

MARANATHA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Arrange for an **informal meet/greet** interview with the Principal (if you wish).

- Complete and return the **Student Application Form** (ensure there is a photo attached), having read and agreeing to support the **Statement of Faith**. Please include a copy of applicant's most recent report card.
- Complete and return the **Legal Residency of Parent Form** with necessary documentation.
- Bring your child's **Birth Certificate** and **Care Card** into the office to be copied for student's file. (required by law)
- Complete and return a **Student Questionnaire** for each student entering Grade 7 – 9.
- Present the confidential **Character Reference Form** to your Referee for children Grade 4 – 9. Please have this form sent directly to the school by your Referee.

After we have received all of the above information, we will schedule a **formal interview** with the Principal and another member of the administration team. Both parents are requested to attend the interview with the student applicant.

Your registration package will go before the **School Council**, where your child's acceptance is determined.

Once your child(ren) has been approved, you will be required to complete the registration procedure by paying the non-refundable registration fee, completing the Medical Information Form, Parental Consents Form and Tuition Contract.

APPLICATION FORM

Place a recent school-type photo of your child here

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Date Received

Interview Date

Accepted Yes No
Date:

Registration Fee

Grade Applying for:

1. Student's full name: _____ <i>First (underline usual/preferred name) Middle Surname</i>		2. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Non-Conformity
3. Mailing address: _____ <i>Street City Prov. Postal Code</i>		
4. Phone () _____ Cell: () _____ Primary email address: _____		
5. Birth date <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u> <i>MM DD YYYY</i>	6. Birthplace _____ <i>City Prov.</i>	7. Primary language _____
8. Please complete the information below starting with the primary caregivers(s) Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Circle one: Birth Adoptive Step Foster Guardian Ministry Parent's Address _____ Postal Code _____ Parent's Place of Employment _____ Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ Parent's Email _____ Cell Phone _____ Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Circle one: Birth Adoptive Step Foster Guardian Ministry Parent's Address _____ Postal Code _____ Parent's Place of Employment _____ Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ Parent's Email _____ Cell Phone _____		
ONLY complete these fields in the case of separation, divorce or additional guardianship: Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Home Phone _____ Circle one: Birth Adoptive Step Foster Guardian Ministry Parent's Address _____ Postal Code _____ Parent's Place of Employment _____ Occupation _____ Work Phone _____ Parent's Email _____ Cell Phone _____		
9. Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Custody <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services In the case of Separation, Divorce or Legal Guardianship please explain the student's living arrangements: _____		
10. Legal Guardianship of this child is awarded to: Name(s) _____ and _____ Is there a court order regarding custody? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, copy of document must be included Does each parent require a report card and school information? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
11. The student is: <input type="checkbox"/> a Canadian citizen <input type="checkbox"/> a landed Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> on a student visa <input type="checkbox"/> Status Indian/Metis <input type="checkbox"/> Non Status		
12. If a Status Indian/Metis, he/she lives <input type="checkbox"/> On Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Off Reserve a) Indian Band Name: _____ Phone #: _____ b) Band Number: _____ c) Will your Band be paying for tuition fees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
13. Do you understand the tenets of the Christian faith? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (See Statement of Faith in package) Would you identify <input type="checkbox"/> <i>the family</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>a parent</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>the child</i> as being Christian? OR <input type="checkbox"/> At this point, we are not sure.		
14. Do you attend Church? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Church Name: _____		

15. Present Grade _____ Grade Applying For _____ Date of Admission Requested: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

16. List the student's last 3 schools beginning with the most recent: **(Include the most recent report card. We may request more)**

School	Address	Date of Attendance	Phone Number
1.			
2.			
3.			

17. How did you hear about Maranatha Christian School?

18. Please list the names and grades of all other children IN THE HOME. If they are NOT applying to MCS please give details.

19. Use this space to provide any information on serious allergies, prescription medication, medical conditions or any other information that you feel we should have. Please note that if the child has required medication for allergic reaction, it should be provided to the school office, as soon as possible, **clearly labelled**.

20. Has your child had a referral or received any kind of testing/diagnosis for a behavioural/learning/psychiatric/physical disorder or condition? (i.e.: learning disability, ADHD, PDD, autism, FASD, anxiety, gifted ...) Please give details.

Has your child ever been on an IEP (Individualized Education Program?) Yes No

If Yes, was it adapted or modified?

Did it address academic behavioural social physical or emotional needs?

Are you prepared to sign any release forms so we can acquire your child's files? Yes No

If No to the IEP, do you anticipate that your child may need some extra learning or behavioural support during his/her school years, in order to have the success you hope for? Please explain.

Note to parents: Please understand that withholding known/critical information that helps the school to secure appropriate funding, staff support and resources in order to teach your child responsibly could result in your child's enrolment being terminated. Please fully disclose any information/concerns that could affect your child's ability to learn, to function well in the classroom and /or with regular school curriculum. MCS may not be equipped to handle certain special needs based on our limited resources, but we approach each registration prayerfully and thoughtfully and will never turn down a child simply because of their special needs. MCS reserves the right to deny services where full disclosure has been withheld.

In the course of time, do you see your child as:

- a) taking courses for university entrance, obtaining a degree/masters and becoming an academic professional
- b) obtaining a Dogwood Diploma, getting shorter term college/specialized training, and entering the workforce
- c) completing 12 years of schooling to go directly into the work force or work-related/life skills program

21. Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes No
(If "Yes", please explain.)

22. Has your child ever been involved in unlawful and /or violent behaviour? Yes No
(If "Yes", please explain.)

23. Do you hereby give Maranatha Christian School permission to contact schools or evaluators named herein should it be deemed necessary? Yes No

24. Will your child be able to participate fully in Physical Education? If no, please give details and consult a physician for a letter outlining any adaptations that need to be made.

25. What are your child's interests?

26. Is your child involved in any extra-curricular or volunteer activities?

27. Explain why you want your children to attend Maranatha Christian School.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.
2. We believe in one God creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into Heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is therefore lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for salvation and justification for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.
7. We believe that the Lord's Supper and water baptism are ordinances to be observed by the church during this present age. They are not, however, to be regarded as means of salvation.
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head.
9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs.
10. We believe that only those who are members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
11. We believe in the personal and pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
12. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

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LEGAL RESIDENCY OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

(ADMISSION TO CANADA AND RESIDENCY) – FORM A

To be completed and signed by a parent or legal (court-appointed) guardian. If legal guardian, attach a copy of court order appointing you as legal guardian.

(Lawfully Admitted into Canada)

1. I am (*please ✓ one*):
- A Canadian citizen (please attach a copy of parent's birth certificate or citizenship paper/card).
 - A Permanent Resident (please attach a copy of parent's landed immigrant status paper or Permanent Resident card).
 - Lawfully admitted to Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) with one of the following documents (please mark the appropriate box below and attach a copy of document):
 - Admission as a refugee or refugee claimant.
 - Valid student permit for two or more years (or issued for one year but anticipated to be renewed for one or more additional years).
 - Valid employment authorization (work permit) for two or more years (or issued for one year but anticipated to be renewed for one or more additional years).
 - A person carrying out official duties under the authority of the Visiting Forces Act or as an accredited diplomatic agent, pre-clearance officer, consular officer or official representative in Canada of a foreign government with a consular post in British Columbia.
 - Other - document description: (must be cleared with Citizenship and Immigration Canada):

(Residency in British Columbia)

2. I am a resident of British Columbia (*please ✓ one*):

Yes Residency address: _____

(Attach a recent copy of a utility bill, mortgage document, rental agreement or tax assessment, etc.)

No I am not a resident of British Columbia.

Confirming signatures:

3. Parent/Legal Guardian's name: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian's signature: _____
Date: _____

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Proof of Residency: _____
Initials

Date: _____

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PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

The entire school community shares in the responsibility of educating children and implementing our vision, mission and goals. We encourage parents to take an active role in our school, and we appreciate your support. Our Parent Participation Program (PPP) is an opportunity for building community, giving financial support, and offering support to each other as we work together for the benefit of the children. The PPP also reduces the operational costs of running the school. We are able to keep our tuition fees lower because of the involvement of parents. The intent of the PPP simply is to increase participation by parents. The school both values your contributions and relies on them to keep the quality of the school at a high, positive level.

The PPP offers each family two options:

Choose to actively participate in the PPP by committing to at least 15 hours of work per family over the school year. The primary areas of parent involvement are playground supervision and fundraising, but other activities are available on a limited basis. Parents choosing this option will include a cheque for \$225 dated May 15, 2023. This cheque will be cashed only if the 15 PPP hours are not met.	A family unable to commit to the 15 PPP hours per year may elect to pay a \$225 non-participation fee, which is in addition to the tuition fee. This cheque should be dated Sept. 15, 2022. The funds will then be used to help support the efforts of volunteers to make sure needs are met.
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The family environment and sense of working together for a quality, caring school for our children that characterize a Christian school and many other independent schools depends on a good, willing, volunteer base.

This is not a 'cash grab.' In fact, we hope that the participation/ helping out will be so strong that not a single cheque will have to be cashed. We want you, not your money.

We do not have enough volunteers to meet our needs. **One ongoing problem is securing enough playground supervision.** Staff members regularly do not get a lunch break. This is why we would like to be able to PAY for at least one daily lunchtime supervisor, as well as have volunteers help fill the gaps on a regular basis for lunch, morning and afterschool supervision. We cannot have enough people doing this, as there are several areas that need supervising at once and we are short staffed.

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GUIDELINES FOR EARNING YOUR PPP HOURS

1. Family PPP hours can be earned by parents, grandparents and older siblings. Any people volunteering who could have direct contact with students must go through the **Criminal Record Check/ Child Protection Policy** process first. (See office)
2. **The attached list includes some specific opportunities you could use to fulfill your PPP hours. Please check off any areas that your family can generally help with and return the form to the school office.** We compile a list as a resource only. We may call if no one has come forward when a request is made through notices or newsletters.
3. **All parents are responsible for keeping record of their hours. Forms for recording/ submitting hours are available at the front desk. Please submit your form at the end of each month, or at the very least, the beginning of January and the beginning of April.**
4. Parents will be sent two notices, one in January and one in April, to inform them of the total number of hours they have reported to the school.
5. Any parent who is hired/paid by the school to perform a service, may not receive credit for paid time as PPP hours.
6. Fundraising hours counting towards 'Europe Trip' funds do not count towards PPP, because the hours are being credited into the individual fundraising account as money. However, volunteering for Europe Fundraisers when not taking any of the profits, will earn PPP credit.
7. **If your family goes OVER 15 hours, you may donate those hours to a family in financial need.** Please indicate your wishes to the office.
8. Parents having difficulty meeting their PPP time **and** financial obligations should contact the office to request being put on the list of families in need of donated hours. These spots are reserved for those who simply cannot do either because of their circumstances.

POINTERS FOR EARNING PPP HOURS

- **Please DO NOT count on us calling you. The onus is on your family, not the school to get your hours.** Many of these opportunities are based on you taking the initiative to get involved. Be curious and ask how you can help, especially when you know events are being planned.
- A lot of families eventually find their niche in the school. Sometimes people will fulfill their hours the same way every year, becoming a reliable resource for staff.
- Credit for PPP hours are based on recognized needs or requests. For example, baking cookies on your own for your child's class, does not count as credited time. However, shoveling snow in the morning where you saw a need would count as credit. Look for needs, and run them by the principal or sponsor teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school. Our combined efforts will help make our school better for everyone!

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2022/2023 MARANATHA DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

Our philosophy behind dress code is based on three earmarks: **Acceptability** (if it is not appropriate for the average daytime public workplace, it is not appropriate for school), **modesty** and **cleanliness**. We will not accept fashion statements that are deemed excessive, distracting or inappropriate. Administration reserves the right to make a judgment call. It's a simple reality that age, sex, body type, height, material and style can make a difference between appearing modest or immodest, acceptable or unacceptable. It is expected that students will abide by the dress code daily with the exception of school approved fun days (PJ day, Wacky Hair day...) in which some guidelines are suspended. Some of these guidelines are more appropriately applied to upper intermediate and high school students.

A. Everyday Dress Code for School and Extra-Curricular School Events

- 1) **Basic personal hygiene should be apparent.** Be clean and presentable daily.
Wearing items that are openly contrary to Christian ethics is prohibited.
 - i. Avoid any logos, sayings or symbols that are offensive or contrary to Christian ethics.
 - ii. Avoid excessive piercings, jewellery, accessories, make-up, or clothing that give the appearance of rebellion (intended or not).
 - iii. No facial piercings in Elementary. High School students should not wear excessive facial piercing & be limited to small studs or rings at school. (Ears excluded)
- 2) **Avoid clothing that can be interpreted as immodest, or too sensual in nature.**
 - iv. Avoid all styles that reveal undergarments.
 - v. Avoid styles that reveal inappropriate levels of bare skin (chest, cleavage, torso, and thighs). Miniskirts, short shorts and cropped tops are prohibited.
 - vi. Avoid all styles that are inappropriately tight. Stretch-based materials in shirts, dresses and pants need to be worn with caution. All tight fittings leggings/tights /stretch pants need to have the buttocks & crotch region covered.
4. **Students need appropriate footwear at all times.** Shoes need to have non-marking soles. No slippers, bare feet, or shoes (such as stilettos) you can't walk safely in.

B. Helpful Recommendations

- **General Guidelines for girls:** *The shorter the top, the more substantial the bottom.* Bare legs/nylons for longer skirts, tights with shorter skirts, solid coloured stretch pants with tunics, regular pants with waist length tops.
- If it is not suitable for a place of employment, it is not suitable for school.
- If it looks or feels questionable, don't wear it.
- If you are unsure if something is acceptable, ask a teacher. This person will make an assessment or direct you to someone who can.

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C. Physical Education

All students, with the exception of Primary students, must have a separate bag with PE strip at school. This will need to be washed at least weekly.

****Please note: Students who do not have proper PE Strip, including footwear, on gym days will not be allowed to participate which will affect their overall PE mark.**

- **Shoes:** Proper running shoes are necessary.
- **PE bottoms:** Good fitting mid-thigh athletic shorts, board shorts, track pants or jogging pants in good condition are acceptable. No spandex or 'short shorts' allowed.
- **PE tops:** An appropriately modest t-shirt following school guidelines is required for gym class.

****Please label all PE Clothing items!!! This prevents problems and loss!!!**

D. Consequences for Dress Code Violations

Elementary dress code violations will be managed by the teacher and communicated with parents. Students arriving in inappropriate dress could be asked to change or wear a clothing item provided by the school. In the case of repeat offenders, consequences could involve afterschool detention, either with the teacher or with the vice principal.

High school violations will be handled by the admin staff. A request to change, wear a school clothing item, and a detention are common consequences. They may also be sent home to change. Ongoing violations indicate a spirit of defiance, and the student will be placed on the **discipline cycle** (*appendix I*).

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STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Mandatory for all students entering Grades 6 – 9)

Student applicant please answer the following questions in your own handwriting. If there is not enough room, you may attach a separate sheet.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

1. Do you want to come to Maranatha Christian School? Yes No
Why or why not? _____

2. What is your best subject in school? _____
3. What is your hardest subject? _____
4. What is your favourite subject? _____
5. Do you plan to go on to post-secondary education (university, college, or technical school) after completing high school? Yes No Unsure
6. What type of career do you think you will go into? _____

7. Do you have a part-time job? Yes No
8. Do you go to church regularly? Yes No
9. Are you involved in activities at your church? Yes No
If yes, please give details. _____

10. Have you committed your life to Christ? Yes No
11. Are you willing to abide by the MCS Community Standards Yes No
and the MCS Dress Code included in this package?

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Dear Referee,

You are being asked to provide a reference for a child whose family would like to enrol him/her at Maranatha Christian School.

Maranatha Christian School believes that children are nurtured by all three key influences in their lives – the home, the school and the church/community. For this reason, we ask families to provide the school with a reference from their pastor, Sunday School teacher, youth worker, childcare worker, coach or social worker (if applicable). Your understanding of the student will be most helpful to our admissions procedures.

Please fill out the Character Reference Form provided with this letter, and email, fax or mail it to the school, using the address information above.

Thank you for your helpfulness to us.

In His Service,

Pamela Skinner
Principal

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CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

(For students entering Grade 4 -9)

_____ is applying for admission to Maranatha Christian School.

I am a: Pastor Youth Worker Sunday school Teacher Other _____

Referee's Name: _____

Church/Work Address: _____

How long have you known the student or family? _____

Circle the words that best describe this student:

Tolerant	Spiritual	Loud	Follower	Flexible	Troubled	Prompt	Congenial	Procrastinates
Organized	Meek	Careless	Dramatic	Easy-going	lethargic	Humble	Neat	Active
Tender	Shy	Clown	Sociable	Forgiving	Cheerful	Articulate	Creative	Rebellious
Sincere	Studious	Open	Loving	Devoted	Quiet	Friendly	Proud	Leader
Joyful	Loyal	Vivacious	Defensive	Responsible				

Check the appropriate box	Very High	High	Average	Low	Very Low	Not Known
Academic Ability						
Social Adjustment to Peers						
Attitude Toward Authority						
Family Support						
Christian Commitment						
Leadership						

Indicate any special talents, skills, or leadership qualities you have observed.

In what areas of personality and performance would you like to see growth?

Do you recommend this student for acceptance at Maranatha Christian School? Yes No

If you have any additional comments that might be helpful, please add below. Thank you for your time and for caring about this student.

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in Maranatha Christian School. Maranatha offers a fully accredited program from Kindergarten through Grade 9. Our campus is located at 1278 Lakeview Crescent, in the heart of Williams Lake.

Maranatha was founded in 1978 as part of the ministry of the Evangelical Free Church of Williams Lake and resided in the church building on 11th Ave for most of that time. In recent years, our student population has steadily grown. In 2004, another building was rented and an Elementary & Secondary Campus were created. Still bursting at the seams, the church seized the opportunity to purchase a public school building when one became available in April of 2005. It has been exciting to see God blessing our school.

All staff are committed to a strong Christian witness and are dedicated to providing a quality Christ-centred education.

Over

The purpose of the school is to support parents by providing quality education integrated with a Christian view of God and His Word, and to equip young people to serve the Lord effectively in their community.

It isn't always easy finding a Christian school for your family. Decisions made now can affect your child's whole life. We would like to make the process as stress-free as possible. Feel free to call or visit us to discuss your child's education.

FOUNDATIONS

The Necessity of Christian Education

Consider Deuteronomy 5:5-9. The Israelites were told to instruct their children in God's laws: ". . . impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you get up." Ephesians 6:4 states: "Fathers . . . bring them (children) up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

We believe that the task of educating children is primarily the responsibility of parents. Most of us recognize our inability to accomplish this job alone and, therefore, we need to delegate part of our responsibility for training and instructing our children to schools and teachers who hold the same values.

Maranatha Christian School was established for just this reason. The school is sponsored and governed by the Evangelical Free Church of Williams Lake with the hope that home, church, and school can build a common foundation.

The Mission and Vision of Maranatha Christian School

Our Vision . . . We envision students who lead Christ centered lives that will impact and influence our changing global community and demonstrate that Christianity is still relevant – and needed – in today's world.

Our Mission . . . Maranatha school partners with its families and the Christian community of Williams Lake to recognize the uniqueness of every child as we provide an education that seeks to develop academic excellence, servant based leadership, and a desire to see their faith lived daily in a fulfilling way through providing innovation and supports within the classroom, opportunities to serve others, and the training to connect their faith to the world around them.

STUDENT LIFE

Chapel

The focus of student life at Maranatha Christian School is the development of life skills and Christian character. A Christ-centred curriculum and Christian staff are fundamental to the process. Extra-curricular activities are designed to enhance and build upon this foundation.

There is an elementary, as well as a separate high school chapel that is scheduled every Wednesday. A message by local pastors, chapel coordinator or principal follows contemporary singing and worship. In high school, student worship teams participate in the planning and operation of services. We often welcome special performances from touring bands and local groups. We also use chapel times to fulfil regular school assembly activities. Combined K-9 chapel times occur for special calendar events. Parents are always welcome to join chapel times.

Athletics/Outdoor Education/Track and Field

Our teachers' main goal is to help students build a good attitude towards physical fitness, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Our students learn and enjoy the basics of team sports in regular PE class, noon-hour tournaments (i.e.: soccer in the spring), Outdoor Education (i.e.: fishing, hiking, skiing), and Track and Field. Elementary students can participate in the Cariboo Independent School Sports program that includes a cross-country competition in the fall and basketball, volley ball and floor hockey teams. We encourage parents to support this by helping coach. We have the jersey's ready to go!

OVER

Music, Art and Drama Programs

Maranatha will offer a K-9 music program for 2022-23 school year under the direction of a music specialist. Art and Drama are included in our MAD program.

Missions/Discipleship

MCS desires to demonstrate Christ's love through giving and compassion in any number of ways. Annually we participate in collecting food for the Salvation Army and sending Christmas boxes for *Operation Christmas Child*. Different homerooms will take on various service activities like making specialty hampers for families in need, serving at the Food Bank or performing at a Seniors Village. Various international relief projects often become school wide initiatives.

High School students have homeroom devotions and the opportunities to attend youth conventions. Any student bible study or prayer groups will always be well supported by the school and will have faculty sponsorship where necessary.

Dress Code

Before shopping with your child for new school clothes, please read the Dress Code Guidelines in the handbook to make sure the clothing meets our standards of acceptability and modesty.

ACADEMICS

Goal

Our goal is to provide quality education, producing young people who learn to critically interact with a culture from a Biblical perspective; who will be well equipped to be successful in an ever-changing society.

Post-Secondary Preparation

Maranatha recognizes the importance of successfully completing academic subjects as preparation for today's changing job markets. Students who plan to pursue post secondary education must realize that competition is great, and postponing other interests in order to fulfil academic goals may be necessary. Students need to stay motivated, develop excellent work habits, complete all assignments thoroughly, and study regularly for exams, if they are going to earn good grades and get accepted into universities of choice.

Character Development

At Maranatha we believe that academic study is a vehicle to develop good character. We want our students to strive for personal excellence, and to experience the satisfaction that comes from achieving their goals. These are met through a growing personal relationship with Christ, love for others, self discipline, good study habits, and the inner peace that comes from personal integrity.

Elementary Distinctives

Education curriculum focuses on developing all aspects of the human domain: social, emotional, physical, cognitive and spiritual. We recognize that at the elementary level the main objective is for students to master core concepts and be functionally literate. Our primary students receive phonics-based instruction with a strong emphasis on reading. Older elementary students continue to develop the literacy and mathematical skills that best prepare them for high school.

High School Distinctives

At the high school level most students are challenged to fulfil the requirements of a university preparation program, though various electives are available for students not pursuing an academic stream.

ADMISSIONS & FEES

Guidelines Relating to Tuition Payments

We plan for families to be with Maranatha Christian School for the entire school year:

Due to the nature of education, much of the planning required to run an effective school must be done on an annual basis. Significant financial commitments are made annually: teachers are hired, capital assets are purchased, programs are developed, and a host of other plans is created to function for the entire year. As such, by enrolling your child/children at Maranatha Christian School you are committing to partner with the school for the entire year. For families entering the school mid-year, you are committing to partner with Maranatha Christian School for the remainder of the school year.

Key Financial Guidelines:

1. There are only two payment options:
 - a. **Option A:** Annual Single Payment on September 9th.
 - b. **Option B:** 10 Month Pre-Authorized Debit Plan (which includes an additional annual \$30 bank transaction fee).
2. When a family voluntarily withdraws from the school for any reason, it must give at least one full calendar months' notice to the school. Tuition for the entire current month will be charged to the family's account as a Withdrawal Penalty. A family, who enrolls in the spring expecting to attend in September, must provide notice of withdrawal prior to August 1st to avoid the Withdrawal Penalty.
3. Students will not be re-enrolled until all financial obligations from the previous year are met. Families with an outstanding tuition account on June 15th will cause their students' names to be removed from the class lists for the following year.
4. Failure to meet the financial obligations of the chosen payment plan may result in the release of the student.
5. When a student is suspended, expelled, or asked to withdraw for disciplinary reasons, tuition for the balance of the year remains due to the school.
6. When a student leaves Maranatha Christian School for any reason, all unpaid accounts remain due to the school, even after graduation.
7. The non-refundable registration fee is due when the enrollment contract is submitted to the school. An enrollment contract received without this payment will be held without preference until the payment is received.
8. For families choosing to make an Annual Single Payment, the due date is September 9th. For families choosing the 10-month Pre-Authorized Payment method, 1/10th of the tuition and annual fees is due on the fifth day of each month (September through June).
9. A family's account will be charged a *Returned Item Fee* of \$30.00 should any payment made by cheque and/or Pre-Authorized Payment be rejected by the family's financial institution for any reason (*i.e. Non-Sufficient Funds, Account Closed, etc.*)
10. Inability to comply with any of the above Key Financial Guidelines must be communicated to the school Administration Office.
11. If you find yourself unable to meet your financial obligations, please contact the school.

REGISTRATION

A non-refundable registration fee will be paid before the beginning of each school year or on acceptance to the school. First time non-refundable registration fee is \$100.00 per student. Enrolment renewal fee is \$25.00 per student.

TUITION FEES:**All Students (Gr. K – 9)**

Child #1	\$2,500
Child #2	\$2,000
Child #3	\$1,600
Child #4 +	Free