



MAKE THE

MOST OF YOUR
CHILD'S

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Learn how studying the past
can build a promising future.



COVENANT
Christian Academy
COLLEYVILLE

WHY THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS MATTER

Grades 5-8

For some, middle school seems like a waiting room, a place between being a child and a teen. But you know it's much more than that.

Your rising middle schooler is growing and learning just as quickly as ever, and they're ready to take on new academic and social challenges. They're testing out their self-confidence and building a steady faith in God. They're beginning to navigate a bit of independence, exploring new interests, and starting to think ahead about the future.

These are important years.

That's why at Covenant Christian Academy we use a classical curriculum that draws from the best artists and thinkers of the past to help your child prepare academically and spiritually for the modern-day world. We also partner with parents to reinforce the virtues and Christian values that are taught at home, so your child is ready for high school and beyond.

We accomplish that by:

- Hiring Christian teachers who serve as **mentors** for your child
- Using **Socratic discussions** in English and History
- Fostering **critical thinking** in all of our classes
- Teaching **Christian worldview** in eighth grade

Your child won't be just waiting for high school at CCA, they'll be moving forward and enjoying middle school. Their time here will matter because they matter.

Once you've had time to read our guide, take the next step to **schedule a tour** with our admissions team. We look forward to meeting your family and exploring opportunities for your child at Covenant Christian Academy!

Sincerely,

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AN ENVIRONMENT STEEPED IN BEAUTY AND WISDOM

Your child, like all of us, is drawn to powerful stories, rooms soaked in natural light, and the promise of a community where they belong.

We offer all of that and more at [Covenant Christian Academy](#).
On our campus, we:

Value What is Lovely and True. As Christians, we seek the truth of Christ and strive to focus on the good that He has created. Through our classical curriculum, your child will read great literature and gain wisdom from characters, both real and fictional.

Emphasize Respect. Our teachers use all kinds of social situations to teach kindness and respect at every grade level. In addition, seventh and eighth graders participate in Bible discussion groups to learn how to incorporate Christian values into their lives.

Build Authentic Relationships. Our small class sizes allow teachers to really get to know your child — their learning styles, interests, and unique personalities.

Foster Character Development. Besides weekly chapel services, our teachers guide and disciple students daily. We also have an Honorable Character Program, which praises and encourages students who demonstrate compassion, perseverance, and other important virtues.

All of these elements contribute to an environment where your child is welcomed and encouraged to use their talents and gifts. We hope their families feel that sense of belonging, too, because we believe everyone benefits when we work together.

A CURRICULUM THAT TEACHES RESPONSIBILITY



The Classical Approach

With a classical curriculum, the steps to learning are clear. There's a process and a well-thought-out plan. So, for example, the themes your middle schooler is studying in history will appear in art class, too.

With this approach, your child becomes capable of understanding complex concepts in more and more areas of their life.

At CCA, we use that understanding to:

Develop Critical Thinking. As part of a classical education, students learn through Socratic discussions and are trained in analysis and feedback, formal logic is taught in eighth grade.

Teach Self-Assessment. Our teachers help students understand the end goal of each unit or course. Then, your child learns to analyze their own strengths and weaknesses before moving to the next unit or course.

Practice Safe Digital Use. Technology is a powerful tool for learning, so we incorporate smart boards, interactive LED panels, iPads, and other devices as needed to enhance the educational experience. However, we are always mindful of digital health and safety.

Emphasize Autonomy. As students mature, we add developmentally appropriate responsibilities such as tracking their own homework and communicating with teachers. By seventh grade, they gain the freedom to move between buildings and decide on their own enrichment classes and athletic participation.

Encourage Goal Setting. Study skills are integrated into classes through the use of planners and by teaching how to prepare for tests and take notes. In eighth grade, a guidance counselor also begins working with students.

Complete Preparation for a Lifetime of Growth

When you think about college preparation and career readiness, your mind likely goes directly to academics. That's a great place to start, but your child needs more than that to have a future full of possibilities.

Your middle schooler will find academics that are second to none at Covenant Christian Academy. Our classical, Christian program will guide them through foundational subject areas and build the critical-thinking and research skills they need to shine in high school and college.

But, on top of college-prep academics, we also help your child thrive through:



Leadership Opportunities

Your middle schooler can enjoy Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Reading Buddies, community service, a mentor program with younger students, and plenty of other leadership activities.



Enriched Learning

Middle school is the perfect time for your child to discover a variety of new interests and passions. Some of our students' favorite electives include applied technology, drama, choir, strings, and art.

Competitive Athletics

On or off the field or court — we're always proud of our athletes. Our Cougars play hard and have helped develop the character of a very long line of CCA graduates. We offer 15 team sports, new athletic facilities with turf and a weight room, two regulation-sized gymnasiums, an athletic trainer, and a strength and conditioning coach.



To learn more about our extensive offerings, [schedule a call](#) or [personal campus tour](#) with our admissions team.

ALIGNMENT WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

Allowing your child to attend Covenant Christian Academy is an act of trust. Trust that we will educate your middle schooler. Trust that we will keep them physically and emotionally safe. Trust that we will point them to God's word again and again.

We appreciate that trust, and we will do all we can to partner with you — including listening and communicating effectively. Always feel free to reach out to us. We are here to help answer any questions, including:

Location

Where is the campus? Our middle school is located on 16 acres in suburban Colleyville, right in the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Most of our students live within a 10- to 15-minute radius of our school.

Schedule

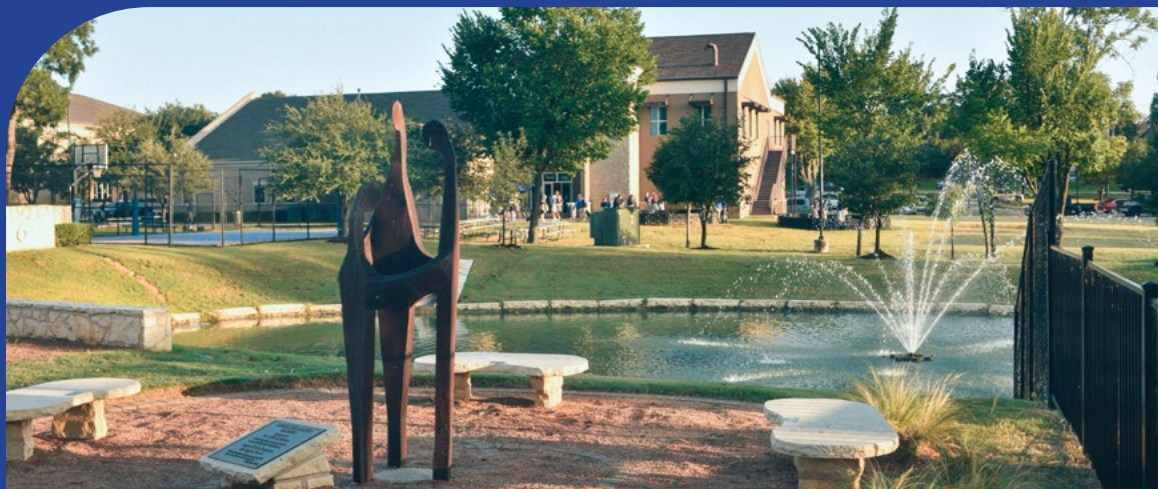
How does a school fit into your family's schedule? CCA's school day runs from 8 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 2:30 p.m. on Fridays. We offer after-school care through sixth grade, extending the day until 5:30 p.m.

Communication Expectations

How does communication work between the home and the school? CCA partners with parents to ensure there is a strong connection between each child's home and school. We offer a weekly newsletter, The Cougar Chronicle, and plenty of available conference times for families and teachers.

Growth Opportunities

What happens when your child makes a mistake and needs some guidance? We believe discipline is about training the heart — not just the behavior. When students understand why something is wrong, a heart change is promoted, and character is formed. We also celebrate and encourage positive actions.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION A CHANCE TO INVOLVE YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOLER

As your child grows from elementary to middle school, their influence should increase, too. They have opinions — and ideas — about their own education. Let's take what they have to say into consideration before you make a final decision.



- 1. Be intentional and ask specific questions.** Try asking your child about an interest or subject they would like to develop further, rather than broad questions such as, "What school do you want to go to?" Then, if they are really interested in theater and joining your church's worship team, help them look for a school that has a strong arts program and a chapel service that invites student participation.
- 2. Help your middle schooler research.** Show them the school websites and parent information packets that you've collected. Then, work together to create a list of your family's priorities and have your child compare each school. This gives them the opportunity to practice critical thinking — an important skill they will strengthen in middle school.
- 3. Show that you are open to other perspectives.** Be curious, but not critical. Ask questions that push your child to clarify their thoughts. How do you think that relates to choosing a school? Why do you think a strong athletic program is important? You'll be modeling good communication skills and gaining valuable insight into what your child really needs in a school.
- 4. Pray with them and for them.** Remind them that you — and God — take their concerns about friendships, new teachers, and changing schools seriously. Ask for God's guidance and blessing on your child's future.

Experience CCA For Yourself

We can't wait to meet you.

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to seeing 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

Explore our beautiful campus virtually, or [schedule an on-site tour](#) with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to talk with teachers and the principal, and you'll see:

- The Middle School building, where students enjoy an outdoor dining space and playground just for students in grades 5 to 8.
- Many of your child's classrooms, including a glimpse inside our popular art classes.
- This month's nutritious menu at the dining hall, where your child will break from class and relax with friends during lunch.
- The new athletic facilities, which include a turf football/soccer field, competition baseball field, two regulation-sized gymnasiums, and a weight room.
- Our library, which holds more than 15,000 resources to empower your child's learning.

SCHEDULE A TOUR

Students can also join us for a shadow visit, where they will meet our staff and interact with fellow students for a day. It's a great opportunity to see if CCA is the right fit for your child.

Questions?

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