

FOOTHILL
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CELEBRATING FOOTHILL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Foothill Christian School is a ministry of Foothill Church. It was established in 1964 to provide a rigorous academic program in a God-honoring environment. The school's purpose aligns perfectly with the church's mission of *being* disciples of Jesus who *make* disciples of Jesus.

We offer a variety of educational experiences designed to build character and develop potential. Within our small, cohesive community, our experienced faculty prepares students with the knowledge and skills necessary for academic success.

The academic rigor of our core curriculum is complemented with instruction in fine arts (theater, instrumental music, vocal, digital and visual art), foreign language, physical education, athletics, and innovative technology. These educational opportunities provide numerous ways for students to find their giftedness.

Bible is taught daily as a separate subject-matter class, but more importantly, is integrated across the curriculum into every subject. We want our students to have clarity in what they believe and confidence to live out their faith.

The vision of Foothill remains...

Decidedly Academic, Distinctively Christian.



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DISTINCTIVELY CHRISTIAN

We believe an education that neglects the spirituality of an individual is an incomplete education. We believe all truth is God's truth and our teachers place a high commitment to integrate faith and learning.

Core to our mission is to help students know that there is a God who loves them and invites them into a personal relationship through Christ. Bible classes, prayer, worship, weekly chapels, Scripture memorization, and developing Christian character are integral parts of our school curriculum and campus life.

We believe children need a biblical compass to navigate youth culture. They need a foundation of knowledge to discern right from wrong. Our children need positive peer groups who are actively seeking to "own" their faith. They need teachers who can boldly proclaim the gospel and be inspirational examples of Christ-like living.

Students need to be able to think critically... to think biblically... and be prepared to defend their world view.

IMAGO DEI

Imago Dei is the Latin sentiment for “Image of God.” The idea that mankind has been made in the image and likeness of God is rooted in Old and New Testament teachings. This position proclaims that humankind possesses certain qualities, characteristics, or endowments that mirror His nature and character. Considered the “crown of creation”, people are fundamentally different than all other creation, clearly existing for a higher purpose. At Foothill we celebrate the fact that every student has characteristics that point to an awesome creator and we take time out of the school year to acknowledge it.

Our Imago Dei ceremonies take place once every trimester and allow the teachers to celebrate each student in their class. The teacher identifies a godly characteristic they’ve noticed in that child and they celebrate that child in front of his/her friends and family.

THE MEANING OF OUR CREST

Veritas Dei:
“God’s Truth” reminds us that all truth originates with God and from God.

Knowledge & Understanding:
The illuminated book reflects the pursuit of knowledge and understanding of God’s ways.

Wisdom:
The Bible declares wisdom, symbolized by the pillar, as supreme, and its pursuit as a foundation of life.

Falcons, 1964:
Honoring our founding year and athletic mascot.

Torch:
Symbolizing worship, passed from teachers to students.

Laurel Wreath:
Encircling the crest, it signifies victory and our mission to glorify God as disciples of Jesus, who make disciples of Jesus.

TEACHING FOR TRANSFORMATION

Foothill incorporates the Teaching for Transformation (TfT) framework to guide learning experiences that transform students' hearts and minds to see God's story in everything.

TfT has four core practices that shape a dynamic and purposeful education:

Deep Hope captures the most profound outcomes we hope our students will learn as they engage with classroom instruction and peer interaction. Every teacher has a deep hope for their students. It serves as a foundational vision and commitment to raise students who engage with God's kingdom.

Storyline connects students with the idea that "all truth is God's truth" and helps them develop a lens whereby they see God's story in every subject. Students look for Kingdom principles such as creation, fall, redemption and restoration in all subjects.

Throughlines are character traits and biblical themes woven throughout Scripture that further shape students' understanding of a biblical worldview. As students begin to see throughlines (such as God worshippers, justice seekers, image bearers and beauty creators) they are inspired to live out these discipleship habits in their lives.

FLEx (Formational Learning Experiences) provide opportunities for students to practice living out their faith by doing real work to meet the needs of real people. These are practical, student led "faith in action" activities that are designed to bless others.

FAITH IN ACTION

We want students to know that being a disciple of Jesus means not only following Him in word, but also in deed (James 2). Foothill is committed to helping students develop an active faith that serves others. Our goal is to foster within our students a desire to embrace the compassion of Christ and instill the habits of service throughout their lives.

Each year our 8th graders experience service firsthand through immersion trips abroad. These trips are more than traditional “missions trips”. Immersion trips focus on creating a lifestyle of service; cultivating relationships with various ministries year after year. They immerse students into God’s story, helping them see and live out their faith in a different culture.

Foothill’s Faith in Action program was recognized by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) as a national exemplary school program.

Junior High Immersion Trip
This group of Foothill students and parents built this home for a family in need, in a few short days.

ACTION PROJECTS:

Elementary students collect chapel offerings each week to support our junior high immersion trips. Students also participate in clothing, toy, and food drives which support a local ministry, Shepherd’s Pantry.

The Junior Beta Club, an honors service club for 7th-8th grade students, promotes character, develops leadership skills, and encourages community service involvement.

Foothill partners with New Unto Others, a thrift store in Glendora. When FCS families donate items to the store, 40% of those sales are given back to the school to support our missions program.

PARENT UNIVERSITY

At Foothill Christian School, we hold the partnership between home and school in the highest regard, recognizing it as essential to maximizing student learning and growth. Our shared goal is not only to nurture your child's academic potential but to help shape their character, encouraging them to embrace Christ-like virtues such as kindness, compassion, self-sacrifice, and service.

When you enroll your child at Foothill, you are making a profound declaration of trust. Together, we aim to guide your children in understanding right from wrong and in protecting their innocence as they grow the strength needed to stand firm against peer pressure and negative influences. In fact, children learn best when the significant adults in their lives—parents, teachers, coaches, and families—work together to encourage and support them.

Foothill offers Parent University, a series of seminars and mini-courses, led by experts, as a resource to you. Our goal is to equip our school community with the tools needed to navigate relevant issues facing families today. We are honored to partner with you in this journey.

We're in this together!

Guest speaker, Sean McDowell, at Parent University.

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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

FCS is committed to providing our teachers and students with the best, most up-to-date curriculum and educational resources, including technology and online textbooks. Therefore, we don't use one pre-packaged curriculum, instead we choose from a variety of publishers for the subjects we teach.

The scope of our programs (which includes over 20 elective classes in middle school) combined with incredible educational resources provide the setting and tools necessary for a world-class education... with technology and fine arts leading the way!

Teaching from a Christian perspective is core to our mission. All instruction incorporates a biblical worldview - from the Arts to Zoology - and everything in between.

Take a close look at FCS and you will find God-honoring excellence everywhere. We hold fast to traditional values that have defined us over the years, yet have the courage and vision to embrace innovation! These ideologies have brought life to our school's mission of educating students who will make a difference in the world, not just for time... but for eternity!

A recent graduate said it best...

"From here you can go anywhere!"

STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

We believe every child can learn...

but also recognize that some students learn differently or need additional support to flourish in school. Our Student Success Team (SST) is comprised of compassionate, specially trained staff members who work diligently to ensure every student's needs are met through individualized assessments and goals, in-class interventions, small group instruction, and testing accommodations. The SST team partners closely with students, teachers, and parents to identify learning challenges and create customized strategies that foster success. This may involve pull-out sessions in our learning lab and/or in-class support.

Parents appreciate the strong home-school collaboration and students feel valued, understood, and supported. Through SST services, students grow with confidence, knowing they have the support they need to succeed.



TECHNOLOGY

In a fast-paced, technology driven world, our students must have the computer skills necessary to succeed in higher education and rise to the challenges required of a 21st century education!

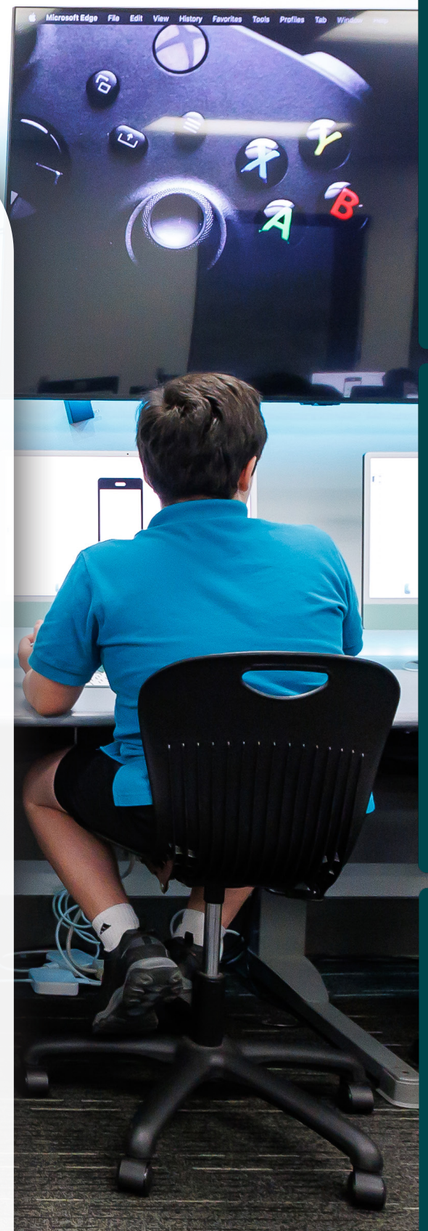
Foothill is committed to maintain a “tech-rich”, modern classroom environment to help our students become effective users of technology. Our state-of-the-art computer lab and 1-to-1 iPad program are just a few examples of our efforts to achieve this standard.

Each classroom is equipped with computers and iPads, fully loaded with award winning software. Many of our textbooks are accessible online and include links to educational websites and additional resources that extend the learning opportunities (at home and at school).

Other innovative technologies include 3D printers, drones, and robotics. These devices are utilized in various elective courses and after-school activities.

With this commitment to utilizing advanced technologies on campus, we have an equal commitment to ensure the safety of our students. Parents can have confidence that Foothill has implemented robust security measures, including firewalls, secure web browsing, and content filtering systems to protect our students and their online experiences.

Foothill Christian School is proud to have earned the Protect Young Eyes Certification, highlighting our commitment to implementing the highest standards in digital safety. This recognition assures families that their children are learning in a safe and secure, tech-rich environment.



User Experience +

HIGH SPEED & SAFELY MONITORED INTERNET CONNECTION

Classroom Sets of iPads +

750+ IPADS

1 to 1 in Jr High and readily available iPads for any student or classroom who needs it

State of the Art Computer Lab +

IMAC COMPUTERS

3D PRINTERS AND DRONES

eSports Equipment +

6 FLAT SCREEN TVS, NINTENDO SWITCHES, AND NINTENDO PRO CONTROLLERS

Jr High Tech Electives +

- Lego Mindstorms Coding and Robotics
- Architectural Design in Minecraft
- 3D Printing and Drones
- App Design
- Coding & Robotics Level 2 Utilizing Swift Playground by Apple
- eSports
- Sphero Robots

TECH LAB

Foothill's Computer Lab is a spectacular, state-of-the art technology classroom. Elementary students enjoy weekly computer instruction in the lab. Students learn how to use Microsoft Office and Google Suite. Students also learn the basics of coding in order to prepare them for junior high electives.

Junior High students have a wide array of technology electives from which to choose. These classes meet daily, with new classes introduced every trimester.

Our grade level technology proficiencies are based on the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standards. ISTE is recognized as a leader in technology education for students and staff alike.

CODING & ROBOTICS TEAMS

Foothill's Coding & Robotics Teams compete in national competitions every year. Students in grades 5th-8th are eligible to participate.

These competitions are international online coding and robotics tournaments that provide a fun way to apply STEM learning to new games and challenges! The Foothill teams (made up of 4-6 students per team) are highly ranked and competitive.

eSPORTS TEAM

Junior High

eSports is the world's fastest growing online competitive gaming series. It takes video gaming to another level with organized gameplay that develops skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, strategy development, coordination, and creative thinking. Interestingly, there are more than 200 colleges and universities offering scholarships in eSports!

Each spring, our junior high eSports team competes in various games against other schools across the country. We pride ourselves in offering an eSports program that helps students navigate an online world ethically and responsibly.

FINE ARTS

Foothill recognizes that the arts are an integral part of life that brings joy and beauty to our world. Therefore, we choose to invest in the resources necessary to build a strong performing arts program. We are dedicated to helping students discover and develop their artistic talents; envisioning them as musicians, actors, dancers, and visual artists. Our goal is to cultivate a vibrant community of young artists who can express themselves through various forms of art.

As image bearers of the Ultimate Creator, we recognize that nurturing fine arts at an early age may very well be part of God's plan for their lives.

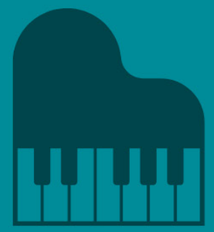
Foothill helps you find what you're good at!

Instrumental Music +



80%

3RD - 5TH GRADERS PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



160+

STUDENTS TAKE PRIVATE STUDIO LESSONS

Fine Arts Enrichment +

PROGRAM FEATURES:

TK - 2nd Grade

- General Music
- Traditional Art Classes

3rd - 5th Grade

- Art Classes, Traditional or Digital
- General Music
- Orchestra Music

Junior High

Fine Arts Elective Offered:

- Orchestra
- Ukelele Band
- Play Production
- Broadway Show Choir
- Apple's Everyone Can Create
- 3D Printing
- Traditional Art
- Digital Art & Animation

Additional +

- Private Studio Lessons
  - Piano, Orchestra, Vocal
- 4th & 5th Grade Selah Choir

ORCHESTRA

Our orchestra program inspires a lasting legacy in our students' musical and spiritual journeys. Through their time at Foothill and beyond, students are motivated to grow in their gifts and desire to worship God wholeheartedly with their instruments.

FCS orchestra embraces a variety of musical styles while being intentional about including church and sacred music. This focus allows students to connect their musical talents to their faith, offering worship and praise through their performances. Ultimately, every note we play and performance we give is for an audience of One!

The FCS orchestra program offers lessons and classes on violin, viola, cello, and string bass. Program offerings include:

- Private studio lessons open to all FCS students
- Orchestra enrichment option during elementary music classes (grades 3-5)
- Orchestra elective options (grades 6-8)
- Elite performance orchestra (grades 4-12) - Foothill Christian Legacy Youth Orchestra

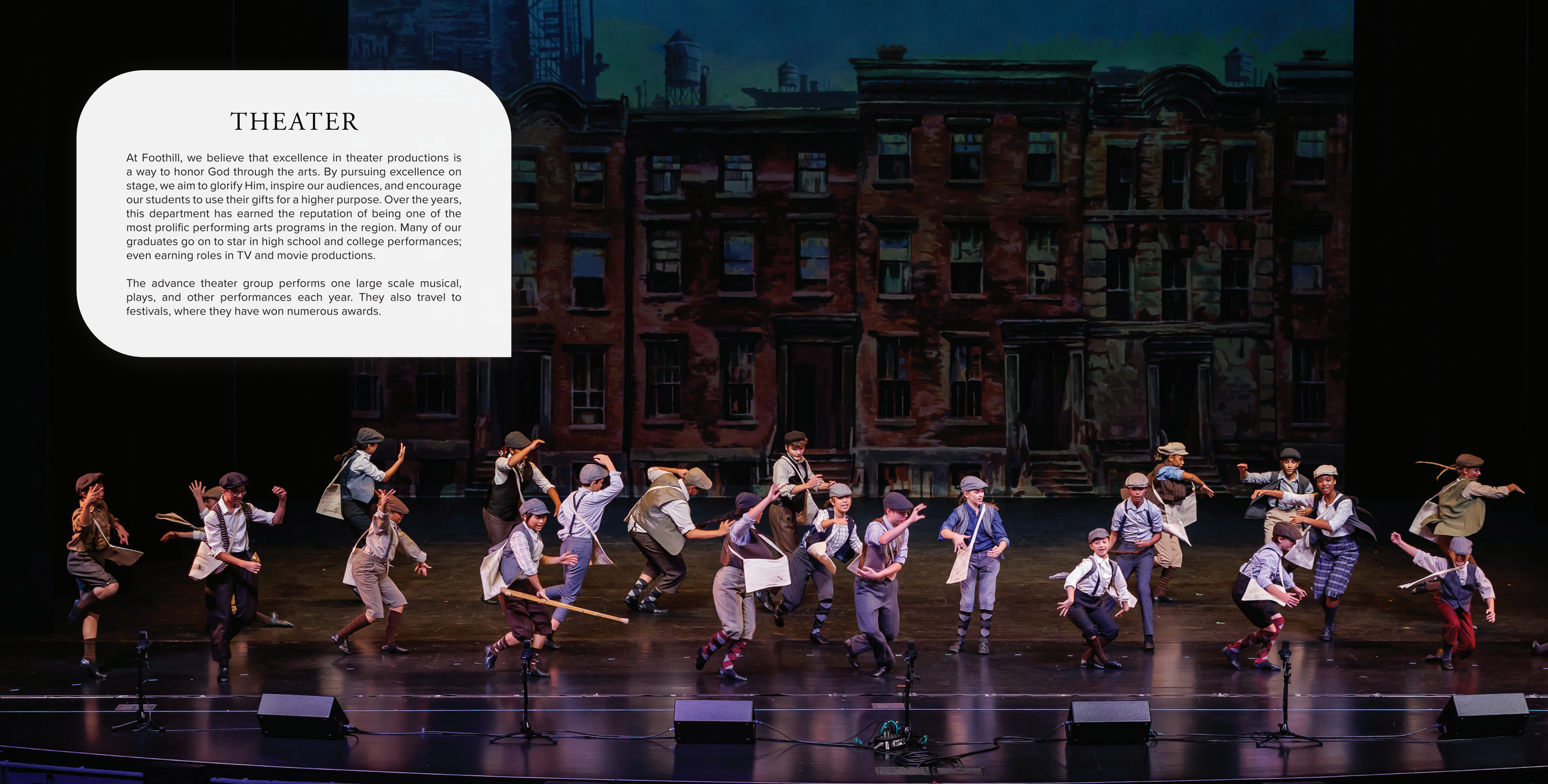
The Foothill Christian Legacy Youth Orchestra (FCLYO) is an auditioned community string orchestra comprised of current and alumni students, as well as young musicians from all over the San Gabriel Valley. FCLYO travels on annual tours and has become a signature program of our school. Members range from 4th grade through high school.

Notable tours have included the Normandy American Cemetery in honor of D-Day and La Madeleine Church in Paris, New York City's Carnegie Hall, and Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

THEATER

At Foothill, we believe that excellence in theater productions is a way to honor God through the arts. By pursuing excellence on stage, we aim to glorify Him, inspire our audiences, and encourage our students to use their gifts for a higher purpose. Over the years, this department has earned the reputation of being one of the most prolific performing arts programs in the region. Many of our graduates go on to star in high school and college performances; even earning roles in TV and movie productions.

The advance theater group performs one large scale musical, plays, and other performances each year. They also travel to festivals, where they have won numerous awards.



JUNIOR THEATER FESTIVAL IN SACRAMENTO

Best in Music
Best in Dance
Best in Acting
Best Overall Performance

SOCAL JR. THESPIAN FESTIVALS

Judges Choice Award

CHRISTIANS IN THEATER ARTS FESTIVAL

1st Place, Musical Theatre Ensemble

1st Place, Duo Theatre Scene

* Awards won over the past 5 years.

TRADITIONAL ART

The FCS art program teaches students to apply design principles and express ideas through various mediums, including painting, sketching, water colors, acrylics, pastels, and more. From early years to junior high, students develop skills in observation and technique, study art history, and appreciate art as a reflection of God's creativity.

Student work is displayed throughout campus and at exhibits in various community venues.

Students learn animation techniques from our Digital Arts Teacher.

DIGITAL ART

Digital art and animation classes are offered to students in grades 5th - 8th. In these classes students learn industry-standard techniques using apps like ProCreate and Rough Animator, bridging traditional artistic expression with modern digital creativity.

Foothill offers comprehensive co-curricular programs and digital art is the perfect niche for many of our students.



ATHLETICS

Foothill's junior high athletic program is one of the premiere Christian school sports programs in the area. It is recognized for developing athletes to their full potential, competing at a high level, and building Christian character. A perennial powerhouse in the San Gabriel Valley Christian Sports League, Foothill has won many championships and league sportsmanship awards. Our goals include developing skills, encouraging coachability, cultivating sportsmanship, and building integrity on and off the field.

Sports offered include:

BOYS	**GIRLS**
Flag Football	Cheerleading
Volleyball	Volleyball
Basketball	Basketball
Soccer (Coed)	Soccer (Coed)

INTRAMURALS

Foothill has a robust intramural sports program, offered to students in 4th - 8th grade. Intramural tournaments take place during lunch time (*Eat & Compete*) and include activities such as pickleball, basketball lightning, flag football, hockey, and gaga ball. It's a fantastic conduit that provides a team environment and teaches the basics of various sports. Sportsmanship and encouragement are emphasized as key components of intarmurals.

CHILD CARE

The childcare department recognizes that many families need care that extends before and after school.

Childcare Hours: 6:30 am until 6:00 pm

We have a creative and energetic childcare team that is committed to providing fun packed, activity based care in a safe and nurturing environment. This team connects with the students, building relationships with them before, after school, and during recess.

During the summer months Foothill offers a fun summer program open to all students, anchored by out daily Adventure Camp and Bridge Academy.

Adventure Camp students experience summer fun through special themed activities, arts & crafts, games & competitions, and weekly field trips.

Bridge Academy is an academic prep course designed to bridge the gap between the academic school years. Courses focus on language arts and math.

Other Summer Offerings Include:
Musical Theater Workshop
Orchestra Camp
Traditonal & Digital Art Classes
Vocal & Instrumental Music Studio Lessons
Sports Camps

There's something for everyone!

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Fully Accredited by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) & WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges)

Best Christian Workplace Certified

ACSI Flourishing School

Protect Young Eyes Technology Certified School

Apple Distinguished School (Candidacy)

Voted Best in San Gabriel Valley *Since 2012*



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