

FROM THE DESK of the ACADEMY PRINCIPAL LINDA B. HORN



Choosing a school for your child is one of the biggest decisions a parent can make. When you drop them off in the morning, you want the assurance they will be educated in a safe environment where their mind and spirit are not only nurtured, but challenged, as well. At Bergen County Christian Academy, we take this responsibility very seriously.

We also believe that every student can and will learn to be successful. As stated in our philosophy, we create an atmosphere where discouragement can be replaced with academic success, social growth, emotional strength, and spiritual maturity. BCCA has provided hope and courage to countless students over the years.

Although our day is filled with academic objectives, the heart is far more important to us. Giving our students the tools to formulate a Biblical worldview, so they can have the courage to go out and face the challenges of a difficult world, is our ultimate goal. BCCA is a school that honors God and teaches the Bible. All the curriculum is Bible-based, allowing the student to gain knowledge from God's perspective.

What better place than to know you have school teachers that not only love their students but pray for them, as well? All our teachers have a love for God, integrity in conduct, excellence in effort, and a love for our students. Please prayerfully consider joining our family at Bergen County Christian Academy!

Linda B. Horn ('83) Academy Principal



### Who We Are

Bergen County Christian Academy is a Christ-first Christian school and has been serving the Bergen County area since 1973. We strive to glorify God in all we do by addressing the whole child: academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. Everything we do is filtered through the lens of a Biblical worldview. We are located 20 minutes outside of New York City. BCCA is the only preschool through 12th grade Christian School in Bergen County, New Jersey.

### **Our Philosophy**

We believe all children can and will learn to be successful. To accomplish this, we work to educate our students in a safe environment where the mind and spirit of every child are nurtured and challenged. We create a place where despair and discouragement are replaced with academic success, social development, emotional strength and, most importantly, spiritual growth.

### **Our Mission**

To partner with parents and the local church to provide students with a quality education, grounded in Biblical principles, all for the glory of God.



### **Preschool Center**

Our Preschool Center offers challenging academics to young children ages three to five, within a Christian environment. Our goal is to provide children with the essential skills and tools needed to build a solid educational foundation. The preschool offers a Christian learning environment where children's physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development are both developed and sustained. The child-centered classroom is designed to provide children with diverse hands-on and developmentally appropriate activities through Bible lessons, dramatic play, science, creative arts, kindergarten readiness skills, and indoor/outdoor learning opportunities.

### **Elementary School**

Our elementary school consists of kindergarten through sixth grade. Each selfcontained classroom has a qualified and caring teacher who loves the Lord. Our teachers regularly stay abreast of new and innovative teaching methods for the classroom. Besides having an excellent educational curriculum that is infused with Biblical principles, we offer weekly art, music, physical education, and Spanish classes. Differentiated instruction is used to meet the varied learning abilities of students on the elementary level to ensure that all will see their level of success. We strive to minister to all areas of the student's well-being as we partner with parents during these important, formative years of training.

### **Program Features:**

- Qualified, Caring, & Christian Faculty
- Bible Lessons Incorporated
- Mathematical & Logical Development
- Language & Literacy Development
- Foundational Science Development Skills
- Physical and Motor Development
- 11:1 Student-Teacher Ratio

- Promoting of Creativity & Exploration
- Encouragement of Imaginative Skills
- Music, Art, and Storytelling Incorporated

### **Program Features:**

- Qualified, Caring, & Christian Faculty
- Bible-based curriculum
- Weekly Chapel Integrated
- Differentiated Instruction Utilized
- Incorporation of Project Based Learning
- Technology Inegrated at all grade levels
- Each classroom equipped with Chromebooks & SMART Boards™

- Community Outreach Program
- Cutting-edge teaching practices/methods
- incorporated to meet all student learning styles
- •Art, Music, PE, Library, Technology, & STEM incorporation
- 10:1 Student-Teacher Ratio



### **Middle School**

Our middle school is comprised of 7th and 8th grade and continues on the foundations formed in the elementary program. However, the skills needed for high school begin to be taught within all the academic subjects, and students learn the healthy habits needed to navigate the rigors of high school ahead. The nurturing environment facilitates the integration of the Biblical principles being taught in all curriculum areas.

It is our goal to assist students in finding God's directions for their future. The courses offered at BCCA support these initiatives. Furthermore, we value the way that God has created each student differently and we work hard to vary our teaching methods accordingly.

### High School

The academic mission of Bergen County Christian Academy mandates that the school maintain high standards of academic excellence rooted in the Christian worldview to ensure students are prepared for collegiate success and equipped to lead lives of integrity and influence for Christ. Writing skills are taught as a key component of each academic classroom. Teachers prepare the students to think critically by interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating the written word.

The Bergen County Christian Academy faculty works diligently to ensure that all students learn at a level that appropriately challenges them. Our teachers understand the value of relationships with students and working in a collaborative culture with fellow teachers. We strive to help students see God through everything they learn in the classroom. Students are successful scholars as all our students get accepted into the college/university of their choice.

### **Program Features:**

- Bible-Based Curriculum
- Qualified, Caring, & Christian Faculty
- Weekly Chapel Integrated
- High School Preparatory Program
- Development of Foundational Learning
- Technology Incorporated Curriculum
- Incorporated Chromebook Program
- Focus on Key Study Skills & Healthy Habits

- 7:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- GSACS Academic/Fine Arts Competitions
  MCAA Athletics

### **Program Features:**

- Bible-Based Curriculum
- Qualified, Caring, & Christian Faculty
- Weekly Chapel Integrated
- 1:1 College/Career Counseling Provided
- Specialized SAT Prep Courses
- Student Internship Program
- Technology Incorporated Curriculum
- Incorporated Chromebook Program
- Critical Reading, Writing, & Literacy Emphasis

- 7:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- International Student Program
- American Christian Honor Society
- Student Leadership Counsel
- MCAA Athletics

# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Chapel is an integral part of the week as our students lead in worship and are challenged by the teaching of God's Word through the volunteerism of local pastors, youth pastors, and Christian ministry workers. Christian Character Words of the Week are focused upon during chapel and incorporated into the daily life of the school.

Our desire is for our students to grow and mature in Christ at BCCA and therefore, it is imperative they be taught how to develop a Biblical worldview and the discipline of Biblical thinking, since every decision they make is based upon what they believe.

On every grade level our teachers integrate Biblical principles into all subject areas, as well as, provide students with Christian service activities where they can put their faith into action.

The athletic program at Bergen County Christian Academy champions two vital goals. The first goal is to foster our student athletes' God-given athletic abilities, and the second is to build in them invaluable skills such as leadership, self-discipline, and teamwork. Keeping these goals prominent, our coaches strive to strengthen our student athletes' character within a positive environment, thus equipping them to face life's challenges in a Godhonoring manner.

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ATHLETICS

Bergen County Christian Academy is a member of the Metro Christian Athletic Association. Our teams strive to be highly competitive while simultaneously exhibiting exemplary sportsmanship towards opponents and camaraderie with their fellow teammates. Our athletes are often recognized for their abilities by the M.C.A.A and are regularly rewarded the Christian Character Award in our league.



# FINE ARTS TECHNOLOGY

### **Visual Arts**

The Art Program at BCCA is designed so each student can explore and nurture their God-given artistic ability. Our elementary program is created in a dual-format of Foundations and Application Art. This format develops and builds upon each student's ability and skill level in the production of projects in varying art categories. Middle and high school art is designed to further develop the student-artist's skills in a discipline they are interested in such as drawing, calligraphy, painting, sculpture, and more.

### **Musical Arts**

The Music Program at BCCA centers around creating an enjoyable atmosphere to learn and perform music to the glory of God. Students learn everything from the classical greats of the past to the newest songs on Christian radio today. In addition, students learn about reading music, keeping the beat using rhythm instruments, proper singing techniques, musical games, and so much more! The learning is utilized by participating in musical collaborations throughout the year. Bergen County Christian Academy recognizes the vital role that technology contributes as a component of instruction. Just as it is a key component in our everyday lives, from getting the latest news, to the latest schedule of events, students today are experts at using all forms of technological resources. Technology plays an ever-increasing role in our lives as well as those of our children. Today, Internet resources, social media, as well as electronic communications of all forms, have become a de facto staple of everyday activities for our students.

Our department has courses that cover 15 different areas of media/ technology in that students can participate in to grow their skills. Elementary students are taught fundamental computer skills. Middle & High School students build off of these skills to cover areas, which include Media Literacy, Video Editing, Graphic Design, Web Design, Social Media, and Online Journalism. With all Media/Technology courses, the goal is for all students to finish with a portfolio of video projects. All students in these courses will utilize our new Technology Lab which houses the 2021 M1 iMac.



### **GOD BLESS BCCA GRADS!**

# **CAMPUS LIFE**

Bergen County Christian Academy is a community; a family that grows together through activities inside its walls, as well as serving the community outside its doors.

Throughout the year our hallways and classrooms are busy with activity. Our students and faculty have the opportunity to connect through activities such as National Day of Prayer, Read Across America, 100th Day of School, Anti-Bullying Week, National School Choice Week, and other events and celebrations.

We desire for the students, staff, and families of Bergen County Christian Academy to use their God-given strengths and talents in service to others. As a Christian community, we want to be doers of the Word, serving in Jesus' name to make a difference. We are thankful that God has provided the opportunity for our students and their families to participate in Operation Christmas Child, Dump the Junk (a local community clean-up initiative), Box of Love, LPRC Baby Bottle Boomerang, and other charitable initiatives. Bergen County Christian Academy seeks to find opportunities to share the love of Jesus to its local community and beyond.

### Portrait of a Bergen County Christian Academy Graduate

As our mission statement states, we are committed to "Partnering with Parents." Through this partnership, we seek to graduate a Christ-centered generation who will fully develop the following characteristics upon graduation:

**OUR PURPOSE** 

- 1. Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (John 17:3)
- 2. Know & understand their identity in Christ. (Isaiah 43:1)
- 3. Possess a biblical worldview. (Romans 12:2)
- 4. Be able to defend & share their faith using Scripture. (I Peter 13:15)
- 5. Lead as good citizens, who live responsibly in their community, being a bearer of Christ's Love. (Matt. 21:6)



# JOIN THE FAMILY



### More Info

We would love to connect with you and provide you with answers to your questions. To learn more about our school, contact our Admissions Office at admissions@bergenchristian.org. You may also call us at (201) <u>487 - 7212.</u>

### **Schedule a Personal Tour**

Personal tours are a great way for parents to see our school and ask questions regarding our academics, athletics, tuition, student life, extracurricular activities, as well as any other questions.



### **Shadow Day**

If you would like to experience what a normal day is like for a BCCA student, we offer a half day of shadowing for students. Prospective students will be able to start the day with their grade level and be taken through the daily schedule with classmates.

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