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CHCS Maintains a Covenantal Approach to Christian Education

A NOTE FROM LEAD ADMINISTRATOR, MRS. JACKIE MATHEWS



A covenant is a serious commitment. While the marriage covenant is the most widely recognized, a covenant of any kind is essentially a

binding agreement to do or refrain from doing something based on its terms. In Christian education, a covenantal relationship means the school partners with families in raising children with a biblical worldview, nurturing those already being disciplined at home and in church. Chapel Hill Christian School has upheld this covenantal approach for nearly sixty years.

A **Covenantal school** prioritizes training children already being raised in Christian households, ensuring consistency between home, church, and school teachings. Typically, at least one parent must be a professing Christian and active in a local church. At Chapel Hill, our goal is to forge a strong partnership between home, church, and school. We do not seek to exclude those who do not fit a certain mold; rather, we choose to partner with families who align with our biblical values and commitment

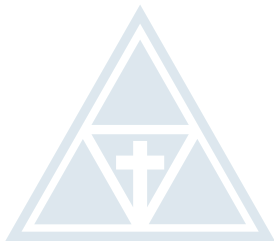
to discipleship. Families who are not wholly committed to the Gospel and a lifestyle consistent with our *Parent Covenant* may create an environment of confusion for their children, receiving mixed messages between home and school. In addition to providing academic excellence, we remain steadfast in our commitment to **Biblical Integration and spiritual formation**, just as we did when Chapel Hill first opened its doors in 1966.

From the very beginning, **our Mission has centered around Loving God, Academic Excellence, and Discovering God's path for the future**—now encapsulated in our motto: **Love, Learn, Launch**. It is critically important to us that our students develop an authentic relationship with Christ, cultivate a love for learning, and discover their divine purpose.

While we do not seek to exclude anyone, admitting a student who does not meet our academic standards could be detrimental to their success and confidence. Similarly, enrolling a family whose values do not align with ours could create internal conflict for a child, leaving them

torn between the teachings of their parents and those of our school. Our goal is not to override the teachings of the home, but rather to support them in harmony with the church.

Many Christian schools today have adopted an **evangelistic model**, which is both honorable and important. These schools often aim to be more inclusive, welcoming students from non-Christian families to introduce them to the Gospel. We deeply respect and appreciate our brothers and sisters in Christ who are answering this call. However, understanding **our own** calling—both individually and corporately—is just as crucial. Since opening in 1966, Chapel Hill has remained steadfast in its **covenantal** approach, forging deep partnerships with families. Our logo, **the Triangle**, represents this bond between the **home, church, and school**. As we seek to foster an environment where children fall deeper in love with the Lord, develop a passion for learning, and pursue God's purpose for their lives, we are committed to ensuring they are surrounded by a supportive, faith-aligned community.



CHCS Mission Statement:

"To build a foundation for young students to desire, pursue, and grow in an authentic relationship with Christ, while achieving academic excellence, and discovering God's path for their future."

A Word from Our Principals



NORTH CAMPUS NOTES - Mrs. Lisa Stewart, Principal

Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they grow old, they will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

God placed parents as stewards over children because children are considered a gift from God, not property of the parents. Parents are entrusted with the responsibility to raise and nurture their children in accordance with God's teachings, guiding them towards a strong moral compass and a relationship with Him. Ultimately, parents are responsible for "managing" their children's lives in a way that honors God's will.

When I was coming up, my parents made decisions about where we lived, what church we attended, the meals we ate, the clothing we wore and weighed heavily on the company that we kept. They taught me and my siblings the social graces of being respectful and polite to those in authority.

As I reflect on the foundation that I received in my upbringing, I praise God that my parents used the word of God as their guide. We serve a loving Father who loves his children, and he puts parents in place as models and to train their children. Due to his infinite wisdom, he recognizes that children do not have enough experience or knowledge in life to know what is in their best interest. There is a reason why loving parents hold their little child's hand when they are walking in a busy parking lot.

Can you imagine children being responsible for deciding what a healthy diet should include? One of my children would have easily substituted vegetables with a sugary snack if she had it her way. Imagine if we allowed our children to come up with their own bedtime. I am sure some of them would strive to stay up all night.

Parenting is by no means easy, however in today's culture, more and more decisions seem to be placed in the hands of children.

This is not how God intended for it to be. We serve a loving Heavenly Father who desires for parents to model the love of Christ in their words and actions, and seek His guidance in training up their children.

In His unconditional love, our Heavenly Father has provided us with a blueprint and example for raising our children. He disciplines those He loves and corrects those who are his sons and daughters. How many times have we prayed and asked the Lord for something, only to receive the answer, "No"? Does this mean that he doesn't love us? Absolutely not. We can always trust that His ways are perfect, and He knows what is best for us. In the same way, we may not always make decisions that are pleasing to our children, but we must make choices that are in their best interest. Let's continue to consult our Heavenly Father and seek His wisdom in raising our children, and refrain from placing the burden of life decisions on their shoulders.



SOUTH CAMPUS GREETINGS - Mrs. Vicki Keys, Principal

There is a lot of noise all around us! I do not necessarily mean the loudness of sound, but rather a constant buzz of opinions, ideas, and

thoughts. The world's culture is yelling at us. Politics is in a tug of war for all to hear. People are demanding to be heard, but not many are listening. The world calls for peace, but there is no peace, only disunity.

As lovers of Jesus, we are called to be different. We should not look like the world around us. The world's way creates fissures and cracks in relationships and organizations. It creates disunity, which creates the noise. Jesus calls us to unity—His unity!

As a faculty, we have been focusing on the word "unity" and seeking to understand

what Jesus is really asking of us. What does He mean when He calls us as believers to "be united in the same mind and the same judgment," and to "have no divisions among us"? (1 Corinthians 1:10)

There are so many differences between all of us, so how can we be of the same mind? When we insist on our own way, see only our own perspective, lack patience to consider another viewpoint, or react rather than respond with grace, our differences become magnified and drive us apart.

I have often thought of unity as me going towards you and you coming towards me, and finding a place of sameness, or common ground, between the two of us. I am learning that unity really has nothing to do with me, or with you. It has everything to do with Jesus (that is not a "Sunday School" answer). In Ephesians 4, unity of the body of Christ is described by

the word "Oneness." "There is ONE body, ONE Spirit, ONE hope, ONE Lord, ONE faith, ONE baptism, ONE God and Father of all. In Philippians 2:2, it tells us to have the "same love, being of the same mind." Then, further down in verse 5, it tells us that this "same mind" is the mind of Jesus. There is nothing there about me, or you.

Unity is really about me looking to and growing toward Jesus, and you looking to and growing toward Jesus. Jesus IS unity. He is what draws us together. He can take our individual differences and create a beautiful tapestry with lots of colors and variances that form one beautiful masterpiece. We can only have peace and unity in our homes, our school, our churches, our country, when we are centered and focused only on Jesus! He is Unity!

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CHCS Capturing the Hearts and Minds of Little Learners

– Mandy Moyer, Early Education Operations Manager

"I'm a big kid now!"

Big feelings. Big words. Big tasks. Big learning. Big victories!

All these BIG developments packed into little bodies.

Little ones that we still see as precious babies.

Little hearts ripe for the BIG plans the Father has created for them.

Little ones that can do mighty things as disciples of Jesus.



Big things are happening in the souls of little people at Chapel Hill Christian School!

Why is Early Childhood a crucial piece of the CHCS family? Why now? Because it is the first introduction to school for the child, and because our culture is pushing to snag these little ones for their own purposes.

Just as we are inviting the smallest learners and their families through our doors, we also see a huge push in our communities to engage with these earliest learners. There are more apps, more public events, more schools, more shows, and more destinations opening up to these bright young hearts and minds. This is the age where learning explodes and becomes part of the worldview that will shape their lives.



Ask a preschool or kindergarten student to share about their favorites, and chances are they will give you a character, a tv show, or a song that their world revolves around. It's on their clothes, their shoes, their hair accessories, and their school supplies. They are carrying their heroes around with them and excitedly telling the world what they love. It's part of the exuberance of their age group, and the world knows it.

If we don't boldly invite and engage with this youngest set of students, we are allowing the loudest voices to grab their attention and minds. This is precisely why public schools in our area are expanding into the preschool realm, hoping to catch the attention of parents and grab their students before they settle and grow roots somewhere else.

We want to be a safe haven that welcomes, that holds little hands through the hallways, that leads hearts to Jesus, and that fills minds with wholesome learning. At CHCS, families will be equipped with connections to other believers, events that excite their young learners, and opportunities to encounter God and His plans for them. If we don't develop this area of our ministry, we will miss the opportunity to share Jesus with the



**Chapel Hill
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youngest generation, even as our culture pushes in to grab their precious hearts for its own purposes.

Many of our current families bring their children to CHCS at the Kindergarten or 1st Grade age and express that they didn't realize there was a Preschool opportunity. That is one of our big goals as we move forward, to expand our Early Childhood classrooms. We want to boldly hang the "Open for Business" sign and welcome in new families seeking Christian education for their Preschool and Kindergarten aged children.

In the next year, you will likely see us expand Play Dates and Events for these youngest members of our CHCS family, and we pray you will invite your neighbors and friends to join us. We need your help to spread the word that Chapel Hill is a school that loves Jesus and wants to build little disciples for His honor.

Will you pray with us that our school can be the first BIG step in learning and ministry for these precious little ones? We want to join with you in prayer over this next generation and the Lord's plans and purposes for the youngest learners at Chapel Hill Christian School.

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OCCEN UPDATE

Haven't filed your taxes yet?

Did you know that you can direct your State taxes to CHCS at **NO COST TO YOU**? You can donate up to \$750 per person and the money goes directly to CHCS for scholarships to make Christian education more affordable for families. You still have the opportunity to donate to the SGO scholarship fund in Chapel Hill Christian School's name, up until the April 15, 2025 filing deadline.

Scan the QR code below to go to our website and view our video for more information. If you have questions please contact Bill Anderson at 330-212-6304.

You have the potential to give an Ohio student a life-giving opportunity to attend a high-quality Christian school that otherwise might be unaffordable to his or her family at no cost to you.



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CHARITY GOLF OUTING

2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, June 23rd

Once again the 2025 Chapel Hill Christian School Charity Golf Outing is set for Glenmoor Country Club in Canton. So save the date, better yet go ahead and register your foursome or become a sponsor!

Register at
CHCSeagles.org/chcs-golf

SIXTH GRADERS SERVE IN GUATEMALA - Kelly Foguth, Director of Missions



The group arriving in Guatemala ready to serve

Each year, CHCS sixth-graders have the opportunity to embark on a mission trip to Guatemala to serve at the Amigos School and meet their sponsored students. This year, five sixth-grade girls from the North Campus, along with their families, decided to participate. The journey leading up to the trip was filled with many emotions: excitement, nervousness, anticipation, curiosity, a sense of adventure, slight anxiety, and even a bit of fear due to the unknown. These are common feelings for many traveling outside the U.S. for the first time.

As the group prayed before heading to Guatemala, it was beautiful to witness how God took all of these emotions, met each person where they were, and responded in such a wonderful way.

Excitement

The girls were thrilled to finally meet their sponsored student, Jeremy. Over the years, they had connected through video calls and exchanged many letters, but meeting him in person was a special moment. They were overjoyed to visit his home, sit with him, and learn more about his life and his family. At first, Jeremy

was shy, but as the group interacted with him, he gradually opened up. They learned that Jeremy loves to draw, has a cat and a dog, enjoys learning about science and the solar system, and isn't fond of sports. One of the girls later shared that visiting Jeremy's house was one of the highlights of the trip.

Nervousness

For the sixth-graders, everything was new: the school, the house where they stayed, the children they met, and even the food. Coming to a different country was intimidating, and they weren't sure what to expect. But God answered their prayers right away. As they settled into the CHM house, enjoyed a nice lunch, and spent time with Alvaro (a former sponsored student who helps with translation for groups in Guatemala), they began to feel at home. They had heard many stories about Alvaro and were thrilled to finally meet him in person.

Anticipation

Leading up to the trip, there were many questions about what Guatemala would be like. Would they get along with everyone in the blue house? Would they be able to serve with happy hearts during the long days? The sixth-graders exceeded all expectations. They got along incredibly well with their classmates throughout the trip. There was no arguing or bickering, and they were always eager to help, whether it was setting the table, washing dishes, or assisting with ministry tasks in preparation for meetings. There was a lot of laughter and joy in their service.

Fear/Anxiety

One concern was how they would connect with the children in Guatemala, especially because of the language barrier. They weren't sure how they would communicate, but were pleasantly surprised when they brought out their activities and were instantly surrounded by a group of smiling Guatemalan children. The girls were amazed to see how happy the children were, despite having so little. The children had so much fun with the simplest things—sidewalk chalk, coloring pages, bracelets, and games. As they entered classrooms to teach English, some of the children greeted them with hugs. The sixth-graders were in awe, remarking that such warm greetings would be uncommon in the U.S.

Overall, the sixth-grade trip to Guatemala was a great success. The girls learned that God is with them wherever they go and will help them through any situation. They cherished their time in Guatemala, interacting with the students and visiting homes. They reflected on how much they have back home and realized how easy it can be to take things for granted. After spending time with the children in Guatemala, they saw the world in a new light. May God continue to use the experiences they shared to shape and mold them into young women who love Jesus and are eager to serve Him wherever they go.



Anna, Natalie and Avery enjoying chalk time with the students



Visiting Jeremy in his home



Baylee meeting new friends at recess



Leona teaching the students cornhole



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OUR VISION:

Our goal at CHCS, in partnership with home and church, is to create a Christ-centered environment where each student's God-given uniqueness is celebrated, and where they are taught to value a passionate commitment to academic excellence, Biblical worldview, and service for Christ, so that they are equipped with the necessary skills and spiritual maturity to succeed in life. We believe that fostering an authentic relationship with God and a lifelong passion for learning empowers students to fulfill their unique God-given purpose and make a lasting positive impact on the world.

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