

## Faith Christian Academy Parent Information Sheet

The following information provides information regarding financial and regulatory agreements as well as basic information about FCA. *Please retain this Information Sheet for your records and do not return it to the school with the application.*

### Vision Statement

FCA is building ambassadors for Christ, to impact their community for the glory of God.

### Mission Statement

- Faith Christian Academy requires that each parent or legal guardian of the student read and sign our Statement of Faith, thereby agreeing to the teaching of these principles and allowing for the ministry of the school which is based on these biblical foundational truths.
- Faith Christian Academy will provide and maintain an independent, interdenominational, parent-supported, board-directed Christian school where:
  1. Students strengthen their personal relationship with God by yielding their hearts, minds and spirit to His authority. (Deuteronomy 6:5)
  2. Students trust Jesus Christ with the totality of their lives through a life of service and obedience. (Matthew 22:37)
  3. Students excel in academics. (Proverbs 8:10-11)
  4. Families receive support in their God-given responsibility to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)
  5. The foundational biblical truths outlined in the Statement of Faith are taught on a daily basis.

### Core Values:

- Truth: God is a God of truth (John 14:6)
- Righteousness and Justice: God is Holy (I Peter 1:14-16)
- Sacrificial Relationships: God is love (Romans 5:8)
- Obedience: God is Lord (Luke 6:46)
- Beauty and Excellence: God is beautiful and does things well. (Psalm 50:2, Mark 7:37)
- People: God created man in His image (Genesis 1:27)
- Faith: without Faith in the Son of God, it is impossible to please God (Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 11:6)

### Philosophy of Education & Objectives of FCA

Faith Christian Academy holds to a Christian philosophy of education and views this as the foundation for all policy, procedures, instruction, and activities.

A Christian philosophy acknowledges that there is a Creator God who has given us His Word and its principles as a guide for faith and life. We teach, unashamedly, that God's Word is absolute Truth. All students are presented with the fact that man is sinful and lost, and are encouraged to accept Christ's free gift of salvation. The skills of Bible study, prayer and the development of Christian character and a Christian mind are taught as foundational for a successful Christian life. Students are encouraged to share their faith, stand for their convictions, and seek to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

Academically, students are challenged to excellence and integrity, learning the skills of analysis, problem solving and critical thinking. Cultivation of an intellectual curiosity that will result in self-motivated, life-long

study in areas of personal interest is emphasized. Students are taught to think logically and to develop research skills, while also gaining a command of the fundamental communicative processes of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. We attempt to balance these intellectual pursuits with Christian ethics and character.

Socially, FCA seeks to help each student develop a well-balanced personality based upon a proper acceptance of him/herself as a unique creation of God, made in His image. Acceptance of self is then the foundation for acceptance and respect for authority, responsible freedom, and good citizenship. Students are taught Biblical truth as the basis for a morally and socially responsible, self-disciplined life. A good attitude towards society's institutions such as parents, families, and marriage, are taught and modeled. Students learn that they are contributing members of their society and should treat everyone with love and respect and seek to be of service to others.

### **Basis of Christian Education**

Every aspect of life is subject to the will of God. Therefore, all knowledge, every value, and each choice is under His authority. We are instructed to continually seek the Lord (Amos 5:4, 6, 8, 14; James 4:8, Jeremiah 29:13) in an effort to become one with Him (John 17:22-23). This unity is Christ's heartfelt desire in order that the world may know that God sent Him – because He loves us.

Christianity is wholly relational: How we relate to and impact our culture; the manner in which God relates to us and we relate to him (covenant); and the dynamics of our varied relationships with one another. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christians can carry on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. With this goal in mind, Christian educators provide a framework to prepare young people to live according to His will, contributing to the Biblical pursuit of truth.

### **Statement of Faith**

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired (II Timothy 3:16) and only infallible, authoritative Word of God. God's Word is truth (John 17:17). All learning must have an integrative relationship with God's Word (John 15:4).
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (John 15:23-26). The Father, Son and Holy Spirit reveal God. Learning must avail itself to this revelation. God's revelation must take precedence over man's reason.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:9), in His virgin birth (Matthew 1:18-23, Luke 1:26-35), in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood (I Peter 2:24-25), in His bodily resurrection (Acts 1:9-11), in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory (I Thessalonians 4:16-18). Jesus Christ is the reconciliatory between a Holy God and a sinful man. A relationship with Christ is imperative to a complete education (Col 2:2-3; Philippians 2:5-11).
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (Romans 6:3-4; Titus 3:5; I Corinthians 12:13).
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. The indwelt Holy Spirit teaches and guides a believer into learned truth. It is He who teaches what is good and what is evil so that it is possible for a Christian to live a holy life (John 16:7-11).
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost (Revelation 4-6; Revelation 20:11-15); they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. Education must teach how to live life on earth, as well as teach and prepare students for resurrected life.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:20-23). Christians of various backgrounds and doctrinal persuasions must be taught to live in unity so that the world will observe the body of Christ in its fullness.

## **Rules and Regulations**

Each family (student and guardian) must agree to accept and comply with the school's rules and regulations as adopted by the School Board and administration and as explained in the Student Handbook. These include rules of conduct and rules for academic requirements to be met by the student.

## **Outstanding Balance**

No student will be allowed to begin the school year with **any** outstanding balance from the previous school year. This includes any fees or expenses incurred *after* the application for the next school year has been accepted and approved.

## **Enrollment Fee**

There is a non-refundable enrollment fee for every student applying for enrollment or reenrollment at FCA.

- New Student Enrollment Fee: \$300
- Returning Student Enrollment Fee:
  - By April 30 \$150
  - After April 30 \$200
  - After last day of school \$300

## **Tuition Payment:**

Annual tuition is \$5,000.00. Monthly tuition is \$500.00 based on a ten-month payment plan. Payments are **due on the first of every month** beginning in August. (For transferring students, the first payment must be made in full before the student's first day of school.) A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to the account on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month if my/our account balance is not paid in full. An additional \$25.00 late fee will be assessed the account on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month if the account balance is not paid in full.

## **Discounts**

- **Multi-Child:**  
A \$15 discount per month, per family will apply for 2 enrolled students. A \$25 discount per month, per family will apply for 3 enrolled students. Additional discounts will be provided for each successive student enrolled in the same family. Multi child discount of \$10/student up to a max of \$30 per family, per month.
- **Annual Tuition Paid In Full:**  
A 2% discount will be given when annual tuition is paid in full by the first day of the school year. The 2% discount will apply to the full annual tuition BEFORE the family discount is applied. If a student is withdrawn, a refund will be calculated based on the withdrawal policy as outlined below.
- **Family Service Time:**  
All families are encouraged to perform 2.5 hours of service time per student per month toward a maximum tuition discount of \$25 per month. Time is rated at \$10/hour. Extra service time in a month will roll over to the following month in *1 hour increments*. It is the responsibility of the person performing the service time to log time in the FCA Family Service Log Book.

It is permitted to have friends or other family members perform service time on behalf of your family. However, prior approval for the individual completing the service time must be obtained before the service time is given. All volunteers must meet basic modesty dress standards in keeping with the Student Handbook.

## **Additional Fees**

There are fees that occur in addition to the base tuition cost and enrollment fee. These include but are not limited to technology supplies, school supplies, uniform fees, activity fees (sports, music, and clubs), and

extracurricular events. The extent to which these additional fees are covered by scholarship (if any) will depend on the type of scholarship your child is awarded. Those fees not covered by scholarship are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

### **Modes of Payment**

FCA accepts payment by cash, check, debit/credit card and ESA. Payments made by debit/credit card and ESA will be assessed a transaction fee.

### **Applying for Scholarships**

Completion of the Scholarship Information portion of the Parent / Guardian Agreement Form is required if you would like assistance by FCA office staff in applying for any scholarships including STO and ESA.

### **Reenrollment of Previously Withdrawn Student:**

If a student is withdrawn and chooses to reenroll at FCA, their account (including all late fees) must be paid in full **and** a reenrollment fee will be required before the student may return to the school during the current school year or for the next school year.

### **Withdrawal Policy**

The tuition contract is for the entire school year. If a student needs to be withdrawn from Faith Christian Academy before or during the school year, a formal withdrawal form must be completed in the school office. Failing to attend class does not constitute withdrawal, nor does it end financial responsibility.

#### **If your child is withdrawn during:**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
4<sup>th</sup> quarter

#### **Amount due is:**

25% of annual tuition less tuition already paid  
50% of annual tuition less tuition already paid  
75% of annual tuition less tuition already paid  
100% of annual tuition less tuition already paid

### **Medical Care**

In the event of an emergency, the FCA Administrator and staff will take the necessary steps to obtain emergency medical care when warranted. These steps may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Call 911.
2. Attempt to contact a parent or guardian using the numbers listed on the emergency information form.  
If parents/guardians cannot be reached, a member of the FCA staff will accompany student in the ambulance and remain with the student until parent arrives.

### **Testing**

FCA performs standardized, criterion-referenced testing once per year during the spring semester. A copy of the results of all testing will be given to parents/guardians as part of the evaluation process.

### **Photographic Release**

Photographs taken by Faith Christian Academy may be used by FCA for promotional purposes including the monthly newsletter, newspaper, Facebook and Website posts. FCA has no control over photos taken by parents, visitors or event attendees.

### **Hot Lunch**

Hot lunches may be available on Tuesday and Thursday. Students must sign up and pay by the day before the scheduled lunch. Parents are permitted to establish a hot lunch credit in the office. This credit is for hot lunch only and will not be applied to purchasing items from Snack Shack or for any other expenses.