



Pine Castle Christian Academy

Elementary School Overview 2011-2012

ADMINISTRATION:	Headmaster: Dr. Wendell Murray Elementary School Principal: Brenda Oliver, M.Ed. Dean of Students: Mark Ritchhart
MISSION:	The mission of Pine Castle Christian Academy is to prepare the next generation, one student at a time, to impact the world for Christ.
ACCREDITATION/ AFFILIATIONS:	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI); National Institute for Learning Development
STUDENT BODY:	Total Student Body (Grades K3-12) 240 Elementary School (Grades K3-5) 73 Elementary School average class size 10
STAFF:	7 full-time teachers; 8 part-time teachers; 13 with college degrees, 2 with advanced degrees. 2 classroom assistants
HOURS:	PK: 8am-2:45pm • K-2nd 8am-3:15pm • 3rd-5th 8am-3:30pm

ACTIVITIES:

Chapel

Our weekly chapel program plays a significant role in enhancing our spiritual growth. Praise and worship is led by a team of staff and students. Each class performs a chapel for our preschool through fifth grade students. Special chapels include: Missions, Grandparents Day and National Day of Prayer, as well as guest speakers from the community and area churches.

Character Development

Assisting the parents in training a child in the way they should go is our purpose. It's not enough to tell them, students must learn why they need to act, speak and think according to God's word. For this reason we have character development beyond the classroom. Monthly character themes are presented in chapel and incorporated in to classroom activities.

Music

The PCCA Music Program fosters students' love of music through participation, practice and performance. Activities are designed to encourage self-expression and develop self-confidence. A progressive study of practical applications, instruments, composers and music styles help to cultivate an early appreciation of music. Two musical productions are performed each year.

Physical Education

Physical Education at all levels is designed to promote fitness, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. Our goal is to develop the major and minor muscle groups to improve daily activities and athletic movements. The students are taught their body is a temple of God (I Corinthians 6:19-20) and with that in mind, we are to treat it right from the inside out.

Art

The PCCA Art Program encourages students to express themselves creatively through direct experience. Curriculum based projects are designed to develop students' understanding of the principles and elements of art with an emphasis on art history and art appreciation. Drawing, painting, two and three-dimensional construction are studied. Art work and projects are displayed.

Computer

Students are introduced to our computer lab beginning in preschool. Students are exposed to keyboarding, word processing, database, spreadsheet, presentation software, and research and desktop publishing applications. The program correlates with classroom studies to enhance learning experiences.

Spanish

Students are provided a once-a-week opportunity to learn the basics of Spanish to further enhance and enrich each child's education. The children have a basic introduction to Spanish for 15-30 minutes once a week based on their grade level.

Media Center

The Media Center has a flexible schedule which allows students and teachers to access resources at their point of need. All elementary children visit the Media Center at least once a week. Research skill instruction is integrated into the classroom curriculum.

Fine Arts & Enrichment Enhancement Programs for 3rd through 5th grade:

Artistic Expressions – All students in 3rd through 5th grade will choose from Choir or Band to expand their performing arts abilities and build creativity, teamwork, discipline, and self-expression. Students will participate in at least 2 performances with the program.

Artistic Explorations –The 3rd-5th grade students will experience exploration of arts in new ways. Rhythm N Bang, Worship Arts, and Sign Language provide a broad hands-on enrichment experience and fun for the students. These special programs take place each Tuesday throughout the school year.

Athletics

We are happy to offer an exciting array of athletic opportunities including track, flag football, and basketball.. It is our goal to emphasize fun and the learning of fundamental skills at this level. During summer months we offer a variety of sports run by PCCA coaches.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a computerized reading management program that is part of our curriculum for the elementary school classes. Our students read books from our AR list and then test on those books. A record of the students' points earned, reading level and percent correct are available to parents online. PCCA students are continually improving their reading skills!

Extended Care

PCCA's After School Program is available for students in grades K3 through 5th. Children are provided a relaxed atmosphere of safety and care. Extended Care is open until 6:00pm. Children are provided a snack and playground time as well as a homework room and opportunities to play games and create arts and crafts. PCCA also offers an extensive summer program with several fun activities including great field trips.

Field Trips

Each grade level participates in curriculum enhancing field trips. Examples of field trips are Green Meadows Farm, Osceola Performing Arts Center, Sea World, Science Center, Fort Christmas, St. Augustine and Tallahassee.

Community Outreach and Recognition Opportunities

PCCA invites students and parents to participate in Operation Christmas Child, Missions Month, ACSI Speech and Spelling Competitions. Qualifying 4th & 5th grade students are recognized and can join the prestigious Duke TIP organization.

PCCA RECORD OF MEDIAN GRADE EQUIVALENT SAT SCORES 2010-2011

(Score=grade.month For example: 2.8=2nd grade, eighth month)

	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade	5 th Grade
Total Reading	2.3	5.2	5.9	5.8	6.9
Total Mathematics	1.5	4.0	5.4	5.5	8.2
Language	2.5	5.1	5.9	5.5	8.9
Environment	1.5	3.7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Listening	2.4	5.5	6.3	6.4	6.2
Spelling	3.5	3.5	6.3	4.4	5.7
Science	N/A	N/A	7.5	6.8	9.3
Social Science	N/A	N/A	7.2	6.3	6.8
Thinking Skills	N/A	N/A	6.1	6.1	8.0
Basic Battery	2.2	5.2	6.3	5.7	6.9
Complete Battery	2.0	5.1	6.5	5.8	6.9