

 $\frac{\text{WESLEYAN}}{\text{SCHOOL}}$ 

FACULTY INFORMATION



## OUR *MISSION*

### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**



Wesleyan School is anchored in the Christian faith and acknowledges reliance upon God as Creator, Jesus Christ as Lord, and the Holy Spirit as the Divine Presence in the world. Believing that all children are uniquely gifted, the school offers a college preparatory program which challenges, nurtures, and strengthens its students. The Wesleyan community welcomes students of diverse racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds. Wesleyan seeks to develop in each young person a desire to learn and to become a good citizen who serves in the local community and the world beyond. The programs at Wesleyan promote spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social growth. The school strives to create a

community which exemplifies Christian values and demonstrates their implications for the individual and society. Because experiences at home indelibly influence the spiritual and intellectual development and emotional health of each child, Wesleyan regards parents as essential partners in its educational endeavor. The school expects and values parental support of its foundational principles and goals.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Wesleyan's mission is to be a
Christian school of academic
excellence by providing each student
a diverse college preparatory
education guided by Christian
principles and beliefs; by challenging
and nurturing the mind, body, and
spirit; and by developing responsible
stewardship in our changing world.

The mission is the key. You know exactly where you stand and are united in the same goal of being the body of Christ. I come to work energized because each day holds another opportunity to further the mission of the school as we interact with one another, the students, parents, and the broader community. I have always felt blessed to be surrounded by so many like-minded individuals and am so thankful that Wesleyan is a place where our actions seek to honor Christ."

Ted Russell, High School Faculty



OUR *COMMUNITY* 

#### **COMMUNITY STRENGTHS**

- · Faculty and staff anchored in the Christian faith.
- Commitment to a diverse faculty and student body supported by a director of diversity and division coordinators.
- · College preparatory program that challenges, nurtures, and strengthens all students.
- Honor code supported by students, faculty, and parents.
- Parents as essential partners in Wesleyan's educational endeavors.
- · Accomplished faculty and colleagues committed to the school, its mission, and its vision.
- · Dedicated Board of Trustees.
- · Numerous collaborative community outreach and service opportunities.
- · Solid and wide-ranging athletic programs.
- Outstanding visual arts and performing arts programs.
- Grade chair advisement program K-12.
- · Expansive missions program sending teams around the nation and internationally.
- Commitment on all levels to being a drug-free campus through random and periodic testing of all faculty and high school students.

One of the best parts about being a teacher at Wesleyan is the many opportunities we have to partner with the parents of our students. Wesleyan parents are truly amazing and always seem to be looking for ways to go the extra mile to contribute to our school community. From covering the teachers in prayer to providing delicious breakfast treats to volunteering countless hours of their time and talents, the Wesleyan parents offer so much support and encouragement to faculty as we work to pour into their children academically and spiritually. Wesleyan parents are helpful, kind, and generous, and they consistently show gratitude for the work we are doing as we walk alongside them to develop the mind, body, and spirit of the children in our care."



Alison Wenz, Lower School Faculty



OUR **DEDICATION** 

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Generous support and encouragement to attend conferences and workshops.
- Financial support and encouragement to pursue advanced degree work.
- · On-site technology training.
- Meaningful in-service programs.

#### **BENEFITS**

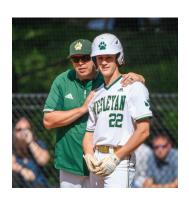
- Opportunity to enroll in health, dental, vision, life, and long-term disability insurance plans.
- · Retirement plan.
- Tuition discount.
- · Free lunch during the school day.
- · On-campus day care center.

#### **EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT**

- Small class size.
- 1:1 Laptop Program grades 5-12.
- 1:1 iPad Program grades K-4.
- · Comprehensive technology resources.
- · Honors and Advanced Placement courses.
- Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and Cognia.
- $\bullet$  Bible classes grades K-12.
- Full-time counselors in each division.
- · Academic support program grades K-12.
- · Library: 24-7 online resources for curriculum support.







# OUR *FAITH*



#### **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

- Focus on integration of Christian principles into daily classroom curriculum across all subject areas.
- · Monthly faculty worship time.
- · Teacher-led Bible study groups with students.
- · Service opportunities for students and faculty members.
- · Weekly chapel for students and faculty in each division.
- · Christian life overnight retreats at various grade levels.
- Devotion to spring break mission trip program in middle and high school with the goal of majority student participation by graduation.

As a teacher, working at a place that emphasizes the importance of students being known by teachers provides a clear sense of focus and purpose. While we absolutely care that a student learns the curriculum, we want students to discover their gifts within each subject area that can be used in a variety of ways. By teachers knowing their students well, they are helping students discover more of who God created each of them uniquely to be. I believe those discoveries will have a Kingdom impact far beyond a classroom."

Laura Riester, Middle School Faculty









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Hiring the right people is absolutely critical to the success of Wesleyan because the intersection of teachers and students is where the mission of Wesleyan meets the children of Wesleyan. We want to be a place that serves as a "fork in the road" in the lives of our students with teachers who are living role models of the Gospel, rather than teachers who simply serve as "mile markers" in the timeline of a student's academic career.

I am looking for three primary characteristics in a teacher. First, I want someone who is passionate about their chosen subject, because if you aren't excited about what you are teaching, how can you expect your students to get excited? Second, I want someone who is passionate about students, because that person will want to spend time with his or her students outside of class, building healthy and lasting relationships with them.

Finally, I want someone who is passionate about his or her faith, because that individual will be an authentic and humble role model. Wesleyan is seeking to be a Christian school of academic excellence, believing that faith and intellect are not mutually exclusive but enhance one another. We believe that faith and intellect are best delivered and received in the context of genuine personal relationships because our work is a personal endeavor. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Wesleyan!



### CHRIS CLEVELAND, HEAD OF SCHOOL



















