

SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SINCE 1949



BRINGING GLORY TO GOD | MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST | HIGHEST QUALITY EDUCATION

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Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade

OUR HISTORY

San Gabriel Christian School exists to extend the ministry of San Gabriel Community Church into the community by offering the highest quality education in an environment that encourages the development of committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Established in 1949 as a ministry of San Gabriel Community Church, San Gabriel Christian school has consistently offered a Christ-centered quality education for the past 70 years. The formation of the school can be traced to the late 1800's when a group of Bible-believers met in a home to study God's Word. Out of this Bible study grew San Gabriel Community Church. The Bible was at the heart of the preaching/teaching ministry of the church. The church had a vision for the future, and in a significant step of faith, established San Gabriel Christian School in 1949. As the school grew, it was soon evident that more space was needed, so in the 1950's and 1960's, additional land was purchased and the 18-classroom Stewart Building was erected. Years later, a multipurpose building/gymnasium was constructed with additional classrooms.

San Gabriel Christian School has provided an excellent Christ-centered education to thousands of students in the San Gabriel Valley. Students continue to be impacted by the gospel, a caring staff, a quality education, and an unwavering commitment to God's Word. SGCS provides a challenging course of study emphasizing reading and mathematics and focus in the core academic subject areas of English, Bible, history, and science. We offer a robust education with specialty teachers in art, vocal and instructional music, physical education, library, special education, English Language development, and foreign language. We continue to progress in our teaching methodology with the implementation of our one-to-one iPad program in 4th- 8th grade. We strive to glorify God by providing academic excellence in a Christ-centered curriculum and are accredited by both the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of School and College (WASC). The majority of our students score in the top 15% of national norms on annual state testing, with most of our middle school students scoring at the post-high school level.

The school has long established its desire to uphold the whole child; academically, socially, physically, and spiritually.



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Spiritual Life



We are dedicated to developing our students' spiritual life and biblical worldview through their overall education, chapels and bible curriculum. We hold that all truth is God's truth, therefore, all our classes and programs are interpreted by and integrated with God's Word. We desire our students to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to begin to emulate an authentic relationship with Him. We teach that the Bible is the living and active Word of God, relevant to every area of life. To this end, we cultivate in our students a desire to know and internalize God's Word and begin living out the Christian life.

Our Philosophy

San Gabriel Christian School sees itself as an important partner necessary for the complete education of the whole child. We desire to assist and complement the home as it trains the children to grow and develop academically and spiritually.





Our Philsophy

- Education is grounded in the absolute truth of the
 Word of God
- Christ is the center of all things
- Human nature is sinful, not inherently good
- The school's role is to assist the family in fulfilling their responsibilities to educate their child
- Christian education depends upon modeling by teachers led by the Holy Spirit, and not solely on educational methodologies
- The Christian school strives to develop Christlikeness, not simply impart knowledge
- God's truth reaches beyond the classroom and is to be applied to every area of life

Our Vision

Our vision is captured in the following statements:

- To offer a well-rounded academic program with an emphasis on Scriptural integration
- To create a Christ-centered, engaging, dynamic and interactive learning environment
- To provide a challenging course of study emphasizing reading and mathematical competencies that results in the development and application of higher order cognitive skills
- To encourage and recognize excellence in teaching
- To model the integration of technology across curriculum
- To enhance the development of students by providing opportunities in the visual and performing arts, athletics, and extra-curricular experiences
- To motivate students toward service in their local church and community
- To cultivate a spirit of community in which each school family actively participates and supports the life and development of the school

Our Goals

We expect our students to be

Academically

Self-directed Learners Who:

- Demonstrate responsibility in the learning process through organization and time management skills
- Effectively access and assess information from a variety of resources
- Collaborate with peers to promote learning

Critical Thinkers Who:

- Evaluate current events and issues with discernment from a Christian perspective
- Organize and prioritize information
- Apply problem solving strategies in real life situations
- Read, write, speak and listen reflectively and critically

Effective Communicators Who:

- Appreciate and express themselves in art, music, drama, and athletics
- Receive, interpret and communicate information accurately
- Demonstrate competence in technology skills used in everyday life



Spiritually

Seekers Who:

- Have accepted or have been challenged to accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as their personal Savior
- Recognize the need for integration of the truth of God's Word in every area of their lives
- Know the tools necessary for growing in the Christian faith: prayer, Bible study and fellowship
- Are able to explain the plan of salvation
- Begin to identify their personal giftedness and personal value as an individual created in the image of God

Socially

Relaters Who:

- Have been challenged to demonstrate positive Christian citizenship by showing responsibility towards others
- Are able to demonstrate care and respect for all people regardless of their cultural background
- Have been encouraged to actively participate in church, school and community activities

Physically

Interactive Individuals Who:

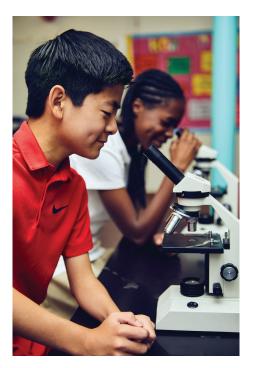
- Understand the need to develop and maintain physically fit bodies and be presented with the understanding that their bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit
- Develop motor skills and athletic skills according to their individual readiness
- Make healthy decisions for themselves based on their knowledge of caring for their bodies



We expect our students to be: critical thinkers who evaluate current events and issues with discernment from a Christian perspective

ACADEMICS

Our teachers combine an academically rigorous curriculum with the best practices in education to prepare our students for high school, college, and beyond



Core Academic Program

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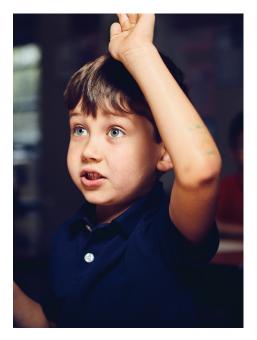
Specialized Instruction

We emphasize the importance of developing the whole child by offering direct instruction in art, digital art, vocal and instructional music, physical education, library, and foreign language. Our specialized instruction develops the individual gifts of our students and inspires our students to excel in and out of the classroom.

Test Scores

Our students have historically scored in the top 15% of national norms on annual state testing. The majority of our middle school students score at the post high school level. However, our scores are only one measure of our school's program.









LIBRARY

The Overman Memorial Library houses over 19,000 titles in its collection including fiction, non-fiction, reference, periodicals, parenting books and DVDs. The library also features the Accelerated Reading Program and online access to eBooks. Our experienced librarian teaches students at every grade level, assists with book recommendations and is an invaluable resource for our students.

TECHNOLOGY

We are intentional about how we prepare our students for the future. In addition to providing an advanced education, we are teaching our students technical skills they will take with them in the future. We also train our students how to be responsible digital citizens in this new digital age. Our one-to-one iPad program starts in 4th grade and extends to 8th grade. Our students learn to make digital graphs, animate short films, and create a variety of digital presentations, just to name a few of the skills they will need in high school, college and beyond.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The Academic Resource program assists students with individualized learning needs and our expertly trained teacher creates individualized educational plans for each student. In addition, our English Language Learners receive support with English language acquisition. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of all of our students.





FIELD TRIPS

Each year all students participate in multiple off campus educational field trips that support classroom learning. Students in grades 4th -8th have extended overnight trips including the Catalina Island Oceanography trip, Outdoor Education Science Camp and the annual 8th grade Washington DC trip. These field trips expand classroom learning beyond the campus.





HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch is available to order daily. Nutritious and great tasting lunches are prepared fresh daily on campus, with new menus available monthly. Breakfast and snack items are also available for purchase.



DAYCARE

After school Day Care is available until 6pm daily. Snack, homework help, outdoor recreation, art and enrichment classes are available.



SUMMER SCHOOL

We offer an outstanding 8-week summer program with a variety of classes and scheduling options. The program runs daily from 7:00 am - 6:00 pm. The morning consists of classes in a variety of academic and enrichment options such as robotics, math, reading, visual and performing arts, and sports. An exciting afternoon day camp is also available.



Get Involved

Volunteers in Partnership (VIP): Families are required to volunteer 10 hours each year as part of the school community. Volunteer opportunities such as chaperoning a field trip, helping in the classroom/library, and assisting with special events help to support our school.

Bulldog Family Connection (BFC): Just like the tenacious school mascot the bulldog, our parent fellowship group is tenacious in supporting our school. There are regular meetings and family activities that help build community on our campus. All parents are encouraged to join.

ACTIVITIES

A calendar of events and activities is provided at the beginning of each school year. The Bulldog Bulletin, our weekly electronic newsletter, keeps families up to date on all of the programs and activities happening on our campus.

ATHLETICS

Our after-school athletic program is open to students in grades 5th through 8th. Students participate in after-school practices and league games with other Christian schools. The purpose of the athletic program is to encourage the development of athletic skills, good sportsmanship, and friendly competition in a manner that is God-honoring. We offer sports for girls in volleyball, cross-country, basketball and soccer. Our boys can participate in flag football, cross country, basketball and soccer.





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