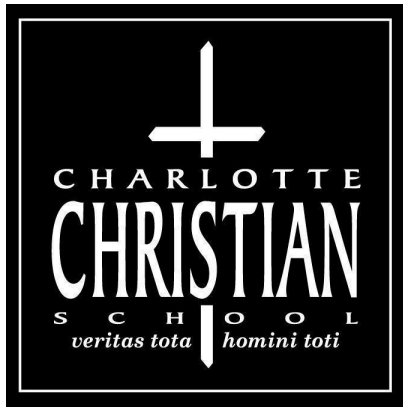


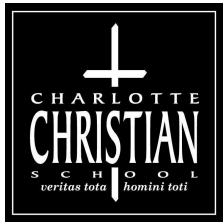


Winterim 2027

Upper School

MISSION STATEMENT

Charlotte Christian School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school, equipping and developing students to effectively integrate Biblical truth and learning into their daily lives and to impact the culture for Christ.



Winterim 2027 Information

WHAT IS WINTERIM?

Through Winterim offerings, students and staff embark on unique experiences to expand learning outside the classroom and achieve the following goals:

- **Love God:** Focus on spiritual growth in the context of student and faculty relationships
- **Pursue Excellence:** Encounter opportunities that develop problem solving skills, promote independence and build life skills in new settings and activities
- **Walk Humbly:** Discover the unique heritage, beliefs and experiences of another cultural context
- **Show Kindness:** Dedicate time and energy to serve a community as an act of personal sacrifice or worship through relationship
- **Seek Truth:** Explore unique sites, museums or landmarks to examine God's sovereignty over creation

REGISTRATION

Registration for all Winterim trips and experiences will open on July 24, 2026. Families may submit their registration and deposit until **Aug. 28, 2026**. [Click here](#) to view the Winterim slides presentation.

- Priority assignment will be given according to the highest grade level available, first-time attendees, curriculum connections, accuracy of registration information and demonstrated readiness.
- Time of registration is the lowest priority factor.
- Final trip size and offerings will be determined according to registrations.
- Registration will close at midnight on Aug. 28, 2026.
- Winterim registrations will be confirmed via email by Sept. 5, 2026.
- Financial Contracts/Liability Release Forms and passport copies (if required) will be due on Sept. 11, 2026.
Submitting these forms before the deadline secures a student's spot on a Winterim roster.

SCHEDULE

Winterim is scheduled **Mar. 1-5, 2027**. Experiences taking place on or near campus are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note a teacher may give specific start and end times for an experience to accommodate a unique itinerary for at least seven hours per day. Off-campus and overnight trips may extend into a sixth day, departing as early as Saturday evening, February 28.

COSTS

Winterim experiences vary in cost. The advertised cost is subject to change depending on the number of registered students and necessary adjustments nearer to the time of booking. All costs include student activities, tickets or entrance fees and local transportation. Costs for overnight trips also include most student meals, accommodations and air or bus fare. Students may need to purchase supplies prior to Winterim and bring additional money for souvenirs, spending money, some meals or tipping.

CREDITS

Every upper school student is required to participate in a Winterim activity to earn .25 credit (per year) toward the total 1.0 graduation requirement. Winterim grades will be earned on a pass/fail basis and will not be calculated in the student's overall GPA. In the event that a student does not earn a .25 Winterim credit during any given year, the student will need to make arrangements with administration to make up the credit. The title **Winterim** with a grade of pass and a **.25** credit will appear on the report card each year the requirement is met. Specific experience offered to a student through Winterim may provide material for discussion in a college application essay. **Please note:** Attending Winterim each year a student is enrolled in the upper school fulfills a graduation requirement. This experience does not count toward additional requirements for conservatory or service hours.



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ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance is critical. Absence of more than one day may result in the student being required to make up the hours with an independent service project. Arrangements will be made with administration. Each absence will be considered on an individual basis and must be approved by the principal.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Students experiencing medical or family emergencies during the week of Winterim may be excused from makeup requirements. If critical student or family needs arise during the timeframe of Winterim, requests for unique arrival or departure plans may be considered by school administration. Please note that additional costs related to such requests including additional ticketing or accommodations not originally included in the cost of the experience will be the responsibility of the family. Such considerations are limited to health or safety concerns and unavoidable circumstances such as a family emergency. Furthermore, potential refunds will only be considered after the completion of Winterim week. Students with scheduling conflicts due to family vacations, travel sports, college visits, or relationship changes are advised to register for an experience which does not interfere with their plans.



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REGISTRATION AGREEMENTS

Prior to registration, students and their parents are expected to review the following expectations for all Winterim experiences.

- We have read, understand and will adhere to the policies and requirements communicated in the Winterim packet.
- The information I have provided is accurate and true.
- In addition to organized tours with the group, students may be allowed to explore designated sites in groups of three or more.
- The student has the responsibility and maturity to handle all aspects of the Winterim experience.
- Students are responsible to self-carry any emergency medication. Students taking a scheduled medication during the trip must have the medication documented on the Medication Authorization form. The student and/or a parent must make their trip chaperone aware of any medical conditions and medications that the student may have.
- We understand that the student must abide by the expectations and standards outlined in the Charlotte Christian Family Handbook both before and during Winterim. These expectations include policies on academics, behavior and attendance. A student's failure to abide by these policies at any time may affect the final Winterim roster. The school reserves the right to remove a student from an experience for failing to meet these expectations. If a student is removed from an experience or sent home during a trip, the student's family is responsible for covering the cost of returning home and will not receive a refund.
- Winterim experience leaders will communicate firm deadlines for paperwork and other expectations. We understand that failure to meet these required deadlines may affect the student's ability to attend and may result in losing any or all Winterim payments.
- For travel, a color hardcopy of the student's photo identification or passport must be submitted to the trip leader by **Sept. 11, 2026**. Failure to submit one of these documents by this date may result in the student losing their spot on a trip and any payments already made may **not** be refunded.
- For international trips, students and chaperones must have a valid passport that is set to expire at least six months after the final day of travel. (Approximately Sept. 6, 2027)
- For international trips, I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain a valid, unexpired passport by Sept. 11, 2026 and if I cannot obtain a passport in time to travel on this international trip, I will not receive a refund.
- Parents will receive confirmation of their students' Winterim experience registration and a copy of a financial contract. Signing the financial contract secures the student's position on the final roster. Once the financial contract is signed, the student may not switch to another Winterim experience and payments are **non-refundable**.
- By completing the registration form, I acknowledge my commitment to the expectations above. Parent(s) will be required to complete additional paperwork for all Winterim experiences.



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WINTERIM CONTRACTS AND LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

Following Winterim registration, parents will receive a Winterim contract and release of liability form via email. Please preview the included items below. Signing the form constitutes agreement to the following:

- **Payments will be due on the specific dates communicated by the Winterim leader or travel organization.**
- We agree to allow our student(s) to attend the publicized dates of the experience or trip.
- Our student will attend all Winterim meetings in preparation for the trip.
- Winterim leaders will communicate firm deadlines for paperwork. We understand that failure to meet these required deadlines may affect our student's ability to participate and may result in us losing any or all of our payments.
- **We agree to the terms above and understand that our student may not switch to another Winterim experience and payments are non-refundable.**
- **Travel Insurance Statement:** *There are many companies that offer travel/trip insurance if you wish to have that protection. The following companies along with many others offer this type of insurance: Zurich, AAA, Chubb and Allianz. Deadlines for purchasing trip insurance related to Winterim travel vary by carrier.*

AGREEMENT

We understand that the student must abide by the expectations and standards outlined in the Charlotte Christian Family Handbook both before and during Winterim. These expectations include policies on academics, behavior and attendance. A student's failure to abide by these policies at any time may affect ability to attend. The school reserves the right to remove a student for failing to meet these expectations. If a student is removed or sent home during Winterim, the family is responsible for covering any associated costs and will not receive a refund.

Students are responsible to self-carry any emergency or over the counter medication. Students taking a scheduled medication during the experience must have the medication documented on the Medication Authorization form. The student and/or a parent must make the chaperones aware of any medical conditions and medications that the student may have.

CONSENT TO TREAT

The parent/guardian set forth in this form does hereby authorize a chaperone of the school to see that my child receives any emergency medical treatment that may become reasonably necessary while said student is attending Winterim. Payment of all charges incurred for medical treatment is guaranteed by the parent. Every effort will be made to contact parents/guardians in advance of treatment, by telephone, in case of injury or illness. The parent/guardian set forth in this form does hereby agree to hold harmless the person appointed as well as Charlotte Christian School and the physician providing treatment from and against any and all loss, costs, damage or expense of any kind arising out of or in connection with that person's or physician's acting in reliance upon the authorization set forth herein, with the exception of actions which amount to gross negligence.

PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I give my permission for my student to participate in the trip indicated above. I understand that although the students will be supervised by a CCS employee, I do assume the risk in my student's participation in the event.

I acknowledge that I will not seek to have Charlotte Christian School held liable in the event that any accident, injury, loss of property or any other circumstance or incident occurs during or as a result of my son's/daughter's participation in the field trip. This release of liability includes accident, injury, loss, or damages to the student, as well as, to other individuals or property which may result from the student's participation in the event. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless Charlotte Christian School, its officials, agents and employees, from any claims arising out of my son's/daughter's participation in the event(s).

I have read and understand and accept all of the statements recited above and accept full responsibility as described.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

Local

CHARLOTTE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Leader: Mrs. Jozi Walker

Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed

Students will have the opportunity to experience Charlotte like they never have before! We will explore the rich, cultural heritages that make up the Queen City and gain a deeper understanding of the historical background and influences of various Charlotte neighborhoods. Along with knowing where to find and experience authentic international foods and cuisines, participants will visit engaging, cultural sites throughout the city, as well as listen to stories from people who make up the authentic, cultural fabric of Charlotte. Each day, students will participate in a devotion led by trip leaders, as well as share about their own personal discoveries and faith journeys. The group will participate in a service project that directly impacts the Charlotte community, including some of the neighborhoods that the students will discover. Included in the cost are local transportation, lunches and tour fees.

Dates: Mar. 1-5

Approx. Cost: \$275-300

Number of students: 20-40

FOOD AND FUN

Leader: Ms. Jessica Leonelli

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

We all love food, but do we know where it comes from? Do we know how to prepare it? Do we know how restaurants run? The Food and Fun Winterim Experience aims to expose students to these lesser-known aspects of the world of food. We will take a cooking class, interview local restaurant managers and chefs, explore different cultures' cuisines, and dine out across Charlotte. The service components will involve working in local food banks and farms. Included in the cost are supplies, local transportation, treats, and 4 days of lunches; students will need to bring a debit/credit card one day to pay for their lunch at a local food hall.

Dates: Mar. 1 - 5

Approx. Cost: \$230-\$250

Number of students: 16-24

LADIES LEADERSHIP & LIFE SKILLS

Leader: Mrs. Lauren Miller

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; Females

Get ready for an unforgettable week of discovery, growth, and major inspiration! This Winterim is all about uncovering your unique, God-given spiritual gifts and learning how to use your talents to make a real impact on the world around us. We'll kick off each morning diving into identity, purpose, and wisdom from God's Word, alongside some incredible guest speakers you won't want to miss. But that's just the beginning! The group gets to vote on a lineup of exciting activities around Charlotte, mixed with meaningful, hands-on service projects with local nonprofits. If you have a heart for others, a healthy sense of adventure, and a desire to grow into the leader you're meant to be, this is officially the Winterim for you. Grab your friends and join us—all upper school ladies are welcome! All transportation, activity fees, lunches, study materials, and ministry supplies are included in the cost.

Dates: Mar. 1 - 5

Approx. Cost: \$275-\$325

Number of students: 8-20



Winterim 2027 Experiences

Local

MAN UP!

Leaders: Dr. Rhett Davis & Mr. Chad Fair

Requirements: Grades 11-12; males

Dates: Mar. 1-5

Approx. Cost: \$200-275

Number of students: 20

Stop wondering who you're supposed to be and start becoming the man you were created to be. Man Up! puts you in the driver's seat for a high-impact week of action, elite skills, and leadership. You'll master expert handgun safety and range training at Carolina Sporting Arms, go behind the scenes at Hendrick Motorsports for an exclusive with one of their pit crews and conquer tactical group challenges at Masterpiece Escapes. Because true strength is used to lead others, you will also partner with local non-profits to do service work, stepping in to fill the gaps they need most and learning what it means to lead by putting others first. Between competing at Sparetime, watching The Sandlot, and fueling up on cinnamon roll waffles, you'll join a brotherhood dedicated to rejecting passivity and learning what it truly means to pursue, provide, and protect. By the end of this week, you might not be ready to wrestle a grizzly bear, but you will be equipped to wrestle your dreams and lead your life with biblical excellence. All transportation, admission fees, lunches/snacks, and study materials are included in the cost.

SERVE CHARLOTTE

Leader: Tom Knight

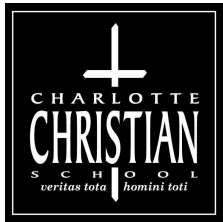
Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

Dates: Mar. 1-5

Approx. Cost: \$125-200

Number of students: 20

This Winterim group will serve up fun while serving others in Charlotte! Each day we will spend time partnering with a non-profit in the city, such as Nourish Up, Crisis Assistance, Samaritan's Feet, Beds for Kids, and Congregations for Kids. The other half of the day will be spent having fun together and enjoying fun activities in the city where the Lord has placed us! The week will focus on growing in our faith as we build community with one another, serve those around us, and grow in establishing habits and practices for following Jesus. Possible fun activities include the White Water Center, Inner Peaks team building, Game Show Ballantyne, and more! The cost of this trip includes all transportation, activities and two lunches. Other lunches will be provided by FLIK.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

Domestic Travel

ARIZONA - PHOENIX, GRAND CANYON, & SEDONA

Leaders: Mrs. Olivia Day & Mrs. Jodi Foxx

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

Dates: Mar. 1 - 5

Approx. Cost: \$2,650-2,900

Number of students: 20-30

Get ready for the ultimate Arizona road trip. If you're into epic views, outdoor adventures, and trying new things, then this is the trip for you! We'll kick things off in Phoenix with a service project and a day of racing and games at K1 Speed. The next day we head to Papago Park, where we'll hike massive desert gardens and explore the Phoenix Zoo, built among the majestic and iconic red rocks. Then we head toward Flagstaff to check out ancient Native American ruins at Montezuma's Castle, hike across a field of hardened lava at Sunset Crater, and wrap up the evening by stargazing through massive telescopes at the Lowell Observatory. The next day we head below the rim of the Grand Canyon on the South Kaibab Trail, grab lunch at the historic El Tovar, and catch an unforgettable train ride back on the Grand Canyon Railway. On our final day, we will go on a legendary Pink Jeep tour through the towering red rocks of Sedona. Each day will include devotions led by one of the team leaders. We will base our devotions on ideas from the book *Reforesting Faith* by Matthew Sleeth. Don't sit this one out—grab some friends and sign up! The cost includes transportation, meals, accommodations, and tipping. This trip is offered in partnership with Grand Classroom.

ARIZONA - SERVICE & GOLF IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN

Leaders: Mr. Troy Schmidli

Eligible Students: Grades 11-12; males

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$2,700-3,500

Number of students: 10-20

We will travel to Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona, where we will serve the local community. We will work with such organizations as First Tee of Phoenix, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Waste Not and Solid Rock Teen Center. This area is also a highly regarded golf destination. We will enjoy time together as a group on the links. Our Winterim experience will include devotional time, discipleship and learning from one another in the Valley of the Sun. Transportation, housing, golf, and meals are included in the cost.

CHARLOTTE & NYC THEATRE IMMERSION

Leaders: Mrs. Emery Calhoun & Mrs. Brittany Zacarias

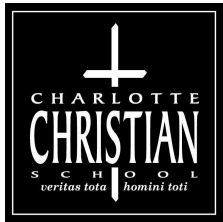
Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

Dates: Mar. 1-5

Approx. Cost: \$2,100-2,770

Number of students: 20-30

From Charlotte to Broadway, this experience will immerse students in the world of theatre through workshops, performances, and the opportunity to see shows on some of the greatest stages in the world! Students will spend the first day in Charlotte focusing on service with local nonprofit organizations. We will then travel to New York City for three days of Broadway shows, a visit to the Museum of Broadway, and exploration of iconic sites throughout the city. Daily devotions will invite students to see God as the Great Storyteller behind every compelling story we encounter. Included in the cost are airfare, New York transportation fare, accommodations, show tickets, activity fees, and most meals. This trip is offered in partnership with World Strides.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

Domestic Travel

GOD'S GRANDEUR IN THE GREAT SOUTHWEST

Leaders: Mrs. Amy Abbott & Mrs. Susan Jones

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 28- Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$2,540-2,850

Number of students: 20-40

Ready to escape the classroom and dive into America's most insane landscapes? This isn't a boring sightseeing tour. This is a high-octane, boots-on-the-ground expedition through neon cities, massive canyons, and hidden slot formations. We will touch down in Las Vegas and head straight into the Valley of Fire to see Aztec sandstone glowing under the desert sun. Next, we conquer Zion, wading through the rushing waters of The Narrows as towering 1,000-foot canyon walls close in around us. From there, we journey to Bryce Canyon to trek down the famous switchbacks of Wall Street into the heart of the canyon's deepest shadows. The adrenaline keeps pumping in Page, Arizona, where we stand 1,000 feet above the Colorado River to watch Horseshoe Bend glow at sunset. Then, we grab paddles and kayak Lake Powell, navigating the narrow, winding waterways that lead into Antelope Canyon before exploring its world-famous, sunbeam-lit subterranean passageways. Our grand finale? Challenging ourselves on the legendary Bright Angel Trail, hiking directly into the belly of the Grand Canyon. The group will also spend time serving at the Flagstaff Family and Food Center to support the local community. Students will need to pack appropriate apparel and footwear for the excursions. Additional hiking supplies are provided. Transportation, accommodations, meals, activity fees, and tipping are included in the cost. This trip is offered in partnership with Joshua Expeditions.

ORLANDO - GIVE KIDS THE WORLD & DISNEY

Leaders: Mrs. Stewart Emery

Requirements: Grades 11-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$1,400-1,600

Number of Students: 24-50

Students will take a look at the World of Disney through a behind-the-scenes look of the famous franchise. Through an educational class as well as days playing in the parks students will immerse themselves in timeless classics, thrilling rides, and taking a trip down memory lane from childhood pastimes. We will also spend one day at Universal Studios and serve another day at Give Kids the World, a Make-A-Wish Foundation Resort. As we interact with families in the midst of a difficult journey our students have an opportunity to share joy and encouragement in the happiest place on earth. Each night students will gather to hear a devotion from one of our trip leaders about the theme of each day (themes include: serving, friendships, navigating through life, good vs. evil and more). Included in the cost are all fees for charter bus travel, three days of Disney park hopper passes, an educational class, one day at Universal Studios and Island of Adventure Park, a gift card for meals, snacks, one dinner, breakfast on both travel days, and a fanny pack.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

Domestic Travel

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Leaders: Mrs. Holly Dottarar

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

Experience one of the most beautiful regions of North America—the Pacific Northwest. Visit iconic places in Seattle: Pike's Market, the Space Needle, and the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit. Head over to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and enjoy a scenic sunset cruise. In Vancouver, immerse yourself in old growth forests through zip lining and a high ropes course. Visit Victory Square and understand the history behind this park, as well as Robson Square, the most famous shopping district in Vancouver. To end the trip, embark on an early morning whale watching tour where you may see bald eagles, killer whales, and sea lions, and finish the day at Canada's largest aquarium, home to over 50,000 animals. Daily devotions will encourage the group to reflect on God's sovereignty and beauty in creation and living as a good steward of all He has made. The group will also engage with local organizations to serve the community. Cost includes airfare, hotels, group activities, transportation, service activities, and meals once in Seattle. This trip is offered in partnership with Joshua Expeditions.

Dates: Feb. 28- Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$3,450-3,800

Number of students: 20-30

TAMPA, FLORIDA - VARSITY LAX

Leaders: Mr. Kyle Jacksic & Mr. Bobby Werhane

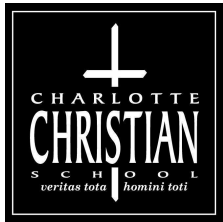
Eligible Students: Varsity Lacrosse Team (optional)

The Charlotte Christian varsity lacrosse teams will scrimmage and compete against high quality lacrosse teams at a world-class facility in Naples, Florida while partnering with Metropolitan Ministries. We will help assemble food boxes at their warehouse, prepare lunch for 3,000, and support inventory operations at their Bloom Again thrift shop. Team coaches will pair older and younger players together with an intentional focus on leadership and team building. The students and coaches will engage in daily devotions and team discussions will be centered on servant leadership and teamwork, using the "Upside Down" devotional. This shared spiritual focus will strengthen the bond between the two varsity teams, students and coaches. This trip is offered in partnership with Spring Break - LAX.

Dates: Feb. 28- Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$2,500-2,750

Number of students: 16-30



Winterim 2027 Experiences

International Travel

BRAZIL FEMALE ATHLETE SPORTS MINISTRY TOUR

Leaders: Mrs. Amanda Mendieta & Ms. Tiffany Rice

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; females

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$2,800-3,200

Number of Students: 16-40

Student athletes will enjoy a week of serving kids in the community; exploring sights around Sao Paulo; and diving deeper into how we as Christian athletes can use the platform of our sport to impact the culture for Christ. We will support local churches through various outreach activities; and our athletes will be excited to participate in 1-3 futsal and/or 'society soccer' matches (society soccer is a new small-sided soccer trend in Brazil), throughout the week. Students will have opportunities to enjoy friendly competitions in volleyball and other sports as well. Our days will be filled with a variety of experiences serving the local churches and communities.. In addition to running sport clinics and serving, students will explore nearby areas of Sao Paulo and walk through a sports ministry curriculum as a whole and in small group settings. The only requirement for the trip is for our participants to be a female student athlete interested in growing in their personal relationship with the Lord, and a desire to use their platform of sport to share the gospel of Christ. Experience in playing soccer is preferred but all female athletes willing to participate in playing and coaching youth sport activities (no previous coaching experience needed) are encouraged to join the trip. Included in the cost are airline tickets, local transportation, accommodations, supplies for ministry work, donations to local partners, and meals. This trip is offered in partnership with Missionary Athletes International.

CANADA - EXPLORE QUEBEC

Leaders: Ms. Erin McGinnis

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$3,150-3,450

Number of Students: 25-35

Students will embark on the winter adventure of a lifetime as we travel through the French-speaking province of Quebec, Canada! Together, we will learn how to navigate ancient cities, conversing as much as we are able with the locals in French, enjoying famous Canadian dishes such as poutine and beaver tails, and embracing a Canadian winter on the ski slopes and at a world famous hotel made entirely out of ice! Students will spend each evening in devotion with one another, reflecting on the day and God's sovereignty over creation and our lives. They will consider various assigned Bible verses throughout each day and will find quiet moments to write their own thoughts and perspectives in a personal journal. During each devotion, different students will have the chance to share their perspectives with the group. During our time in Canada, the group will also find time to serve in the community by preparing meals with a local church and spend time connecting with seniors in a residential facility. Transportation, activity fees, most meals, and tipping are included. This trip is offered in partnership with Joshua Expeditions.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Leader: Mrs. Olivia Brilhante & Mr. Jeff Bennett

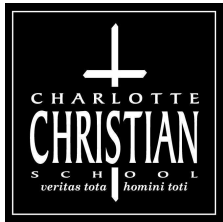
Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$1,900-2,200

Number of students: 16-32

The Dominican Republic trip aspires to make a difference in the lives of children through the projects and ministries of SCORE International, a Christ-centered ministry that shares the gospel with families of the Dominican Republic through sports, orphan care, construction, medical teams and women's ministries. Charlotte Christian students will assist SCORE missionaries throughout the week with ongoing projects. We always leave having received more than we could ever give! Our itinerary includes travel, a day of worship, ministry days in villages and a half day of rest at a local resort. This is a service learning trip. Students should be willing to be flexible, cross-cultural and ready to share the love of Christ with others in a variety of ways. Students are expected to attend team meetings leading up to the trip, and students will be asked to sign a behavioral contract which includes limitations on cell phone use. Included in the cost are airline tickets, local transportation, accommodations at SCORE International, supplies for ministry work, donations to local partners, and meals.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

International Travel

ICELAND

Leaders: Dr. Allison Reeves & Dr. Christa Sturdevant

Eligible Students: Grades 11-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$4,956-4,966

Number of students: 35-40

This trip will provide students with the opportunity to explore Iceland's magnificent landscape and experience this unique Scandinavian culture. Students will be able to explore an ice cave and hike a glacier at Vatnajökull, go ice climbing, visit the Hot Springs at Blue Lagoon and the Gullfoss Waterfalls, go dog sledding, hike through lava tunnels, and hopefully view the Northern Lights. Students will stay in local hotels in beautiful rural Iceland as well as in the capital city of Reykjavik. Students will also participate in daily devotions reflecting on God's sovereignty and design as witnessed in creation and a service project focused on environmental stewardship. Included in the cost of the trip are all air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, activity fees, and private tour guides. This trip is offered in partnership with Grand Classroom.

ITALY

Leaders: Mr. Bryn Gillette & Ms. Kaitlin Pleshko

Eligible Students: Grades 9-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 27 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$4,085-4,150

Number of students: 24-32

On this tour of Italy, art, history, and faith come alive. We will begin our trip in the coastal town of Sorrento, exploring the Bay of Naples and the Isle of Capri through a boat tour, hiking, and shopping. Students will wander through the streets of Pompeii, a town preserved by the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE. Our trip will end in Rome, where we will have a service opportunity and take tours of the catacombs, Il Gesu, Vatican City, Borghese Museum, the Colosseum and Forum, and the Pantheon. This group of travelers will be spending significant time in spiritual reflection and education on the roots of church history. Service opportunities will take the expression of pursuing honor, unity, and reconciliation during our time in the sacred places, and looking for opportunities to serve one another and share in the work of loving our neighbors as ourselves. Airfare, private ground transportation, private tour guides, hotel accommodations, breakfasts, and dinners are included in the cost. This trip is offered in partnership with Joshua Expeditions.

MEXICO

Leaders: Mr. Paul Gyorf

Eligible Students: Grades 10-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 28 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$2,000-2,400

Number of students: 16-20

This Winterim trip to La Paz, Mexico offers students a chance to participate in a week of service, learning, and spiritual formation. We will partner with Rancho El Camino, a community of faith centered on Jesus Christ, as they serve the people of the La Paz community. Students on this trip will support the Ranch's current programs and ministries, learn about missions, grow in spiritual formation through worship, prayer, and reflection, and witness the Kingdom of God at work in this area of Mexico. Students will also get to experience the beauty of God's creation through excursions to local beaches as well as hiking in the mountains surrounding the ranch. Included in the cost of the trip is airfare, transportation, food in Mexico, and supplies for all work and service.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

International Travel

PORTUGAL

Leaders: Mrs. Gatlin & Mrs. Simmons

Requirements: Grades 10-12; coed

Dates: Feb. 27 - Mar. 5

Approx. Cost: \$3,650-4,150

Number of Students: 10-12

Travel with Samaritan's Feet to serve in Lisbon, Portugal and experience the culture and rich history of one of Europe's oldest cities. We will partner with local churches, schools, refugee centers, and community organizations to provide new shoes to children and families in need, following the example of Jesus by first washing feet (as illustrated in John 13) and sharing the hope of Christ. Our days will be filled with hands-on ministry and meaningful connection through sports and fellowship, as we work alongside local ministry partners to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we meet. When not serving, we will spend time visiting various forts, towers, and citadels including an evening in Lisbon Square, looking out onto the Tagus River. Cost covers all transportation, meals, accommodations, excursions, shoes, supplies, etc.



Winterim 2027 Experiences

Other

ALTERNATIVE WINTERIM EXPERIENCE

Requirements: Grades 9-12; coed

Students may receive approval to participate in an independent opportunity arranged through their family for a unique learning or service/ministry experience. Students and their parents must submit the [Alternative Winterim Experience Form](#) prior to receiving approval for the activity to earn Winterim credit. A personal journal and culminating reflection project will be required. NOTE - Alternative Winterim Experiences may only be arranged as a full-day option. Open to students in grades 9-12. Off campus. **Students may attend an Alternative Winterim Experience to earn up to 0.25 of Winterim credit.**

VOCATIONAL SHADOWING

Requirements: Grades 11-12; coed

Students will meet off-campus during the week with prearranged individuals/companies to gain invaluable real-life experience as they shadow a local professional for at least 30 hours. A personal journal and culminating reflection project will be required. Students are required to make their own shadowing arrangements and receive final approval from Mrs. Miller. Students selecting this option, must review the Vocational Shadowing Guidelines and submit the Vocational Shadowing Agreement to Mrs. Miller. After the shadowing experience ends, students must complete a digital presentation to share with upper school administration detailing the lessons learned from their week. Finally, there will be a required meeting during WIN Lab. Open to students in grades 11-12 only. Off campus. **Students may attend a Vocational Shadowing Experience to earn up to 0.25 of Winterim credit.**