

ADMISSION
&
INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Plumstead Christian School provides a caring community where students are educated to think biblically, serve effectively and lead Christ-centered lives.

VISION STATEMENT

PCS seeks to be the school of choice for families who desire.....

- **Biblical Worldview Integration**

We focus upon the Biblical foundation of truth throughout the curriculum

- **Grace Oriented Community**

We strive to demonstrate that God is ultimately more interested in our sincerity of heart than with our outward performance

- **Academic Excellence in a Personal Learning Environment**

We are an accredited school with skilled faculty and a strong emphasis upon academic quality and integrity, providing small class sizes and significant interaction between students and teachers

- **Diversity of Programs**

We offer a college preparatory curriculum, art, drama and music, technology, athletics, and an alliance with home-schooling families

- **Valued Partnerships**

We welcome active parental involvement and foster close relationships with Bible-believing churches

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7. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (John 17:21-23).

PARENTS' CODE

The School Board considers the following Parents' Code to express the appropriate response of each parent for their support of the Christian educational program at PCS:

1. To pray for Plumstead Christian School.
2. To cooperate with the educational functions of PCS, seeking to make Christian education effective in the life of each enrolled child that they may love and serve God all of their lives.
3. To undertake volunteer duties and work obligations for PCS as opportunities arise and as God provides time, ability, and strength.
4. To attend meetings and parent functions of PCS as regularly as possible.
5. To heartily recommend PCS to other Christian families as opportunities arise.
6. To give to PCS financially beyond tuition and fees as the Lord enables.
7. To fulfill all financial obligations to PCS on or before the due date.
8. To resolve conflicts or dissatisfaction on a person-to-person basis, thus honoring PCS and our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. To seek the advancement of PCS: spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and physically.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The Bible teaches that a child or youth should be taught how to live a full and complete life to the glory of God. (Psalm 78:4-7) The Bible is accepted as the inspired Word of God and the final authority for our life and faith. God has created and sustained everything through His Son, Jesus Christ. All areas of learning must be taught from a Christian perspective. There is no division of "secular" and "religious" because God is the author of all knowledge and all truth is His truth.

This educational philosophy requires a Christian view of humanity: that humankind was created by God with the unique capacity to know and respond to God personally. However, people by nature and choice cannot glorify God in their natural state. People can do this only by being born again to do God's will, which is the ultimate purpose of life. To be born again, one's faith must be placed in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. (Romans 10:9-10)

The whole educational process seeks to restore the student to a position of true knowledge and righteousness through Christ. Students must be taught the Bible to understand God, their own nature, and their role as God's image. This provides a foundation for cultivating spiritual discernment under the Lordship of Christ. Each student must be educated as an individual with unique abilities and personality, learning to live with others at home, in the church, or in society. Diversified knowledge, well-developed skills, and Christian values are needed to assist students in finding their role in today's world and equipping them for service in Christ's kingdom. (Proverbs 2:1-5)

The authority for such an education comes both from God's command that children be taught to love God and place Him first in their lives, and from the fact that parents are responsible for the total education and training of their children. At the parent's request, the Christian school becomes a partner in providing this education for the children in the family. (Deuteronomy 6:6,7)

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

FOR THE SPIRITUAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDENTS, THE SCHOOL SEEKS:

1. To teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and to develop attitudes of love and respect toward it.
2. To teach the basic doctrines of the Bible.
3. To teach the necessity of being born again by the Spirit of God and repentance and faith in Jesus Christ alone as Lord and Savior.
4. To teach that growth in the Christian life depends upon fellowship with God through Bible study, prayer and service.
5. To teach the application of biblical ethics and standards of morality to every part of life.
6. To develop the mind of Christ toward godliness and to teach children how to overcome sin.
7. To encourage the development of self-discipline and responsibility in the student, based on respect for and submission to God and all other authority.
8. To help the student develop a Christian world-view by integrating life and studies with the Bible.
9. To impact an understanding of each Christian's place in the body of Christ and the need for personal holiness, evangelism and discipline.

FOR THE STUDENT'S PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SCHOOL SEEKS:

1. To help the student develop his/her own unique God-given personality through proper understanding and acceptance of himself/herself as an individual created in the image of God.
2. To teach the student to treat everyone with love and respect.
3. To make the student a contributing member of society who realizes his/her dependence on others, dependence on the Lord and each other's mutual need to serve.
4. To promote an understanding of time as a God-given commodity which must be used effectively.
5. To impact a biblical attitude toward material things and to encourage responsibility in using them for the glory of God.
6. To develop proper attitudes toward marriage and the family and the understanding and skills needed to establish God-honoring homes.

FOR THE STUDENT'S ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE SCHOOL SEEKS:

1. To encourage high academic achievement within the potential of the individual.
2. To help each student gain a thorough comprehension and command of the fundamental processes used in communicating with others.
3. To teach and encourage the use of good study habits.
4. To teach the knowledge and skills required for future study or for occupational competence.
5. To develop the creative skills of the student as the stewards of God's gifts.
6. To develop an appreciation of the fine arts.
7. To promote physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as the temple of God.
8. To show the student his/her present civic responsibility and to prepare the student for adult responsibility as a citizen of heaven and a citizen of our nation.

FOR THE PARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS, THE SCHOOL DESIRES:

1. To cooperate closely with the parents in every phase of the student's development.
2. To help parents to understand the school's purpose and programs.
3. To encourage regular attendance and involvement in the local church.

ADMISSION POLICIES

Plumstead Christian School is distinctively Christian. The school's mission is to provide God-centered education in partnership with parents. The following policies have been adopted to ensure consistent standards of admission, which will serve families, and the fulfillment of the PCS mission.

1. The parents or guardians must state in writing that they are in agreement with the Statement of Faith, Educational Philosophy and Educational Objectives of Plumstead Christian School.
2. A profession of faith in Jesus Christ on the part of at least one parent or guardian of the applicant is required. Please tell us what you believe concerning God, Jesus Christ, sin, salvation, the Christian life and the Bible. Please describe your personal relationship to your Lord and Savior.
3. Regular attendance at an evangelical church is expected; a church in which the Bible is sincerely believed and faithfully taught. Please describe any responsibilities you hold in your congregation.
4. The Admissions Director will interview parents. If further information is needed regarding the family or student(s), the division principal may request an interview with the family and/or student(s).
5. The purpose of the admission process is to determine the readiness of the student with respect to the Plumstead Christian School academic program.
 - a. Incoming students in grades K-12 will be administered an appropriate developmental evaluation and/or the reading, mathematics, and language sections of an achievement test. This is required so that the school can obtain a more accurate profile of the student's academic background and abilities. Students transferring from other schools will also be expected to provide a transcript of academic work to date. The New Student Information Sheet is also required for all students.
 - b. If the student does not satisfactorily meet the entrance standards for the grade level of application, the school reserves the right to place the student with the grade level that represents the student's academic development but not necessarily his/her chronological age group. The student may also be required to participate in assigned remedial/resource activities. Under circumstances of extreme lack of readiness with respect to learning ability and/or previous achievement, admission may not be possible.
 - c. There is a non-refundable application/testing fee, per student.
6. Each applicant is to give evidence of emotional stability, a satisfactory behavior record and adequate social adjustment.
 - a. PCS expects any child to exhibit the requisite self-control for participating in an instructional program. PCS is not equipped to educate students who exhibit persistent emotional instability, unsatisfactory behavior, or inadequate social adjustment. Neither the student nor PCS is well served in such situations.
 - b. Parents enrolling students from another school must provide written permission for PCS to solicit any psychological evaluations done on behalf of incoming students by public schools or by health organizations.
 - c. The Administration may refuse to admit or may dismiss any student with disciplinary, academic or psychological problems. **A six week probationary period is standard for any new student.**

FAMILY APPLICATION

Please complete in ink

Date: _____

Father: (Mr., Dr., Rev.) _____

Mother: (Mrs., Dr.) _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

Employer: _____

Employer: _____

Business Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Position: _____

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Student lives with: Both parents _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Other _____

If father and mother live separately, has there been a judicial determination of custody? Yes _____ No _____

Who has legal custody? _____

Church: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Pastor: _____

Pastor: _____

Church Phone: _____

Church Phone: _____

Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? _____

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TESTIMONY: On a separate sheet of paper, please state how and when you received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and His meaning in your life to the present time. **Your application is not complete without this.**

A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE must be submitted with this application. (See tuition schedule)

NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN

DATE OF BIRTH

PRESENT

APPLYING FOR

GRADE

ENROLLMENT

Yes/No

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CHRISTIAN REFERENCES: (If applicable, one should be a PCS present or former school family.)

1. _____
(name) (address) (phone number)
2. _____
(name) (address) (phone number)

Who referred you to Plumstead Christian School? _____

Why do you want your child or children to attend Plumstead Christian School? _____

Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from school? _____

Why? _____

Ethnic Background of Students(s):

African American Asian American Caucasian Hispanic American

Native American Other Country of Birth: _____

You have my permission to use my child(ren)'s photograph in school publications: Yes No

PLUMSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
NEW STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

FOR APPLICANTS IN GRADES K-5: Please use the top of this form only.
FOR GRADES 6-12: Please fill in the entire form. The **applying student** must answer questions below.
Please return this with the family application.

APPLICANTS' NAME: _____

FAMILY NAME: _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ PHONE #: _____

M/F: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

GRADE ENTERING (1-12): _____ KINDERGARTEN: Full day _____ Half day _____

PREVIOUS SCHOOL: _____

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Student response: (FOR GRADES 6-12 ONLY) Please answer the following questions as thoughtfully as possible. We ask for **your answers and opinions**, not those of others.

1. How did you learn about Plumstead Christian School?

2. Tell us about your favorite activities and hobbies?

3. What is important to you in choosing a friend? Explain.

4. What do you like most about yourself?

5. What special award(s) and/or recognition have you received? (Not limited to school.)

6. What words would be used to describe you most accurately by:

a) your parents

b) your friends

7. Who do you believe Jesus is and how, if at all, does He impact your life?

8. Do you go to church regularly?_____ Do you attend Youth Group?_____ How often?_____

9. Which extra-curricular activities would you choose to be involved in, if offered? (Circle all that apply.)
Please put an asterisk (*) next to the activities in which you have already participated.

Art	Cheerleading	Soccer
Band	Chorus	Softball
Baseball	Drama	Tennis
Basketball	Photography	Wrestling
Yearbook		
Other:_____		

10. Do you work after school or on weekends?_____ Type of work_____

11. Why do you want to come to Plumstead?

With my signature below, I certify that I have answered the above questions honestly and completely and have not held back information that the admission office ought to know about me.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT:

Applicant's Name: _____ Applying for grade: _____

Waiver of Confidential Materials

We understand that recommendations and evaluations obtained for the purpose of admission to Plumstead Christian School are confidential (excluding transcripts) and as parents (or legal guardians) we waive our right to them. To the best of our knowledge the information in this application is accurate. We also understand that misrepresentation may invalidate the application process.

Mother's signature

Date

Father's Signature

Date

ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: (Please attach extra paper if necessary)

1. What special award(s) and/or recognition has the applicant received? (Not limited to school)

2. Has the applicant ever been suspended or expelled from any school for any reason? Yes ___ No ___
(If "yes", please attach details.)

3. Have you ever withdrawn the applicant from any school for any reason? Yes ___ No ___

4. Has the applicant ever attended a school or participated in a program designed for students who have special academic needs or abilities (*including gifted, special education, resource*)? Yes ___ No ___
(If "yes", please attach details.)

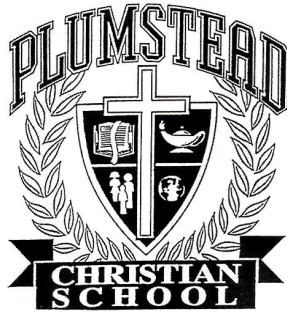
5. Has the applicant ever been diagnosed with a learning disability? Yes ___ No ___
(If "yes", please attach details.)

If "yes", does he/she take any medication in relation to that need? Yes ___ No ___

Please describe the medication and its effects) on your child. (i.e., better focus, headaches, moodiness, etc.) _____

6. What examples best describe the applicant's strengths?

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Plumstead Christian School
5765 Old Easton Road, Box 216
Plumsteadville, PA 18949

Dear Pastor,

Plumstead Christian School is committed to preparing students for a life of faith and service for Christ. God's Word is central to all that we do. We believe our students will be prepared to serve God most fully when they are nurtured by three key influences in their lives: the home, the church and the school. Therefore, we ask families to provide the school with a reference from their church.

Plumstead Christian School is a school committed to the inerrant Word of God and the all-sufficient work of Christ. On the back of the attached form is our Statement of Faith. Parents are required to be in agreement with this statement.

Thank you for your helpfulness to us and to this family. May God bless your work.

In Christ's Love,

Admission Office
Plumstead Christian School

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

I. To be completed by the family. After you have filled in Part I, please give this to your Pastor to complete and mail directly to the school.

Family Name: _____

Family Address: _____

Church Home: _____

Names of children applying to PCS: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

II. To be filled in by the Pastor:

Is the above family an active member of your church? ____ Yes ____ No

Have any members of the family held a leadership position in the church? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, elaborate: _____

Are the children active in the youth program of the church? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you consider the children open to spiritual instruction? ____ Yes ____ No

What is your understanding of this family's relationship to Christ? _____

Are there any matters that you feel would be helpful for us to know as a school regarding the admission of this family? _____

Do you recommend this family for admission? ____ Yes ____ No

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Pastor's Confidential Recommendation:

Dear Plumstead Administrator:

I have carefully reviewed Plumstead Christian School's Statement of Faith. It is my opinion that there is no inconsistency between your Statement of Faith and the official tenets of my church/organization.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Church/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

ELEVEN QUESTIONS **Frequently Asked About Plumstead Christian School**

1. What kind of program is offered?

The academic program is of high quality and will prepare students for college or university study. The school also recognizes its role in preparing students educationally for entering a variety of post high school endeavors.

2. What is the religious emphasis of the school?

As a Christian school, both the methods of instruction and the entire educational program are dependent upon principles put forth in the Bible. Prayer is held in high regard. The Bible is taught regularly. Chapel is held once a week. PCS is a non-denominational Christian School and focuses upon the centrality of our Christian faith.

3. What textbooks are being used?

Textbooks from both Christian and secular publishers are used. The Educational Policy Committee of the Board, at the request of the administration, reviews textbook recommendations.

4. What are the teacher qualifications?

Faculty members meet the standards required for accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Christian Schools International. PCS teachers are considered not only for their professional expertise, but also for their ability to role model a Christian lifestyle and integrate biblical principles.

5. Is the school accredited?

Yes, PCS is accredited in grades K-12 by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Association of Christian Schools International.

6. What about the Fine Arts?

PCS has an exceptional program in both vocal and instrumental music, in which students have the opportunity to participate beginning in elementary school. In the middle school there is participation in choir, band, ensembles, handbells and art and drama programs. In the high school, students may participate in choir, band, vocal and instrumental, ensembles, handbells, drama and art – including art history, art appreciation and studio art.

7. What kind of athletic program is offered?

PCS recognizes the role of athletics in education. The school competes in the Bicentennial Athletic League for soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, field hockey, tennis and softball in grades 9-12. Students in grades 6-8 may compete in soccer, basketball, wrestling, baseball, field hockey and softball.

8. What is the dress code philosophy?

Personal appearance contributes to a whole way of life, which serves God and helps others. Guidelines are presented that will help set a positive tone for learning on campus.

9. Is bus service available?

Yes. PCS has its own busses. We service 23 school districts- 17 in PA and 6 in NJ. Bussing costs are included in tuition.

10. Is there tuition aid available?

Yes. Financial Aid forms must be requested from the Business Office. Families must re-apply yearly.

11. Does the school encourage parent involvement?

An active Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) involves parents in a variety of activities. Participating in field trips, career days, missions month, chapels, school banquets and clubs is part of parent involvement, along with participation on the school board and on board committees by virtue of election through the parent association.