



Up, Up and Away!

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*Choosing the
Right School for
Your Child*



THE WOODLANDS
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

With so many educational options available, the process of choosing the right school for your child can be quite a challenge.

We're here to help.

This e-book will guide you through a typical day in the Lower School at The Woodlands Christian Academy. The elements featured in this publication are practical - learning spaces, curriculum and programs - and some are deeper and more meaningful such as your family's values and beliefs.

While each component has a role in driving your final decision, a school aligned with your family's values and beliefs is perhaps most important. The way in which your child will be presented with new information, ideas and concepts, challenged and held accountable, and prepared for life beyond the classroom should be in accordance with what is already important to you. The people they will interact with — from their peers to their teachers and coaches — should add depth to developing the kind of person you hope he/she will become.

At Woodlands Christian, we are dedicated to equipping students from Pre-K - 12th grade to become future leaders with a Christ-centered worldview. Our mission is intended to communicate the values and beliefs that drive every aspect of our school — from curriculum to athletics and everything in between. Our community is made up of Christian families who are committed to partnering with us to further our mission — preparing students spiritually, intellectually, creatively, physically and socially, for the glory of Jesus Christ.

If a firm spiritual foundation, academic rigor and a wide range of physical, creative and social opportunities are high on your list, we invite you to explore Woodlands Christian and consider joining our incredible community.

Whatever your decision turns out to be, we pray this guide will serve as a resource that leads you to a place you feel confident is best for your family, and best serves your child's learning needs.



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Arrival

The lower school day begins at 8:15 a.m. As students arrive, they join faculty and staff for a short time of worship before reciting the pledges and listening to the morning announcements. This creates an atmosphere of joy and excitement to start the day.

Chapel

Chapel is held weekly on Mondays in lower school. Pre-K – 4th grade students gather as one body to praise God and to hear a relevant, age-appropriate Bible lesson.

In addition to chapel services, 1st - 4th graders attend Bible class once a week. Biblical principles are incorporated throughout the school day. From P.E. to Math, teachers integrate God's word into instruction and demonstrate Christian character in the way that they interact with their students. This encourages the development of meaningful relationships where students feel comfortable praying together and learning to embrace each other's unique personalities.



Lesson/Instruction

Each morning before classes begin, teachers meet together to review plans for the day. Core subjects include Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading and Writing. Individualized attention is available daily through small class sizes and assigned team teachers in every classroom.

As an Apple Distinguished School, Warrior students engage with the latest technology in healthy and constructive ways. Our approach to technology is intentional and structured to ensure students are prepared for the future and understand how to be responsible digital citizens.



Brain Break

We build in opportunities for our students' little bodies and brains to recharge in order for them to be fully present in the classroom. They enjoy a healthy snack and outdoor time, everyday, in age-appropriate play spaces accross our 40-acre campus.







Specials

A wide variety of enrichment classes, which we refer to as Specials, are offered in lower school. Examples of Specials classes include art, keyboarding, music theory, musical theatre and Spanish. These classes allow students the opportunity to discover their creative passions and abilities while, at the same time, preparing them to make better informed choices of electives when they reach middle school.



Lesson/Instruction

After Specials, it's back to the classroom for another innovative academic lesson. Our teachers understand the importance of implementing stimulating activities that foster a life-long love of learning in young students. Advanced concepts are reviewed in a group setting before students break into stations for practical application and one-on-one instruction.

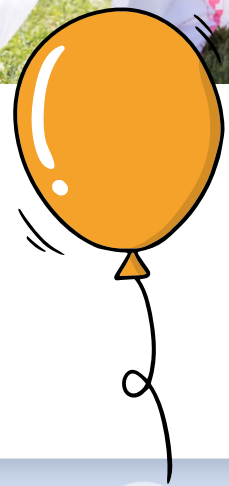
State-of-the-art learning spaces, like our Lower School STEAM Lab, keep our students curious and engaged. STEAM lessons challenge them to try, try, and try again. They learn to fail with grace and emerge as world-changing young people who aren't afraid to take risks.





Physical Education

Physical development serves as one of the four pillars of our mission. Through daily P.E. classes, students learn the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and build gross motor skills through purposeful exercise and activities.



Lunch

Students may bring a lunch from home or choose from the wide variety of healthy, freshly prepared options served in The Warrior Cafe. The menu changes each day with dishes prepared on-site using high quality, locally-sourced ingredients.

Recess

After lunch, students enjoy unstructured outdoor playtime. Students benefit physically by climbing or swinging on our playground equipment. They benefit socially through imaginative play as well as through the competition and conflict resolution that happens naturally through student interactions during outdoor playtime.





Lesson/Instruction

A final academic lesson takes place after recess. Early childhood stays in their classrooms while students in 1st-4th grade receive instruction from their grade's core academic teachers.

Utilized by 51% of our families, the ACE program offers therapy for students with learning challenges like dyslexia, dysgraphia and ADHD. NILD-certified therapists work with students in small groups or one-on-one, and provide them with the tools they need to be successful in the classroom.



Dismissal

Students may be picked up in carline or participate in a variety of after school programs like Chess Club, Honor Choir, Art Club or Warrior Leagues. Warrior Leagues provides a unique opportunity for 1st-4th graders to receive an introduction to competitive play. The group meets after school to learn the basics of a variety of sports including tennis, golf, volleyball, baseball and soccer. With instruction from the Warrior Athletics coaching staff, younger students are introduced to game fundamentals and learn lessons in sportsmanship and teamwork.

We partner with Brighton Academy to offer after school care until 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Daily morning care is also provided beginning at 7:00 a.m.



Preparing Your Child for Success in Lower School

The Woodlands Christian Academy is an independent, Christ-centered college preparatory school that integrates learning with Biblical faith and spiritual growth, and challenges students to reach their highest potential - intellectually, creatively, physically and socially - for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Listed below are ways to prepare your child for the expectations of lower school. Broken down by the Pillars that define our mission, we encourage you to implement these activities into your family routine.



Spiritually

- Engage in prayer, worship and the study of God's word.
- Develop strategies for introducing God's love for us in everyday situations.



Creatively

- Encourage imaginative, messy, unstructured play.
- Pick up an instrument, color, paint or dance to begin introducing the language of creativity.



Intellectually

- Foster a love of reading by reading to your child and encouraging them to read.
- Count and compare - count the stairs in your home, apples in the grocery store or birds in the sky. Find ways to compare shapes, sounds and objects.
- Introduce new vocabulary words through conversation and books.
- STEAM activities encourage problem solving and develop critical thinking skills.



Physically

- Grow and develop their bodies and mind through physical movement.
- Encourage physical play over screen time.
- Explore the outdoors - go on walks or family bike rides.



Socially

- Offer opportunities for your child to engage with their peers through play. They will learn how to express their feelings, consider the needs of others, share and use their imagination.



Ready to Take The Next Step?

Schedule a tour to learn more
about our Lower School programs
and experience our learning
community firsthand.



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