

# WELCOME TO FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Thank you for your interest in Faith Christian Academy. Our mission is to serve families by providing a Christ-centered, college preparatory education that equips students to become leaders and by instilling a Biblical worldview in the heart and mind of each student. In this packet you will find information that will assist you in making a decision about your child's education.

As a Christian school and a ministry of Faith Assembly of God Church, our hearts are committed to the spiritual and academic growth of all our students. FCA emphasizes a Christian worldview education by teaching all academics through the lens of the Scripture. In our commitment to academic excellence, we set our educational standards to exceed those in public schools. Our challenging academic programs include Honors Math and Science tracks for our Middle and High School Students, Advanced Placement (AP), and College Credit courses through partnerships with Marist College and Dutchess Community College. We offer exciting extracurricular programs such as Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) club, Drama club, Journalism Club, International Student club, etc. as well as competitive athletics such as basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, golf, bowling and cross-country.

We are accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and by Middle-States Association of Colleges and Schools for Grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>. Over 260 students are currently enrolled at Faith Christian Academy. The average class size is eighteen students with an average school-wide student/teacher ratio 11:1. Pre-Kindergarten students must be four years old and Kindergarten students must be five years old by the first of December of the current school year. All grades, Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth, meet Monday through Friday, 8:30am–3:00pm.

We encourage cooperation between families and faculty to promote the best interests of each child. Parents are encouraged to call the school office to make an appointment to tour the school.

We are pleased that you are considering enrolling your child in Faith Christian Academy. If you have any additional questions or to schedule a school tour, please email us at [fca@faithchristianacademy.org](mailto:fca@faithchristianacademy.org) or call the school office at 845-462-0266. We look forward to hearing from you.

May the Lord bless you richly,



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# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY AND COMMON CORE STANDARDS

The national debate about Common Core standards has sparked passionate conversation among parents, students, and educators. To date, 45 states and the District of Columbia have adopted these standards. While we all recognize that high standards are vital to our children's success in a competitive global marketplace, we also understand that implementation and assessment methods vary and are best left to the discretion of those in the trenches – i.e. teachers and administrators who deal with real students in real life situations on a daily basis. As a Christian school, Faith Christian Academy has a goal of exceeding the academic standards set for public schools, without compromising our Biblical values and Christian worldview.

**Jesus is our Common Core.** He is the reason why our school exists, and He is the reason why parents send their children to Faith Christian Academy. At the end of the day, we do not answer to the state or federally mandated programs. Our vision is to provide our students with a Christ-centered, college preparatory education that is rooted in Biblical values.

We continuously evaluate the quality of our academics, and we assessed pros and cons of Common Core standards and State developed curriculum. As we used some modules developed by New York State in our math classes during 2013-2014 academic year, we have discovered that their content is loaded with material that is potentially explosive and detrimental for our students. Thus, we have removed previously used math modules from our curriculum. Instead, we have developed and introduced our new curriculum in mathematics that challenges our students to achieve standards that exceed those set by public schools. We have not and will not use any state developed curriculum in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Sciences or any other subject offered in our school.

It is imperative that all our students receive value in education that makes them competitive in the global market place and ready for college. To this end we welcome increased academic rigor and higher academic standards. As we pursue such standards, we recognize uniqueness of each child and his/her individual strengths, weaknesses and abilities. We remain committed to our personal approach to each child's academic needs without standardizing instruction. Additionally, we believe that we can offer our students excellence in education without giving in to the political and social agenda that is hidden within many of the questions used in the state issued modules. Faith Christian Academy offers parents a Biblical and Christ-centered alternative to what is now mandatory in public education. Our belief that "Jesus is our Common Core" transcends any political and social agenda and is the reason why we do what we do.

While we are not getting on the train of adopting modules and curriculum developed by New York State we remain on the tracks of providing competitive education and value that exceeds the standards. Your support as parents and as a community is integral to our success in this endeavor. Thank you for partnering with us as we navigate through the many changes that will be coming our way over the next few years. We look forward to your continued support.

# IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## To begin the enrollment process:

- 1) Make an appointment to meet with the Headmaster: call the school office at 845-462-0266.
- 2) Fill out the enrollment application, read and sign the Statement of Faith and School Policy documents and send them to the school office with the Registration Fee of \$125 (non refundable).
- 3) Provide a copy of your child's birth certificate.
- 4) Provide proof of recent physical, immunizations, dental certificate and lead poisoning screening. Every child entering school is required to have proof of a medical examination on file.
- 5) Children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> need academic records sent to FCA from prior school. Please complete and sign student record release form and send it to prior school.
- 6) Children entering kindergarten will be scheduled for kindergarten screening and will be accepted after the results of the screening are reviewed.
- 7) Book fees and insurance fees are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>
- 8) Tuition is due by the first of each month.
- 9) Contact the Transportation Department of the School District where you reside to make transportation arrangements for your child.

# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL POLICY

I agree that:

- For all school activities that my child participates in, including sports and school sponsored trips away from school premises, I do absolve the school and church from liability to me or my child because of any injury to my child at school or during any school activity.
- Faith Christian Academy may use any photographs taken of my child during school activities for publicity and promotion. Faith Christian Academy may post photographs of my child on the school website (without names listed).
- As the parent of the aforementioned child, I will cooperate with the administration of Faith Christian Academy, its policies, procedures, and disciplinary actions as deemed necessary by the school. I further agree to hold the school and its agents harmless from any liability to my child or any parent or guardian thereof because of any claims on behalf of my child against the school and its agents because of any injury or alleged injury to my child. Should I default in this matter and initiate any legal action whatsoever against the school or any agents thereof, and the school and its agents are found not to be at fault, I agree to pay all attorney fees, court fees, damage or other costs that Faith Christian Academy or its agents should incur to defend itself against such action.
- Attendance at Faith Christian Academy is an honor and privilege rather than a right and that the school reserves the right to suspend and/or expel any student if, in the judgment of the school, the student does not fulfill the goals and standards of the school.
- Should my child be removed from school for disciplinary and/or academic reasons, I understand that no money will be refunded to me.
- The policy of the school is to make no refunds for the registration fees or tuition charges. In a case of extreme or unusual circumstances the School Board will review the request and make the final decision.
- I must pay all fees and charges promptly on or before due date, understanding that no report cards or records will be given or released if the account is delinquent. No one is permitted to graduate from Faith Christian Academy until all financial obligations are paid in full.
- Late fee of \$50.00 per month will be added to my account if monthly tuition amount is not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Should the tuition remain outstanding for more than 60 days, the child will not be allowed to remain in school unless it has been approved by the School Board. If full tuition amount is not paid by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous academic year, the child will not be permitted to enroll in FCA for the following academic year, unless approved by the School Board. A \$30.00 fee will be charged for all bank returned checks.
- I will support the school's efforts to train my child in the Bible and in the Christian faith and will encourage my child in this and in all other phases of the curriculum. Understanding the importance of regular church attendance, my child and I will continue to faithfully attend church.

# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SCHOOL POLICY

- I will have a family representation at any parent-teacher conference held at the school.
- By signing this policy, I pledge my loyalty to the ideals and aims of Faith Christian Academy and will bring any questions and criticisms directly to the administration of the school so that they may be properly evaluated.
- I have read Faith Christian Academy Student Handbook (available through [www.faithchristianacademy.org](http://www.faithchristianacademy.org)) and understand all requirements of the school and I agree to abide by them. I also, to the best of my ability, do hereby affirm that all questions on the Application for Enrollment form are answered accurately and without deception either through commission or omission. This statement of cooperation with the policies of the school will be in effect for as long as my child(ren) attend(s) Faith Christian Academy.

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STATEMENT OF FAITH

## We believe:

1. the Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:16)
2. there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (II Corinthians 13:14)
3. in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His vicarious birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years. (Matthew 16:6; I Corinthians 15:3-4)
4. in the blessed hope, which is the rapture of the church at Christ's coming. (Titus 2:13)
5. the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. (I Peter 1:18-19)
6. regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. (John 3:3-5)
7. the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to prayer. (I Peter 2:24)
8. in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. (Galatians 5:16)
9. the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. (Acts 2:39)
10. in the resurrection of both the saved and lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation. (John 5:28-29)

(taken from the complete Statement of Fundamental Truths, Assemblies of God Constitution and Bylaws.)

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY TUITION POLICY

## Tuition, Fees and Payment Policies for School Year 2018-2019

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Tuition per month</u>	<u>Registration</u>	<u>Books/Supplies</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
Pre - Kindergarten (all day)	\$600.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$20.00
Kindergarten - Grade 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$590.00	\$125.00	\$275.00	\$20.00
Grade 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$630.00	\$125.00	\$325.00	\$20.00
Grade 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$675.00	\$125.00	\$325.00	\$20.00

### Registration and Book Fees

- A Registration Fee of \$125 must be submitted with the application for enrollment and is non-refundable.
- Returning FCA students must submit the Re-enrollment packet with registration fee of \$100 if paid before February 1<sup>st</sup>. A \$125 fee applies if returning students submit applications after February 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration fee is non-refundable.
- Book Fees and Insurance Fees are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>
- All checks should be made payable to Faith Christian Academy

### Incentive for Members of Faith Assembly of God Church

FCA offers tuition discount for faithful and tithing members of Faith Assembly of God. Please contact FCA Financial Office for more information.

### Incentives for Families Enrolled at Faith Christian Academy:

- Fifteen percent reduction in tuition for second child enrolled at Faith Christian Academy.
- Thirty percent reduction in tuition for third child enrolled at Faith Christian Academy.
- Fifty percent reduction in tuition for fourth and each consecutive child enrolled at Faith Christian Academy.

### Tuition Payment Policy

A monthly payment plan is offered with ten monthly installments beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. A late fee of \$50 will be applied to any account, which is not paid by the first of the month and an additional \$50 will be assessed for each additional month that the original tuition amount is not paid in full. There is \$30 fee for any bank returned checks. Failure to pay the first

semester's tuition will preclude the student's enrollment in the second semester. Any account that is more than sixty days in arrears could result in the student being dismissed from the school. When the account is in arrears the student's report card will be withheld until the outstanding amount due is paid in full.

## FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STUDENT RECORD RELEASE

### RELEASING SCHOOL

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### RECEIVING SCHOOL

Faith Christian Academy  
25 Golf Club Lane  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601

Dear Administrator:

My child is applying to Faith Christian Academy. I give permission for my child's academic, attendance, behavior, assessment, IEP and/or 504 Plans (if any), and health records to be copied and sent to the above named school. Thank you.

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Student's Name (Last name first)	Age	Grade Level
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Signature of Parent/Guardian



# FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY APPLICATION

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

School year \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Male/ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Public School District \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Transportation Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up @ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade to enter: Pre-K K 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>  
(Please circle the appropriate grade)

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

List all schools previously attended (most recent first)

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Has your child ever been retained? Yes\_ No\_  
Has your child had any academic problems? Yes\_ No\_  
Has your child been diagnosed with learning difficulties? Yes\_ No\_  
Has your child had any disciplinary difficulties? Yes\_ No\_  
Does your child currently have an IEP (individual educational plan)? Yes\_ No\_  
Does your child experience attention difficulties? Yes\_ No\_  
Does your child have any physical handicaps? Yes\_ No\_  
Does your child have any emotional difficulties? Yes\_ No\_  
Is your child currently on any type of medication? Yes\_ No\_  
Does your child have any social difficulties? Yes\_ No\_

List any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "yes" to any question above, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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If your child has received any special remedial, tutorial, or enrichment programs either in school or out of school, or if your child has been evaluated by the Child Study Team, please write a brief description of such

services: \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you want to send your child to Faith Christian Academy? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Family Information (please print)

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: (circle one)

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Singled Married Widowed Divorced

Single Married Widowed Divorced

Other children living with the family:

Name	Birthdate	Grade	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Spiritual Background

Faith Christian Academy is an extension of the home and church. Please complete this section regarding your church affiliation:

Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a church member? \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a church member? \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Information

Every effort will be made to reach the child's parents. Designate the name of two individuals authorized to care for your child if the parents cannot be reached.

Name _____	Address _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Address _____	Phone _____

Hospital: (circle one)

Vassar Brothers Hospital

Saint Francis Hospital

Please specify your contact numbers for general purposes and in case of an emergency:

General Phone Number's:

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Father's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature \_\_\_\_\_