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PRESCHOOL-GRADE 8

**Gorman Christian Academy
Parent Info Packet**



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CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Equipping for Life, Prepared for Eternity!

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Welcome to Gorman Christian Academy.

Whether you have a preschooler or a preteen, where they spend each day matters. The school you choose not only provides an academic foundation, it inevitably impacts your child's worldview and shapes who they become.

At Gorman, we partner with parents to provide an excellent education centered on Biblical principles and Christian values. Students not only discover their talents and develop life skills here, they realize their identity in Christ.

Our highly-qualified faculty and staff are dedicated to preparing the next generation to lead the kingdom of God. We believe that for a student to be truly educated, they must not only know God's plan for their life but also God's plan for the ages. As such, we focus our efforts toward ensuring our students are not only prepared for life, but for eternity.

The learning experiences available on our campus and beyond inspire innovative thinkers and confident leaders. Each of our students is equipped with God-given gifts, and it is our joy to help them discover their potential, whether it is in an academic contest, art, piano, or athletics.

We aim to make high-quality private education accessible to as many families as possible through tuition assistance options such as the N.C. Opportunity Scholarship, multi-child discounts, and Gorman Baptist Church member discounts.

If you're looking for a school with academic rigor and exciting extracurricular activities, as well as a place where your child will study God's word consistently, we encourage you to schedule a tour at Gorman. Families discover an environment where parents and teachers are unified in developing children with upstanding Christian character, and students find a place that truly feels like a second home.

We hope to see you on campus soon.





EARLY LEARNING

The Early Learning Center at Gorman Christian Academy is a joyful environment where students grow spiritually, socially, emotionally, and cognitively. During these formative years, young learners lay the foundations for future academics through engaging, play-based activities.

Why Parents Choose Gorman Christian Academy for their Preschoolers

- ▶ Individual attention from nurturing teachers
- ▶ A loving, family-oriented atmosphere
- ▶ Biblical training with weekly chapel services
- ▶ Top-notch safety measures in place
- ▶ Thematic units that enhance learning
- ▶ Daily, online communication with parents via DoJo

A Proven Curriculum

We utilize a time-tested, research-based curriculum that emphasizes Biblical principles. Written by Christian educators our curriculum fosters a lifelong love for learning through fun, hands-on activities across core subject areas. Students develop foundations in:

- ▶ **Language**
- ▶ **Numbers**
- ▶ **Bible**
- ▶ **Science**
- ▶ **The Arts**
- ▶ **Social Studies**

Sample Preschool Schedule

**Full-Time and Part-Time Schedules Available*

- 6:30-8:15** Free Play, Storytime
- 8:15-9:00** Handwashing, Prayer, Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15** Potty Time/Handwashing
- 9:15-9:45** Whole Group Circle Time, Bible Lesson
- 9:45-10:20** Small Group Activity/ Abeka Lessons
- 10:20-10:50** Centers Learning
- 10:50-11:00** Potty Time/Handwashing
- 11:00-11:30** Outside Time, Gross Motor Skills
- 11:30-11:45** Reading/Thoughts and Conversation
- 11:45-12:00** Handwashing, Prayer, Cots Out
- 12:00-12:30** Lunch
- 12:30-12:45** Potty Time/Handwashing
- 12:45-1:00** Table Top Toys
- 1:00-3:00** Nap
- 3:00-3:30** Potty Time/Handwashing/ Storytime
- 3:30-4:00** Snack
- 4:00-4:30** Outside Time, Gross Motor Skills
- 4:30-6:00** Free Play, Clean Up, and Dismissal



THREE DISTINCT PROGRAMS

K2

Introduces students to school routines, group activities, and teacher-led instruction, all in a fun and nurturing environment.

K3

Emphasizes early academic skills, social development, and self-esteem as students enjoy numerous hands-on learning activities.

K4

Prepares students for success in kindergarten through exposure to kindergarten-level material in engaging learning centers.

WHY GCA PRESCHOOL?

"I absolutely love everything about Gorman Early Learning Center. The staff is very professional, educated and loving. My son has grown so much in such a short time. They have so many activities and ways of learning to engage any child. They keep parents updated with daily changes and status on how your child is growing each day. I am so glad we made the change and enrolled our son."

- PRESCHOOL PARENT

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is one of the most important years in a child's life. Small class sizes provide each child with the attention they need to develop proficiencies across core subject areas. At Gorman Christian Academy, kindergarteners build a strong spiritual foundation, as well as an academic one.

Kindergarten Highlights

- ▶ Whole-child teaching nurtures the mind, body, and spirit
- ▶ Small group instruction enhances learning outcomes
- ▶ Parent and family involvement creates a sense of community
- ▶ Biblical worldview emphasis promotes Christian character
- ▶ Themed events create exciting opportunities for learning
- ▶ Collaborative, hands-on learning provides tangible skills
- ▶ Specials allow students to explore a variety of subject areas



A LOOK INSIDE THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM:



Themed Learning Centers:

Students rotate through weekly focused learning centers that focus on building skills, sensory activities, and creative play, as well as math challenges.



Intentional Technology Use:

Students use technology to supplement learning and provide for differentiated instruction and norm-based testing. Parents keep in touch with what's happening in the classroom through the Dojo app.



Special Roles/Responsibilities:

Students are assigned a different job each week to foster their responsibility and sense of self-confidence. Jobs include door holder, paper passer, lunch helper, and teacher helper.

WHY GCA KINDERGARTEN?

"The level of growth I have seen over the last year for my five-year-old has been heartwarming; not only academically, but spiritually too. I have his two amazing teachers to thank for that. The decision to send him to GCA for kindergarten is one I will never regret!" - KINDERGARTEN PARENT

ELEMENTARY

Throughout the elementary years, students strengthen their academic foundations and begin to discover their unique talents and interests. God's word is brought to life through daily Bible study, and all students enjoy a sense of Christ-centered community as they progress from kindergarten to grade five.

Elementary students at Gorman:

- ▶ Engage a richly textured curriculum which includes Bible, Phonics and Grammar, Math, Science, History, Foreign Language, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Technology
- ▶ Mature in their faith through age-appropriate Bible study and worship, and develop a heart for service
- ▶ Enjoy small class sizes and a strong sense of community among their teachers and peers
- ▶ Have weekly enrichment classes such as music, art, technology, and physical education



A Day in the Life

7:45-8:20	Arrival, Penmanship, Job Duties, Calendar and Boardwork
8:25-9:00	Bible Time and Prayer Requests
9:00-9:35	Language
9:40-10:05	Spelling
10:05 -10:20	Snack
10:20-11:10	Math
11:10-11:55	Computer
11:55-12:30	Music
12:35-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Science, Reading, or History (rotation)
1:34-2:16	Drama
2:16-2:35	Science, Reading, or History
2:35-2:45	Pack-Up and Dismissal



WHY GCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

"We are so glad we chose Gorman Christian Academy for our son. He has been attending since kindergarten. From kindergarten to first grade, our child has grown so much academically and socially. We believe it is because of the nurturing sense of community, and incorporating a strong core of religious study. It was one of the best decisions we have made as a family."

- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school at Gorman Christian Academy is a time of leadership. Students embrace opportunities to discover their God-given strengths while preparing for the challenges ahead in high school, college, and beyond. During a season of rapid growth and change, middle school students are grounded in truth through consistent Bible study.

Middle school students have:

- ▶ Numerous opportunities to be leaders in our school
- ▶ A block schedule that mimics high school and college life
- ▶ Multiple elective options and the chance to customize their schedule to their unique interests
- ▶ Spiritual development opportunities that promote deepening faith
- ▶ Positive role models and an enriching, Christ-centered community of peers



Sample Middle School Schedule

7: 45- 8:00 Arrival to Homeroom, Lockers

8:00- 8:15 Devotion and Announcements

8:15-9:03 Bible Class

Locker break and class change

9:06-9:51 Earth Science

Locker break and class change

9:54-10:39 Algebra 1

Locker break and class change

10:42-11:27 American History

11:30-11:55 Lunch

Locker break and class change

11:58-12:43 Spanish

Locker break and class change

12:46-1:31 Language Arts

Locker break and class change

1:34-2:16 Worship Class (8th graders prepare and organize Chapel Service for the day)

2:19-3:00 Chapel Services led by 8th grade with various speakers and events

**Rotations during the last two periods of the day may include Drama, Art, P.E., Health, Study Skills, Technology, Yearbook, Life Skills, or Study Hall.*



WHY GCA MIDDLE SCHOOL?

"We chose GCA because we wanted our son's transition from homeschool to a traditional school to be as smooth as possible. We wanted him to be in a place that would teach him strong Christian values to reinforce what we had started teaching at home. Having him at GCA allowed us to remain closely involved in his education. We like the small class sizes and the family atmosphere."

- MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT

EXTRAS



ATHLETICS: Honoring God Through Sportsmanship *For students in grades 4-8*

GCA participates in the Triangle Middle School Conference in the following sports:



Basketball
(boys and girls)



Volleyball
(girls)



Cross Country



Golf



Cheerleading

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: Exploring Passions to Impact the World

STEM

An after-school club centered on problem solving in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math

ART

Students explore a variety of mediums and pursue their artistic talents alongside like-minded peers

GARDEN

An opportunity to explore God's creation and focus on the biology and practicality of gardening

ACSI COMPETITIONS

Students participate in competitions such as Math Olympics, Spelling Bee, Music Festival, and Art Festival.

EXERCISE

A club that teaches students to be good caretakers of their own bodies by learning about physical fitness and healthy lifestyles

STUDENT COUNCIL

Available to students in grades 3-8, this club provides both leadership and governing opportunities.

FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes club encourages athletes to live out their faith as they play their chosen sports.

HOMEWORK CLUB

An after-school club designed to help students complete their homework assignments thoroughly and promptly.

MISSION PROJECTS

All grade levels adopt a local mission to support annually such as:

**Can Food Drive
for the Food
Banks**

**Collecting Tabs
for the Ronald
McDonald House**

**Collecting
items for the
Animal Shelter**

**Yates
Christmas
Store**



SCHEDULE A VISIT

EXPERIENCE GCA

We can't wait to see you on campus!

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! We hope the information in this packet has been a helpful starting point and answered some of your questions about our school. Now, come see it for yourself! Tours are available throughout the year.

To schedule your tour

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