

Bethel Christian Academy

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Bethel Christian Academy

Welcomes You

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Bethel Christian Academy family. We are looking forward to great things the Lord has in store for your student. Our goal is to provide your child with a quality spiritual and academic education.

The Lord has blessed us with a quality staff to teach and train the young people God has entrusted to our care. Our staff is always available to help with the educational process of each student. Feel free to make appointments to talk about the specific needs of your student. We want God's best for all who come to our academy.

We trust your experience here at Bethel will be a pleasant one. We covet your prayers, suggestions, and cooperation as we work together to fulfill Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Please read this handbook carefully and have your children follow its guidelines.

Training Spiritual Giants for Tomorrow's America,

Bro. Chris Jones

Administrator, Bethel Christian Academy

What We Believe

Bethel Christian Academy holds to the doctrinal statement of Bethel Baptist Church. The major points of this statement are as follows:

1. We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God's plan and purpose in the ages. We believe the King James Version to be the most accurate and reliable; therefore it is used exclusively at BCA.
2. We believe in one God manifested in three persons: God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity, virgin birth, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that salvation is "by grace" plus nothing or minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith.
5. We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are counted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the visible, personal return of Jesus Christ.
7. We believe in the everlasting, conscious blessedness of the saved and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.

Our Philosophy

Our philosophy at BCA begins with the belief that children are a gift from God (Psalm 127:3). We also believe that the responsibility to train children is given to parents. The goal of BCA is to be an extension of your home and to assist you in educating your children.

We believe that the Bible gives us the necessary principles to accomplish our goal. Since the Bible tells us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7) and "...the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10), it is foolish to believe we can educate our children and leave God out. Therefore, our educational process at Bethel begins with God and Biblical truth is integrated into every aspect of the educational process. We will give your student the practical academic knowledge necessary to be prepared for whatever life path they choose.

The Bible commands us to be obedient to the authority placed over us (Romans 13:1). Therefore, we expect students to respect and obey those who have positions of authority. Little or no learning takes place when students are allowed to do as they please. Because of this, BCA strives to maintain a structured, orderly classroom.

The Bible also teaches us that man is to earn his living by the "sweat of his face"(Genesis 3:19). Training to work must begin early in life. At BCA, students will be expected to work hard. More will possibly be required here than at other schools, but it will help instill character that will be very useful to your child in the future.

All of this works toward our ultimate goal of training our students to have a real and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, a commitment to the principles of His Word and a desire to serve Him in every area of their lives.

Tuition Schedule

Registration Fee (per student and non-refundable) - \$350.00

Annual tuition for full time students is \$3,000.00 per year. Tuition will be drafted on the 1st or 3rd Friday of every month. It can be done on a 9 or 12 month schedule.

Pre-K and Kindergarten ½ day students tuition is \$2,400.00 per year.

Monthly tuition figures are as follows:

Program		9-month	12-month
K-3 - K-5 for ½ day program	1 student	\$267	\$200
K-3 through 12 th Grade	1 student	\$333	\$250
	2 students	\$633	\$475
	3 students	\$933	\$700
	4+ students	\$1267	\$950

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. Each graduating student (high school or kindergarten) will be required to buy his/her own cap and gown and own graduation supplies.
2. Students in athletics are required to purchase their sports jersey and shorts. Students will be responsible for keeping them clean and bringing them to games.
3. P.E. uniforms are not required to be ordered through the school. The loose fitting t-shirt and shorts to the knee must be appropriate and in school code.
4. There may be additional fees for required and/or extracurricular activities.

Academic Information

Grading Scale

90-100.....	A
80-89.....	B
75-79.....	C
70-74.....	D
Below 70.....	F
* Incomplete.....	I

*An incomplete is regarded as a 0 until the work is completed.

70 is the lowest passing grade.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday following the end of each quarter period. Parental involvement is encouraged.

Attendance Policies

Regular attendance is absolutely necessary if a student is to do well academically. Please make every effort to have your child at school every day. BCA strives to handle each student as an individual; however, there are times when something must be done. Any student who has more than seven unexcused absences in a semester is subject to disciplinary action or failure. Five unexcused tardies in a quarter will equal an unexcused absence. Punctuality is a character trait that will benefit your child for his entire life. Train him in this area by having him on time for school.

Dress Standard

Dress is very important. People's first impressions are dependent a great deal upon our appearance. Dress determines our actions and attitudes. Sloppy dressers usually do sloppy work. Dress often determines our self esteem. On top of all of this, the Bible lays down certain guidelines for our dress. Our dress standards are intended to accomplish the following:

1. Make our students neat and attractive
2. Distinguish between the sexes
3. Demonstrate modesty

We are aware that everyone does not agree with our standards, and we do not ask you to agree. We only ask that you honor them and have a good attitude about them. Please see that your child meets the following standards:

Boys:

1. Boys must have a standard, short hair-cut (off ears and collar), neatly combed with sideburns no longer than mid-ear. No extreme colors or faddish haircuts allowed.
2. Beards or mustaches are not allowed. Students must be clean shaven.
3. Boys may not wear earrings. Body piercing is not allowed.
4. No drawings or tattoos on body. No drawing or writing on clothes except for factory labels and names.
5. Uniforms are required with exception of a uniform shirt. Polo shirts are required, but a non-uniform polo may be worn as long as it complies with #7. Uniforms can be ordered from French Toast or Land's End using our school code number or they may be purchased from any store that sells school uniforms. Neatness and modesty are expected. There should be no holes in clothes. If a garment needs patching, please do so discretely. Shorts should come to the knee
6. All shoes must have a back.
7. Sleeveless shirts are not permissible. No questionable writing or pictures on shirts. Belts will be required for students seventh through twelfth grades.
8. Caps and hats may not be worn in the building.

School uniforms are to be worn Monday-Thursday.

P.E. clothes may be worn on Friday for dress down day. Shorts should come to the knee.

Parents, please help us with these standards. They apply to school and school activities. If something is questionable, please don't allow your child to wear it. The administration reserves the right to make the final decisions about any type of dress.

Girls:

1. Polo shirts are required, but a non-uniform polo may be worn as long as it complies with #3. Uniforms are required. Uniforms can be ordered from French Toast or Land's End using our school code number or they may be purchased from any store that sells school uniforms. Neatness and modesty are expected. All clothing should at least be knee length and loose fitting. There should be no holes in clothes. If a garment needs patching, please do so discretely.

2. Dress down clothing with questionable writing or pictures is not acceptable. Dress down clothing should at least be knee length and loose fitting.

3. Tops must be loose fitting and long enough to keep the stomach from showing in any situation. No sleeveless tops.

4. Hair must be neatly combed. No faddish colors or styles are allowed.

5. No body piercing except in ears.

6. No caps or hats to be worn in the building.

7. No drawings or tattoos on body. No drawing or writing on clothes except factory labels and names.

8. All shoes need something around the heel.

9. Make-up may be worn by students 6th grade and up only. It must not be excessive or gaudy.

10. No skin should show through a garment.

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Standard of Conduct

A student's conduct, both on and off campus is a reflection of Bethel Christian Academy. Therefore, we expect our students to exhibit a Christian lifestyle. This would include, but is not limited to, abstaining from the following:

1. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco usage
2. Cursing and swearing
3. Cheating and dishonesty
4. Improper conduct with the opposite sex

The above offenses are not acceptable and will result in punishment up to and possibly including expulsion.

General Information

Work Policy:

Students who need only a few credits to graduate may, in some instances, be granted permission to leave school early to go to work. Parents need to come by the office or submit written details of times their student will be working.

Health Program:

The Academy must have on file student's immunization records for polio, diphtheria, tetanus (DPT or DT), rubella, measles, mumps and other necessary immunizations. If your child does not receive immunizations, we must have a letter on file stating your objection to giving immunizations. The letter must be signed and dated by parents. Please do not send a sick child to school.

On a regular basis, students must have a vision and hearing screening.

Parents:

Parents should dress appropriately when they come to school or school functions. Smoking on school property is not allowed.

Early Release from Classes:

The student must be released through the office.

School Programs:

Several times during the year students will participate in school programs. It is expected that students will participate.

Church Attendance:

Since our primary goal is training students to serve the Lord, it is imperative that they attend church. We desire all students to attend church on a regular basis. Failure to do so undermines our basic philosophy.

Sports:

We expect those who participate to conduct themselves in a Christ like Manner. Failure to do so may forfeit your right to play.

Lost and Found:

Lost and found articles may be retrieved by students. Periodically, unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Lunches:

Hot lunches are served every day for a minimal fee. Students may also bring their own lunch to school. Students are not permitted to use the microwave or other kitchen equipment.

Additions:

The administration may change or add to these policies when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the school. School supply list, schedules, school calendar and graduation requirements are available in the school office.

Amendments

Bullying:

Bullying is defined as unwanted aggressive, repeated behavior among school -aged children that involves power imbalance.

It is not the same as children being mean to one another. Any appearance of bullying should be reported to the office.

Cell Phones and Pocket Knives:

Cell phones and pocket knives are not allowed to be used on campus during school hours (7:30-4:00) unless administration gives special permission.

If a staff member sees a cell phone or pocket knife out or hears a phone, it will be confiscated and turned in to the office. It can be released to a parent after a \$15.00 fine is paid.