
January 28, 2021

Dear Faith Families,

We are so glad you are a part of the community of Faith Christian School! Since 1978 Faith Presbyterian Church has had the privilege of standing behind the Christian faculty and staff of the school as they have served the families of our community. Our goal has always been to assist parents in preparing their children for college, life, and eternity, through teachers who create an environment rich in both spiritual nurture and academic excellence.

February is the traditional month of re-enrollment for current families. For most of you who pay tuition monthly, there is no tuition payment during February to help you financially pay the fees that are required for re-enrollment for 2021-22. This cover letter leads you into the paperwork necessary for re-enrolling your children for the next school year.

As the school board of FCS and the leaders of Faith Presbyterian Church have considered the future and the vision and mission of Faith Christian School, we have been asking ourselves the question a man once asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" He responded by telling this man the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Paul sums up the message this way: "as we have opportunity, let us do good to *all* people, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (i.e., professing Christians).

Faith Christian School has thrived in serving the children of Christian families, but as our leaders have considered our present secular culture with its extreme lack of Biblical knowledge, the question, "who is my neighbor," **has compelled us to pray for an expansion of influence in our community.** For this reason, we believe that it is time to expand the admission policy of the school to include families who desire a high-quality education from a Christian perspective and are willing to support the mission, worldview, and policies of the school, but who might be unchurched or might not have a professing Christian as a parent. In making this adjustment to our admissions policy, we will not be alone among Christian schools. There are many outstanding Christian schools in the southeast, including Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, that use this more evangelistic approach to admissions.

What will be different in expanding from our current philosophy of admissions to include a more evangelistic philosophy of admissions? Only one thing; instead of requiring that "the prospective student must have at least one parent who is a professing, born-again, evangelical Christian," as found in the admissions requirements and the Spiritual Foundation of Parents statement, entering parents will agree to support that "the prospective student and their parents must understand and agree to support that Faith is a Christian school that teaches Bible classes at every grade level, that follows a biblical worldview in all of its curriculum and activities, and that expects all School families to agree to fully support this Christian philosophy as it is lived out in all of the School's functions and activities."

What would not change and thus would remain the same?

- "The prospective student must be able to successfully accomplish our curriculum. The Faith curriculum is a high expectation, college prep type course of study.
- "The prospective student must be able to submit to authority and have evidence through previous schools that he/she can obey reasonable rules. We expect children to obey School adults and be

submissive to reasonable authority. Due diligence will be expended for students who have been suspended at their previous school, and students who have been expelled from their previous school are not eligible for admission."

- The Vision and Mission of the School will not change.
- The Statement of Faith and the Statement of Education Philosophy will not change.
- The Core Values and Expected Student Outcomes will not change.
- The Statement of Cooperation will not change.
- The Family Standards Statement will not change.
- The Conciliation Clause Commitment will not change.
- The expectations of hiring talented, gifted Christians of high-quality character as faculty and staff will not change.
- The same high-quality standards of selecting curriculum and classroom materials will not change.

In light of this change, as a Christian parent of FCS, here's what we are asking you to do:


- If you have any questions about this change, please contact a board member or our Head of School, Chip Jones. We value your input and perspective as a brother or sister in Christ.
- Please pray for God's direction and His grace to move in us so we may faithfully carry out God's purposes for us as a Christian school, mainly that God will give us more and more opportunities to share His good news of salvation with children in our area who are "un-churched" or "marginally" churched.
- Pray for new opportunities to share how your family has benefitted from Faith Christian School with your friends whose children do not attend Faith.

Raising children together in community builds deep friendships, not only between children, but also among parents. Most parents at FCS would say some of their best friendships have come as a result of getting to know the parents of their children's friends. With this in mind, as FCS moves toward a more evangelistic approach to admissions, would you pray for opportunities to share not only the good news of the Gospel with those around you, but also to share the unique opportunities that FCS faculty and staff offer to the parents and children of our community?

We hope that you will support this decision of the leaders of Faith Presbyterian Church and the FCS school board and that you will pray for our faculty and staff as we move in this direction.

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ,

Rick Searle



Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church,
School Board Member

Dr. Jay Walker



Elder, Faith Presbyterian Church
School Board Chairman through 2020

Faith Christian School (Grades Pre-K - 12) Student Re-enrollment Form 2021-2022

Tuition Schedule 2021-2022

The following tuition structure will be in place for the school year 2021-2022. Please be aware that timely payment of tuition is absolutely necessary in order for the child to remain an enrolled student at Faith Christian School.

Re-Enrollment Fee

For Full-day Pre-K and Kindergarten - Grade 12 \$400.00
For Half-day Pre-K and Kindergarten \$250.00

Online Enrollment Submission Fee* \$10.00 (in addition to the enrollment fee)

*Current students may re-enroll through the FACTS Family Portal

Note: THE RE-ENROLLMENT FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. This guarantees that we will hold a slot for your child at Faith Christian School. Please read the Financial Contract carefully before signing.

Time Line

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY: Re-enrollment for current students. New applicants may submit application forms which will be coded with date of application. Preference will be given to those who submit application forms with earliest date.

MARCH 1: Enrollment opens to all. Newly-approved applicants will be placed in classes where there is space according to order of application.

TUITION SCHEDULE:

Parents have three options in paying for their child's education while attending Faith. You may choose either a 10-month payment plan, 11-month payment plan, or a semester payment plan. If the semester payment plan is chosen, a 2% tuition discount will apply. Plans are outlined below:

10-MONTH PAYMENT SCHEDULE (10 months)

Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 422.50 per month
Full day Kindergarten	\$ 549.00 per month
Grades 1-6	\$ 590.50 per month
Grades 7-8	\$ 612.00 per month
Grades 9-12	\$ 675.50 per month

Note: Monthly tuition is based on a 10-month plan of monthly payments beginning on June 1, with no payment due in February allowing for re-enrollment and continuing until the 10th payment on April 1.

11-MONTH PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$ 384.09 per month
Full day Kindergarten	\$ 499.09 per month
Grades 1-6	\$ 536.82 per month
Grades 7-8	\$ 556.36 per month
Grades 9-12	\$ 614.09 per month

Note: Monthly tuition is based on an 11-month plan of monthly payments beginning on June 1, with no payment due in February allowing for re-enrollment and continuing until the 11th payment on May 1.

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SEMESTER PAYMENT SCHEDULE (2% discount)

Fall Semester payments (June - Oct): due by June 10th in full

Spring Semester payments (Nov. - April): due by November 11th in full

Kindergarten-noon dismissal	\$2070.25 per semester or \$4140.50 per year
Full day Kindergarten	\$2690.10 per semester or \$5380.20 per year
Grades 1-6	\$2893.45 per semester or \$5786.90 per year
Grades 7-8	\$2998.80 per semester or \$5997.60 per year
Grades 9-12	\$3309.95 per semester or \$6619.90 per year

Upper School Fees:

Science & Technology Fee:	\$75.00/year for students in grades 7-12
Graduation Fee:	\$200.00/senior year only
Choir Fee:	\$50.00/middle and high school choir students only
Art Fee:	\$70.00/per year for elective class; \$35.00 per semester

Lower School Fee:

Activity & Technology Fee:	\$35.00/ per year
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Multi-child Family Discount

First additional enrollment after the oldest child: 10% discount on tuition

Third Child: 15% discount on tuition

Fourth Child: 20% discount on tuition

Note: The discount above does not apply to re-enrollment fee. Families receiving tuition assistance do not qualify for any additional assistance.

Textbooks

Textbooks are provided free of charge to students in grades K-6. Parents are responsible for purchasing most textbooks for grades 7-12.

Important Reminder: Upon submission of re-enrollment, you are committed to the semester's tuition whether your child actually attends or not. A new Financial Contract (page 9) must be signed to finalize re-enrollment.

Person responsible for payment of tuition

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Basic Information

1. Student's Name: _____
Last First Middle

2. Grade Level for 2021-2022: _____

3. Name the child goes by regularly: _____

4. Child's Cell Phone (if applicable): _____

Address: _____
Street address City State Zip

Custody Information

1. Both parents: Yes No (circle one)

2. Divorced with joint custody: Yes No (circle one)

3. One parent: _____
Print name of parent with full custody

Note: If the biological parents are divorced then the school must have a copy of the divorce decree signed by a judge of the decree pages which indicate custody placement. Please submit this with your re-enrollment.

Family Information Update

Relationship to student: **Father** Living: yes no

Note relationship if not father: _____

Living in home with child? Yes No Marital Status: _____

Name: _____
Title Last Name, First Name Middle Name

Address: _____
Street address City State Zip

Mailing address (if different from street address): _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address: _____ @ _____

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Relationship to student: **Mother** Living: yes no

Note relationship if not mother: _____

Living in home with child? Yes No Marital Status: _____

Name: _____
 Title Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____
 Street address City State Zip

Mailing address (if different from street address): _____
 Street City State Zip

Email Address: _____@_____

Commitment Statements

PLEASE READ THE FOUR STATEMENTS LISTED BELOW AND SIGN WHERE INDICATED. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS YEAR'S FORM, AS SOME DETAILS HAVE CHANGED.** THESE MUST BE SIGNED BY ANY AND ALL ADULTS WITH PROPER CUSTODY IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION FOR RE-ENROLLMENT TO BE VALID. ALSO, THE FINANCIAL CONTRACT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENTS.

Application commitment

To the best of my knowledge, all information provided by me on this application form for re-enrollment are true and correct.

Statement of Cooperation

I hereby make application for my child to attend Faith Christian School (Grades PreK - 12) [hereafter referred to as the "School"]. In making this application, I understand and agree to comply with and abide by the provisions of the School Student Handbook and the rules and standards set out therein including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Faith Christian School has the right to dismiss any student who does not respect the School's academic and behavioral standards or does not cooperate in the educational process.
2. The School has full discretion to discipline students according to the guidelines of the Faith Christian School Code of Conduct.
3. I agree to cooperate with the school policies and procedures and to pray for the school personnel. I agree to publicly support the school and bring whatever concerns I have to the proper individual as per school policy and procedures.
4. I agree to cooperate with the school's policy and dress code and understand I will be held accountable for my child's adherence to that policy.
5. I agree that my student and I will represent the school well. This includes behavior off-campus, in the virtual world and during school-sponsored activities such as field trips and sporting events.

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Family Standards

Faith Christian School is a religious institution providing an education in a distinct Christian environment, and it believes that its biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. On those occasions in which the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home is counter to or in opposition to biblical standards the school teaches, the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, living in, condoning, or supporting illegal activities, sexual immorality, homosexual acts or sexual orientation, gender identity different from one's biological gender, promoting such practices, or otherwise the inability to support the moral principles of the school (Leviticus 20:13a, Romans 1:27, Matthew 19:4-6).

Conciliation Clause Commitment

[Required for admittance to Faith Christian School]

The parties to this agreement believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (See Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement/enrollment in school shall be settled by Biblically based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation. [A copy of these Rules is available in the school office.] Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The parties understand that these methods shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

Normal communication regarding complaints and/or grievances will be handled according to the process outlined in the School Handbook under "Complaints and Grievances."

We agree with this approach to resolve any disputes, which may arise with our association with the Faith Christian School.

As parents of _____, who is applying for Grade _____ in **2021-2022**, we have read and completed the re-enrollment form. In doing so, we agree and bind ourselves to the school's procedures for re-enrollment and the commitments necessary for enrollment/re-enrollment as found on the pages of the Faith Christian School Student Re-enrollment form 2021-2022.

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date Signed

Date Signed

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Tuition Payment Preference

In order for our bookkeeper to prepare for next year's billing, we need to know your preference concerning a payment schedule. The options are listed below. **Please mark one.**

- _____ Option 1: **10 Monthly payments**
Monthly tuition is based on a 10-month plan of monthly payments beginning on June 1, with no payment due in February allowing for re-enrollment and continuing until the 10th payment on April 1.
- _____ Option 2: **11 Monthly payments**
Monthly tuition is based on an 11-month plan of monthly payments beginning on June 1, with no payment due in February allowing for re-enrollment and continuing until the 10th payment on May 1.
- _____ Option 3: **Semester Payments**
A semester payment receives a 2% discount for each semester payment.
[Semester payments must be received by June 10th or November 10th in order to receive the discount.]

For Office Use Only:

Date Application Received in School Office: _____

Check Number: _____ **Cash:** _____ **Grade 2021-2022:** _____

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Photo Release Permission Slip- Use of Student Images

As a parent or guardian of this student, I hereby consent to the use of photographs taken during the course of the school year. As it pertains to the use of these photos for publicity, promotional, and/or education purposes (including print publications, school web site, school Facebook/Twitter/Instagram or other media sources). Please see the following stipulations concerning the use of photographs for this student.

_____ **I give full consent for my student to be photographed and their photos used as described above.**

_____ **I DO NOT give consent for my student to be photographed and their photos used as described above.** (I understand I will be contacted further concerning the specifics of this issue.)

I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use or for damages.

***** Please note: All students will be photographed for the yearbook, and their photos will be included in the yearbook along with their names. If there is a legal reason your student should not / cannot have their photo and/or name listed in the yearbook, please contact the school office to let us know of the circumstances as well as providing the legal documentation stating the details of the limitations.**

Name of Student

Parent Signature

Date

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Financial Contract for Enrollment 2021-2022

Please read carefully, initial all blanks and sign before returning to the office.

_____ **1. Enrollment/Re-enrollment Fee:** I understand that the \$400 enrollment fee (\$250 for noon dismissal Kindergarten) is to ensure that my child will have a position at Faith Christian School for the 2021-2022 school year.

_____ **2. No Refund:** I understand that the Enrollment/Re-enrollment fee **is not refundable** unless my child is denied admission at Faith Christian School, or Tuition Assistance applied for is insufficient to meet the family's need.

_____ **3. Tuition:** I understand that upon signing this contract, should my child be accepted for enrollment at Faith Christian School for 2021-2022, I am obligated to pay for the full annual tuition because Faith Christian School must in turn make financial obligations for salaries, services, and products based on my intentions.

_____ **4. Withdrawal:** I agree that should my child be withdrawn from Faith Christian School after his/her admission for the 2021-2022 school year, I will nevertheless fulfill my obligation as outlined in this contract and pay full tuition, even if my child never attends classes.

Exceptions:

_____ **a.** The tuition for the fall semester is always due for payment in full once this contract is signed, unless the withdrawal is due to the child moving more than 25 miles away. Consideration for release from this financial obligation will be given by the school should an unforeseen financial hardship arise.

_____ **b.** Consideration for release from the obligation to pay the tuition due for the spring semester will be given should a request for withdrawal be made on or before November 15. After November 15, the balance of the year's tuition is due for payment in full unless the withdrawal is due to the child moving more than 25 miles away.

_____ **c.** Should Faith Christian School make the decision to dismiss the child from school, the tuition due will be prorated based on the time the child was enrolled.

_____ **5. Breach of Financial Contract:** I understand that failure to pay all tuition charges will be considered a breach of contract; and as a result of not clearing my indebtedness:

a. Faith Christian School will not transfer my child's records to another school until all indebtedness is cleared;

b. I am subject to the legally binding arbitration process as prescribed in the "Conciliation Clause" which is included in the enrollment packet.

Parent's signature

Date