



Grace Christian School

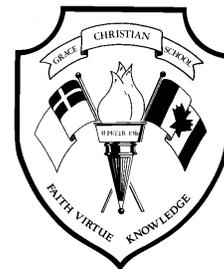
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Looking Ahead to the 2015-16 School Year

Staff

In order to have an effective, high quality school, the right staff is essential. Grace Christian School is truly blessed in this area. Our teachers are not only passionate about Christian Education and the students they teach, but are highly qualified, with nearly half having earned or currently working toward a master's degree and one pursuing a doctoral degree. They are hardworking, team players that sacrifice their time and financial compensation to work at GCS. On average, based on certification levels and years of service, the teachers of GCS make between 52% and 58% of their provincial public school counterparts while carrying, in many cases, a heavier course load. As a body, our staff is unified and continually evaluates ways to collaborate in each student's educational journey. We are pleased to announce that **all teaching staff intend to return to GCS for the 2015-16 school year**. With the increasing demand for the high quality education provided at GCS, we anticipate that additional staff may need to be hired.

High School Courses

Throughout the academic community in the Maritimes, across Canada, and beyond, Grace Christian School holds a reputation for producing high quality students equipped with the tools essential to success: critical thinking, clear communication, and consistent work ethic. Maintaining this standard is paramount to decision making for course choices. GCS is committed to offering as wide a variety of traditional and on-line courses as possible to meet student needs and interests, with the classroom and instructional resources available.

As has been published through various media outlets, the Department of Education has mandated changes in the graduation requirements beginning with students entering grade ten in September 2015. Parents of students affected by these changes will receive information specific to these amendments in the next month. These changes do not affect students currently in grades ten through twelve.

Enrollment

As of April 1st GCS enrollment is at 143 students and rising. We are excited to project, for the fourth year in a row, a large enrollment of five year olds (double digits!) to the kindergarten program. Because of this trend, the grade one and two class will be filling quickly with twenty to twenty-five students anticipated. Our high school continues to grow as parents desiring a solid academic foundation choose GCS to prepare their students for their futures. In particular, international families, drawn by the reputation of our English language training and high standards, are more and more



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frequently choosing GCS. We thank God for the incredible ways in which He provides for our financial needs while broadening the scope of our service for Him. Once again, with demand for classroom spaces increasing, it is more important than ever to reserve your child's place by re-enrolling in the month of April.

Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment Fee:

- On or before April 30: \$200/family
- May 1 – June 30: \$250/family
- After June 30: \$350/family

Note: **re-enrollment fee is non-refundable**

Tuition

The payment schedule for the 2015-16 school year includes tuition, book fees, and the SCRIP fundraising fee; it does not include graduation fee (grade 12 only), paid activities such as field trips, or the purchase of a yearbook.

K – 12	2015-16 Tuition	Monthly (10)	Monthly (12)	Increase	MCDR (Savings %)*
Single	\$4860	\$486	\$405	2.5%	N/A
Double	\$7740	\$774	\$645	3.2%	\$1980 (41%)
Triple	\$10200	\$1020	\$850	3.2%	\$2400 (49%)

MCDR = Multiple Child Discount Rate.

**Note: Families with multiple children in the school receive a substantial discount on Tuition.*

Pay tuition in full and receive a \$150 discount.

Junior Kindergarten Times/Tuition

Half-Day (9am-12pm Monday-Friday): \$3200

Full-Day (9am-3pm Monday-Friday): \$5000

Tuition Reduction Incentives

Everyone has heard the expression, "You get what you pay for." A quality product generally requires a premium price. **Education is not cheap, but it is the single most important financial investment that can be made to the benefit of a child.** Providing a quality academic foundation delivered by qualified educators in a technologically progressive environment is expensive. The reality is that someone must bear the increasing economic cost, whether it is parents through tuition, teachers through accepting salaries far below their public school counterparts, or the church through providing facilities and utilities. Recognizing the financial sacrifice required to invest in Christian education, it is the goal of GCS to make it as accessible as possible to those who genuinely desire their children to learn through a Biblical worldview. Therefore, we have **a number of options to help families offset their tuition.**

1. **Participate in SCRIP:** Every dollar earned up to \$600 can be used toward next year's tuition. Families that buy gift cards on a regular basis over the course of the school year can earn funds to help offset the cost of tuition the following year. The savings can easily add up to over \$50 a month!!
2. **Referral Program:** Receive a tuition discount of \$250 for each new family that registers and attends GCS based



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on your personal referral. This amount is credited to your school account at the half-year based on continuing attendance.

- 3. Scholarships/Bursaries:** Applications are available from the school office and the school website and are based on financial need. The completed form must be returned to the office no later than 3pm, May 29, 2015.



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