



Providing Over 40 Years of Academic Excellence

Manassas Christian School

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HISTORY OF MCS

Manassas Christian School was established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland in September of 1965, offering a kindergarten program to the community.

In 1987, Minnieland Private Day School became its owner and began 21 years of program and facility development. It now encompasses two campuses: Manassas Christian Academy, our preschool and kindergarten center, and Manassas Christian School, our new school designed to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of children in Kindergarten through Eighth grades.

Manassas Christian School has combined academic excellence with character education by utilizing an enriched curriculum and Bible study. Our children develop strong minds and character while learning the importance of compassion and friendship.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

MCS sets high standards for its student body and provides the instruction, support and home-school connection to help every child achieve. We present an academically challenging program at all levels, while meeting the individual needs of our students. Our curriculum meets, and in some areas, exceeds the Standards of Learning established by the Virginia Department of Education.

The attainment of literacy skills is the focus of our program. A phonics based reading program is utilized in the early grades, enhanced by a literature based program in the later grades. Daily writing activities in journals, or for student publication, support the reading-writing connection. Spelling and grammar skills are developed, practiced, and incorporated into our reading instruction. The Accelerated Reader program is utilized to motivate our students to read and improve their comprehension skills, while *Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)*, library visits, read-alouds, and literature circles develop the students' reading abilities.

Math is explored through a hands-on approach to number concept, problem solving, computation, and estimation. Social Studies is presented in a theme-based format with projects, research and community exploration forming the basis for the students' activities. Our science program is founded on the scientific method in which concepts are investigated through student predictions, hypotheses, and testing. Our Spring Science Fair is the highlight of our year of study and includes all of our students and their research into their favorite scientific area.

Specialty classes in Spanish, German, music, art, physical education and computer round out our curriculum, and provide for the cultural, technical, and physical development of our students.

The school's calendar is designed on a six-week grading schedule. Interim reports are issued mid-term to keep parents informed of their student's progress. Teachers communicate program information through e-mails and monthly letters to parents. Mandatory parent conferences are held throughout the year to facilitate regular communication between home and school.

CAMPUS

MCS is situated on an 11-acre site in Manassas, Virginia. Our 25,000 sq. ft. school building houses 18 classrooms, a gymnasium, library, computer and science lab, foreign language lab and music room. Outdoors we offer a creative playground, soccer and baseball fields, basketball court, covered pavillion and pool. We also have nature trails and an ecological habitat for students to explore.

We know that choosing the right school for your child can be a challenge, so we invite you to visit our school and see us at work: teaching, challenging and encouraging our students! Exceptional teaching, individualized instruction, and a loving environment are our trademark. With our small classes and individualized instruction, we are committed to giving your child the best educational experience possible!

Our Elementary Curriculum includes:

- Daily Non-Denominational Bible Study
- Phonetically Based Reading Program
- English and Process Writing
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science



Our Middle School Curriculum includes:

- Daily Non-Denominational Bible Study
- Literature Based Reading
- English and Process Writing
- Vocabulary Study
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science

BIBLE CURRICULUM

We utilize the *ASCI Elementary and Middle School Bible Series* as our Bible curriculum which is non-denominational in content and developmental in design. This Bible series begins with familiar Bible stories that are expanded into a theme of God's Gifts to Me. Character traits are studied through the lives of the Old Testament prophets. The life of Christ is studied, along with the Acts and missions. Bible doctrine study begins in fourth grade, while in-depth investigations of the Old Testament and New Testament comprise the fifth and sixth grade programs. Seventh grade focuses on the gifts and prophecies of biblical leaders, while the eighth grade program is a study of the nature and character of God.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are an integral part of our students' learning process. Between four and six trips are planned each year to educational facilities as well as fun-filled sites. Our children are transported by our school buses to ensure their safety. In-house special events are scheduled on a regular basis, and include musicians, an opera company, and guest speakers.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramural sports are offered throughout the year and include soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading. Interscholastic competition for our middle school students is offered for these sports also. Sportsmanship, participation, skill and strategy development are our focus for these programs.,

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MCS recognizes the importance of extra-curricular activities and provides opportunities for participation in school clubs such as: Chorus, Basketball, Cheerleading/ Dance, Art, Bible, Foreign Language, Creative Writing, Student Government, and Scouts.

FACULTY

Manassas Christian School's faculty has been selected based on their professional development and experience, their commitment to individualized instruction, and their warm and loving nature.

Teachers must have attained a bachelor's degree in education or a related field and have teaching experience. They guide their students not only in academic achievement, but in social and personal development, through their leadership in school clubs and extra-curricular activities.

Mrs. Linda Bare became Principal in 1988 after teaching at Manassas Christian School for five years. With seven years of public school experience, Mrs. Bare holds an Associate Degree, a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Child Development Associate credential. Her personal goals include maintaining high standards in academics, while emphasizing Christian morals. She is assisted by an Administrative Assistant and a Financial Assistant .

STANDARDIZED TESTING

The Phonemic Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) is administered to our kindergarten through third grade students in the fall to determine instructional reading levels, and in the spring to determine skill attainment.

The *Star* reading test is administered in the fall, winter and spring to students in all grades to initially determine and then monitor their Accelerated Reading Program level.

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is administered yearly to all classes in the Spring, while the *Cognitive Abilities Test* is administered to our second, fourth and sixth grade students during this testing period. The results of these tests enable us to evaluate our curriculum as well as our students' growth in relationship to national standards.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Manassas Christian School has contracted with Flynn and O'Hara to provide a very professional yet comfortable uniform. Fittings are scheduled on campus in May each year. Go to www.flynnohara.com for more information.

TRANSPORTATION

School transportation is provided on a door-to-door, space available basis. Three routes are established and their rates are determined by each route's distance to the school. A shuttle bus is available to students that have siblings who attend Manassas Christian Academy .

SUMMER CAMP

Manassas Christian School offers the best Summer Camp in the community! Daily swimming, weekly field trips and a wide variety of activities keep our campers coming back year after year. Specialty camps and academic tutoring are available throughout the summer. Visit our website for more information.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A creative before and after school program is available to our students from 6:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. and from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. After school clubs and sports meet from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

NUTRITION

A hot lunch is served daily in the gymnasium/cafeteria. Breakfast and an afternoon snack are provided to students in our Before and After School Program.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Manassas Christian School is very proud of our active Parent-Teacher Organization which plays a vital role in the development and success of our fundraising programs. A PTO Meeting is held each month with a particular class and program as its focus. Our parent volunteers assist with office duties, classroom activities, field trips, school parties, and the Accelerated Reader Program. Parent-Student luncheons are sponsored monthly, while parent education classes on popular topics are planned throughout the year.