

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is CCA located?

The school is going to be located at the First Presbyterian Church of Bernardsville at 321 Mine Brook Rd (also Rt. 202 S) in Bernardsville, NJ.

How can I contact the school?

1-888-cov-admy; www.covadmy.org;
headmaster@covadmy.org

You are a new school. How do you know the Classical method works?

We are a new school but the classical method is an ancient method. It has been used successfully for centuries beginning with the Golden Age of Greece and the Roman Empire; it influenced great kings and reformers of the Middle Ages as well as philosophers and artists of the Renaissance. It has only recently (mid-19th century) been replaced by more “progressive” teaching methods.

In addition, there are a number of classical Christian schools around the country that have been highly successful in graduating virtuous scholars over the past 25 years.

Enrollment:

Will there be informational meetings? We will have a series of open houses and prospective parent meetings and we can arrange a tour of the facility for you.

What is the application process? (for details refer to the application in your packet)

1. Information session (possible requested readings)
2. Application for Admission, application fee
3. Family Interview
4. Admissions and placement examinations
5. Notification and Enrollment
6. Enrollment interview and welcome day

Will my child need to be tested? Yes. Incoming students will be tested before enrollment.

What are the tuition charges?

½ Day Kindergarten	\$3,900
Full-day Kindergarten	\$6,500
Grades 1-8	\$6,900

These tuition amounts have been established so that families pay ‘once’ rather than incurring various fees throughout the year.

Can tuition be paid on a monthly basis? Tuition can be paid in one of the following three ways:

1. Full tuition balance due Aug. 1 (incurs 2% discount).
2. 50% of tuition balance due Aug. 1. Remainder due Nov. 1.
3. 10% of tuition balance due 1st of every month of school calendar, beginning on Aug. 1.

Do you offer multiple child discounts?

Families with more than one student enrolled at CCA will receive the following tuition breaks: 10% for Second Child, 20% for Third Child, 50% for Fourth Child & Beyond. Further details in tuition payments, late fees and/or cancellation policies are listed in the student handbook.

Do you offer financial aid?

At Covenant Classical Academy, we believe that families from all income levels should have the opportunity to receive an excellent Christian education. Thus, CCA actively seeks donations to fund our financial assistance efforts. We provide tuition assistance to families on a first-come, first-served basis. Levels of financial assistance offered will depend on a number of factors including total (gross) family income, number of family members, number of children enrolled at CCA, and any additional extraordinary financial circumstances.

Additional Fees – any?

Prior to enrollment, there is an \$80 application fee and a \$40 placement test fee. After enrollment, all academic activities (such as testing and books) are covered in tuition. Additional fees may apply for extracurricular activities.

Classes and Instruction:

What is your student/teacher ratio? The school's leadership has set in place the student/teacher ratio of 12-1 in order to maximize the education of our students. Naturally, in the early years the classes will be smaller.

What subjects will you teach? On our website and within the application packet will be a list of the subjects taught in the Grammar and Dialectic schools as well as the curriculum that will be utilized.

Do you offer modern language instruction? Not at this time. CCA has chosen to establish a strong classical languages program. If a student enters the school without prior Latin instruction or with gaps in Latin, the instructor will be flexible to work with the student and parents to help him/her catch up.

How will you teach Bible? At all grade levels, we will use a 3-year rotational system of Bible memory work, beginning with OT verses and chapter concepts. We will also require memorization of a Bible Question-Answer Flow, which provides catechetical instruction in basic Bible teaching, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. We will stick closely to the school's Statement of Faith and ecumenical creeds in teaching doctrine. For secondary doctrinal issues, we will teach the various views of orthodox, evangelical Christianity.

Do you offer computer training? Not at this time. In the Grammar school, we will emphasize the more foundational penmanship, reading and writing skills.

Do you plan to offer standardized testing? Yes, we plan to offer standardized testing for the purposes of norm referencing. Students at Classical Christian Schools tend to do well on most areas of standardized tests, however, many students will also excel academically in ways which may not be reflected on these types of tests.

What will your grading scale be?

A	95-100	A-	93-94		
B+	91-92	B	87-90	B-	85-86
C+	83-84	C	77-82	C-	75-76
D+	74	D	71-73	D-	70
F	<70	P	Pass		

In the case where a subject is not assigned a percentage or letter grade the following designations shall be employed to record student progress in light of course goals and objectives.

- O Outstanding- exceeding course goals
- S Satisfactory- meeting course goals
- U Unsatisfactory- not meeting course goals
- I Improvement has been shown

Standardized Tests

Covenant Classical Academy shall administer a nationally standardized academic achievement test to all students in the second, fourth, sixth and eighth grades. The test shall be administered to students in other grades only when deemed necessary by the Headmaster.

Other:

What kind of extracurricular activities will you offer? We are pleased to offer Covenant Players, a drama club for ages 6-15. We will also offer a childrens' choir in our first year.