



**Elementary
Information Packet
2012-2013 School Year**

*A Ministry of
Grace Community Church Of Saddleback Valley*



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Preschool



Elementary

A Foundation For Christian Education

"I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in truth." 3 John 4

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Grace Christian Schools. We are excited for the opportunity to share our unique educational philosophy with you.

By selecting Grace Christian Schools, you are placing a value on your child's academic needs, as well as his/her spiritual needs. *"The fear (reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."* Proverbs 1:7. By encouraging each student through his/her studies, regardless of career path chosen, we are preparing them for a life of service to God.

Grace Christian Schools offers a strong and balanced academic program. Since our Kindergarten program is a full day, we have extra time to build on foundational subjects. We also offer specialized subjects like Spanish, Computer, Library, Music, Art and Physical Education, which balance our program and provide an opportunity for our students to apply what they learn in school to the world they live in.

Our staff looks forward to a partnership between home and school. One that is filled with hope and faith in the education of your child. If you have further questions, please call our School Office, we would be happy to assist you in anyway we can.

In His Love,

Sandi Brakebush,

Principal

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GRACE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2012-2013 School Year Information

Kindergarten through Sixth Grades

School Hours: M – F, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
20:1 Student to Teacher

Kindergarten – 20:2 Student to Teacher/Instructional Aide

Spanish • Computer • Library • Art • Music • Chapel • Physical Education
School Uniforms • Field Trips • Hot Lunch Program • Before and After School Care
Parent-Teacher Fellowship • After School Enrichment Classes

2012-2013 SCHOOL-YEAR ANNUAL TUITION/MONTHLY TUITION PLAN RATES / FEES

Kindergarten - Annual Tuition \$7,150.00

10-Month Payment Plan - \$715.00/month

12-Month Payment Plan - \$595.83/ month

First through Sixth Grades - Annual Tuition \$7,300.00

10-Month Payment Plan - \$730.00/month

12-Month Payment Plan - \$608.33/ month

-Grace Community Church member and multiple Elementary student discounts available-

\$50.00 Assessment Deposit-New students only,
is due with your completed Application for Enrollment.

ASSESSMENT DEPOSIT: A one-time Assessment Deposit of \$50.00, per new student entering the school, is due with the Application for Enrollment, refundable only if the child is not accepted for enrollment by the Elementary School. The deposit will be applied toward your Registration Fee upon acceptance.

REGISTRATION FEE: For new students, a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$450.00 is due upon receipt of your Letter of Acceptance. For returning students, the Registration Fee is due with the 2012 Student Enrollment Forms. As an option, this fee may be paid in two equal, consecutive monthly installments of \$225.00. If enrolling more than one elementary student, the maximum Registration Fee will be \$675.00 with the same payment requirement. Upon approval, the Registration Fee can be pro-rated into your monthly payment schedule (increase applies).

REFERRAL CREDIT: A \$225.00 Referral Credit will be given to you, for each Grace Christian Preschool family, currently enrolled, you refer to our Elementary School. A \$1,000.00 Referral Credit will be given, to you, for referring a new non-GCS (not coming from the Preschool) family, upon acceptance and payment in full of his/her Registration Fee.

Were you referred: Y / N If yes, the name of student to receive the credit: _____

TUITION PAYMENTS: Annual tuition is divided into 10-equal or 12-equal monthly payments, as shown below. **NOTE:** No tuition payment is due in June 2013, as your last month of tuition is your first tuition payment and is collected in June 2012. Payments MUST BE RECEIVED in the School Office within ten days of the payment due date or a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed.

10-Month Payment Plan

First tuition payment due **June 2012**, or upon enrollment, whichever comes last, followed by 9 consecutive monthly payments as follows:

September 2012	December 2012	March 2013
October 2012	January 2013	April 2013
November 2012	February 2013	May 2013

12-Month Payment Plan

First tuition payment due **June 2012**, or upon enrollment, whichever comes last, followed by 11 consecutive monthly payments as follows:

July 2012	November 2012	March 2013
August 2012	December 2012	April 2013
September 2012	January 2013	May 2013
October 2012	February 2013	

Observations/Tours are available by appointment only.
Please call the School Office at 949-951-8683 ext. 101,
if you would like to set an appointment.

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KINDERGARTEN CLASS SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
9:00-10:10	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum SPANISH 9:40 – 10:10	Reading Curriculum
10:10 – 10:30	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35- 11:00	Math	Math	ART 10:35 – 11:15	Math	Math
11:00 -11:25	Bible	Bible		Bible	Bible
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:20-12:50	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	CHAPEL 12:20 – 12:50	Read Aloud	Read Aloud	Read Aloud
12:20-1:20		Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	MUSIC 12:20 – 12:50 Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies
1:20-2:25		Theme Cooking Project Star of the Week		COMPUTER/LIBRARY 1:25 – 2:25	P.E. 1:20 – 1:50
2:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30

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FIRST GRADE SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Journals	Journals	Journals	Journals	Journals
9:00-10:10	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum
10:10-10:30	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:25	Math	Math	Computer/Library	Math	MUSIC 10:55 – 11:25
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:20-1:10	P.E. 12:20 – 1:10	CHAPEL 12:20 – 12:50 Spelling	ART 12:20 – 1:05	P.E. 12:20 – 1:10	Math
1:10-1:55	Bible Spelling	Bible Handwriting	Social Studies	Bible	SPANISH 1:00 – 1:40
1:55-2:25	Handwriting Social Studies	Science	COMPUTER/ LIBRARY 1:25 – 2:25	Science Spelling	Bible Social Studies Handwriting
2:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30

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SECOND GRADE SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Daily Skills	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling
9:00-10:10	Writing Reading Curriculum	Writing Reading Curriculum	Writing Reading Curriculum	Writing Reading Curriculum	Writing Reading Curriculum
10:10-10:30	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	ART 10:45 -11:30
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:20-12:50	P.E. 12:20 – 1:10	CHAPEL 12:20 – 12:50	LIBRARY/COMPUTER 12:20 – 1:20	P.E. 12:20 – 1:10	Math
12:50 – 1:30	Bible	MUSIC 12:55 – 1:25	Bible	Bible	Bible
1:30 – 2:25	Science or Social Studies	Science or Social Studies	Science or Social Studies	Science or Social Studies	SPANISH 1:45 – 2:25
2:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30

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THIRD & FOURTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Drill Skills	4 RECORDERS 8:40 – 9:10	Drill Skills	Drill Skills	Drill Skills
9:00- 10:10	Reading Workshop Reading Language Arts Workshop	3 Reading Workshop Reading Language Arts Workshop	4 Reading Workshop Language Arts 3 COMPUTER 9:30 – 10:05	Reading Workshop Reading Language Arts Workshop	Bible Verse Test 4 Reading Workshop Reading Language Arts Workshop 3 ART 9:25 –10:10
10:11-10:30	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:10	P.E. 10:35 – 11:30	3 Math 4 Language Arts MUSIC 10:55 – 11:25	Math	P.E. 10:35 – 11:30	3 Reading/Language Arts-Spelling Test 4 SPANISH 10:50 – 11:30
11:30-12:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:20 -1:00	3 RECORDERS 12:20 – 12:50 4 Math	CHAPEL 12:20 – 12:50	3 Reading Workshop	4 Social Studies 3 SPANISH 12:20 – 1:05	3 Math 4 ART 12:20 – 1:05
1:00 – 1:30	Bible	4 Math 3 Language Arts	3 Social Studies 4 COMPUTER 12:55 – 1:30	Math	Bible
1:30 – 2:25	3 Math 4 Science	3 Science/ Social Studies 4 Social Studies/ Science	Bible	Bible	4 Math 3 Science
2:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30

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FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:35	5 Reading/Language Arts – George 6 Math – Hendries	5 Reading/Language Arts – George 6 Math – Hendries	5 Reading/Language Arts – George 6 Math – Hendries 5 COMPUTER 9:00 – 9:30	5 Reading/Language Arts – George 6 Math – Hendries	6 Math – Hendries 5 SPANISH 8:45 – 9:25
9:35-10:20	5 Math – George 6 Reading/Language Arts – Hendries	5 Math – George 6 Reading/Language Arts – Hendries	5 Math – George 6 Reading/Language Arts – Hendries	5 Math – George 6 Reading/Language Arts – Hendries	5 Math – George 6 Reading/Language Arts – Hendries
10:20 –10:35	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:30	P.E. 10:35 – 11:30	Literature Book	Science	P.E. 10:35- 11:30	Bible
11:30 –12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:15 – 1:10	Writing Grammar/Spelling	CHAPEL 12:20 -12:50	BELLS 12:20 -12:50 Grammar/Spelling	Writing Literature Book MUSIC 12:20 – 12:50	5 Math 6 Science
1:10 – 2:05	Social Studies	Science	5 ART 1:20 – 2:05 6 Social Studies	Bible Writing Literature Book	6 ART 1:20 – 2:05 5 Social Studies
2:05 – 2:25	Bible	Writing	Bible	6 SPANISH 1:45 – 2:25 5 Science	Fun Friday
2:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30	Dismissal Extended Care Available until 5:30

Grace Christian Schools Elementary Statement of Philosophies & Policies

Mission Statement

Grace Christian Schools endeavors to help children develop and mature in a positive, Christ-centered environment that integrates faith and learning by emphasizing Biblical training and academic excellence.

Vision

Grace Christian Schools is committed to providing Christ-centered education integrating spiritual, academic, social, physical, and emotional training leading to a life of commitment and service to God.

Philosophy

We, the Board, Administration, and Staff of Grace Christian Schools, are committed to provide an education program that seeks to develop excellence in a student – spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, culturally, and physically. In addition to traditional core curriculum, the student will be exposed to a wide range of educational experiences, including foreign language study, computer science, art, music, and physical education.

As a *Christian* school, we are dedicated to establishing a Godly environment where the Bible, as the Word of God, is actively integrated into *all* aspects of school life (Matthew 6:33). Each student will be challenged to live his or her life according to God's principles and purposes (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

As a non-denominational school, we seek to serve individual families throughout our community who share our biblical orientation and appreciate our particular philosophy of education and discipline (Deuteronomy 6:2-7).

We want our students to encounter the educational process in an environment that assures security, positive self-worth and mutual respect. Our classrooms are controlled with loving discipline that is applied by qualified and dedicated Christian teachers.

In everything, the Word of God sets the standard for our school. The student is taught to interpret life according to God's principles and purposes.

Admission

Admission to Grace Christian Schools is obtained by a written application and personal interview. A student should be 5-years old by September 2nd to be eligible for Kindergarten. Students who have severe behavioral problems or who are significantly limited in academic ability may not be accepted.

Curriculum

Our curriculum concerns itself with the development of the whole student. It is appropriately individualized and is centered around a strong, basic education that also includes a stimulating cultural program. Fine arts is also a standard aspect of our curriculum. The Bible is integrated throughout the entire curriculum.

Discipline

Grace Christian Schools teaches respect for authority, property, and the rights and privileges of others. Discipline basically is the responsibility of the teacher in charge. Serious discipline problems are sent to the Administrator who will administer the necessary corrective measures. Disobedience and disrespect are dealt with promptly and firmly. The discipline system incorporates positive and negative reinforcement techniques. Our desire is to correct attitudes and stimulate good behavior, not simply to punish the student.

Parental Behavior

I understand that the standards of Grace Christian Schools do not tolerate profanity, obscenity in word or action, dishonor of the Holy Trinity and the Word of God, disrespect to the personnel of the school or continued disobedience to the established policies of the school. Parents will endeavor to form a partnership with their student's teachers to strengthen the educational opportunity afforded to them. If parents have a concern or are dissatisfied, they will seek to resolve the issue with the person(s) directly. Parents agree to not gossip about teachers, staff, or other school families, but to follow the principle of Matthew 18: 15-17.

Financial Obligation

A one-time Assessment Deposit of \$50.00, per new student entering the school, is due with the Application for Enrollment, refundable only if the student is not accepted for enrollment by the school. The deposit is applied towards the Registration Fee upon acceptance. For new students, a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$450.00 is due in full upon receipt of your Letter of Acceptance. For returning students, the Registration Fee is due with the enrollment forms. As an option, this fee may be paid in two equal, consecutive monthly installments. If enrolling more than one elementary student, the maximum Registration Fee will be \$675.00 with the same payment requirements. Tuition is due monthly and on the date you select on your Financial Agreement. A 10-day grace period is given, followed by a \$25.00 Late Charge. The school reserves the right to require any account to be brought current for a student to continue to attend classes. If it becomes necessary to withdraw before the end of the school year, a 30-day written notice is required. If a 30-day written notice is not given to the School Office, 30 days will be added to the date of withdrawal as tuition earned by the school. With or without notice of withdrawal all fees except prepaid monthly tuition, that have been paid, are forfeited.

Parental Involvement

Grace Christian Schools benefit greatly from the involvement in and around the school by the student's parents. Parents are welcome to participate in special events on the school's campus and on field trips. We also have an active PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) that meets regularly and supports a variety of school activities. Parent participation is encouraged and annual service hours are required.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Statement of Faith

The Scriptures

The Bible, containing the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, comprising sixty-six books, is the written Word of God, supernaturally inspired by the Spirit of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts, and infallible in its teaching. It is the divine authority for every person in every age.

God and the Holy Trinity

There is one God, Who is a sovereign Spirit, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three persons are one in substance and equal in power and glory.

The Lord Jesus Christ

God the Father, out of love for man, sent Jesus Christ into the world for man's salvation. Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, worked miracles, and taught the perfect truth of God. He died as a sacrifice upon the cross, atoning for man's sin through His shed blood. He was raised from the dead bodily on the third day, ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He is head of the church and intercedes for believers and is returning again bodily in power and glory.

The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit convicts men of sin and calls them to faith. He baptizes and seals all believers at the moment of their salvation, and sanctifies them as they grow in grace. He equips the saints with His gifts, bears His fruit in their lives, comforts, and leads them into all the truth.

Mankind

All men are created in the image of God, but all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Man is alienated from God by his sin and stands in need of redemption in Jesus Christ.

Salvation

Man's redemption, and reconciliation with God, occur as an act of God's grace and are entirely apart from the good works of any human being. Salvation comes through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and results in man's justification before God. God's people are chosen from the foundation of the world, and they are eternally secure. In his salvation, man receives forgiveness of sins, the impartation of a new nature, and the assured hope of eternal life.

The Church

The universal church is made up of all true believers in Jesus Christ, those in every time and place who have been regenerated by the spirit of God. In its parts, the church consists of individuals and groupings of Christians who have fellowship as the body of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God. This is accomplished primarily through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the end that men might be saved through repentance and faith and through preaching and teaching to edify the saints. It is accomplished secondarily through good works, which represent the love and mercy of God.

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