

JESUS IS LORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Ministry of

Maranatha Family Center

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SEVENTH GRADE

through

TWELFTH GRADE

HANDBOOK

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THE SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT

This booklet is compiled to provide both the students of *Jesus Is Lord Christian School* and their parents with necessary information. This information is given to ensure the student's maximum performance. All the rules and guidelines are created by considering both the needs of the students and the vision the Lord has given us for this school.

Jesus Is Lord Christian School serves the Christian community. Excellent college preparation is provided along with Christian morals.

It is our goal to develop within the student's talents and personality, an individual who is articulate, knowledgeable, and of good Christian character. We are equipped with very capable Christian teachers, an excellent curriculum, and supporting materials. **However, without Christian principles being first taught at home, it is impossible for us to reinforce them at school.**

Biblical objective truth directs the learning at *Jesus Is Lord*. We reject relativism and secularism that accompany political, ideological or philosophical agendas. The Bible defines "family" in a narrow sense as the union of one man and one woman in matrimony which is normally blessed with one or several natural or adopted children. In a broad sense, this family also includes any other persons related by blood (the extended family). In keeping with God's original command to the first human couple to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it," (Genesis 1:28) marriage is an irreplaceable role of male and female relations in reproducing the human race.

We who are Christians believe that God's will for marriage can be derived from a careful examination of this scripture.

The school will not admit students who themselves or their immediate families engage or condone any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, or transgenderism. In addition, the school will not make the facilities, property, or staff members available to any persons or organizations that engage in, espouse, or encourage others in such practices.

We are here to help you raise your children in the knowledge of the Lord, but we cannot do the job for you. Please be aware of any negative influences in your children's lives, such as the shows they watch, the music they listen to, the video games they play, the social media they follow, and the friends they have.

We understand that it is a financial sacrifice to send your children to a Christian school. Knowing this, we endeavor to operate the school economically and efficiently, thereby limiting your costs as much as possible. We have several fund raisers each year, and we do expect all students to participate, since all students benefit from the lower tuition rates. This is the only way that we must keep the cost to the parents as low as possible, so please do your part.

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STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Jesus Is Lord Christian School admits students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available at *Jesus is Lord Christian School*. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, athletics, and other administered programs.

Student _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School Year: 2025-2026

APPLICABLE CHARGES

Registration Fee

\$75 for one student

\$35 for each additional student

(Due now and non-refundable)

\$ _____

The registration fee is due immediately to guarantee a place for your children.

Tuition (Monthly)

\$ _____

*Book Fee

\$ _____

TOTAL DUE BY JULY 1st (Books) \$ _____

TOTAL DUE BY AUGUST 1ST (Tuition) \$ _____

*A book fee will be billed again when 2nd semester books are issued (Grades 9 – 12).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office to discuss them.

TUITION RATES AND FEES

2025 - 2026

Grades (7 – 12)

\$275/month

\$175/month for second child

\$160 /month for third child

\$150/month for fourth child

\$ 140/month for fifth child

The tuition is paid on a monthly basis, through a plan in which there are ten (10) payments per year. The first month's tuition is due no later than August 1st. The final month's tuition is due no later than May 1st.

It is imperative that the bills are paid promptly by the first of the month. A late charge of \$10.00 will be charged for all bills paid after the first of the month. In cases of extreme hardship, it is important that you call the school office to discuss this matter.

If you pay by the week, you will have four payments per month at the beginning of each week. A \$2 late fee will be added to your account after a payment is five days late.

All delinquent bills must be paid in full before your children may be registered for the new year. Each bill is expected to be paid on time each month. If your bill is delinquent, you will receive a phone call from the school and payment arrangements must be made or your children will not be allowed to attend school. All financial obligations must be met before children receive a final report card at the end of the year. Records will not be transferred to another school until the balance is paid in full.

Other Charges (where applicable)

Test Fee We administer the Iowa Achievement Test to all students in grades 1 – 11 during the year. The cost of approximately \$30 will be billed on the monthly invoice.

Returned Checks There is a \$25 charge for all checks returned for insufficient funds.

Field Trips We plan several field trips throughout the year. The cost of these trips will vary, depending on where the children go and what they do. A fee for these trips will be charged at the time they are taken. The fee will include transportation and admission.

Late Fee All school tuition that is paid after the first of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Books All book fees must be paid in full by July 1 for the upcoming school year. Please mail your check to the school at
P.O. Box 639, Cheraw, SC 29520. **No books will be issued unless payment is made in advance.** Second semester books will be billed when they are issued.

During the summer if used books are available, they will be pulled for each child that is registered. The book bill will be credited for the used books received and a bill reflecting this amount will be mailed before the July 1st book bill is due.

ADMISSIONS

New students will only be accepted into grades 7–12 after an interview for approval. This is for the protection of our school, students, and parents. The student's past grades and achievement test scores will also be a determining factor in acceptance to the school. The entire school (Preschool - 12th grade) is geared to an average intelligence. If test scores are not available, a date to test the student will be arranged. There is a \$10 charge for this test, and it must be paid on the day of the test.

The use or possession of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is strictly prohibited on or off school property. If any weapon, alcohol, or drugs are brought onto the property, the Sheriff's Department will be called.

We are a Christian school. We are here to help children of parents who are nurturing Christian children. We do not accept students who have been expelled, placed on probation, or are known to have caused trouble at another school. If students are withdrawn from the school for any reason other than moving out of the area, it is the school policy not to accept those children back into the school without school administrative approval.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Attendance

Regular attendance is important for all students. When students are absent, they miss important material that is being taught. Such breaks in continuity will make it difficult for the students to keep up with the work.

We realize that there may be occasions when students must be absent for unavoidable reasons; however, we encourage parents to recognize the importance of limiting absences only to those which are truly necessary. Whenever possible, please plan ahead by scheduling your children's visits to the dentist or doctor on scheduled days off or after school.

If students in the seventh and eighth grades have more than ten unexcused absences, it will result in possible failure of their grade. However, please do not take this as a license to send sick children to school.

Students in grades 9 - 12 may not have more than five unexcused absences per semester/per class. More than five unexcused absences per semester/per class may result in no class credit. Absences due to illness (when accompanied by a doctor's slip) or a death in the immediate family (maximum of three) will be considered excused and will not count towards the limit.

If your child will not be attending school, please contact the school office on the morning of the absence so that we will know that the child is safe and that they will be absent for the day.

**A CHILD MUST BE 24 HOURS WITHOUT A FEVER
BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.**

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, *Jesus Is Lord Christian School* operates on the Chesterfield public school schedule for delays and closings.

Student Pick Up

Please make sure that your children are picked up promptly after school. All students must be picked up by 2:30. We will allow a fifteen minute “grace period”; however, any children picked up after 2:45 will be billed \$5 for each fifteen minutes thereafter. (Ex. 2:46 – 3:00, \$5, 3:01 – 3:15, \$10, etc.).

Do not park in front of the building in the drive through at any time. This is not considerate of the other parents who are trying to drop their children off at the front door. If you want to bring your children into the building, please park in one of the spaces provided along the fence and come into the building.

Students driving cars to school must not loiter in their cars. They are not allowed to go to their cars during the day without permission. No reckless driving, fast driving, squealing tires, etc. will be allowed. Failure to observe these rules will result in a loss of driving privileges on school grounds.

If students who drive to school must leave early, a note from a parent must be sent to school. No student may ride with another student unless permission is given by the parents of both students and a faculty member is informed.

Academic Grade Scale

The students will bring home their graded papers in a folder each Wednesday. The purpose of this folder is to show you the progress your children are making. This will give you time to go over problem areas, one-on-one, with your children each week. This will reinforce material taught at school before they learn more information. Students' grades may also be viewed online at myschoolworx.com. Information will be given to set up your account after the first of the school year. Report cards will go out on a nine-week basis. The grade scale for **grades 7 – 8** is as follows:

A = 100 - 95

C = 87 - 78

B = 94 - 88

D = 77 - 70

F = Below 70

The grade scale for **grades 9 – 12** is as follows:

A = 100 - 93

C = 84 - 77

B = 92 - 85

D = 76 - 70

F = Below 70

All students in grades 7 – 11 must have at least a “C” average in math to go on to the next level of math.

Students must have the following credits to graduate:

Language - 4 units Math - 4 units

U.S. History - 1-unit Natural Science - 3 units

Government – ½ unit Physical Education - 1 unit

Economics - ½ unit Other Social Studies - 1 unit

Computer Science with keyboarding - 1 unit

Foreign Language - 1-unit Electives - 7 units

For College Admission - two units of foreign language are required, and three units are recommended.

The requirement for S.C. graduates is twenty-four credits. *Jesus Is Lord Christian School* requires that all high school students take all the classes that are offered for their grade. This results in more credits and better prepares them for college.

STUDENT CONDUCT

We will not tolerate attitudes of disrespect, disobedience, or rebellion. Students should not put anything disrespectful or degrading about the school or the staff on social media. If this is done, a conference will be scheduled with the parents and the student could be expelled from the school. **If at any time the school administration feels that either the parents or the students are not in harmony with the school, the parents will be asked to withdraw their children.** If at anytime you would like to discuss an issue, we encourage you to call the school to schedule a conference.

A conduct grade reflecting the student's conduct is given to students in grades 7 - 12 each nine-week period. Points are taken off for any infraction. Each student begins each nine weeks with 100 conduct points.

Each infraction will result in the loss of conduct points. The number lost will depend upon the seriousness of the infraction. Five or more points are taken off the conduct grade if students are taken to the office. A conduct grade below a "70" is grounds for expulsion.

The following offenses merit conduct points taken:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>#</u> <u>points</u>
<u>lost</u>	
Incomplete homework	1
Unprepared for class	1
Talking without permission	1
No homework (See changes below)***	1-2
No signed paper	1
Writing/passing notes	2
Foolishness	2
Disruptive behavior	2
Bad attitude	3
Not following dress code	3
*Cheating	5
*Disrespectful to a staff member	5
*Tripping, hitting, kicking, etc. (to another student)	5
*Plagiarism	5
*Deliberate disobedience	5
*Forgery	5
*Using inappropriate language	5-10
*Possession of electronics (cell phone, IPOD, smart watch, etc.)	5-10
Office visit	5-10

*All 5-point offenses may merit an office visit and a loss of 5 – 10 points more.

***Homework: Each nine weeks first offense with no homework counts 1 point. The 2nd and each subsequent offense is 2 points.

OMISSION DOESN'T GIVE PERMISSION!!!

If students' conduct grades are below an "88," those students will not be eligible for honor roll for that grading period. Honor roll denotes a student of honorable character and grades of an "88" and above.

Only students who have an "88" or above in conduct during the current or past grading period will be eligible for any field trips taken by the class. If students are not allowed to go on a field trip, you must send them to school, or this will be counted as an unexcused absence. Any child not sent to school will have to miss the next field trip as well. Children do not learn from their mistakes if they are allowed to stay at home and have fun instead of going to school and working while the other students go on their trip. Usually if a child has to stay at the school one time, it will not happen again.

Appearance and Clothing

Boys' hair must be neat and out of their eyes. Girls' hair must be neatly groomed. If hair is colored, it must be within the student's natural hair color (shade lighter or darker). No extreme cuts or colors are accepted. Any student who comes to school with an unacceptable haircut or color will be required to have the hair corrected that day after school. If it is not corrected that day, the student will not be allowed to attend classes until the haircut or color is changed.

Tattoos are not allowed.

While it is not possible to define everything that would be considered acceptable, we have listed some of the specific clothing guidelines below.

Monogrammed school shirts are required for grades 5 – 12. School shirts are ordered in the summer and before

Christmas break. Make sure your children's shirts are the correct size (not tight and do not show any of their midriffs when their arms are raised over their head). Girls' bottoms should be covered. You should periodically check their shirts to be sure that they are long enough to be tucked in. Students grow very quickly, and what fits in September probably will not fit them in March. Pullovers may be worn under the school shirt. The school logo must be seen on the shirt.

Girls in grades 7 - 12 are not permitted to wear skirts that come above the knee. They are permitted to wear split skirts as long as the split is below the knee. Jeans may be worn in grades 7 – 12. Shorts are not permitted for girls in grades 7-12. Boys in grades 7-8 are permitted to wear shorts. High school boys are not permitted to wear shorts.

No bandannas are permitted. The “goth look” is not allowed. No hats may be worn in the school building. Nothing with a confederate flag may be worn. All students must have shoes on at all times.

No more than two earrings are permitted in each ear. Body piercing, with the exception of the lower part of the ear, is not allowed.

Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

When attending school activities, all dress code rules will be enforced. Conduct points will be lost if a student breaks the dress code on any school activity. All other rules will also be enforced.

No buttons, pins, etc. of worldly music or the like are permitted. If the parent would like their child to have a cell phone for after school activities, it must be given to the teacher when they arrive to school; otherwise, no electronics are allowed at school. Any unacceptable items will be taken. Students bringing weapons of any type - guns, knives (small or large), razor blades, cigarette lighters, etc. - will be expelled. Anyone vandalizing school property or stealing will be expelled permanently from school.

Lunch Contents

Since Jesus Is Lord Christian School does not prepare meals, your children must bring their lunch to school in the morning. If your children forget to bring lunch, please bring it to the office and we will make sure they get it on time.

If children forget to bring lunch, and parents cannot be reached or cannot bring lunch to school, we will provide a lunch bucket for your children. There is a \$2.00 fee for this which will be billed at the end of the month. Please note that this service is provided only for emergencies. We do not have the facilities or personnel to provide lunch as a routine.

Only foods prepared at home should be sent with the students. No hot fast foods may be brought to school at lunch time. Fast foods left over from the previous night's meal may be sent in your child's lunch. A microwave oven is available to the students for heating food.

Flower/Balloon Delivery

Any flower/balloon deliveries made to the school for a student will be held in the office until the end of the day.

NO FLOWERS/BALLOONS MAY BE SENT TO SCHOOL FROM A BOYFRIEND OR GIRLFRIEND.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL

Any guardians (both parents, etc.) that are involved with the student must be present at all scheduled conferences. All parents are welcome to visit the school during operating hours. We do ask, however, that, when possible, you call in advance and make an appointment for your visit. It will help us maintain an orderly atmosphere. All visitors must sign in at the office upon arrival. This is for the safety and protection of children.

Please do not call or text any of the teachers at their homes, as they are asked not to discuss school business at home. Please do not ask them to violate this school policy. Also, we ask that you do not call the teachers at home to get information about homework assignments. It is the student's responsibility to get such information during class. When not at school, the teachers want to spend time with their families just as you do. Please show courtesy in this area.

If you need to discuss a matter with your children's teacher, call the office and make an appointment. The staff is willing to help in any way possible, but during the day their busy schedules cannot be interrupted without prior notice.

We realize that it is a sacrifice for parents to send their children to a Christian school. Your cooperation will ensure that your children reap the fullest benefits as a result of that sacrifice.

Notes and Letters to Parents

A weekly note is sent home on Wednesday with each student. This note communicates important information about school activities, days off, etc. From time-to-time other notes or letters may be sent home to the parents. Many different topics may be dealt with in this way, such as disciplinary action, parental permission for class trips, etc. Please check with your children each day for such notes.

IN SUMMARY

We welcome you to *Jesus Is Lord Christian School*. We hope that both parents and students will find the association with us to be a rewarding experience. Please pray for us daily to be in God's perfect will.

We hope that each of you, whether you are in your first year here or longtime friends, will continue to support Christian education.