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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

for a Shifting World

Parent Information Packet



**THE COVENANT
PREPARATORY SCHOOL**



What are your
**BIGGEST
PRIORITIES**
as you consider school
options in our area?

***Alignment with your family's values?
An education that isn't tailored to
Texas standardized tests? Early
drop-off or after-school care?***

I believe our core values have something to offer that you won't find elsewhere, and I'm delighted you're considering The Covenant Preparatory School.

A commitment to integrating a biblical worldview with a classical approach to education permeates everything we do in and around the classroom. This approach enables us to educate the whole child — body, mind, and spirit — as we develop their academic foundation in coordination with their cognitive development for a lifetime of learning.

Today we will tell you about our school — a connected, intimate, thriving community. At The Covenant Preparatory School, families have access to a well-rounded college preparatory education without overcrowded classrooms or teachers who only have time to focus on standardized test requirements. Covenant offers students a classical Christian education, competitive athletics, fine arts, engaging extracurriculars, and a House system for student involvement. All of these offerings help shape our students into confident, capable young men and women.

Friendships, faculty mentoring, a rigorous, classical curriculum, and biblical integration across all subjects and activities foster the most important things you could give your child: a strong start in life, an excellent education, and preparation for servant leadership. We hope to meet you and your child one day soon. After reading this overview of The Covenant Preparatory School, [schedule a visit](#) so you can see what we're about firsthand.

Sincerely,

Sheri Tomiello

Admission Director

Our Commitment to Families

The Covenant Preparatory School's mission is to provide a college-preparatory education based on Christian values and biblical principles, and to assist parents in developing individuals of strong intellect, spirit, body, and heart.

By the time your child has graduated from Covenant, they will:

- Be committed to upholding Christian values and biblical principles
- Think analytically, critically, and biblically
- Be leaders who impact our world for the kingdom of God
- Glorify God with all their heart, soul, and mind
- Communicate eloquently, logically, and persuasively
- Master the knowledge and expertise to excel in college and beyond

How do we put our mission into action to accomplish these goals?

Place a strong emphasis on safety.

Student safety is our top priority. Our campus buildings and grounds are secured with locking gates and exterior doors, and an armed security guard is on duty during school hours. All visitors, vendors, and workers must provide proper identification, which is then scanned for an immediate criminal background check.

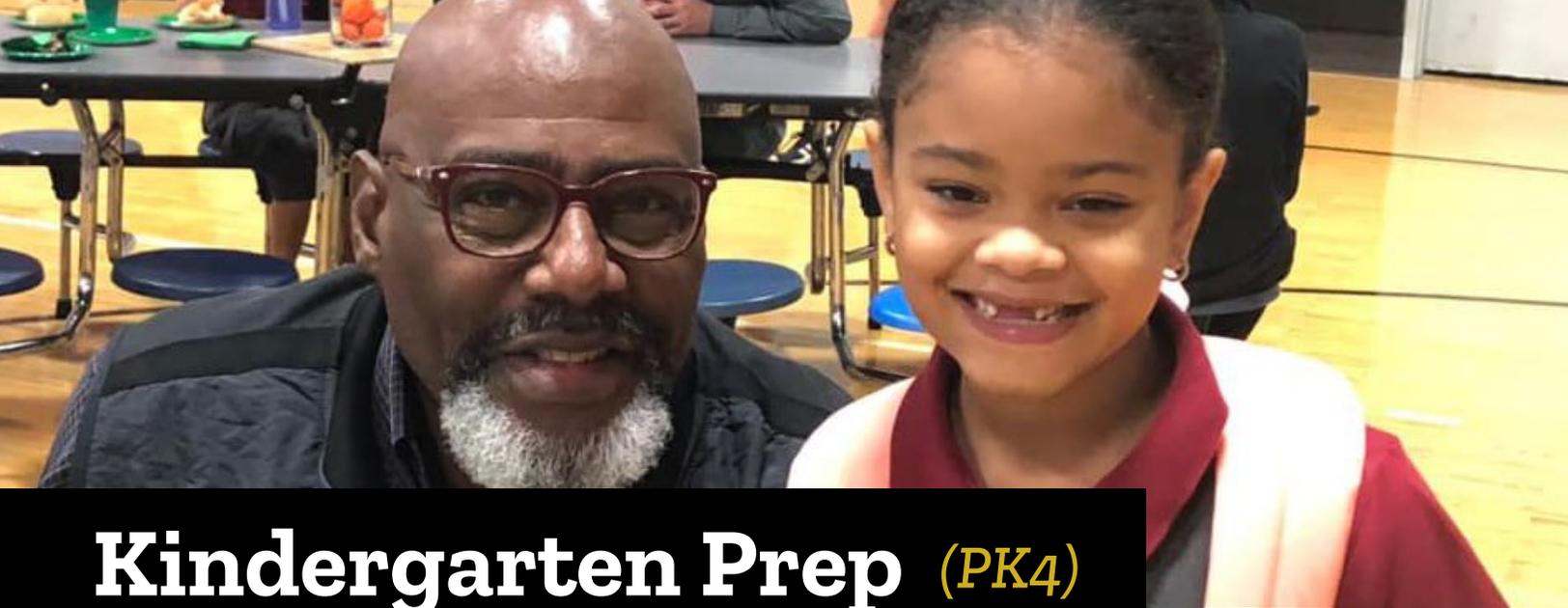
Teach biblical truths.

Our students live and learn by the Knights Code — live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow Christ the King. Campus life is threaded with biblical themes and influences. Our House System and Buddy Program provide students with peer support and mentorship. Daily prayer, weekly chapel, and annual community service commitments keep our Covenant community Christ-centered.

Partner with parents.

We believe in partnering with parents and families inside and outside the classroom to ensure value alignment and strong communication. Our **Covenant Connection** is our version of a PTF and is open to any parent or guardian interested in helping coordinate special events, teacher appreciation events, and more. Families can count on the weekly Quick Click email newsletter for information about upcoming school events. Lower school parents can attend parent education meetings on topics related to the classical and Christian foundations of our school or specific areas of interest.

Continue reading to learn more about our classical educational philosophy and approach to each age and stage. When you're ready, schedule a [meeting or campus visit with our admissions team](#).



Kindergarten Prep (PK4)

**Students must be 4 years old by September 1 of the current academic year.*

A loving, safe environment where creativity and playful learning meet.

Our primary goal at this age is to help children experience the fun and joy that leads to an early excitement about learning.

At Covenant, students will:

- Receive instruction that aligns with their cognitive development in classrooms with low student-to-teacher ratios (9:1)
- Enjoy an age-appropriate schedule that is intentionally designed for little learners with lots of opportunities for movement throughout the day
- Be introduced to a balanced curriculum and Covenant's classical approach to education, including a focus on early literacy skills
- Be known, loved, and valued in a nurturing, Christian environment, and welcomed into the greater Covenant community through our Buddy Program and school-wide events

As a PK4 parent, you can expect:

- A full-day program to help ease your child's transition into our lower school
- A safe, loving, and developmentally-appropriate environment for your child where they will be encouraged and supported
- One-on-one time between your child and their teacher so that strengths, talents, or areas for improvement can be identified and explored
- Regular communication from your child's teacher about their progress and content covered in the classroom

PK4 Program Details

- **Full-Day Program:**
M,W,Th, F: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tu Only: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Before school childcare provided everyday beginning at 6:45 a.m. at no additional charge

After School Childcare

- Provided M-F from 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. for an additional charge



Kindergarten

**Students must be 5 years old by September 1 of the current academic year.*

Encouraging their growing independence and innate curiosity.

Each child learns at their own pace, and knowing when your child is ready to start kindergarten can be a challenging decision. How will they perform academically? Will they thrive socially? And what type of learning environment will best meet their needs?

Our classical approach to kindergarten gives a solid introduction to academic fundamentals through engaging and interactive instruction. We meet with parents and families in the fall to review our kindergarten curriculum, and we follow up with regular communication and step-up meetings in the spring so that everyone is on the same page as to their child's progress and preparedness.

Our kindergartners flourish through:

Care and support.

We cap our class sizes at 18 students to ensure our teachers are able to get to know their students as individuals.

An active learning approach.

We bring the fun to fundamentals through hands-on activities at various learning centers covering core subjects — Bible, History, Math, Reading and Phonics, Science, and Writing.

A stimulating environment.

Little learners love to move, sing, and dance. We tap into that joy by incorporating lots of chants, rhymes, and jingles to help students retain information and stay engaged.

Modeling kindness.

Every aspect of our curriculum and culture incorporates a biblical worldview. Through dedicated teachers and positive peer interactions, such as through our Buddy Program, students learn that love wins every time.

Meet a kindergarten teacher on your campus tour.

Come see one of our kindergarten classrooms and meet a teacher! To set up your campus visit, email our admissions team at admission@covenantknights.org.

Lower School *(Grades 1-5)*

Building a strong foundation for lifelong learners.

Lower school students are engaged in hands-on exploration in a socially and emotionally supportive space. It's a time when deep and lasting friendships are formed, and students are challenged in an atmosphere that is collaborative and nurturing. Our small class sizes allow for focused instruction, which honors children as individuals who learn and develop at their own pace.



Academic Development:

We are laying the foundation upon which all other learning will take place. Students will find an **engaging, interactive, and challenging classical curriculum** that includes Bible, language arts, literature, penmanship, reading, and general and physical science.



A Classical Approach - *The Grammar Stage:*

Students cultivate skills critical to their cognitive development. We utilize their innate abilities through singing, reciting poetry, memorization, and exploration. Children learn phonics and grammar rules, math and science facts, laws and traits of nature, and scripture.



Enriched Learning:

The core curriculum is complemented by weekly instruction in art, computer, library, music, and physical education. God's word is integrated into every subject and situation. Students participate in mission work, and are paired with older peers through our Buddy Program. Field trips include the Museum of Natural Science, the Planetarium, and the Greek Festival.

"We moved our children from one of the best public school districts in Houston to Covenant in 2020 and we could not be happier about this decision. The classical Christian education is far superior to the public school 'teach for the standardized tests' we experienced previously... The biblical Christian influence and less exposure to negative influences have been very beneficial as well."

- Craig and Stacie Hawkins

Upper School

Middle Grades (5th - 8th)



Nurturing their emerging gifts and academic interests.

Our middle school students are vibrant, budding scholars and confident pre-teens who will grow to become tomorrow's leaders. Moving into the logic stage of a classical Christian education, we challenge our students to become more engaged, active, and self-advocating learners who are capable of handling a more rigorous curriculum.

Core Subject Areas

- Bible (Acts to Revelation; Intro to Theology; Old Testament)
- History (U.S. History, Ancient History - Ancient Civilizations/ Egypt)
- Language Arts/ English
- Latin*
- Life Science, Physical Science
- Logic
- Math (Pre-Algebra, Fundamentals of Algebra, Honors Algebra I*)
- Roman Culture

Exploratories

- Art
- Math Olympics
- Physical Education
- Speech Meet
- Theater Arts

Activities & Clubs

- Apologetics Club
- Athletics (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, tennis, track, and volleyball)
- Bible Club
- Chess Club
- Horticulture Club
- Junior Student Ambassadors
- Latin Club
- Math Club
- Running Club

**Students can earn high school credit.*



Upper School

High School Grades (9th - 12th)

A Capstone Education Experience for Young Adults.

By the time our students reach high school, they are well on their way to being independent thinkers, organized time managers, and problem-solvers. The rhetoric stage of our classical Christian education is enriched with stimulating extracurriculars, inspiring experiences, and leadership opportunities. We see high school as a time of bringing together all the threads of student development for academic, physical, and spiritual formation.

At Covenant, high schoolers:

- Are ready for college and careers as our rigorous curriculum and classical approach has prepared them to be critical thinkers, great communicators, and masters of math, reading, and writing.
- Are well versed in the Socratic Method, as our humanities courses help them develop an in-depth understanding, and the Thayer Method, which ensures a computational and conceptual understanding of math.
- Can defend their research and position on a subject. Every senior takes a year-long Senior Thesis class that culminates in presenting a thesis paper to a panel of judges.
- Can participate in a wide variety of co-curricular activities, including athletics, student council, and various clubs, and are required to contribute to others in need through community service and mission projects.
- Are more than ready for the college application process. During their College Advising class period, students meet individually with our College Advisor. They also meet with college recruiters during on-campus visits and college fairs, and tour college campuses.

Opportunities for growth outside the classroom:

- Athletics (baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, swim, soccer, tennis, track and field, volleyball)
- 20+ hours of required community service
- School-wide service projects, including Boxes for Guatemala and the Houston Food Bank
- National Honor Society
- Student Council
- Student Ambassadors

"Covenant is a school, but it's also more than that. It's a community that seeks to show people how to live. From the school motto to philosophy and rhetoric, Covenant taught me and many others how to think critically and how to engage with diverse problems and opinions."

– Joshua Hill, Covenant Class of 2019 and Texas A&M University Honors Program Class of 2023, majoring in Computer Science



We can't wait to meet you.

When it comes to choosing a school for your child, nothing compares to experiencing the learning environment firsthand! Our campus visits will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your specific questions.

What to Expect During Your Campus Visit.

Explore our campus by scheduling an in-person campus visit. During your visit, you will have the chance to see:



- Classrooms specific to your grade-level of interest as well as overviews of our instructional methods and classical approach
- Our cafeteria where students gather for meals and fellowship
- Science labs for our lower and upper school students
- The upper school courtyard, which is a popular spot for downtime between classes or for an outdoor lunch
- Our gym where students enjoy both physical education classes and competitive team sports

Students in grades 1-11 can join us for a shadow visit. Visitors for grades 1-5 are paired with a student host for the day, while middle school and high school visitors are paired with a student ambassador. It's a great opportunity to see if Covenant is the right fit for your child.

Questions?

Please contact our Admission Director at [281-359-1090](tel:281-359-1090), ext. 218, or admission@covenantknights.org.



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