

Kindergarten through  
Eighth Grade



Ron Wunner, Principal

ARCATA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Founded 1973

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Dear Friend,

Thank you very much for your inquiry regarding the Arcata Christian School program. The information in this packet is intended to provide you some background information on the school, and hopefully, answer many of the questions you may have.

**HISTORICAL SKETCH** The Arcata Christian School was founded in 1973 as a ministry of the Arcata First Baptist Church. It is non-denominational in emphasis and serves children from over 15 area churches. The school was formed under the ministry of Dr. Harold Jackson and has graduated over 800 students. The Association of Christian Schools International from 1996-2002 accredited the school. The school has a rich heritage of dedicated teachers and the average length of teacher service is well over 10 years. ACS opened the ABC Preschool program in August of 2004, and this program served children ages 2 – 5 until June of 2014.

**MISSION STATEMENT** Arcata Christian School exists to encourage families and provide a wholesome environment where students learn to live a Christ-centered life, realize their full academic potential, and share God's love within the school and community. A school Statement of Faith is attached to the application form.

**FACULTY** All full-time teachers at ACS hold a California Teaching Credential. From time to time, ACS will utilize part-time professionals who have the training and professional experience to teach in special curricular areas. The ACS staff is dedicated to teaching the fundamentals upon which later learning depend. ACS is always looking for parents who can lead special project activities in art, music, foreign language, etc.

**CURRICULUM** ACS offers a strong academic program of instruction. Core curriculum text supplier: *ABeka Books*. ACS reading instruction is phonics based. At the junior high level (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) students have a variety of teachers. ACS utilizes the Accelerated Reading Program in conjunction with the library. Computers are available at all grade levels.

**ANNUAL STANDARDIZED TESTING** ACS participates in the Association of Christian Schools International spring testing program. Test scores in reading, language, math and spelling, place ACS students among the top schools in Humboldt County. A summary test report of ACS testing is available for your examination.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES** ACS offers a variety of special activities for our students including: class field trips, year end class trips in grades 4, 5/6, 7&8. Girl's volleyball, girl's and boy's basketball and track are offered for grades 6-7-8. ACS hosts two prominent sport tournaments in girl's volleyball and boy's basketball.

**UNIFORMS** ACS has adopted a uniform dress code. Parents and students are expected to adhere to the dress standards of the school. A copy of the dress code is included in this informational packet.

**SCHOOL MEMBERSHIPS** ACS has been a member of the Association of Christian Schools since 1978. The school staff attends the ACSI Teacher's Convention in the fall of each year. The school is also a member of the California Association of Private Schools Organization (beginning 2003-04).

**FACILITIES** ACS is housed at the Arcata First Baptist Church. In 2000 the Arcata First Baptist Church completed a \$2 million dollar building project, which included three classrooms and a new gymnasium. The school, which is located adjacent to Humboldt State University, also utilizes several HSU recreational courts (tennis and track), as space is available.

**SCHOOL BOARD** Policies for the school are set by the ACS School Board. Members of this board are approved for service by the leadership of the Arcata First Baptist Church. The board works very closely with the school administrator.

**MISSIONS OUTREACH** ACS students participate in both local and international missions programs. In 2001, Mrs. Vickie Childress (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) traveled to Niger, Africa to visit a school which ACS supports. This support is ongoing. The Arcata First Baptist Church offers a Missionary Training Program, which affords the school with special guest speakers.

**PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP** ACS has a Parent Teacher Fellowship that meets throughout the year. The group is responsible for a variety of school support functions and offers parents a wide variety of service opportunities. ACS has a Parent Service Hour requirement of 25 hours per school year. This requirement will be explained at the time of the pre-admission interview.

**SCRIP** ACS has a scrip program and fee for all families. Scrip is simply gift certificates that ACS buys from local business (including auto fuel) for a discount. We sell these certificates (scrip) to our parents at face value and the difference in purchase and sale price is considered a fundraiser for the school. Scrip is a painless way to support the school by paying for your purchases with scrip certificates.

**VISIT THE SCHOOL** We would welcome the opportunity to take you on a personal tour of the school facility. Discover for yourself why ACS is such a very special learning environment!

**SCHOOL EMAIL AND WEBSITE** Visit our school website at the address listed below. You may also email the school at: [arcatachristian@gmail.com](mailto:arcatachristian@gmail.com)

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