

FAQ'S

Academics

How do GCS students rank academically?

Grades 3-6 take Stanford Achievement Tests annually. Grades 7 and 8 will take the NYS ELA & Math assessments. Our goal is for each student to be successful at GCS. Students with individual needs may qualify for tutoring services. Most of the Eighth Grade graduates go on to attain Honor Roll in their private or public secondary school.

Bible

Do the students have Bible classes?

Proverbs 22:6 provides direction for Greece Christian's spiritual goals. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not de-part from it." This training focuses on developing spiritual maturity and bringing students to view the whole of life from God's perspective. Achieving these goals necessitates programs of daily Bible instruction for each grade level appropriate to the student's current spiritual development and needs. Grades K-5 have a daily Bible class using curriculum from Abeka or Christian Schools International. Our middle school uses a specially developed curriculum, which takes students through the Bible in three years. Weekly chapels, some with guest ministers, help with spiritual growth and development of students as well.

Certification

GCS requires all teachers to have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in their area of expertise, as well as a calling to teach. Greece Christian believes that the type of training and range of experience, coupled with life-style of the teacher are important predictors of teaching success. It is our goal to have the best teachers possible. GCS's teaching staff have an average of 15 years of experience. Nearly all have attained a NYS Teaching Certificate and/or a Master's Degree.

Technology

What types of technology are available at GCS?

Presently, GCS operates a PC Lab for Middle School where the students have access to a wide range of educational software. Additional networked computers serve our classrooms and library. Smartboard technology and personal devices such as Ipad's and Neo's are also used.

Curriculum

What kind of curriculum do you use?

It is our goal to use curricula that helps meet the educational needs of our students. GCS uses a combination of Christian publishers (Abeka, Bob Jones) and secular publishers (Prentice Hall, Scott Foresman, Pearson)

Dress Code

What is Greece Christian School's Dress Code?

GCS has a dress code which our parents and students have found helps to train students to dress in a conservative, traditional fashion, and creates a positive disciplined environment in the school. Each student is required to wear a GCS logo polo shirt. GCS hoodies are also available. Gym uniforms are required for students in grades 1st-8th.

Fine Arts

Does GCS have Fine Arts classes?

GCS provides several opportunities for students to express God-given talents and abilities. These include vocal music and piano instruction for those desiring lessons. There is a special concert when students perform vocally. The Spring Fine Arts Exhibit is often the highlight in this area for the year. All classes have music and art weekly.

Food Service

Is there a school lunch program?

GCS's school lunch program is made available daily with deliveries from Greece Athena. In addition, milk, juice, and snacks can be purchased from volunteer lunch room helpers. Free and reduced lunch programs are available for those who qualify.

Fundraising

What kind of fundraising activities are planned?

Tuition alone does not cover the entire educational program. GCS requires every family to pay a fundraising fee. This fee can be earned back by participating in each of the several major fundraising activities held. The library, tables, gym equipment, hardware and software elements of our computer network, as well as the playground are all a result of fundraising activities.

Health Services

What kind of health services are provided?

Greece Christian has a registered nurse who provides day to day services for students. Our nurse addresses and ensures: adequate immunizations, inoculation and vaccination; maintaining of health records; reducing or eliminating communicable diseases; providing for a healthy environment and offering health and vision screening.

History

How long has Greece Christian been around?

GCS opened in the fall of 1982 offering grades Kindergarten-Seventh. Forty-five students were enrolled. Eighth grade was eventually added. The move to larger facilities at 750 Long Pond Road in 1985 allowed for enrollment to increase. As of 2015, about 220 students were enrolled in GCS' preschool-8th grade program.

Library

What kind of library services are provided at GCS?

Greece Christian has a library with over 7,800 books and a fulltime staff librarian. Elementary students

visit the library weekly to obtain books and enjoy other activities. Many students are involved with the Accelerated Reader program and our books are organized for AR use.

Parents

How can parents get involved?

Opportunities for parental involvement at GCS include serving as classroom tutors, assisting in the cafeteria, helping at school events, volunteering in the library, serving on Parent Committees, fund-raising, and coaching sports teams.

Physical Education

What type of physical education program does GCS have?

The goal of our physical fitness program is to train students spiritually, mentally, and physically. The PE program begins in Kindergarten and continues through the eighth grade. Our PE teacher follows a prescribed curriculum.

Sports

What grade levels can participate in sports?

Competitive sports teams at GCS include boys' & girls' soccer, basketball, and baseball/softball, competing in Section V modified programs. Volleyball for girls is also offered. Our program is enhanced with a large, air-conditioned gym with a hardwood floor, as well as baseball and soccer fields. Students meeting acceptable academic standards are eligible to participate from grades six through eight. Christian principles are incorporated throughout each sports program.

Teacher-Student Ratio

What is the teacher to student ratio?

Over the past five years, our classroom size has ranged from 13 to 25. The staff to student ratio is 1:10.

Transportation

Is transportation to and from school provided?

Transportation is provided by the school district in which you live, up to a fifteen mile radius from the school.

Tuition Assistance

Are there any special tuition discounts?

In our attempt to have as many students attend GCS as possible, discounts are given to families with more than one child attending school.

God's provision is available to provide the finances for tuition. Many of our families are believing God month by month for their tuition. All it takes to reserve a place on next year's enrollment roster is an enrollment fee. Other financial information is contained in our enrollment packet.

Parent Portal

What is available for parents so they can track their child's progress?

Parents are encouraged to make use of the school software system, Renweb. By creating a username and password, parents can use the Parent Portal to use grades, assignments and other news.

Final Comment

Two facts should be kept in mind as you think about GCS: (1) You only get one chance to educate your

children; (2) an education in which Jesus Christ is central affects the entire course of a child's life