

## **Grand Rapids Christian Schools Enrollment Information**

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

Learn more by visiting one of our Schools—this provides 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 schedule a visit with a building principal. Families interested can call the school directly, or Eric Burgess, Admissions Director, 616.574-6340 / email [eburgess@grcs.org](mailto:eburgess@grcs.org), to schedule a visit. ***We look forward to meeting you.***

### **Grand Rapids Christian Schools**

**Creston and Evergreen Christian Elementary Schools**—Preschool–5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mr. Chip Jenkins, Principal, 1031 Page NE, 616.574.6500 or email: [cjenkins@grcs.org](mailto:cjenkins@grcs.org).

#### ***Creston Christian Elementary School***

We encourage you to set-up a visit with the building principal to learn more about Creston Christian.

#### ***Evergreen Christian Elementary School***

Evergreen offers *a balanced calendar and inquiry-based learning* for K - 5th grade. Evergreen takes the traditional school 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 time families can enroll their children in unique enrichment sessions. We encourage you to set-up a visit with the building principal to learn more about Evergreen Christian.

**Millbrook Christian Elementary School**—Preschool–5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mr. Mark Krommendyk, Principal, 3662 Poinsettia SE, 616.574.6000, email: [mkrommen@grcs.org](mailto:mkrommen@grcs.org)

We encourage you to set-up a visit with the building principal to learn more about Millbrook Christian.

**Oakdale Christian Elementary School**—Preschool–5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mr. Eric Burgess, Principal, 1050 Fisk SE, 616.574.5700, email: [eburgess@grcs.org](mailto:eburgess@grcs.org)

We encourage you to set-up a visit with the building principal to learn more about Oakdale Christian.

**Rockford Christian School**—Preschool—8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mrs. Jan VanderWerp, Principal, 6060 Belding Rd. 616.574.6400, email: [jvanderwerp@grcs.org](mailto:jvanderwerp@grcs.org)

#### **6<sup>th</sup> grade environmental program at Rockford Christian School**

The environmental program, led by Mr. Don VerMerris, gives students 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. To learn more visit:

[www.grcs.org/rockford/images/Rockford\\_Env\\_Ed\\_Class.pdf](http://www.grcs.org/rockford/images/Rockford_Env_Ed_Class.pdf)

Families interested in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade environmental program, and have a current 5<sup>th</sup> grader, are encouraged to call 616.574.6400 to learn more.

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#### **Grand Rapids Christian Middle School—6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Mrs. Mary Broene, Principal, 1875 Rosewood SE, 616.574.6350, email: [mbroene@grcs.org](mailto:mbroene@grcs.org)

We encourage you to set-up a visit with the building principal to learn more about Grand Rapids Christian Middle School.

#### **Grand Rapids Christian High School—9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Mr. Jim Primus, Principal, 2300 Plymouth SE, 616.574.5500, email [jprimus@grcs.org](mailto:jprimus@grcs.org)

We encourage you to set-up a visit with the building principal to learn more about Grand Rapids Christian High School.

*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.*

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## Facts About 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 2,500 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 tuition rates. Scholarships and financial aid are available to families in need of tuition assistance. We are committed to making Christian education possible for all in the Christian community.

### **Academic Excellence**

- We educate nearly 2,500 students each year with a network of more than 20,000 alumni.
- Grand Rapids Christian Schools MEAP scores are consistently among the highest in the state
- ACT scores average above 23 points in all categories.
- ACT average composite = 24.2, 75<sup>th</sup> 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 at Grand Rapids Christian 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.

## **Student Achievement Soars**

**Thomas DeJonge, Superintendent, Grand Rapids Christian Schools**

Grand Rapids Christian Schools are pleased to announce the results of the 2006-2007 Michigan Merit Exam and ACT scores. Grand Rapids Christian High School students' achievements rival and surpass the finest private and public schools within our community. Composite ACT scores rank the 2007 graduating class of Grand Rapids Christian High School top in the county and within the top 3% nationally. *Parents and teachers—thank you for your support—you make a difference in the lives of our students!*

The Michigan Merit Exam and ACT results are one indicator of the quality of our K-12 curriculum. The results reflect the percentage of high school juniors who have met or exceeded expectations on the State of Michigan academic content standards.

### ***Academic points of interest:***

- The Class of 2007 average ACT composite score was 24.4, up from the Class of 2006 at 23.8. This ranks Grand Rapids Christian High School students first in Kent County and Ottawa County.
- Grand Rapids Christian High achievement scores reflect the excellence of our K-12 programming—placing our students at the top in West Michigan and the State of Michigan.
- Eight National Merit finalists named in 2006-2007 at Grand Rapids Christian High, the most of any school in the state west of Lansing.

**For more information,  
please visit [www.grcs.org](http://www.grcs.org)  
or call: 616-574-6370.**

**Thank you.**