



**Grace Christian Elementary School
Information Packet
for the
2010/2011 School Year**

*An Outreach Ministry of
Grace Community Church
Of Saddleback Valley*

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**Grace Christian
Preschool**



**Grace Christian
Elementary School**

A Foundation For Christian Education

"I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in truth." 3 John 4

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Grace Christian Elementary School. We are excited for the opportunity to share our unique educational philosophy with you.

By selecting Grace Christian Elementary School, you are placing a value on your child's academic needs, as well as his/her spiritual needs. *"The fear (reverence) of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction."* Proverbs 1:7. By encouraging each student through his/her studies, regardless of career path chosen, we are preparing them for a life of service to God.

Grace Christian Elementary School offers a strong and balanced academic program. Since our Kindergarten program is a full day, we have extra time to build on foundational subjects. We can also offer specialized subjects like Sign Language, Computer, Library, Music, Art and Physical Education, which balance our program and provide an opportunity for our students to apply what they learn in school to the world they live in.

Our staff looks forward to a partnership between home and school. One that is filled with hope and faith in the education of your child. If you have further questions, please call our School Office, we would be happy to assist you in anyway we can.

In His Love,
Sandi Brakebush,
Principal

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Grace Christian Elementary School

2010/2011 School Year Information

Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth Grades

School Hours: M – F, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

20 Students to 1 Teacher

Kindergarten – 20 Students to 1 Teacher & Instructional Aide

Sign Language / Computer / Library / Art / Music / Chapel / Physical Education

School Uniforms

Field Trips

Hot Lunch Program

Before and After School Care

Parent Teacher Organization

After School Enrichment Classes

2010 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION RATES & FEES

Annual Tuition \$6,950.00 payable as follows:

\$695.00 a month / 10-Month payment plan

\$579.15 a month / 12-Month payment plan

Grace Community Church member and multiple Elementary student discounts available

ASSESSMENT DEPOSIT: A one-time Assessment Deposit of \$50.00, per new student entering the school, is due with the Application for Enrollment, refundable only if the child is not accepted for enrollment by the Elementary School. The deposit is applied toward your Registration Fee upon acceptance.

REGISTRATION FEE: For new students, a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$450.00 is due in full upon receipt of your Letter of Acceptance. For returning students, the Registration Fee is due with the 2010 Student Update forms. As an option, this fee may be paid in two equal, consecutive monthly installments of \$225.00. If enrolling more than one elementary student, the maximum Registration Fee will be \$675.00 with the same payment requirement. Upon approval, the Registration Fee can be pro-rated into your monthly payment schedule.

REFERRAL CREDIT: A \$225.00 Referral Credit will be given to you, for each Grace Christian Preschool family, currently enrolled, you refer to our Elementary School. A \$1,000.00 Referral Credit will be given, to you, for referring a new non-GCS (not coming from the Preschool) family, upon acceptance and payment in full of his/her Registration Fee.

TUITION PAYMENTS: Annual tuition is divided into 10-equal or 12-equal monthly payments, as shown below.

10-Month Payment Plan

First Installment of \$695.00 due **June 2010**, or upon enrollment, whichever comes last, followed by 9 consecutive monthly payments as follows:

September 2010	December 2010	March 2011
October 2010	January 2011	April 2011
November 2010	February 2011	May 2011

12-Month Payment Plan

First tuition installment of \$579.15 due **June 2010**, or upon enrollment, whichever comes last, followed by 11 consecutive monthly payments as follows:

July 2010	November 2010	March 2011
August 2010	December 2010	April 2011
September 2010	January 2011	May 2011
October 2010	February 2011	

Observations/Tours are available by appointment only.
Please call the School Office at 949-951-8683 ext. 102,
if you would like to set an appointment.

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Grade & Class Schedule

KINDERGARTEN					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
9:00-10:15	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum (Art Class - 9:25-10:10)	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum (Music Class - 9:00-9:30)
10:15-10:35	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Mrs. Alvarez Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Mrs. Alvarez Snack/Recess
10:35-11:10	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:10-11:30	Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:15-2:30	Read Aloud 12:15-12:40	Read Aloud 12:15-12:40	Read Aloud 12:15-12:40	Chapel 12:20-12:55	Sign Language Class 12:20-1:05
	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	Center Time: Monthly/Weekly Themed Lessons Science/Social Studies Incorporated in Themes	Boys Share 1:05-1:30
2:30	PE Class 1:55-2:30	Library/Computer Class 1:25-2:25	PE Class 1:55-2:30	Girls Share 2:00-2:30	Cooking Project - Theme Cooking - Star of the Week 1:30-2:30
	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	

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FIRST GRADE – MISS POWER					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Journals	Journals	Journals	Journals	Journals
9:00-10:15	Reading Curriculum (Break for Sign Language)	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum (Break for Music)	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum (Break for Art)
	Sign Language Class 9:25-10:10		Music Class 9:00-9:30		Art Class 9:25-10:10
10:15-10:35	Miss Power Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Miss Power Snack/Recess
10:35-11:10	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:10-11:30	Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:20-12:35	Storytime		Storytime	Storytime	Storytime
12:35-1:05	Handwriting Spelling	Computer/Library Class PE Class!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Handwriting Spelling	Chapel 12:20-12:55	Handwriting Spelling
1:05-1:50	Science	Science	Science	PE Class	Science
1:50-2:25	Reading Curriculum	Social Studies Hands-on Activities	Reading Curriculum	Social Studies Hands-on Activities	Reading Curriculum
2:25-2:30	Pack-up	Pack-up	Pack-up	Pack-up	Pack-up
2:30	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM

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FIRST GRADE – MRS. YANCEY					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Journals	Journals	Journals	Journals	Journals
9:00-10:15	Reading Curriculum (Break for Sign Language)	Social Studies (Break for Computer/Library)	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum
	Sign Language Class 9:25-10:10	Computer/Library Class 9:15-10:15			
10:15-10:35	Snack/Recess	Mrs. Yancey Snack/Recess	Mrs. Yancey Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:30	Math	Math	Math 10:35-11:00 Music Class 11:00-11:30	Math	Art Class 10:45-11:30
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:15-12:30	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Math	Chapel	Storytime
12:30-12:55	Spelling/Handwriting	Spelling/Handwriting	Spelling/Handwriting	Social Studies	Spelling/Handwriting
12:55-1:40	Bible	PE Class	Science	PE Class	Math
1:40-2:30	Bible	Science	Bible	Bible	Bible
2:30	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM

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SECOND GRADE					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
	Prayer/Verse and Character Trait/ Daily Skills	Prayer/Verse and Character Trait/ Daily Skills	Prayer/Verse and Character Trait/ Daily Skills	Prayer/Verse and Character Trait/ Daily Skills	Prayer/Verse and Character Trait/ Daily Skills
8:45-9:00	Reading Curriculum	Write Reflections	Writing Reflections	Writing Reflections	Writing Reflections
9:00-10:15	(Break for Music)	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum	Reading Curriculum
	Music Class 9:00-9:30				
10:15-10:35	Snack/Recess	Mrs. Frey Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Mrs. Frey Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:00	Reading Workshop	Computer/Library Class	Art Class	Reading Workshop	Reading Workshop
11:00-11:30	Math			Math	Math
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
12:15-1:00	PE Class	Math	Math	Chapel 12:20-12:55	Bible
1:00-1:20	Spelling	Spelling	Spelling Pretest	Spelling	Spelling Test
1:20-1:45	Bible	Bible	Bible	Bible	Sign Language Class 1:10-1:55
1:45-2:30	Science or Social Studies	Science or Social Studies	Science or Social Studies	PE Class	Math or Language Arts Games
2:30	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM

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THIRD / FOURTH GRADE					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges	Pledges
8:45-9:00	Prayer/Verse/Character Traits/Daily Skills	Prayer/Verse/Character Traits/Daily Skills	Prayer/Verse/Character Traits/Daily Skills	Music Class 8:45-9:15	Prayer/Verse/Character Traits/Daily Skills
9:00-9:45	Reading Workshop/Whole Group/Guided Reading/ Literature Study	Reading Workshop Whole Group/Guided Reading/ Literature Study (4th Grade - Recorders)	Reading Workshop Whole Group/Guided Reading/ Literature Study	Reading Workshop Whole Group/Guided Reading/ Literature Study	Reading Workshop Whole Group/Guided Reading/ Literature Study
9:45-10:15	Reading/ Literature Study	(4th Grade - Recorders)	Reading/ Literature Study	Reading/ Literature Study	Reading/ Literature Study
10:15-10:35	Writing Workshop	Writing Workshop	Writing Workshop	Writing Workshop	Writing Workshop
	Spelling/Grammar/Vocabulary	Spelling/Grammar/Vocabulary	Spelling/Grammar/Vocabulary	Spelling/Grammar/Vocabulary	Spelling/Grammar/Vocabulary
	Mrs. Timpani			Mrs. Timpani	
	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess	Snack/Recess
10:35-11:00	Sign Language Class	Math	Math	Math	Math
11:00-11:30			Bible		Bible
11:30-12:15	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
	Math 12:20-1:00	Bible 12:20-1:05	Grade 3 - Art Class 12:20-1:20		Grade 4 Art Class
	Bible 1:00-1:30	Assignment Calendar Pack up	Social Studies/Science 12:20-2:25	Chapel 12:20-12:55	Grade 3 Science/Social Studies 12:20-1:20
12:15-2:30	Social Studies/Science Grade 3 & 4 1:30-2:25	Grade 3 Recorders 1:10-1:40	Grade 4 Social Studies/Science 1:25-2:25	D.E.A.R. Assignment Calendar Pack up	FUN FRIDAY 1:20-1:40
	Assignment Calendar Pack up	Grade 4 Social Studies/Science 1:10-1:40	Assignment Calendar Pack up	Computer/Library Class 1:15-2:30	Assignment Calendar Pack up
	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	PE Class 1:45-2:30	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	PE Class 1:45-2:30
2:30	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM	Dismissal/Extended Care Available until 5:30 PM

Grace Community Church of Saddleback Valley Statement of Faith with Scripture References

1. **The Scripture**: The Bible, containing the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, comprising sixty-six books, is the written word of God. It is supernaturally inspired by the Spirit of God, inerrant in the original manuscripts, and infallible in its teaching. It is the divine authority for every person in every age (Mark 12:26, 36, 13:11, Luke 24:27, 44, John 5:39, Acts 17:2-3, 18:28, 26:22-23, 28:23, Rom. 15:4, 1 Cor. 2:13, 10:11, 2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21, 3:16).

2. **God and the Holy Trinity**: There is one God, who is sovereign Spirit, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three persons are one in substance and equal in power and glory (Matt. 28:18-19, Mark 12:29, John 1:14, Acts 5:3-4, 2 Cor. 13:14, Heb. 1:1-3, Rev. 1:4-6).

3. **The Lord Jesus Christ**: God the Father, out of love for man, sent Jesus Christ into the world for man's salvation. Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, worked miracles and taught the perfect truth of God. He died as a sacrifice upon the cross, atoning for man's sin through His shed blood. He was raised from the dead bodily on the third day, ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He is head of the church and intercedes for believers, and is returning again bodily in power and glory (Luke 1:30-35, John 1:18, 29, 3:16, 14:1-3, Acts 2:22-24, Rom. 3:25-26, 1 Cor. 15:51-52, 2 Cor. 5:14, Heb. 4:15, 10:5-14, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Pet. 3:18).

4. **The Holy Spirit**: The Holy Spirit convicts men of sin and calls them to faith. He baptizes and seals all believers at the moment of their salvation, and sanctifies them as they grow in grace. He equips the saints with His gifts, bears His fruit in their lives, comforts, and leads them into all truth (John 16:7-11, 13, Rom. 8:9, 1 Cor. 12:7, 13, Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 5:18, 1 John 2:20-27).

5. **Mankind**: All men are created in the image of God, but all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Man is alienated from God by his sin, and stands in need of redemption in Jesus Christ (Gen. 1:26, 2:17, 6:5, Ps. 14:1-3, 51:5, Jer. 17:9, Rom. 3:23, 8:6-7, Eph. 2:1-2, 1 John 3:8).

6. **Salvation**: Man's redemption, and reconciliation with God, occur as an act of God's grace, and are entirely apart from the good works of any human being. Salvation comes through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, and results in man's justification before God. God's people are chosen from the foundation of the world, and they are eternally secure. In his salvation man receives forgiveness of sins, the impartation of a new nature, and the assured hope of eternal life (John 3:7-18, 6:44, 65, 10:28-30, 14:6, Rom. 1:16-17, 3:19, 28, 5:6-9, 2 Cor. 5:17, 21, Gal 2:16, 5:4, 6, Eph. 1:4-7, 2:8-9, Titus 3:5).

7. **The Church**: The universal church is made up of all true believers in Jesus Christ, those in every time and place who have been regenerated by the Spirit of God. In its parts the church consists of individuals and groupings of Christians who have fellowship as the body of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God. This is accomplished primarily through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the end that men might be saved through repentance and faith, and through preaching and teaching to edify the saints. It is accomplished secondarily through good works which represent the love and mercy of God (Matt. 16:16-18, Acts 2:42-47, Rom. 10:17, 12:5, 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 27, Eph. 1:20-23, 2:10, 3:10-11, 20-21, 4:11-12, Col. 3:14-15).

Statement of Philosophies & Policies

Mission Statement

Grace Christian Elementary School endeavors to help children develop and mature in a positive, Christ-centered environment that integrates faith and learning by emphasizing Biblical training and academic excellence.

Vision

Grace Christian Schools is committed to providing Christ-centered education integrating spiritual, academic, social, physical, and emotional training leading to a life of commitment and service to God.

Philosophy

We, the Board, Administration, and Staff of Grace Christian Schools, are committed to provide an education program that seeks to develop excellence in a student—spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, culturally, and physically. In addition to traditional core curriculum, the student will be exposed to a wide range of educational experiences, including foreign language study, computer science, art, music, and physical education.

As a *Christian* school, we are dedicated to establishing a Godly environment where the Bible, as the Word of God, is actively integrated into *all* aspects of school life (Matthew 6:33). Each student will be challenged to live his or her life according to God's principles and purposes (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

As a non-denominational school, we seek to serve individual families throughout our community who share our biblical orientation and appreciate our particular philosophy of education and discipline (Deuteronomy 6:2-7).

We want our students to encounter the educational process in an environment that assures security, positive self-worth and mutual respect. Our classrooms are controlled with loving discipline that is applied by qualified and dedicated Christian teachers.

In everything, the Word of God sets the standard for our school. The student is taught to interpret life according to God's principles and purposes.

Admission

Admission to Grace Christian Elementary School is obtained by a written application and personal interview. A child should be 5-years old by September 2nd to be eligible for Kindergarten. Pupils who have severe behavioral problems or who are significantly limited in academic ability may not be accepted.

Curriculum

Our curriculum concerns itself with the development of the whole child. It is appropriately individualized and is centered around a strong, basic education that also includes a stimulating cultural program. Fine arts is also a standard aspect of our curriculum. The Bible is integrated throughout the entire curriculum.

Discipline

Grace Christian Elementary School teaches respect for authority, property, and the rights and privileges of others. Discipline basically is the responsibility of the teacher in charge. Serious discipline problems are sent to the Administrator who will administer the necessary corrective measures. Disobedience and disrespect are dealt with promptly and firmly. The discipline system incorporates positive and negative reinforcement techniques. Our desire is to correct attitudes and stimulate good behavior, not simply to punish the child.

Parental Behavior

I understand that the standards of Grace Christian Elementary School do not tolerate profanity, obscenity in word or action, dishonor of the Holy Trinity and the Word of God, disrespect to the personnel of the school or continued disobedience to the established policies of the school.

Financial Obligation

A one-time Assessment Deposit of \$50.00, per new student entering the school, is due with the Application for Enrollment, refundable only if the child is not accepted for enrollment by the Elementary School. The deposit is applied toward your Registration Fee upon acceptance. For new students, a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$450.00 is due in full upon receipt of your Letter of Acceptance. For returning students, the Registration Fee is due with the 2008 enrollment forms. As an option, this fee may be paid in two equal, consecutive monthly installments. If enrolling more than one elementary student, the maximum Registration Fee will be \$675.00 with the same payment requirements.

Parental Involvement

Grace Christian Schools benefit greatly from the involvement in and around the school by the student's parents. Parents are welcome to participate in special events on the school's campus and on field trips. We also have an active PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) that meets regularly and supports a variety of school activities. Parent participation is encouraged.

**Kim Winger
Elementary Secretary**



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