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Parent Information Packet



What are your BIGGEST PRIORITIES as you consider school

options in our area?

Alignment with your family's values? Safety? After-school care? Athletic and Fine Arts offerings?

I believe our core values have something to offer that you won't find elsewhere. I'm delighted you're considering Covenant Christian Academy in Colleyville, Texas.

A commitment to biblical truth, classical Christian education, and student preparedness permeates everything we do in and around the classroom. This approach enables us to educate the whole child — body, mind, and spirit — as we develop their academic foundation for a lifetime of learning.

Today we will tell you about our school — a connected and thriving community. At CCA, students receive a classical Christian education that establishes a solid foundation in core subjects. We build on that foundation with purpose and intention using content that focuses on important skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and time management. Our students have the opportunity to graduate with college credits, giving them a head start on pursuing what God has in store for them.

Friendships, faculty mentoring, a robust curriculum, and character formation all foster the most important things you could give your child: a strong start in life, an excellent education, and a desire for servant leadership. We hope to meet you and your child one day soon. After reading this overview of CCA, <u>schedule a tour</u> so you can see what we're about firsthand.

Sincerely,

Steve Turner

Director of Admissions

Our Commitment to Families

CCA's mission is to provide a biblically based, classical, college preparatory education that inspires a passion for excellence, a heart of grace, and the character of Christ.

By the time your child has graduated from CCA, he/she will:

- Be a critical thinker who communicates clearly and effectively
- Stand firm in and defend their Christ-centered beliefs
- Be a confident, empathetic leader and problem solver
- Pursue opportunities with courage and determination, not shying away from challenge

How do we put our mission into action to accomplish these goals?

Embody a biblical community.

We are a community built on Christian values. Our students are educated through a classical, Christ-centered curriculum with the Word of God integrated into all subjects. In addition to our weekly chapel services, prayer and scripture is a part of our classes, school events, and athletic activities. High School students belong to one of four Houses, providing them with a campus family and a built-in support system. Our seniors mentor our younger students through our Adopt-a-Senior program.

Place a strong emphasis on safety.

Environment matters, and students from preschool to graduation deserve a sense of community, safety, and security. We ensure a safe campus through key card access to all student buildings, employee background checks, video surveillance, and visitor screening. We have a designated safety team that monitors campus activities, directs safety procedures, and assesses potential risks. Our teachers model and nurture healthy relationships, and we have a zero tolerance policy for bullying.

Partner with parents.

CCA partners with parents to ensure a strong connection between home and school. We encourage our families to be involved on campus, from classroom parties to volunteer opportunities. Parents and families cheer on their students at games, join in fellowship at campus events, and work together on projects. Our Parent Council supports our faculty, staff, and students by overseeing and facilitating volunteer-led activities and strengthening the mission of CCA.

Continue reading to learn more about our educational philosophy and approach to each age and stage. When you're ready, <u>schedule a meeting or campus tour with</u> <u>our admissions team</u>.



Early Childhood (Ages 3-4 years)

A loving, safe environment where creativity and playful learning meet

Our primary goal at this age is to help children experience the fun and joy that leads to an early excitement about learning.

At CCA, your child will:

- Learn through purposeful play with an integrated curriculum focusing on whole child development — physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and spiritual
- Feel loved and nurtured by certified, compassionate teachers
- Discover and learn foundational academics for kindergarten readiness
- Enjoy enriching activities, including art, library, music, PE, and tending to the class garden

As a preschool parent, you can expect:

- A loving, nurturing environment where little ones see kindness and Christian values modeled by their teachers
- Multi-sensory activities and playful experiences that help with content retention and teach problem solving
- A partnership between home and school with open communication
- Flexible schedule options that work for even the busiest of families

Preschool Programs	PK-3	PK-4
3-Days (T/W/TH) 8:00 a.m3:00 p.m.	~	~
5-Days (M-F) 8:00 a.m3:00 p.m.	✓	

After School Care

Students enjoy playtime in a familiar, safe environment.

3:00pm-5:30pm (M-F)

Kindergarten

Exploring their natural curiosity

Each child learns at their own unique pace, and knowing when your child is ready to start kindergarten can be a challenging decision. How will they perform academically? Will they thrive socially? And what type of learning environment will best meet their needs?

CCA's dedicated teachers meet each student where they are — whether they attended preschool or this is their first classroom experience — and help them progress forward.

Our kindergartners flourish through:

Care and support.

Teachers offer individualized attention to students because we keep our classes small with an average student-teacher ratio of 14:1.

An active learning approach.

Hands-on activities guide students to an ageappropriate understanding of core subjects as they explore phonics, reading, math, science, social studies, writing, handwriting, and Bible.

A stimulating environment.

From the playground to learning centers to our garden, our spaces are designed for active learning and engagement.

Modeling kindness.

Our teachers are called to serve. They are loving and gracious to students while they model the kindness of Christ daily in the classroom.

Meet a kindergarten teacher on your campus tour.

Come see one of our kindergarten classrooms and meet a teacher! To set up your campus tour, email our admissions team at <u>admissions@covenantchristian.net</u>.

Elementary School (Grades 1-4)

Building a strong foundation for lifelong learners

Elementary School students are engaged in hands-on exploration in a socially and emotionally supportive space. It's a time when deep and lasting friendships are formed, and students are challenged in a collaborative and nurturing atmosphere. Our small class sizes allow for individualized support, which honors children who learn and develop at their own pace.



Academic Development:

Students will find an engaging and challenging comprehensive curriculum that provides foundational knowledge in core subjects such as math, science, reading (guided and individual), writer's workshop, Bible, social studies/history, handwriting, grammar, spelling, and phonics.

Character Formation:

CCA students are guided and mentored through Honorable Character™, a character-building program that encourages conscientious behavior, as well as redemptive discipline. Teachers partner with parents to ensure value alignment between home and school. Weekly chapel, mission projects, and a biblically integrated curriculum contribute to healthy relationships and good conduct.





Enriching Activities:

Art, music, library, physical education, and tending to the class garden complement our core curriculum. School supported youth sports teach teamwork, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Field trips, grade-level events, music performances, and academic competitions allow for experiential learning and community engagement.

"The teachers are so loving and care for each child, and the education they are receiving is so great! ... I love knowing that when I drop her off each day she is safe and learning all about God and how to be a great person in life!"

~ Christine Barry, CCA parent

Middle School (Grades 5-8)



Nurturing Emerging Gifts and Academic Interests

Our middle school students are vibrant, budding scholars and confident pre-teens who will grow to become tomorrow's leaders. We continue to challenge our students to become more engaged, active, and self-advocating learners capable of handling a more challenging curriculum, preparing them for high school and college.

Core Subject Areas

- Science
- Math
- Latin
- Language Arts/English
- Social Studies/History
- Bible
- Physical Education
- Computer/Library

Exploratories

(Rotating Creative Offerings)

- Choir
- Drums
- Strings Ensemble
- Worship Ensemble
- Studio Art
- Drama
- Applied Technology

Activities & Clubs

- 15 sports teams
- Student Council
- Honor Society
- 5th Grade Science Trip
- 6th Grade Texas History Trip
- 7th Grade Wilderness Trip
- 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
- School of the Arts
- Middle School Socials
- Pep Rallies

High School (Grades 9-12)

A Capstone Education Experience for Young Adults

By the time our students reach high school, they are well on their way to being independent thinkers, organized time managers, and problem solvers. Our academic program is enriched with stimulating extracurriculars, inspiring experiences, and leadership opportunities. We see high school as a time of bringing together all the threads of student development for academic, physical, and character formation.

At CCA, high schoolers:

- Are well prepared for college, careers, and service through challenging academics, character development, and extracurriculars aligning with their individual interests
- Present a senior thesis capstone project showcasing their ability to think critically and communicate effectively
- Create a supportive network of mentors, teachers, coaches, and peers who keep them grounded as they prepare to follow God's plan
- Develop robust leadership skills through different roles and responsibilities, such as student government, mission work, our Adopt-a-Senior mentoring program, and team sports
- Spend four years prepping for and determining the best college and career for their unique talents, interests, and abilities with the help of a designated guidance counselor, individual assessments, and internship opportunities

Opportunities for growth outside the classroom:

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Senior leadership retreat

Mentorship program to younger students

Student government opportunities

Community service

Missions Projects

"Enrolling our boys at CCA was hands down the best decision we ever made! The staff and faculty are amazingly gifted and pour everything they have into ensuring each student reaches his/her full ability by encouraging not only academic growth, but also participation in athletics, fine arts, and other areas of interest that produce confident, talented, and well-rounded students."

~ Dawn Lynn, Parent of CCA Alumni



Athletics at Covenant Christian Academy

On or off the field or court, we're always proud of our Cougars. Athletic competition is offered as early as first grade and culminates with 15 sports teams at the high school level. CCA has an experienced athletics staff including coaches that are former professional athletes, a full-time certified athletic trainer, and a strength and conditioning coach.

- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Soccer

- Girls Soccer
- Swimming
- Baseball
- Track & Field
- Golf
- Cheerleading

Creativity. Innovation. Greatness.

The Arts & Extracurriculars

The collective resources we offer provide students with the opportunity to explore interests beyond their core academic strengths. Artists and creators enjoy perfecting their craft in classes such as studio art, video production, theater, choir, strings ensemble, worship ensemble, and yearbook. Other popular activities include Cotillion, student socials, Math Team, Debate Team, Spring Musical, and Spring Formal. We hope we can meet to share everything we offer very soon and learn more about your child's interests.



Building Confidence in Identity:

What does a CCA graduate look like?

Consider our graduates — 98% have matriculated to a college or university since we opened our doors in 1980! While CCA alumni are diverse in their passions, abilities, and professional pursuits, they demonstrate a collective record of achievement that underscores the benefits of their Christian education.



100% of CCA students graduate with AP/Dual Credit classes



100% of CCA seniors are accepted to one or more of the colleges to which they apply



78% of the Class of 2024 received scholarships totaling over \$3.6 million



Students complete more than 100 community service hours each year



In addition to becoming authentic leaders and effective communicators, CCA graduates are giving of their time and talents, confident in their beliefs, and ready to embrace future challenges



A look at where our graduates go next...

Abilene Christian University

Auburn University

Baylor University

Dallas Baptist University

Harvard University

Oklahoma Baptist University

Oklahoma State University

Pepperdine University

Rice University

Samford University

Southern Methodist University Texas A & M University

Texas Christian University

Texas Tech University

US Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of Arkansas

University of North Texas

University of Oklahoma

University of Pittsburgh

University of Texas

Wheaton College



We can't wait to meet you.

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.

What to Expect On Your Campus Tour

At CCA, every day is an open house. Explore our beautiful campus virtually or schedule a personal tour with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to see:

- Our classrooms where content comes to life through hands-on activities and engaging discussions
- CCA's athletic facilities, including our turf football/soccer field, competition baseball field, weight room, and our two full-size gyms
- Creative spaces, such as our art rooms and music rooms, where budding artists and musicians practice their craft
- Our cafeterias where students enjoy fellowship with friends and a nutritious meal – from home or our dining service
- Outdoor spaces, such as our playground and garden, where much-needed brain breaks take place



Questions?

Please contact our admissions team at **817.281.4333** (press 1) or **admissions@covenantchristian.net**.



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