemblies, swimming, and weekly off-campus

- Ceramics painting
- Cooking
- Sports Mania
- STEM classes
- Puppetry assembly
- Theater assembly
- Recreational swimming
- Community service
- Happy Hollow
- Raging Waters
- Discovery Museum
- Pump It Up



BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LEARNING

BIBLE

God reveals Himself to us through His word, The Holy Bible. Our study of the Bible teaches us the nature and the character of God and how He has bridged the gap between us, due to our sin, making us right with Him again. The Bible instructs us how to live in this world, glorifying God in the process. As Christians, we seek to live according to the truths and principles found in the Bible and to share with those around us who do not yet know the love of our great God so that we might all spend eternity with Him.

LANGUAGE ARTS

God has revealed Himself to us through language in His written word found in the Bible. He created us with the capacity to think, speak, listen, read and write, and to communicate through written and spoken language. We study literature to help us examine the important questions of life from a biblical perspective as we analyze and synthesize information. We study oral and written communication skills for our own creative expression in praise to our creator, God, and to equip us to share the truths of Christianity.

MATH

God has revealed Himself to us in the natural world as a God of orderliness and perfection. Mathematics is a universal expression of God's creative and sustaining word. We see how God has woven the forces and relationships concerning creation in mathematical terms we understand. Through the study of mathematics, students learn how to think creatively and analytically.

SCIENCE

God reveals Himself to us through the universe He created. His intelligent design is clearly seen in the natural world: in time, space, and matter. He continues to sustain all of His creation. Mankind is unique in being made in the image of God, different from the animals. Our study of science is a response to the responsibility He has given us to take care of the world He created and the natural resources He has given us.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The study of historical events, societies, and cultures give us insights into the meaning of God's plan and purpose through the ages. We see how He has been active throughout history, intervening in it as He wills. We learn how successes and failures in moral order impact cultures and the rise and fall of nations. The Bible teaches us to engage in our own culture, the cultures of the world, and to participate in the rights we have as citizens of our nation.





PRESCHOOL CAMPUS

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VISION STATEMENT

"Transforming lives for Christ through excellence in education, relationships and service."

MISSION STATEMENT

"Equipping followers of Christ to transform their world."

We honor God by partnering with parents and churches to provide a well-rounded, excellent education with a biblical worldview. We prepare students for a lifetime of learning, service to their communities, leadership and future success.