

A Christian education is the best gift you can give your child.

Learn more at one of our upcoming open houses—which provide families with a great opportunity to see first-hand what our Christian school communities have to offer. We welcome your call or visit for information/enrollment. Also, we encourage you to set-up a personal visit with the building principal. Families interested can call the school directly, or the Admissions Office, 616.574-6340, to schedule a visit.

Admissions and enrollment questions can be directed to any building principal or Eric Burgess, Director of Recruitment and Admissions, 616.574.6340 or email: eburgess@grcs.org.

We look forward to meeting you.

Creston and Evergreen Christian Elementary Schools—1031 Page NE, 616.574.6500
Chip Jenkins, Principal

Creston Christian Elementary School

Call or stop by anytime for information/enrollment. We encourage you to set-up a personal visit with the building principal.

Evergreen Christian Elementary School offers a balanced calendar for K-5th grade that takes the traditional calendar (as used by Creston Christian) and adds two weeks at the beginning and end of the school year. These weeks are used throughout the year as "flex weeks" during which families can enroll their children in unique enrichment sessions.

Evergreen Christian Elementary School Invites You to "Information Night"

Families are welcome to come and learn more about the unique school calendar, inquiry-based learning, and multi-age philosophy. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend with you! Parents are also invited to watch a classroom in session.

Join us...

~ Thursday, February 22: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

~ Tuesday, March 27: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

~ Thursday, April 26: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For information/questions, please call 616.574.6550 or email: cjenkins@grcs.org.

Millbrook Christian Elementary School—3662 Poinsettia SE, 616.574.6000

Mark Krommendyk, Principal

Call or stop by anytime for information/enrollment. We encourage you to set-up a personal visit with the building principal.

Oakdale Christian Elementary School—1050 Fisk SE, 616.574.5700

Ashanti Bryant, Principal

Call or stop by anytime for information/enrollment. We encourage you to set-up a personal visit with the building principal.

Rockford Christian School—6060 Belding Rd. 616.574.6400,

Jan VanderWerp, Principal

Preschool – 5th Grade – Tuesday, February 20

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AND

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday night, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. is your opportunity to find out more about the opportunities next year's 6th grade environmental students will have at Rockford Christian School. This program, led by Mr. Don VerMerris, gives students many great hands-on opportunities, as well as curriculum throughout the entire school year focused on our responsibility as stewards and caretakers of God's beautiful and magnificent creation.

Current 5th grade parents and their students, as well as other interested families, are strongly encouraged to attend – 6060 Belding Road, Rockford Christian School. Questions, please call 616.574.6400.

Grand Rapids Christian Middle School—1875 Rosewood SE, 616.574.6350,

Mary Broene, Principal

6th Grade Student/Parent Orientation Night

Thursday, April 26, 2007, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Grand Rapids Christian High School—2300 Plymouth SE, 616.574.5500

Jim Primus, Principal

Call or stop by anytime for information/enrollment. We encourage you to set-up a personal visit with the building principal.

Grand Rapids Christian Schools accept enrollment without discrimination as to race, color, sex, or national origin. All rights and privileges are afforded to all students.

Fast Facts – Grand Rapids Christian Schools

To prepare students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society

The largest private, association-governed school system in Michigan, in continuous operation since 1889, Grand Rapids Christian Schools serves nearly 3,000 preschool to high school students at seven schools throughout the metro Grand Rapids area.

The Grand Rapids Christian Schools are governed by an elected Board of Trustees and include:

- Four preschool programs
- Five elementary schools
- Two middle schools
- Grand Rapids Christian High School

We value diversity. Our students come from a variety of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, and represent different religious denominations.

Tuition

Visit <http://www.grcs.org/parents/tuition.html> for rates. Scholarships and financial aid are readily available to families in need of tuition assistance. We are committed to making Christian education possible for all members of the Christian community.

Academic Excellence

- We educate nearly 3,000 students each year with a network of more than 20,000 alumni.
- Grand Rapids Christian High School students' MEAP scores are consistently among the highest in the state
- ACT scores average above 23 points in all categories.
- ACT average composite = 24.2, 75th percentile nationally (ACT national average is 20.9)
- From 2001 – 2006, Grand Rapids Christian High School produced 26 National Merit Scholar semi-finalists. In addition, between 2001 and 2006, another 18 students achieved “commended” status from the National Merit program.
- 97% of students that start as freshmen in the high school complete all four years.
- More than 90% of our graduates go on to college each year, with impressive results. The Class of 2005 earned nearly \$2 million in scholarships from colleges and universities nationwide based on academic success while Grand Rapids Christian High School students.

MEAP Scores – 2005-06 School Year, 3rd – 8th Grade Students

Grand Rapids Christian Schools (GRCS) is pleased to announce students in grades three through eight achieved high scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) assessments, which were given to determine proficiency in math, reading, science, social studies, and writing.

“Michigan assessment scores for Grand Rapids Christian Schools’ third through eighth grade students reflect the excellence our community expects,” says Tom DeJonge, superintendent for Grand Rapids Christian Schools. “Our goal is to provide a comprehensive and challenging curriculum which integrates Christian faith through advanced techniques and teaching methods, and we are excited to see these results.”

Grand Rapids Christian Schools’ students exceeded state averages in all areas of testing. “We test over 98% of our students,” reports DeJonge, “a percentage greater than required by the State of Michigan.”

MEAP reading and math scores were some of the highest in the county, surpassing state averages in some tests by up to 30%. In many schools, 100% of the students met or exceeded state standards. “We continue, in partnership with parents, to do all we can to ensure each student’s success at all levels. We are pleased that GRCS students enter middle and high school with the knowledge and ability to perform at high levels,” DeJonge says.

MEAP Scores – 2005-06 School Year, 3rd – 8th Grade Students – continued

“In a ‘school of choice’ environment, parents are keenly aware of the academic rigor necessary to prepare their children for higher education and employment. These scores are one reason why parents in the Grand Rapids area choose GRCS for their children year after year,” says Lois Brink, GRCS Secondary Curriculum Coordinator.

“Our dedication to academic excellence stems from our belief that God calls Grand Rapids Christian Schools to provide a strong Christian foundation for our students. For more than 100 years Grand Rapids Christian Schools has infused learning with faith, providing our students the ability to succeed in life,” states DeJonge.