





# welcome

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 Biblebased, 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 Horn Academy Principal



## who we are

Bergen County Christian Academy, located 10 minutes outside of New York City, 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. The secular and sacred are fused together to form a comprehensive system of education.

# mission & philosophy

Our mission is 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. We believe all children can and will learn to be successful. We create a place where despair and discouragement are replaced with academic success, social development, emotional strength and, most importantly, spiritual growth.

The foundations that Bergen County Christian Academy provided me launched me into a sucessful life – both professionally and spiritually. The Lord used this school to eternally change my life for His glory!

- GRADUATE OF BCCA

### PRESCHOOL CENTER

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SUCCESS

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.

#### 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





## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRIST

Our elementary school consists of kindergarten through sixth grade. Each self-contained 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-based curriculum
- Weekly Chapel Integrated
- Differentiated Instruction Utilized
- Incorporation of Project Based Learning
- Technology Inegrated at all grade levels
- Each classroom equipped with Chromebooks and 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

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Our middle school continues on the foundations formed in the elementary program. 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.

#### **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





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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.





# musical arts

Our Music Program 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 more. Learning is utilized by participating in musical collaborations throughout the year. Elementary school students are taught the foundational aspects of music. This is where many find their passion in the musical arts. Middle school students learn how to perform in a group setting with our handbell and choral group classes. Students participate in concerts and contests throughout the year, including a Thanksgiving Chapel, Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, and GSACS Competition.

## creative arts

Our Art Program 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 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.

The Theatre Arts program focuses on two areas: speech and acting. Both areas aim to develop students to become strong storytellers. Students in middle school are able to participate in the annual Academic & Fine Arts Competition, where they may perform in acting groups and speeches.



## ATHLETICS

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 God-honoring manner. 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.





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### BCCA AT A GLANCE

BERGEN COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PROFILE

**Founded:** 1973

Location: Our campus is in Hackensack, NJ.

**Description:** Christian Pre-K thru 8th grade grade

Status: Non-profit, tax-exempt

**Administrator:** Linda Horn

Number of Students: Around 125 (11:1 student-teacher ratio)

#### **Associations:**

Association of Christian Schools International (A.C.S.I.)
American Association of Christian Schools (A.A.C.S.)
Garden State Association of Christian Schools (G.S.A.C.S.)
Metro Christian Athletic Association (M.C.A.A.)

**Offerings:** A wide variety of extracurricular activities, athletics, and clubs.

Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Art Club, Drama Club, Fine Arts, Music: Handbells, Choral, and Music Conservatory, Academic & Fine Arts Competition, Technology, Student Government Chapel Spiritual Leadership.

**Athletics:** Intramural and interscholastic MCAA member.

**Tuition Assistance:** Over 60% of families receive some form of tuition assistance.

## **ADMISSIONS**

SECURE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

We are excited that your family is interested in joining the BCCA family! We believe that God has a special plan for each person. As you begin the admissions process, you will soon learn that we are a **STRONG** community that cares for each other. Our faculty & staff will guide and mentor your students to set them up for success. Our goal is to see our student's mind transformed for Christ, that they will achieve academic success, and ultimately lead the next generation. We know that each student who walks through our hallways has the potential to do that – with the right support and guidance. We would love to welcome you to our community.

To begin the application process, please contact our Admissions Office at admissions@bergenchristian.org or call (201) 487 – 7212.





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