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A Word from our Pastor and Administrator



The Cole Family
Freddie, Khalilah, Anaya,
Amariah, Freddie Cole III

My goal for our Christian School is to influence a generation of young people for the cause of Christ. We want them to be fully prepared to impact their culture while attending college, providing for and raising a family, and serving in a local church. We emphasize academic preparedness along with spiritual awareness by challenging the gifted and strengthening those who struggle.

Each year we have seen God improve and enable our ministry to better serve Him and families like yours. New students and a growing staff have provided an upward momentum for our school and Church while we have sadly seen other schools throughout our nation struggle in this economy.

We are certainly grateful for God's blessings and the growing confidence parents have placed in GCA. All indicators predict that we will continue to grow in the coming years. However, we want you to know that we will continue to emphasize individual attention to each of our students.

Among our recent additions, we were incredibly happy to welcome Mrs. Shalene Parchment as our new principal. She has done an excellent job preparing the staff and students for an amazing year at GCA, and we have great confidence that the school will continue to grow and improve each year, providing an excellent education in a Christian atmosphere.

The choice of where to enroll your student is an especially important and sometimes difficult decision. You want your student to receive the best possible education. But does that mean going to a public or private school? Is a private or Christian school worth the sacrifice financially? Is Christian education really that important anyways?

A Christian education is vital for our young people. The Bible says in Proverbs 1:7, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." The true beginning of education is an understanding of the order that God has placed in our world. From this brings an understanding of the laws of science, math, and even language.

Students who attend Grace Christian Academy receive the benefits of being challenged with the high academic standards of a private and some public schools while learning to view life through a biblical worldview. Now as an educator and administrator, I carry the passion to impart the same thing to all our students.

Our goal for each of our students is for them to leave our school with the ability to be godly, functioning members of society. I want them to be fully equipped for the direction that God has for their lives. This means that our school will prepare them academically and teach them about character and godly lifestyles. They will learn the benefits of diligence and hard work.

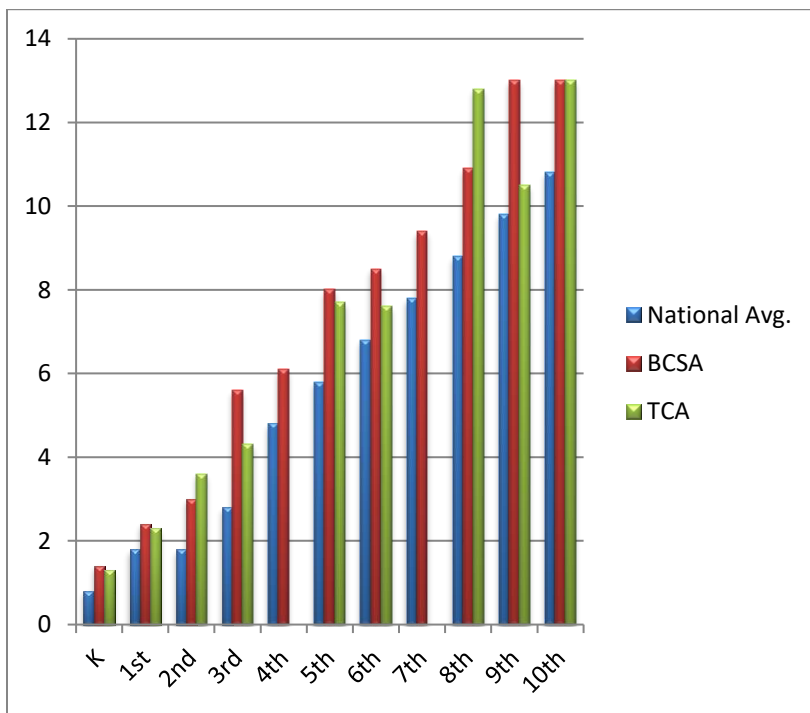
I hope that we have the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your student. Please know that we will be praying with you as you make this important decision.

Associations and Achievements

Grace Christian Academy is becoming a member of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS)..



These schools consistently outperform the national averages!



*Data not available for all classes.

	Nat . Avg.	BCSA	AACS
K	0.8	1.4	1.3
1st	1.8	2.4	2.3
2nd	1.8	3	3.6
3rd	2.8	5.6	4.3
4th	4.8	6.1	NA
5th	5.8	8	7.7
6th	6.8	8.5	7.6
7th	7.8	9.4	NA
8th	8.8	10.9	12.8
9th	9.8	13	10.5
10th	10.8	13	13

Parent/ Teacher Communication

We view Christian education as a team effort. The value of education begins at home. Involved and informed parents are an essential element of a well-educated student. The Christian school is a resource for parents that facilitates the learning process. Just as a dentist helps with your child's dental needs and a physician their physical needs, the teacher helps with your child's educational needs. Just as parents and medical practitioners communicate concerning a child's physical health, we believe that parents and teachers share an obligation to communicate concerning your child's educational health.

Orientation Meetings

Each year begins with a Parent/Teacher/Student orientation. This is the first contact of the year after enrolling your children in GCA. You will meet teachers and learn of changes, policies, opportunities and expectations. This is the perfect time to get acquainted with your child's learning environment as well as meet other parents and students of GCA. Attending the orientation is the first step in establishing good communications with your student's teachers.

*Our Annual Awards Ceremony
recognizes student achievement.*

Online Communication

Advancing technology has made communications more effective and efficient. Did you have a question that arose in the middle of the night or perhaps during the school day when the teacher is unavailable? Email is the answer. Just shoot a quick email to the teacher and they can respond the next school day.

Our online grading system allows you to check on your student's progress any day of the week at any time of the day. Email alerts may notify you immediately whenever your child falls below an expected standard.

Has your child ever failed to bring the school newsletter or a note from the teacher home? Online bulletin boards are always accessible and don't get lost at the bottom of the backpack or in the backseat of the car. The school calendar is posted online and updated regularly for your convenience.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled with each family to ensure proper communication and awareness. However, teachers are available after school to answer any general questions and special conferences can be set up at any time to discuss your child's personal needs.

The Value of Private Education

Did you know that 11% of all students (6,049,00) attend a private school? Of that amount, the majority attend Catholic Schools. Conservative Christian and Baptist schools combined would rate second at 20.7%, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Where do private school students go to school?		
	89-90	07-08
Catholic	54.5%	42.5%
Nonsectarian	13.2%	19.4%
Conservative Christian	10.9%	15.2%
Baptist	5.8%	5.5%
Lutheran	4.4%	3.7%
Jewish	3.2%	4.7%
Episcopal	1.7%	2.1%
Seventh-day Adventist	1.6%	1.1%
Calvinist	0.9%	0.6%
Friends	0.3%	0.4%

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (**PSS Survey**)

What is a Christian education worth? The average family pays anywhere from just under **\$5,000** to over **\$10,000** to place their children in a Christian school and over **\$27,000** in some secular schools.

Average Private School Tuition: 2007-08				
	All Levels	Elementary	Secondary	K-12 Schools
All Schools	\$8,549	\$6,733	\$10,549	\$10,045
Catholic	\$6,018	\$4,944	\$7,826	\$9,066
Other Religious	\$7,117	\$6,576	\$10,493	\$7,073
Non-Sectarian	\$17,316	\$15,945	\$27,302	\$16,247

Source: **Table 59**, Digest of Education Statistics 2009, National Center for Education Statistics.

How much is Christian education worth to you?

Tuition and Fees

This is one area in which we are proud to be **below average!** We desire for Christian education to be affordable. Our church, Grace Restoration Church, provides resources that permit us to offer a private, Christian education at a price you can afford. Our teachers serve as missionaries in Christian education, accepting salaries far below the average because they care about making a difference for today's families.

Tuition

Child	Annual Tuition	Monthly Payment
<i>1st</i>	\$7111	\$710
<i>2nd</i>	\$7000	\$700
<i>3rd</i>	\$6800	\$680
<i>4th</i>	0	0
<i>5th</i>	0	0

Fees

Registration Fee	Books/Materials	Technology Fee
\$100	\$350	\$15 per month

Discounts

Full Year Paid in Advance	Each Semester Paid in Advance	Faithful Members of Fremont Baptist Temple	Automatic Withdrawal through FACTS	Scholarship Opportunities
10%	5%	10%	\$50 per student enrolled* *only the 1 st three students in a family are eligible since the others are not charged tuition	Special offers may be available for those in need depending on funding. Ask for details.

First month's tuition and fees are due by August 1st. Payments on the 12 month plan end on July 1st.

Application for Enrollment

Student Information

Date: ____/____/____

First	Middle	Last
Enrollment Year	Age	DOB
Grade at time of enrollment		
Cell Phone	Home Phone	
Email Address		
Street Address	City	State
		Zip

Father's Information

First	Middle	Last
Cell Phone	text y/n	Home Phone
Email Address		
Street Address	City	State
		Zip
Employer		

Mother's Information

First	Middle	Last
Cell Phone	text y/n	Home Phone
Email Address		
Street Address	City	State
		Zip
Employer		

Previous Schools Attended

School Name			
Grades Attended	Start Date	End Date	
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax		
Website			

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School Name			
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Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax		
Website			

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School Name			
Grades Attended	Start Date	End Date	
Address	City	State	Zip
Phone	Fax		
Website			

Home Church Information

Although church attendance is strongly encouraged, it is not required to enroll in GCA.

Church Name			
Address	City	State	Zip
Pastors Name		Church Phone	
Pastor's Email			
How long have you attended?		How frequently do you attend?	

Has this student ever been expelled or suspended from school? Yes No If so, please explain.

Has this student ever been arrested for a misdemeanor or felony? Yes No If so, please explain.

How did you hear about GCA? Phonebook Billboard Newspaper Church Friend Mailing
Student _____ Other _____

- I intend to communicate clearly with my student's teachers and the administration concerning my student's grades and behavior.
- I understand that it is a privilege, not a right, to attend Grace Christian Academy (GCA). With this in mind, students must conduct themselves in a manner becoming a Christian at all times.
- I understand that all new students are admitted on probation for the first nine weeks.
- I understand that the Lord Jesus Christ expects us to be disciplined in all areas of life.
- I have read the Student Handbook paying special attention to all bold typed changes from any previous handbooks.
- I understand the rules and policies in the Handbook and as a parent and give Grace Christian Academy faculty permission to carry out any disciplinary action in the afore mentioned handbook they deem necessary for my student.
- I will work cooperatively with the school whenever disciplinary procedures are deemed necessary.
- I will pay my tuition and fees in a timely manner and will communicate with the administration if there is any reason for delay in my payments.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

Name

Relationship

Date

Medical Release

I give permission for GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY to seek appropriate medical care for my child in the case I cannot be reached. This includes calling 911 or taking them to the hospital if necessary.

Should an emergency arise, it is understood that a conscientious effort will be made to locate, in order; all persons listed as emergency contacts on the registration form, before emergency action is taken.

I agree to provide a copy of my child's shot records to GCA.

I agree that any expenses of emergency treatment, care and transportation are my financial responsibility.

Medical Information

Student Name	Age
Personal Physician	Phone
Allergies	
Insurance Provider	
Policy Number	

Emergency Numbers

Emergency Number 1	Name	Father
Emergency Number 2	Name	Mother
Emergency Number 3	Name	Home
Emergency Number 4	Name	Relationship
Emergency Number 5	Name	Relationship
Emergency Number 6	Name	Relationship
Emergency Number 7	Name	Relationship
Emergency Number 8	Name	Relationship

Comments:



Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Records Request

Attention Records Department

_____ Fax _____
School Name

I _____ grant permission for you to release all records for the student listed below to Grace Christian Academy (GCA. Please be sure to include at all of the following as applicable.

_____ permanent record (educational) _____ special service data
_____ standardized test scores _____ psychological tests _____ all
_____ health _____
personally

Identifiable Data _____ other
_____ attendance _____
(specify)

_____ Dates Attended
Student

_____ Relationship _____ Date
Authorizing Signature

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip
Address

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date data released _____ by _____
Date data released _____ by _____

Please fax these documents to (844) 711-5433

Additional Comments:

Pick-up Permission Form

Please note: Only those persons listed on this form are granted permission to pick-up your student from Grace Christian Academy (GCA). Any alterations to this list must be made, dated and initiated by the Parent/Guardian.

The persons listed below have my permission to pick-up my student from Grace Christian Academy (GCA).

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Name	Relationship	Phone
Name	Relationship	Phone
Name	Relationship	Phone
Name	Relationship	Phone
Name	Relationship	Phone

Photography/Video Agreement

I understand that a photographer or videographer from Grace Christian Academy (GCA) or Grace Restoration Church may take a picture with my student (listed below) in it, either individually or in a group.

I further understand that these pictures, whether in print or online, may be used in future brochures, videos, or other publications of Grace Christian Academy or its affiliate corporations.

Students Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Binding Arbitration Agreement

SECTION 1 - SUBMISSION TO ARBITRATION

Believing that lawsuits between believers are prohibited by Scripture, all who place their children in the Grace Christian Academy agree to submit to binding arbitration any matters which cannot otherwise be resolved, and expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bringing any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 2 - NOTICE OF ARBITRATION

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising out of or relating to this school handbook or other school matter, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle such disputes, claims, questions, or disagreement as befits Christians. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests not to disgrace the name of Christ, seek to reach a just and equitable solution. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice by either party to the other, disputes, claims, questions, or differences shall be finally settled by arbitration as described in section 1, above, and such Procedures for Arbitration as are adopted pursuant to Section 3, below.

SECTION 3 - LIMITATIONS ON ARBITRATION DECISIONS

The Procedures for Arbitration shall be as adopted by the school board.

(Date) (Parent/Legal Guardian or Applicant)

(Date) (Parent/Legal Guardian or Applicant)

(Date) (Accepted by the Church)

Admission

All applicants for admission to Grace Christian Academy must obtain an application for admission. Initial acceptance of new students is **probationary for the first semester**. As a ministry of Fremont Baptist Temple, the school reserves the right to establish and maintain its own standards for student conduct and dress. Students are expected to make acceptable progress both spiritually and academically, to abide by the school rules and guidelines, and to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the policies and practices as established by the administration. **Students who consistently violate the letter and spirit of the rules and guidelines may be asked to withdraw from school**. Grace Christian Academy makes no distinction in the admission of students based upon race, gender, nationality, or ethnic culture. As a private Christian institution, admission to Grace Christian Academy is a privilege rather than a right. This privilege may be forfeited, and enrollment terminated should a student, new or returning, fail to meet his or her responsibilities as a student at Grace Christian Academy (GCA).

By signing these documents, I am stating that I have read and do understand the rules and guidelines set forth in this student handbook. I am willing to follow these guidelines in letter and in spirit.

This document must be signed by students in 7th grade and above.

Signature of Parent Date

Signature of Parent Date

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Student Date

Signature of Student Date