



# MT. BETHEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is to provide a truly Christ-centered education for our children through an environment which develops and encourages academic excellence, spiritual growth, and a lifelong love and desire for learning.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Established in 1998, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school serving students Junior Kindergarten through 12th grades. In August 2014, MBCA added a 9th grade to form the Upper School division. The first senior class graduated in May 2018.

### CAMPUSES

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy shares two beautiful campuses with Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. The main campus, home to the Lower and Middle schools, includes soccer fields, baseball fields, a double gym with elevated walking track, and 215,000 square feet of fixed buildings. The Upper School is home to grades 9-12. The upper school campus includes an indoor gym, playing fields, tennis courts, swimming pool, a weight training room, performing arts room, and 30,000 square feet of building space for offices and classrooms. Both campuses enjoy a pond and nature areas.

### ACCREDITATION

MBCA is fully accredited through the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). MBCA is a member of the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA), Georgia High School Association (GHSA), Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools (GAPPS), the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC), and the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling (SACAC).

### FACULTY

MBCA has 101 faculty members. Administrators teach classes in addition to administrative responsibilities.

### ADMINISTRATION

**Jim Cianca**

*Head of School*

**Bob Montague**

*Upper School Head*

**Cal Boyd**

*Athletic Director*

**Amy Bichsel**

*College Counselor*

**Denise Dickerson**

*Registrar*

### ENROLLMENT

JK - 12.....	680
9 - 12.....	142
Class of 2022.....	24

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MBCA provides a college preparatory curriculum with requirements exceeding Georgia state minimums for graduation. The school year is divided into two semesters with eight class periods over two days following an A/B block schedule.

Bible .....	4 Credits
English .....	4 Credits
Mathematics .....	4 Credits
Science .....	4 Credits
History .....	3 Credits
World Language .....	3 Credits
Fine Arts .....	1 Credit
Communications .....	1 Credit
PE .....	1 Credit

Total: 25 Credits (minimum requirement)

## GRADING SCALE & GPA DISTRIBUTION

Students receive numerical grades for Bible, English, History, Mathematics, Science, World Language courses, and Health. Students receive letter grades in other courses. Only numerical grades are used in calculating students' overall averages. We can provide a transcript with weighted or unweighted grades according to a college's preference. Both transcripts include weighted and unweighted cumulative averages.

Grades are weighted by adding eight points for honors classes and ten points for AP classes taught at MBCA.

Grading Scale	
A ....	90 – 100
B ....	80 – 89
C ....	73 – 79
D ....	70 – 72
F .....	69 & below

## CURRICULUM

### Honors Courses

English 9  
 World Literature  
 Algebra I  
 Geometry  
 Algebra II  
 Pre-Calculus  
 Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Anatomy and Physiology  
 American Sign Language IV  
 Latin IV  
 Spanish IV  
 Art Studio

### Advanced Placement Courses

English Language & Composition  
 English Literature & Composition  
 Human Geography  
 World History  
 United States History  
 US Government & Politics  
 Calculus AB  
 Calculus BC  
 Biology  
 Physics I  
 Physics C: Mechanics  
 2-D Art & Design

### Dual Enrollment

College Algebra  
 Precalculus  
 Psychology

MBCA does not provide class rank.

## CLASS OF 2022 COVID-19 VIRTUAL LEARNING INFORMATION

On March 12, 2020 Governor Kemp recommended that all Georgia schools close until further notice, and Mt. Bethel Christian Academy made the decision to follow that recommendation. During this closure, MBCA maintained its tradition of academic excellence while holding all classes online. Teachers and students immediately transitioned to synchronous online classes and all students were able to meet virtually with their teachers and classes during their scheduled class periods. Lectures, class discussions, handouts, projects, tests, and quizzes all continued seamlessly for the remainder of the school year. Student learning continued and grades were collected as if students and faculty were still meeting in person. The final spring semester course grades that students earned are reflected in the second semester grade column of their junior year on their transcripts. The 2020-2021 school year at MBCA was conducted in-person with online options available to students who tested positive for COVID or who needed to be at home due to COVID contact tracing procedures. No modifications to the curriculum were made.

## STANDARDIZED TESTING

MBCA Upper School students take the PSAT examination in preparation for the College Board SAT and the Pre-ACT in preparation for the ACT. SAT and ACT scores are available for reporting upon student request.

<b>SAT SUMMARY</b> 2019-2021 / 113 Students	<b>ACT SUMMARY</b> 2019-2021 / 113 Students
<b>SAT I</b>	<b>ACT</b>
Evidence Based Reading & Writing(Mid 50%) ....540-660	English (Mid 50%).....22-32
Math (Mid 50%).....520-630	Math (Mid 50%).....21-29
Median Score.....1172	Reading (Mid 50%).....23-34
Students Tested.....84	STEM (Mid 50%).....17-28
	Composite Median Score..26
	Students Tested.....69

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT SUMMARY (2019 – 2021)

Total # of exams taken.... 319  
 3 and higher ..... 77%  
 4 and higher ..... 44%

## SENIOR THESIS PROJECT

All seniors complete a thesis project which is the capstone of the MBCA academic program. In this thesis, seniors develop a thoughtful and informed presentation on an issue of their choice by drawing on academically credible research. With compelling evidence to support their position and refute opposing solutions, students advocate for a solution to a problem of personal interest. The thesis culminates in a 20-minute oral presentation of the student’s argument before a board of judges and a community audience, followed by a 15-minute defense as the student answers questions from the judges.

## SERVICE PROFILE

MBCA Upper School students are required to complete 20 service hours each year while attending the Upper School.

## STEM HONORS PROGRAM

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy offers a comprehensive four-year STEM Honors Program. STEM is designed to help students learn to think critically and innovatively while formulating solutions to complex problems. The goal of this program is to develop students’ God-given talents and prepare them to excel in future STEM related majors and careers. Students have the opportunity to choose from two tracks: Engineering or Biomedical. Both tracks conclude with a capstone course, which includes an internship and a research component. In order to become a STEM Honors Graduate, students must earn 32 credits. In addition to meeting the non-STEM graduation requirements, students must complete a minimum of five mathematics courses, six science courses with a minimum of four courses at the honors or AP level, and four STEM courses. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be distinguished as STEM Honors Graduates, which will be indicated on their diploma and transcript.

## HONOR CODE

MBCA is committed to maintaining a community of integrity and trust. Elected Honor Council members have the responsibility of promoting and maintaining the values of the Honor Code both in and out of school. The Honor Code is displayed in each classroom and students sign a pledge at the beginning of the school year and before each exam. The Honor Council consists of elected Upper School students (two-four per grade), and is advised by a faculty member.

## CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

University of Alabama at Birmingham	Georgia State University	Rhodes College
The University of Alabama*	University of Georgia*	Rice University
Appalachian State University	High Point University	Rochester Institute of Technology
Armstrong State University	University of Iowa*	Samford University*
Auburn University*	Kennesaw State University*	Savannah College of Art and Design*
Babson College	University of Kentucky	Seton Hall University
Belmont University*	LaGrange College	University of South Carolina
Berry College*	Lee University	Spelman College
Birmingham Southern College	Lipscomb University*	Stevens Institute of Technology
College of Charleston*	Louisiana State University	The University of Tampa
Chattahoochee Technical College*	Mercer University*	Tennessee Technological University
Christopher Newport University	Merrimack College*	The University of Tennessee
Clemson University*	Mississippi State University	Tulane University
Colorado School of Mines	University of Mississippi*	Vanderbilt University*
Denison University*	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
University of Denver	University of Missouri*	Wake Forest University
Eckerd College	Morehouse College*	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Elon University	Muhlenberg College	Western Carolina University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	North Carolina State University	Western Kentucky University*
Emory University	Norwich University	College of William and Mary
Flagler College	University of North Georgia	Wingate University
Florida Southern College	Piedmont University*	Young Harris College
Florida State University— Panama City*	University of Pittsburgh	
Georgetown University	Purdue University	
Georgia College*	Queens University of Charlotte	
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	
Georgia Southern University*		

*\*Schools matriculated*

## CLASS OF 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

100% of the Class of 2021 (45 graduates) were accepted into a college or university. Members of the Class of 2021 received academic, athletic, and special achievement scholarships in excess of \$6,700,000.

### AP Scholars

- 3 AP Scholars with Honor
- 8 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 10 Admitted to Honors Programs
- 2 Committed to Varsity Athletics



**LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOLS**  
**CAMPUS JK-8**  
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**UPPER SCHOOL**  
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