

Greetings!

As you are exploring Maranatha Christian Academy as a school for your child(ren), I want to take this opportunity to share with you about some of the wonderful things about our school and why I, personally, chose to have my own children be in Christian education for all of their formative academic years, through high school graduation.

There are some key aspects about Maranatha that truly set it apart from other schools:

a. True Knowledge - Maranatha is committed to a disciplined and excellent educational environment that is constantly growing and improving. We have recently launched Project 25 with the goal of raising our average composite ACT score to a 25. Currently our score is a 23.4, which places us in the top 7% of schools in the state of Kansas. We have an amazing group of committed educators, strong curriculum, and a dedication to constant growth that enable us to glorify the Lord through excellence in academics. Maranatha Christian Academy is dually accredited by AdvancEd and the Association of Christian Schools International. Through our dual credit program, our graduates have had the opportunity to earn up to 30 college credit hours, enabling many to begin their college careers as a sophomore. That's a huge financial advantage!

b. Fine Arts - Our students have the opportunity to participate in a robust fine arts program that includes choir, art, drama, and band. The drama department produces two performances a year; most recently they presented three performances of Cinderella. Our Choirs and Band are award-winning, traveling groups that compete as well as minister to others. This year, our high school choir will be performing in Carnegie Hall in NYC.

c. Foundational Faith - Timeless Biblical values are the cornerstone of a Maranatha education. The thread of faith is woven through the fabric of Maranatha, nurturing students in our Gospel-centered classrooms. Students receive an excellent education with a Christian worldview woven throughout each subject area in addition to their daily Bible class, weekly Chapels, and special spiritual training activities such as attending the annual GPACS Christian Leadership Conference that Maranatha is hosting in January 2018. Our students are surrounded by a faculty and administration who are Christian mentors.

d. Real Family - Family is at the heart of everything we do. At Maranatha, students are loved and cherished. Students are taught to honor their parents and pastors and faculty and administration seek to partner with home and church. We have a vibrant parent organization called Maranatha Association of Parents (MAP) which consists of many sub-ministries such as the Prayer Group, Bless our Teachers, and New Family Shepherds. The Green Machine, a student spirit group, dresses in their spirited clothing and cheers on our athletes in all seasons. As the Head of School, I seek to build and strengthen relationships within the school family. Three to four times a year there is a social event for the school family with the opportunity to socialize around tables and hear updates about the great things going on at school.

e. Christian Character - Maranatha fosters the development of Christian values in our students, raising them up into people of integrity. Our students are nurtured and encouraged to be faithful Christians, loyal and encouraging members of their family, kind, compassionate, and giving. At the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, there is a special blessing luncheon where parents speak words of encouragement and prayer over their children. At the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade, there is a senior tea where the students bless and pray over their parents. At graduation, there is a rose ceremony where the graduates bless and show appreciation for their families and staff. It's an amazing event!

Personal Story: When our children were of preschool age, my husband and I made a sacrificial commitment to place our children in a strong Christian school. We wanted them to receive an amazing education and to have God's Word be a beloved part of their lives. From preschool through high school graduation, they thrived in Christian education! Some extra benefits we didn't expect included not only finding a "Family" that we could partner with for our children's education but also a group of friends who became family to us. Our closest friends were school families and staff. Additionally, our children made friends with classmates who came from families with shared values and a love for the Lord Jesus. As they got older and played on athletic teams, they learned good sportsmanship and leadership from a Christian perspective, and won many championships. While the trophies and patches on the letter jackets were impressive, as parents, we were most proud of who our children had become and the lessons they had learned, while growing in their Christian walk. My children are grown now – both with college degrees from great universities and both doing well in their own careers. That Christian foundation that was initiated and nurtured at home was nurtured at their Christian school and at our church and I am truly blessed that both of our grown children continue to be strong in their faith and are now nurturing and encouraging the next generation in their walk with Christ.

Call to Action: Now, it's your turn! You are invited to come and tour Maranatha Christian Academy and if you desire, your son/daughter can come and spend a day visiting their grade level. You'll see that family atmosphere with a strong academic focus and a Christian environment. Please contact our Admissions Director, Mrs. Kelly Wilde, to schedule your tour and visit. Her phone number is (913) 631-0637. When you're on campus, I hope you'll also stop in to see me. I'd love to meet you!

Welcome to Maranatha! I hope you'll soon be joining the Maranatha Family!

Blessings!

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