

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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## **Vision Statement**

The vision of CCA, as a ministry of Countryside Christian Center, is to be a cutting-edge learning center that strengthens the home, the church, and the community by providing the highest quality Christian education to all of its students. Our desire is to partner with parents to develop the whole child: spirit, soul (mind), and body with the awareness that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. We strive to provide excellence in education with a Biblical worldview in a safe, loving environment.

- Partnering with Parents
- Preserving Academic Excellence
- Preparing Tomorrow's Godly Leaders

## **Core Values**

- Faith: our desire is for every student to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Bible class, chapel services, special events and activities, and missions projects are designed with salvation, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as foundational. Christian character, servant hood, and discipleship are outward manifestations or fruit of an inward heart change.
- Character: our faith in action. As our students grow in their walk with God, the fruit of the spirit is evident in their lives. We have implemented curriculum to emphasize Godly character. We encourage students to be 'others centered'. Classroom and school-wide policies are established to encourage students to be others centered and to exemplify Christ-like character.
- Knowledge: knowing, understanding, and applying God's Word to their lives. We strive toward excellence in all areas of knowledge. God's Word is the beginning of all wisdom. Students are taught a Biblical worldview.

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Countryside Christian Academy, a ministry of Countryside Christian Center, is to educate the student in the ways of Christian character and to develop the whole student: spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically in a safe and loving environment. We stand on the Word of God, the whole Bible, as the inspired Word of God and believe that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation.

The curriculum is based on the Word of God to instill scriptural truth, not humanistic philosophy. It emphasizes the mastery of fundamental concepts necessary for the achievement of knowledge for cognitive thinking and developmental reasoning skills to promote higher learning.

The school commits to maintain a qualified, dedicated, experienced, degreed and certified faculty. We will strive for constant curriculum development and continuing education through faculty study and in-service training.

Countryside Christian Academy works closely with parents through communication and the Parent in Action group to involve parents in their child's learning process. Scriptures that support the true view of education:

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| • Teacher directed classroom | Deuteronomy 6:7 |
| • Knowledge through study    | II Timothy 2:15 |
| • Researching                | John 5:39       |
| • Reasoning                  | Acts 24:25      |
| • Relating                   | Luke 24:27      |

## Philosophy/Purpose

Countryside Christian Academy's philosophy is based on the Word of God. The purpose of the school is to educate the student in the ways of Christian character for the development of the whole student: spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically. God has given the parent the responsibility to educate their child. CCA strives to partner with parents, and to be an extension of the home by providing a Christian-based education.

Countryside Christian Academy offers programs, which assist the parent in training up a child to discover his full potential, and God's will for his life. The school teaches the foundation of all truth is God and His revelation of Himself through nature, through His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ, and through the Bible, God's written revelation of Himself.

The school's primary purposes are spiritual ministry and academic excellence; therefore, our goals are to direct the student:

1. To teach that the Bible is the inspired and the only infallible authoritative Word of God, thus developing attitudes of love and respect toward it (II Timothy 3:15-17; II Peter 1:20, 21).
2. To teach the basic doctrines of the Bible (Titus 2:1).
3. To provide opportunities for the student to confess Christ as Savior and Lord (Romans 10:9, 10).
4. To teach biblical character qualities and provide opportunities for the student to demonstrate these qualities (I Samuel 16:7; Galatians 5:22, 23).
5. To teach the student how to develop the mind of Christ towards godliness (Philippians 2:5; I Timothy 4:7).
6. To encourage the student to develop self-discipline and responsibility from God's perspective (I Timothy 4:7; I Corinthians 9:24-27).
7. To teach the student respect for and submission to authority from God's perspective (Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 6:1-3).
8. To help the student develop a Christian world view by integrating life, and all studies, with the Bible (II Peter 1:3).
9. To teach the student to hide God's Word in his heart through memorization and meditation (Psalm 119:11; Psalm 1:103).
10. To help the student develop his identity in Christ as a unique individual, created in the image of God and to attain his fullest potential (Psalm 139:13-16).
11. To teach the student to treat everyone with love and respect as unique individuals created in God's image (Philippians 2:1-4; Ephesians 5:21).
12. To teach the student how to become a contributing member of his society by realizing his need to serve others (Galatians 5:13; Romans 2:10).
13. To teach the student physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as the Temple of God (I Corinthians 6:19, 20).
14. To teach the student biblical attitudes toward material things and his responsibility for using them to God's glory (I Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19, 20; I Corinthians 10:31).
15. To teach the student to understand and use the fundamental processes in communicating and dealing with others [such as reading, writing, speaking, listening, and mathematics (II Corinthians 5:20).
16. To teach and encourage the student to use good study skills and habits (II Timothy 2:3-7).
17. To teach the student how to research and to reason logically from a Biblical perspective (Hebrews 5:14; Romans 12:2).
18. To teach the student good citizenship through an understanding and appreciation of our Christian and American heritages [home, church, and nation] (I Cor.10:11; Rom. 13:1-7).
19. To teach the student biblical creationism, a literal six days of creation, and God's direct act of creating Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-2).

20. To cooperate closely as servants to the parents in every phase of the student's development, especially as it relates to the school program (Mark 10:45)
21. To help parents to understand the school's purpose and program.
22. To assist parents in keeping up with the changing culture and its effect on the home and the implications for their children.
23. To encourage parents to realize and shoulder their responsibility for the spiritual, moral and social education of their children (Deut. 6:4-7).

Countryside Christian Academy is a ministry of Countryside Christian Center under the direction and government of the School Board. The School Board acts as a guidance committee for Countryside Christian Academy. The academic program consists of direct teaching with the three basic learning styles to create a well-balanced program for all learners (visual, auditory, and kinesthetic). The school's curriculum emphasizes the mastery of fundamental concepts necessary for achievement of knowledge for cognitive thinking and development of reasoning for making right choices. Creative learning with developmentally age-appropriate activities is used to enhance the social development of the student. The curriculum is designed to instill scriptural truth based on the Bible, not humanistic philosophy. Truth based on God's Word will build strong minds and moral character. Academic standards are taught through a Biblical worldview.

### **Statement of Faith**

The foundation of Countryside Christian Academy is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe:

- The Bible is the inspired Word of God and is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice.
- In one true God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Man was created in the image of God, but by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- Believers are to follow the Lord into the waters of baptism and thus declare that they have also been raised with Him to walk in the newness of life.
- That all believers are entitled and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father and command of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- The church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the spirit, with divine appointment for the fulfillment of her great commission.
- Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement and is the privilege of all.
- In the resurrection of all those who have died in Christ and in their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord.
- In the millennial reign of Christ on earth and the everlasting punishment in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone for the Devil, his angels, the Beast, False Prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life.
- In God's promise of a new heaven and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells.
- God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance.
- The only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman.
- A person's gender is formed at the moment of conception.

## **Scholarship**

Step Up for Students is an initiative of the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program. The innovative program provides K-12 education scholarships for qualifying low-income students. Step Up does not cover the entire cost of tuition. Parents are required to pay the remaining balance.

Website: [www.StepUpForStudents.org](http://www.StepUpForStudents.org)

## **Admissions**

Before a student is accepted, CCA needs to view the most recent report card, testing scores, and be notified of any learning and/or behavioral needs. CCA will administer an entrance exam on a case-by-case basis. Once accepted, an application needs to be completed and returned with registration fee. Registration fee is non-refundable. CCA will request records from your student's former school. A Financial Agreement will need to be completed prior to school starting with the Financial Director.

## **Forms**

CCA will send out school forms that need to be completed during the summer. Along with these forms the following are required and must be submitted before the first day of school or your student will not be able to start school:

**Immunization Record**-All students are required by the Health Department to have a Florida Certification of Immunization (DH680 Form) on file. If entering 7th grade, the form must state that 7th grade shots are complete. If you are coming from out-of-state, immunizations must be on a Florida form and can be obtained from the Health Department.

**Physical Exam**- All students are required by the Health Department to have a State of Florida School Entry Health Exam (DH3040 form). This form can be obtained from the Health Department.

**Birth Certificate**- All students are required to have a copy of their Birth Certificate on file.

## **School Day**

School is 8:30am-3:00pm. If a student should arrive at 8:30am or later, they must report to the school office for a tardy slip. Parents will not be permitted to take their student down to the classroom after 8:30am.

## **Extended Care**

**Morning care** begins at 7:00am. Students are dismissed at 8:10am to go to the classroom.

**Aftercare** is 3:00pm-6:00pm. If you will be utilizing extended care for the morning or afternoon, a FOB should be purchased in the front office for \$10. This will give you access into the building during extended care times. Please inform the teacher if your child will be utilizing extended care. The teacher will send them directly there at the end of the day. Please note: If your student normally goes to carline and you need to utilize aftercare for the day, please notify the teacher via email or the communication folder. If you know your student will need to attend aftercare every day, the monthly charge can be added to your monthly auto withdrawal. If you use it sporadically, you will be billed for it monthly and the charge will be placed in RenWeb.

## **Carline**

Carline runs parallel with the school building either downstairs or upstairs and starts at 8:10am and 3:00pm in the afternoon. The first week of school parents may park in the parking lot and walk their student into the building. After the first week, please use carline. New parents will receive a sign with their student's name on it to post on their windshield. This helps teachers call for the student when the parent arrives in carline at the end of the day.

## **Hot Lunch**

CCA does offer a Hot Lunch program. The program starts in September and is only offered on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Lunch orders are placed via RenWeb one month in advance.

## **Curriculum**

Kindergarten and first grade use Abeka and Purposeful Design curriculum. Second through Eighth grade use Abeka, Bob Jones, Purposeful Design, and Glencoe curriculum.

## **Dress Code**

CCA has a "standard of dress." The purpose of our dress code is to encourage an environment that is conducive to learning. Uniforms are not included in tuition. Students are required to purchase uniforms from Sports Katz (2555 Blackburn Street, Clearwater, FL 33763, 727-723-9062, [www.sportskatz.com](http://www.sportskatz.com)).

**Uniform shirts** are grey, Kelly green, black or white and have CCA's logo printed on them. Students may wear a uniform shirt or a CCA dress down shirt on Friday.

**Uniform bottoms** must be purchased from Sports Katz or be an exact match in color and style (black or khaki colored). Boys can wear shorts or pants. Girls can wear shorts, pants, capris, or skorts.

**Shoes** need to be closed toe and back. No boots, sandals, slippers, crocs, water shoes, or flip flops are permitted. Sneakers are required for P.E.

**Belts** are to be worn by students who are in 2nd-8th grade.

**P.E. uniforms** are required for 4th-8th grade students.

The last Friday of the month is "Privilege Dress Down Day." This will be announced. Students who have earned privilege dress down day may wear standard blue jeans and a shirt/blouse of their choice.

## **Communication**

It is CCA's desire to have clear communication and to keep you informed about what is going on at school. In order to accomplish this, Ms. Mascaro, Administrator, sends out Weekly Reminders via email. This is the most efficient way to keep you informed. Your student's teacher will also send out emails and utilize the communication folder. Teacher's typically will respond within 24 hours of a received email.

## **RenWeb**

Our RenWeb School Management Software gives you, the busy parents, the opportunity to get more involved in your child's academic progress and future success, all via internet! RenWeb is a private and secure website that has been set up for our school to allow you to see complete information specific to your child. You can view your child's grades, attendance, homework and conduct, as well as other useful school information. You can also communicate with teachers and other school staff online whenever necessary. All you need is internet access and to keep us updated on your current email address.

## **FACTS: Business Solutions for Education**

FACTS is the payment plan provider most widely used by private, faith-based and public schools nationwide. FACTS helps families like yours meet their financial obligations in a simple, convenient way that is completely confidential and secure. FACTS will charge your account a yearly, one-time enrollment fee. All monthly tuition payments must be auto-withdrawn. Once you have signed your financial agreement with the school office you will need to enroll in FACTS. This can be done online. Go to [myCCAcademy.org](http://myCCAcademy.org), click the "About" circle, click Tuition, and scroll down and click the FACTS logo. FACTS accepts banking and credit card information.