

General Information

EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Our primary teachers and administration form the Early Childhood Development team that addresses the special concerns and issues unique to this important period and provides parent training and guidance.

K-3 & K-4

We offer an excellent preschool readiness program with a well-balanced consideration between academic structure and exciting recreational learning. Here a child grows and blossoms in a gentle, loving, Godly environment. All K-3 applicants *must* turn three and all K-4 applicants *must* turn four by **September 30th** of the academic year for which they are applying. All applicants *must* be completely potty trained. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

DIPLOMAS

Four diplomas are currently offered: Advanced College Preparatory, Standard College Preparatory, General, and Vocational. There are pre-requisites that must be met in order to attain certain diplomas. Please see the Parent-Student Handbook for more information concerning VCA Diplomas.

ACTIVITIES

Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Football and Sports Clinics—Teams play in a Christian sports-affiliated league. Sports are offered as interest and numbers allow. A Sports Banquet celebrates the year's accomplishments.

Cheerleaders—For developing leadership, team co-operation, unity of Spirit, coordination and gymnastic skills.

Yearbook and Newspaper—“*The Knight's Tribune*”—produced by the Middle and High School Computer Technology I and II classes and the Year Book Club.

Junior/Senior Banquet—Year-end banquet celebrating the year's victories and honoring high school students and staff. A first class affair, the banquet has been held in such places as Richmond's Jefferson Hotel, the Annabelle Lee and the Bull & Bear Club.

Other Activities—Student Council, Bible Study, Field Trips.

HOURS

Instructional hours are from 8:15 AM to 3:35 PM for preschool through 5th grade, and 8:05 AM to 3:35 PM for 6th through 12th grade. Middle and high school students may enter the Youth Building and assemble in the café area at 7:40 AM, and preschool and elementary students may enter their classroom at 8:00 AM. All students arriving prior to these times *must* become a part of Morning Sunrise, where they will be picked up by their teacher at the appropriate time.

MORNING SONRISE

Morning Sunrise care is available from 7:00-8:00 AM for students who must be dropped off before 8:00 AM. There is a fee for this service. Middle and high school students may enter the Youth Building at 7:40 AM without being charged.

PICK UP/DROP OFF

Students must be picked up and discharged according to the school hours. Students are not permitted to be on school or church grounds unless they are participating in a school sanctioned event. Any student remaining on school grounds after the appropriate pick up time will become part of **Kids' Club**. There is a fee for this service.

KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club is a program offered from 3:45-6:00 PM each day for those students whose parents' schedules prevent them from pick-up until later in the evening. This program provides a snack, personal after-school ministry, games and activities, including a study period. Fees are charged for this service. Information and an application for this ministry are included in the enrollment packet.



General Information...continued

- TRANSPORTATION** Transportation is not provided by the school. Car pools can be arranged among parents. We offer school directories that can be used to contact parents in your area.
- LUNCH PROGRAM** Hot lunches are available for purchase. Specific information will be provided at Orientation.
- DRESS CODE** While our standards are high concerning students' dress, our focus is on the inner person, not on the outer man. Our dress and outward appearance is but one reflection of our Christian testimony. Specific guidelines for the VCA uniform policy are outlined in the Student Handbook.
- PARENT INVOLVEMENT** Our parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education. We have an active Family Partnership, with several mandatory meetings being held per school year. We also require parental participation for a specified number of hours per school year. There are many varied opportunities available for your participation. More specific information is contained in the Student Handbook.
- FINANCIAL STABILITY** Almost all funds for the support of VCA come from tuition, fees, donations, and fundraisers. Tuition and fees alone do not cover the cost of running and maintaining our school. We strive to keep our costs low in order to accommodate as many students as possible who wish to benefit from a Christian Education. Our school is fiscally responsible, and not a liability to the church.
- HOME SCHOOLERS** We welcome home schoolers and support the active home school movement in the area. We will work directly with families who have decided on a transition from home to a Christian school. **We require all standardized testing scores, course completion documentation, testing documentation, and all available transcript information before consideration can be made for admittance.**
- SUMMER PROGRAM** A **Summer Program** is offered for 3 year old thru rising 5th grade children. Children must have already turned 3 in order to be accepted, and must be completely potty trained. Our goal is for the children to get away from the serious side of school, moving into a more fun-loving yet structured setting. Activities will include sports, multicultural activities, crafts, music, dance, drama, art, games and field trips. Camp hours will be from 8:15 AM-5:30 PM with children arriving no earlier than 7:30 AM and picked up no later than 6:00 PM. Fees are charged for this service. Information and an application for this ministry are included in the enrollment packet.
- CALENDAR** A yearly calendar of VCA activities is included in the Parent & Student Handbook, which you will receive at Orientation. The calendar will also be available on the VCA website at www.vca-edu.org.