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Parent Information Packet



What are your BIGGEST PRIORITIES as you consider

as you consider school options?

Alignment with your family's values? Excellence in academics? A safe learning environment? A classical foundation?

We're delighted you're considering Veritas Christian Academy, and we believe our core values have something to offer that you won't find elsewhere.

A commitment to biblical truth and a passion for demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ permeate everything we do in and around the classroom. This approach enables us to educate the whole child — body, mind, and spirit — as we develop their foundation for a lifetime of service and learning.

Today, you will get to know our school — a connected, intimate, thriving community. At Veritas, families can benefit from an outstanding, faith-based education and other exciting extracurriculars such as fine arts offerings, an exciting travel-education program, and a deep roster of athletic teams. We are pleased to offer all these opportunities because we understand how God can use everything about your child's environment to shape them into the young man or woman they will grow into.

Academic excellence, character formation, Biblical literacy, classical education, and intentional engagement all foster the most important values you could give your child: a strong spiritual foundation, an excellent education, and a desire to serve others. We hope to meet you and your child soon. After reading this overview of Veritas Christian Academy, <u>schedule a tour</u> so you can personally see what Veritas can offer your child and your family.

Sincerely,

Kim Berger

Assistant Head of School



Early Education PreK3, PreK4, Kindergarten

A loving, safe environment where creativity and playful learning meet

Our primary goal at this age is to help children experience the fun and joy that leads to an early excitement about learning.

At Veritas, your child will:

- Learn through play, with a structured curriculum that nurtures both fine and gross motor skills
- Discover enrichments like music, fine arts, and our Early Education Library, rich with classical children's literature
- Explore foreign languages, starting with French and moving towards Latin in Lower School
- Find a loving and supportive Christian atmosphere that allows them to develop socially, spiritually, and cognitively

As an early education parent, you can expect:

- Your child will be known and loved by dedicated staff who model loving kindness
- Academic readiness and hands-on learning in a nurturing environment where your child will come to love learning
- A strong emphasis on spiritual development, including weekly chapel, Bible classes, scripture memorization, and Biblical integration in all subjects

Early Education Programs

PreK3 & PreK4

- 3 Full-Day Program (M/W/F 8am-3pm)
- 5 Half-Day Program (8am-12pm)
- 5 Full-Day Program (8am-3pm)

Kindergarten

5 Full-Day Program (8am-3pm)

Lower School (Grades 1-4)

Building a strong foundation for lifelong learners

The first phase of classical education, the grammar stage, builds a strong foundation upon which Veritas students begin their academic journey. It's a time when deep and lasting friendships are formed, and students are challenged in an atmosphere that is collaborative and nurturing. Our small class sizes allow for differentiated instruction and hands-on exploration that honors children as individuals who learn and develop at their own pace.

Biblical Integration:

GRAMMAR

At Veritas, our Christian values extend beyond Bible class to permeate all areas of learning. We partner with parents to empower students with the guidance and confidence they need to explore the Christian faith and lead meaningful lives.

Academic Development:

Students will find a fun and challenging curriculum that includes language arts, mathematics, history, and science. Our emphasis on experiential learning encourages hands-on learning and trips to the Bellaire Nature Center, Main Street Theater, Health Museum, NASA Johnson Space Center, Renaissance Festival, Houston Symphony, and more.

Enriched Learning:

STEAM, design thinking, fine arts, music, drama, foreign language, and physical education classes complement our core curriculum. Our academic competitions give students the opportunity to showcase their developing proficiency in subject areas, including Creative Writing, Speech Meet, Choir, Math Olympics, Spelling Bee, and Art Festival.



"As we parent and seek to educate our children, we could not have asked for a better school environment and school to come alongside us. The teachers and administrators are loving, supportive, and above all they are very accessible. We have seen firsthand the benefits of having a smaller classroom environment."

~ C. Soliman, Veritas Christian Academy Parent

Middle School (Grades 5-8)

Nurturing Their Emerging Gifts and Academic Interests

Our middle school students are vibrant, budding scholars and confident pre-teens who will grow to become tomorrow's leaders. We continue to challenge our students to become more engaged, active, and self-directed learners capable of handling a progressive classical curriculum that will prepare them for high school and college.

At Veritas, middle schoolers:

- Learn how to think analytically as they begin the second phase of classical education, the logic stage
- Develop a higher level of curiosity as they learn to view problems as challenges and accept personal responsibility of learning
- Exemplify their faith by dedicating hours in mission projects each year
- Are high achieving and have the opportunity to acquire high school credit
- Recognize the influence they have over their peers, and understand how they personally contribute to our learning community
- Are prepared to step into the plan God has for their lives

Opportunities for growth outside the classroom:

- Middle School Orientation Retreat at Carolina Creek
- Cultural Expeditions Program: London/Oxford, Texas History, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Washington D.C.
- Local Field Trips: Theater Productions, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Menil Collection, etc.
- Academic Competitions: Art, Creative Writing, Math, Speech, and Spelling
- History and Science Fair
- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- International Thespian Society
- Student Council
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

"Veritas is a wonderful Christian school with excellent academics. The small, personal and caring environment prepares students for high school and beyond. We are blessed to be part of the Veritas community."

-L. Johnson, Veritas Christian Academy Parent

"We searched diligently for a school that would provide an excellent academic curriculum and solid Christian education. **The classical curriculum at Veritas is advanced, and our daughter's standardized test scores have proven that the Veritas education is excellent.**

For many Christian schools, Bible lessons are an afterthought with a memory verse here or there. Our daughter's weekly Bible homework in fourth grade required critical thinking. Our favorite part is that the teachers love and pour into the students. Often teachers will take the first five minutes of class to give an interesting life lesson on faith. The teachers build such trust with the students that we believe the students work even harder for them.

We wanted our daughters to be well-balanced. The leadership at Veritas helps students keep a healthy balance of studying and extracurricular activities. **We are overjoyed at the excellent education our daughters are receiving.** We also really appreciate the exceptionally nice kids who make up the Veritas student body."

-C. Hunt, Veritas Christian Academy Parent

Character. Excellence.

Perseverance.

Athletics at Veritas Christian Academy



STUDENT PARTICIPATION

On or off the field or court — we're always proud of our athletes. Our Rams play hard and model Christian character while honoring God through their efforts. Athletic competition is offered as early as fifth grade and culminates with eight sports at the middle school level. In preparation for interscholastic sports, all Veritas students are encouraged to practice healthy habits through exercise learned in Music and Movement and PE, which begins in our early education program.



Boys Teams

- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Track

Girls Teams

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Track

Creativity. Innovation. Greatness.

Electives and Extracurriculars

The collective resources we offer provide students with the opportunity to explore interests outside of their core academic strengths. Some of the favorite electives we most often hear about include band, art, drama, and journalism, or extracurriculars such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Thespian Society, and our Broadway Up Close Program (which features an optional trip to New York with Broadway producers!). We hope we can meet you soon to learn more about your child's interests.

We can't wait to meet you.

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.





What to Expect On Your Campus Tour

Explore our beautiful campus and <u>schedule a personal tour</u> with our admissions team. On your tour, you will have the chance to see:

- The caring teachers who will nurture both knowledge and Christian values in your child
- Our classrooms, Design Thinking Lab, and our centralized learning center where your child will cultivate their God-given talents
- The theater where your child can recreate classic dramas and performances for their peers and community
- Various outdoor learning spaces where students engage in a collaborative atmosphere
- All the ways we make our campus safe, including in-depth visitor screening, security cameras, and physical locks at key points

Questions?

Please contact our admissions team at (713) 265-7720 or <u>admissions@veritasca.org</u>.

