

2021-2022 ADMISSIONS



PALMETTO
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Welcome Prospective PCA Parents:

I am honored to be serving in my fifth year as the Headmaster of Palmetto Christian Academy, a vibrant ministry envisioned by the members of East Cooper Baptist Church some 28 years ago. There is no nobler calling than to be a teacher and no greater privilege than to be entrusted with providing Kingdom Education to your children. God has called you to be your children's first educators and we are blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside you in the process.

Our goal is to stay focused on accomplishing God's will for our Christian school ministry, which I think is captured beautifully by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

This will be accomplished by a dedicated group of Preschool-12th grade faculty members who possess an astounding 350 years of combined teaching experience at PCA alone and have answered a call to teach at our institution. These faithful servants possess unwavering Christian testimonies and are dedicated to ensuring that PCA graduates are equipped with a solid Biblical worldview in order to fulfill their God-given purpose.

We can't wait for you to join the PCA family!

In Christ,



J.D. Zubia
Palmetto Christian Academy Headmaster

Thank you for your interest in Palmetto Christian Academy.

If you are interested in scheduling a tour or would like more information about PCA, please contact me at 843-881-9967 x2081 or email admissions@palmettochristianacademy.org.



Lisa Shimakonis
Director of Admissions



TUITION RATE SCHEDULE

POLICIES AND INFO

2021-2022

DISCOUNTS

The East Cooper Baptist Church membership discount is 12% of the Tuition Rate. Tuition discounts for ECBC church members are based upon church membership as of March 31, 2021. All criteria for membership must be met by this date.

Full time teachers, full time staff, clergy, and other discounts are calculated from the Tuition Rate.

Multiple Child Discount: A 10% discount will be applied to the 3rd child enrolled at PCA. A 50% discount will be applied to the 4th child enrolled in Preschool through Grade 12 at PCA. For families that exceed 4 children at PCA, the 50% discount also applies to subsequent children.

TUITION RATES

Preschool - 1 day	\$1,251
Preschool - 2 day	\$3,000
Preschool - 3 day	\$3,752
Preschool - 4 day	\$4,876
Preschool - 5 day	\$6,000
Kindergarten 1/2 day	\$7,558
Kindergarten - full day	\$9,445
Lower School - 1st	\$9,445
Lower School - 2nd	\$9,445
Lower School - 3rd	\$9,445
Lower School - 4th	\$9,445
Lower School - 5th	\$9,445
Upper School - 6th	\$11,194
Upper School - 7th	\$11,194
Upper School - 8th	\$11,194
Upper School - 9th	\$11,755
Upper School - 10th	\$11,755
Upper School - 11th	\$11,755
Upper School - 12th	\$11,755

GRADE	NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE (NEW STUDENTS ONLY)	NON-REFUNDABLE ENROLLMENT FEE	NON-REFUNDABLE RE-ENROLLMENT FEE
1 DAY PRESCHOOL	\$50 per Student	\$70 per Student	\$70 per Student
PRESCHOOL	\$50 per Student	\$175 per Student	\$175 per Student
K-12	\$100 per Student	\$350 per Student	\$350 per Student

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Enrollment/Re-Enrollment: All parents must complete the necessary information to set up a Smart Tuition Contract. If you prefer to pay your tuition in full, your Smart Tuition Contract will be inactivated as soon as payment is received. **Enrollment/re-enrollment is not complete until you have completed a Smart Tuition Contract.** Failure to complete a new Smart Tuition Contract or keep your current Smart Tuition Contract activated will result in the forfeiture of your child's position at Palmetto Christian Academy. Students of families who become more than two months delinquent in their tuition payments are subject to withdrawal from school.

Prepayment of Total Tuition on or before June 15, 2021. If total tuition payment is not received by this date, Smart Tuition drafts will be your only option for payment. No discount applies for early payment.

Smart Tuition Contract with 10 payments. If you are a current parent making Smart Tuition for the 20-21 school year, your last required Smart Tuition draft for the current school year will be April 2021. Your first payment for the 21-22 school year will begin in July 2021 and end April 2022.

When tuition and/or fees (unreturned athletic uniforms, lost textbook replacement costs, library fines, etc) are in arrears, no report cards, grades, official transcripts, or school records will be transferred or provided until all past due accounts are settled. Written notice is required for official withdrawal. Tuition will be billed through the end of the month of notification. Tuition payments are non-refundable through the month written notice is received. After June 15th, a late withdrawal penalty will be assessed (K-12: \$500; 2K-4K: \$250; 1K: \$100). If withdrawal is due to an employment related transfer of over 100 miles, this penalty will be waived. Also, if a child is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, this withdrawal penalty will apply and all records will be withheld until accounts are settled.

LOWER SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY

GRADE	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SOCIAL STUDIES	SCIENCE	K-5 BIBLE	SPECIALS
K	SRA Imagine It! IEW	Go Math	Thematic Units SRA based	Thematic Units SRA based	Biblical Choices for a New Generation Standard Publishing	STEM*, Music*, Art, Computer, PE*, Library* *K Half-Day
1	SRA Imagine It! IEW	Go Math	Thematic Units SRA based Daily Geography	Thematic Units SRA based	Biblical Choices for a New Generation Standard Publishing	STEM, Music, Art, Computer, PE, Library, Spanish
2	SRA Imagine It! IEW	Go Math	Our America Abeka	Science 2 BJU Press	Biblical Choices for a New Generation Standard Publishing	STEM, Music, Art, Computer, PE, Library, Spanish
3	Open Court Fix it Grammar IEW Wordly Wise Spelling	Go Math	The SC Adventure Gibbs Smith	Science 3 BJU Press	Biblical Choices for a New Generation Standard Publishing	STEM, Music, Art, Computer, PE, Library, Spanish
4	Novel Studies Fix it Grammar IEW Wordly Wise Spelling Read & Think Abeka	Go Math	A History of US Abeka	Science 4 Scott Foresman	Building on the Rock Summit Ministries	STEM, Music, Art, Computer, PE, Library, Spanish
5	Novel Studies Fix it Grammar IEW Wordly Wise Read & Think Abeka	Go Math	Heritage Studies 5 BJU Press	Science 5 Scott Foresman	Building on the Rock Summit Ministries	STEM, Band or Choir, Art, Computer, PE, Library, Spanish

UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY

GRADE	MATH	SCIENCE	HISTORY	LANGUAGE ARTS	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	BIBLE	SPECIALS
6	6th or 7th Grade Math	Life Science	World History	Literature, Grammar, Composition, Vocabulary, IEW	N/A	Progress of Redemption	Band/Choir, Computer, Drama, Art, PE, STEM, Leadership, Study Hall
7	7th Grade Math or Pre-Algebra	Earth Science	World Geography	Literature, Grammar, Composition, Vocabulary, IEW	N/A	Life of Christ/Who is Jesus	Band/Choir, Computer, Drama, Art, PE, Leadership, Study Hall, Robotics
8	Pre-Algebra or Algebra I H (HS Credit)	Physical Science H (HS Credit)	US History	Literature, Grammar, Composition, Vocabulary, IEW	Spanish I H (HS Credit) Intro to Spanish	Worldviews/ Gospel of John	Band/Choir, Drama, Art, PE, Leadership, Study Hall, Robotics
9	Geometry H or Algebra I CP	Biology CP/H	Western Civilization CP/H	World Literature CP/H, IEW	Spanish I or Spanish II CP/H	Old Testament	Choir, Art, PE, Computer Science
10	Algebra II H or Geometry CP	Chemistry CP/H	US History CP/H/AP	American Literature CP/H, IEW	Spanish 101 (Dual Credit) or Spanish III CP/H	New Testament	Art, PE, Yearbook, Personal Finance, Computer Science
11	Pre-Calculus H or Algebra II CP	Environmental Science CP/H, AP Biology	European History CP/ AP	British Literature CP/H Language and Composition AP, IEW	Spanish 101 (Dual Credit) or Spanish 102 (Dual Credit)	Doctrine	Choir, Art I or II, PE, Yearbook, AP 2D Art & Design, Personal Finance, Computer Science, Intro to Computer Science (Dual Credit)
12	Statistics H Algebra III CP Calculus AB AP	Biology AP or Anatomy & Physiology H/CP, Physics H	US Government CP (Dual Credit), Economics CP (Dual Credit)	Literature and Composition CP/H/ AP, IEW, *Senior Thesis (*required) CP/H	Spanish 102 (Dual Credit)	Worldview	Choir, Art I or II, PE, Yearbook, AP 2D Art & Design, Personal Finance, Computer Science, Intro to Computer Science (Dual Credit)



UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

BIBLICALLY-BASED & COLLEGE-PREPARATORY

Palmetto Christian Academy offers an education in the context of a Biblical worldview. Our goal is to create lifelong learners who do all things with excellence as they think critically and biblically. We are a Preschool-12th Grade school with an overall enrollment of over 700 and a high school enrollment of 126. Established in 1992 as an outreach of East Cooper Baptist Church, Palmetto Christian is located in a suburb of Charleston, SC, a rapidly growing metropolitan area known for its history and coastal beauty.

COURSE OF STUDY

Palmetto Christian Academy's course of study is demanding and college preparatory. Students begin in lower school with the fundamentals (the facts of each subject), then develop logic and argumentation skills in the middle grades (the ordering of facts learned), and finally master rhetorical skills in the high school grades (persuasive expression). Our course of study requires students to think deeply and critically and offers courses at College Preparatory, Honors, Advanced Placement levels, and Dual Credit.

Honors courses are offered in Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, and Environmental Science), English (World Literature, American Literature, British Literature, Senior Literature and Composition), Social Studies (Western Civilization and European History), Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Statistics), Spanish (Spanish I, Spanish II, and Spanish III), Senior Thesis, Choir, and Art II.

An Honors course of study culminates in capstone courses including AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition, AP European History, AP US History, AP 2D Art & Design, Dual Credit US Government, Dual Credit Economics, Dual Credit Politics, Dual Credit Spanish 101, Dual Credit Spanish 102, and Dual Credit Computer Science. Juniors and Seniors may take additional dual credit courses as approved by the Guidance Department.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Laboratory Science	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Bible	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits
Computer	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Senior Thesis	1 credit

AVERAGE SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

SAT

EBRW	598
Math	551

TOP QUARTILE

EBRW	698
Math	686

ACT

Average	29.4
Top Quartile	31.6

AVERAGE SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2019

SAT

EBRW	583
Math	580

TOP QUARTILE

EBRW	663
Math	668

ACT

Average	28.6
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AVERAGE SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2018

SAT

EBRW	612
Math	610

TOP QUARTILE

EBRW	712
Math	717

ACT

Average	24.2
Top Quartile	28

AVERAGE SCORES FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

SAT

EBRW	601
Math	592

TOP QUARTILE

EBRW	711
Math	674

ACT

Average	25.7
Top Quartile	29

All students Grades 8-11 take the PSAT. Juniors and seniors typically take both the SAT and the ACT. Advanced Placement and Dual Credit enrollment is based on student performance and desire as well as teacher recommendation. Individual AP and Dual Credit students in the class of 2020 earned between 3 and 44 hours of college credit.



LOWER SCHOOL PROFILE

BIBLICALLY-BASED, ACADEMICALLY-STRONG, & CHARACTER-FOCUSED

Palmetto Christian Academy Lower School seeks to reach the heart with God's love, challenge the mind with God's truth, and encourage the child to live for, and give glory to, God. It is common to walk down the hall and hear children singing, or go outside and hear cheerful voices playing, or enter a classroom and see children diligently working, or walk into the lunchroom and see the chef singing happy birthday to a student beaming with joy. Children are celebrated at PCA, and God is honored throughout the entire program. While we have a high standard for learning, we have a higher standard for loving and living. Teaching children how to learn, love, and live is interwoven throughout the curriculum at PCA.

CURRICULUM DESIGN

Curriculum for the Lower School at Palmetto Christian Academy is multifaceted, and when the entire curriculum works together, great things happen. The following definitions for the 5 components of curriculum reveal the program's intentional design for learning at PCA Lower School.

- The “taught” and “caught” curriculum reveals the academic plan established through the PCA goals, objectives, and assessment strategies. Teachers have specific standards to teach at each grade level that coincide with the South Carolina Standards of Learning. In addition to teaching the standards, teachers assess students regularly to check for learning, and the entire program uses the MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) assessment as a way to measure progress, identify learning gaps, and drive our instructional programs.
- The “written” curriculum identifies the resources used to communicate the academic plan. PCA Lower School uses several textbook series as a way to give teachers a resource in the classroom to support instruction. The curriculum resources chosen for our teachers originate from a philosophy that embraces hands-on learning, higher-level thinking, problem-solving skills, and a systematic strategy to facilitate learning. In addition to Bible, Math, Language, Science, and Social Studies, PCA Lower School offers students the opportunity to grow in the following specialty areas: STEM, Spanish, Art, Library, Music, Computer, and PE. These specialty areas give the child a well-rounded education that cultivates interest beyond the core subjects.
- The “living” curriculum is the professional that understands the academic plan, loves children, and is skilled in using resources to teach children according to their developmental stage. Each classroom teacher at PCA holds a current teacher certification and has been trained to teach in an educational setting. PCA values the extensive experience represented on our staff, and students receive an education that is professional and personal. When a professional teaches in a Christ-like and personal manner, the heart reaches the heart and Christian education happens.
- The “hidden” curriculum feeds the entire program with God's Truth and His principles. The philosophy of education we embrace, the rules we hold as a standard, the way we relate to one another, and the Biblical worldview we affirm all play a significant role in how we conduct the educational program at PCA. While we cannot see the air, we know it is an important source for life, just like the hidden curriculum serves as an important source for life in the Christian school.

The ultimate goal of the curriculum at PCA Lower School is to nourish each tender plant with God's Truth so they can bear fruit that will last (John 15:16). Students at PCA will be encouraged to embrace their God-given gifts and abilities and use them to glorify God as a way to worship and enjoy Him forever.

Lower School Principal: Dr. Rick Martin
Upper School Principal: Mr. Sean Keiper

Director of Curriculum & Instruction: Dr. Myra Finneran
Academic Counselor: Mrs. Sally Pascutti

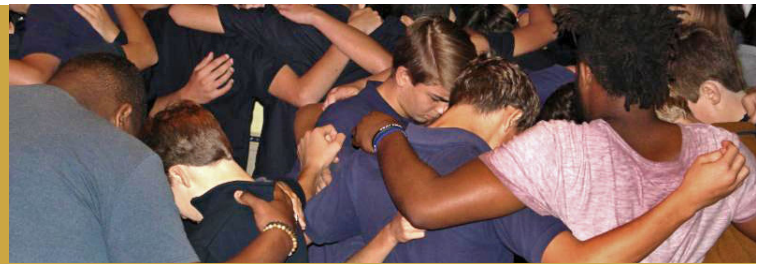
LIVING BIBLICALLY

IMPACT

Every other Wednesday, our upper school students gather as a unified student body to worship and sit under the Biblical teaching of local pastors, youth pastors, and PCA faculty. IMPACT is student-led, providing students the opportunity to take ownership by finding speakers, leading worship music, and organizing all aspects of chapel. IMPACT is a time set aside for students to make personal application to what they are being taught within the classroom.

CHRIST IN THE MARKETPLACE

During this unique opportunity, we introduce our students to community leaders who have impacted the culture through their careers in secular workplaces. Professionals from a variety of fields including medical, engineering, business management, education and more lead discussions with students to help them find their own professional callings.



SMALL GROUPS

The vision of PCA Small Groups is to provide students with a place for intentional discipleship in a group format among peers. It is facilitated by faculty and staff from PCA and East Cooper Baptist, who are committed to the growth and guidance of the students in their care.

The Small Group is a place for students to interact with specific topics in a group setting in order to promote community, accountability, responsibility, and maturing of the students. Topics help orient students toward mature and Biblical ways of thinking, and the group dynamic promotes discipleship among students.

On alternating weeks of IMPACT, our upper school students meet in their small groups. The Small Group consists of approximately 10 students and the facilitator. Together they work through devotions, difficult topics, and current events with a Biblical worldview. The small group setting allows the relationship between students and staff to grow deep with Christ at the center.



ATHLETICS

Palmetto Christian Academy competes in the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) league, offering a competitive sports program at both the middle and high school levels. We field Class 2A teams in basketball, football, volleyball, cheerleading, golf, track and field, equestrian, cross-country, baseball, swimming, soccer, and tennis. In the past several years, Palmetto Christian has won multiple team State Championships including Girls Volleyball, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Basketball, Boys Track, Girls Track, and Girls Swimming.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Palmetto Christian Academy considers co-curricular activities to be tools for training in Christian character as well as a means for all students to discover and refine their unique talents. Toward that end, we sponsor co-curricular activities in addition to athletics. These activities include National Honor Society, Student Government Association, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, The Palmetto Players Theatre Group, Choir, Worship Band, Spanish Club, Yearbook, Eagle Ambassadors, Fine Arts Club, Science Club, Impact Team, and Chick-fil-A Leader Academy.





GPA, CLASS RANK, AND CLASS SIZE

GPA is calculated and weighted using the South Carolina Uniform Grade Scale (5.0). At the end of each school year, all students in the class are ranked based on their cumulative GPA. Palmetto Christian releases rank to parents and students as requested and to scholarship committees, financial aid departments, and college admissions offices as required.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Palmetto Christian Academy students receive scholarships for academics, music, theater, community service, leadership, ministry, athletics, and the military. The 21 students in the Class of 2018 earned over \$1.2 million in scholarship offers and accepted \$749,400 from the institutions they attended.

The 22 students in the Class of 2020 were offered \$1,735,600 in scholarships and accepted \$964,500 from the institutions they chose to attend.

College acceptance and matriculation 2015-2020:

Anderson University*
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University*
Auburn University*
Baylor University*
Belmont University*
Berry College*
Bob Jones University
Boston University
Brevard College*
Calvin College
University of Central Florida*
Centre College*
Charleston Southern University*
The Citadel*
Clemson University*
Clemson University (Honors)*
Coastal Carolina University*
College of Charleston*
College of Charleston (Honors)*
Columbia University*
Covenant College*
Elon College

Ersine College*
Flagler College*
Furman University*
George Mason University
Grand Canyon University
Hampden-Sydney College
High Point University*
Hillsdale College*
Liberty University*
Mercer University
Michigan State
Newberry College
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University*
University of North Texas*
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Queens University*
Roanoke College*
Samford University*
Savannah College of Art and Design
Sewanee: University of the South*
South Carolina State University*

Texas Christian University*
University of Alabama
University of Arkansas*
University of Miami
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)*
University of Mississippi
University of Georgia*
University of North Carolina*
University of North Texas*
University of South Carolina*
University of South Carolina (Honors)*
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
Virginia Tech*
Washington and Lee University
West Virginia University
William & Mary
Winthrop University*
Wofford College*

*Matriculated



PRESCHOOL OVERVIEW

TEACHER/STUDENT RATIO

18 _{MO}	2 _S	3 _S	4 _S
9:2	12:2	13:2	15:2
This class meets on Fridays only	This class meets 2, 3, 4, or 5 days a week	This class meets 2, 3, 4, or 5 days a week	This class meets 3, 4, or 5 days a week

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Palmetto Christian Academy teaches all curriculum and approaches all learning styles through a Biblical worldview that recognizes Christ as Creator and Lord.

Bible: In addition to Bible being integrated in all areas of learning, PCA Preschool curriculum also includes a specific time for Bible teaching. Over the past several years, our teachers have developed a unique way to teach the children at PCA Bible lessons, Biblical truths, and Bible verse memorization. These lessons may include songs, crafts, acting, puppets, and journaling.

Chapel: In Chapel we are teaching corporate worship and praise. Each Chapel time includes a time of singing praise songs together, a Bible lesson, and prayer time. Chapel is every Wednesday, and we welcome parents to come participate with their child in this time of worship.

CLASSROOM STRUCTURE:
Self-Contained. Basic skill areas

SPECIAL AREA: Music and Movement

SCHOOL HOURS

9:00am-1:00pm

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PRESCHOOL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

2s

- Manners and Social Skills
- Bible Stories and Prayer
- Shapes and Number Recognition
- Counting 1-10
- Concepts: in/out, up/down, tall/short.....etc
- Music and Movement
- Coloring and Crafts
- *Learning Without Tears*
- Music and Movement
- Introduction of the Alphabet

- Semi-structured daily routine
- Manners and Social Skills
- Pledge of Allegiance, Bible Stories, and Prayer
- Calendar: months, days of week, and daily weather
- Manipulatives: puzzles, games, patterns, counting, lacing, sorting, painting, cutting.....etc
- *Learning Without Tears*, Recognition of Upper Case Letters
- Recognition: name, shapes, numbers, letters, colors
- Counting: counting numbers 1-20
- Music and Movement

3s

4s

- Structured daily routine
- Manners and Social Skills
- Bible Stories, Bible memorization, and Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Morning Circle Time: calendar, months, days of the week and daily weather
- Centers: manipulative, puzzles, games, patterns, counting, sorting, cutting, crafts
- *Learning Without Tears*
- Upper and Lower Case recognition and writing
- Number recognition and writing
- Counting 1-100, writing in journals and introducing sight words

CURRICULUM

A variety of curriculums are used for Bible: *Gospel Story for Kids*; *Old Story New (New Testament)* and *Long Story Short (Old Testament)* both by Marty Machouiski.

Phonics: Starfall phonics; *Dolch Sight Words Level 1*, Reading a-z.com. The Four-year-old classes rotate once a week with emphasis in the following areas: Fine & Gross motor activities, Reading Comprehension, Math, and Science & Health.

Learning Without Tears is our handwriting curriculum. Handwriting fluency is fundamental to all areas of education because children think and write at the same time. When we teach children to write, we also teach them to express themselves. If they struggle with their letters, their ability to express themselves will suffer. Spelling and Math will also be affected. Adopting high-quality standards for handwriting can help all children succeed.

MUSIC

Emphasis is on singing, movement to music and rhythmic activities. Students also participate in group singing, learning new rhythms and musical games. Students also develop an appreciation and enjoyment of music through use of instruments as well.

IN-HOUSE FIELD TRIPS

Throughout the year the preschool invites various groups to visit the school: Fire Department, Police officers, and a local dentist.

Equipping students to pursue
Jesus Christ passionately
as they impact the culture.



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