

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AT CASTLE HILLS



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Mission Statement

Leading students to know Christ and make Him known.

Vision Statement

Developing tomorrow's servant leaders today.

Statement of Faith

Our core beliefs include the following

- We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).
- We believe in the deity of Christ (Matthew 3:17), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7), His bodily resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).
- We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ. Only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of punishment (John 5:28-29).
- We believe that man was created by a direct act of God in His image, not from previously-existing life (Genesis 1:1,22,27; 1 Corinthians 11:7; James 3:9).
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:26-28).
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18).



CHS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. ACSI is the largest accrediting body of Christian schools and colleges in the world. Member schools of ACSI make no distinction concerning an individual's race or ethnic background because we acknowledge there can be no preferential treatment with God (Romans 2:1). We are bound to extend our ministry to all we can reach, and we are to carry out our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18). ACSI, as an organization serving Christian schools, is dedicated to the establishment, philosophy and promotion of fundamental Christian education around the world, and it neither supports nor endorses the World or National Council of Churches or any world, national, regional, or local organizations which give Christian recognition to nonbelievers or advocate a multi-faith union.



Steps to Admission and Enrollment

We are delighted you have elected to begin the admissions process! For a timely and accurate process, please complete the online application and submit the registration fee. We will contact you once the application has been submitted and received.

1. Complete the online application and submit the \$200 registration fee

- Upload all required documents to the application before submitting.
- Print the Signed Healthcare Statement form from the resource page, complete, and send to your child's pediatrician to sign, and then upload to the application.
- You may also email the documents to the admissions office at mfarias@castlehills.school.

2. Schedule a family interview with the Preschool Director

- You will be contacted to schedule a family interview once the application is complete and all required documents have been submitted.
- During the interview, a developmental assessment may take place for 3 and 4-year-old children.

3. Completing the enrollment process

- The final step is to complete enrollment through the FACTS Parent Portal (ParentsWeb)
 - Placement in a class is not final until the enrollment contract is signed and the enrollment is submitted.
 - Children may attend class once the enrollment is submitted and a start date has been assigned.
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Our goal is to provide a complete, accurate and speedy admissions process. If you have questions during the admissions or enrollment process, please contact the Preschool Office (210) 878-1070 or email mfarias@castlehills.school. Admission is considered based on the following: administration recommendation and class availability.

How do I apply?

- ⇒ Go to www.castlehills.school -> **Admissions** -> **New Student Application**.
- ⇒ Review the **How to Apply** instructions.
- ⇒ To create your account, click the **Create an Account** link. *(If you have any issues creating your account, please contact Nicole MacMillan at nmacmillan@castlehills.school.)*
- ⇒ Once your account has been created and verified, log into your new account and click **Create a New Student Application** to begin the application process.

The Christian School at Castle Hills admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its admissions, educational policies, policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school administered programs.



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Academics and Curriculum

Our approach to curriculum and instruction is developmental, play-based, appropriately academic and based on active and child-centered learning. One of our goals for each of our classes is to maintain a well-balanced curriculum that includes hands-on learning and an academic foundation critical for school readiness. The preschool curriculum is designed to develop each child's social, physical, emotional, and cognitive skills. Our curriculum stimulates thinking, reasoning, decision-making, and problem-solving. Each day, school begins in circle time with songs, prayer, pledges and Bible verses. Love and laughter, along with a Christ-centered, warm and nurturing environment, are evident in each of our classrooms. Taught from a Christian worldview, we use Abeka curriculum for letters, phonics, reading, numbers and writing, while Scripture Bites curriculum is used for additional math lessons, science activities, and sensory experiences. In the toddler curriculum, we use Mother Goose Time, Tender Time, and Cuddle Bugs to teach nursery rhymes, vocabulary words, shapes, colors and numbers.

Chapel

Preschool students attend chapel once a week with songs, movement and a Bible story.

Communication

The administration, faculty, and staff of CHS strive to maintain frequent communication with parents regarding the activities across the campus as well as regarding students' progress and development. Teacher and Preschool communication come through the Brightwheel phone app. School-wide communication will come through FACTS (RenWeb) email which is accessible through an Internet connection.

Fine Arts

CHS has a Christian Music Conservatory on campus for after-school music lessons in strings, guitar, voice, and piano and is recommended for children who are 5 years old or older.

Lunch

We are pleased to offer a healthy and delicious lunch program to our children through A Matter of Taste. Parents may set up an account with A Matter of Taste. A published lunch menu is provided to parents and is also available online. Parents may also send a home packed lunch if they prefer. A Matter of Taste will provide snacks for parents who select this option, or parents may send a snack with their child. Lunch is served at either 11:00 am or 11:30 am depending on the class.

Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF)

Our Castle Hills PTF coordinates many of the parent and student activities on campus such as our Harvest Fair, Color-Thon, and Family Movie Nights. The PTF also runs our P.E.S.T. Program which allows Parents to Encourage and Support Teachers through prayer and as a "secret P.E.S.T." There are multiple ways for parents to get involved with the PTF to begin serving and enjoying fellowship with other Castle Hills parents.

Parent/Guardian Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunities to volunteer and serve are available through the PTF. These include, but are not limited to, assisting in the lunchroom, coordinating class parties, providing classroom support for teachers, assisting with donor relations, providing assistance in the development office, serving on campus clean-up days, leading prayer groups, helping with facility projects (painting, cleaning, repairs, etc.), and many other opportunities. **A criminal background check is required to be on file in the school office for all volunteers.**

Prayer Groups

CHS has multiple student and parent prayer groups that meet weekly on campus. From Men's Prayer Time, Moms in Prayer, our PTF Prayer Group and Prayer Partners along with those who join in for Prayer Walks, prayer is essential to all that takes place on the CHS Campus. All parents are encouraged to participate.

Preschool Hours

The Preschool is open Monday to Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Mornings only hours are from 7:45 am to 12:30 pm.

Children are asked to be in class no later than 8:15 am so that curriculum can begin on time.

Security

All gates and doors to the Preschool use a code given to parents. Parents must use the code in order to enter the facility. Castle Hills police officers also make rounds on our campus to provide additional security. Cameras are active in all classrooms and monitored from the Preschool offices.

Technology and Google Tablets

The PK3 classrooms use Nabi Tablets, and the PK4 classrooms use the Fire 7 Kids Edition Tablets. The tablets are used as part of the curriculum for additional enrichment.

Helpful Numbers

Admissions Office	210-878-1001
Finance Office	210-878-1043
Preschool Office	210-878-1070
Elementary Main Office	210-878-1060
Secondary Main Office	210-878-1050



PK-3 and PK-4 School Uniforms

The Little Eagles begin to wear the preschool uniform when they enter the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Spirit shirts may be purchased at the beginning of the school year and may be worn every Friday.

The PK-3 and 4 girl's uniform will consist of

- A black, navy blue, or white polo
- Khaki skirt, dress, skort, pants, shorts, or blue jeans
- Tennis shoes

A PK-3 and 4 boy's uniform will consist of

- A black, navy blue, or white polo
- Khaki pants, shorts or blue jeans
- Tennis shoes

Preschool Supplies

Please bring the following supplies with your child when you attend the August Orientation or when your child starts school.

- 2 bottles of glue (4oz.)
- 2 packages of washable only markers (**Crayola Brand**)
- 6 Elmer's Glue Sticks
- 2 sets of watercolors (**Crayola Brand**)
- 1 box Ziploc gallon bags
- 1 box Ziploc quart bags
- 2 containers of baby wipes
- 1 school box (8"x5" for markers, crayons, pencils, etc.)
- 1 canister of disinfectant wipes
- 1" binder (for artwork)
- 4 boxes of tissues - Toddler Rooms
- 2 boxes of 24ct Crayola crayons for 3 and 4-year-old classes
- 1 pair of scissors 3 and 4-Year-Old Classes (**Fiskar Brand**)
- 2 boxes of tissues 3 and 4-Year-Old Classes
- A complete change of clothes must always be available at the school!**



Preschool Nap Time Supplies

Students are required to have **two** rest mats. Bring one in August and the other in January. They **do not** wear well. The State of Texas requires that torn mats be discarded. Having two mats will give your child one mat for the fall and one for spring. Please note that mats are difficult to find after school starts.

Fulltime students should also bring a **small** cover and a **small** pillow marked with the student's name. Students may also bring a small stuffed animal (nothing larger than what would fit in a backpack) for naptime.

Please note the following:

- Kindermats 1" thickness measure @ 19" x 45" x 1"
- Covers/Blankets should measure @ 40" L X 30" W
- Pillows should measure @ 12" X 10"

Please, no cots or sleeping bags due to our limited storage!

If you have any questions about the uniform or school supplies, please contact the office at 210-878-1070.