

To All Prospective FMCS Families,

Thank you for your inquiry into Fort Myers Christian School! It is our prayer that you will make our school your “home” for your child’s education. Fort Myers Christian School has completed thirty-six years of Christian education in Southwest Florida. I cannot tell you how important it is, in these days that we are living, to raise up young people in a strong academic atmosphere that integrates Biblical principles. I am thankful to come to school every day and see God work in the teachers, staff, students, and parents! Let me share some highlights:

- A great **preschool and kindergarten** staff and developmental program to help build a strong foundation for your children including the **free VPK K4** program.
- The David Benton Scholarship Program offers information on **partial scholarships and financial aid** you may qualify for this year. We also accept McKay and Step Up as well.
- Last school year on the **standardized achievement tests, 51 of our K-8th grade students finished in the 90th percentile or greater** on their overall scores compared to students at their grade level across the nation.
- Our **graduates** have been accepted at Bishop Verot, Canterbury, ECS, SFCA, and IB programs in this area.
- In **missions and community service**, highlights include: thousands of Christmas shoeboxes sent to children around the world since 2004; Lee County’s Salvation Army Canned Food Drive; Caleb’s Crusade; Laces of Love; Pajama Program; Ronald McDonald House; and our annual 8th grade mission trip to El Salvador!
- In the area of **technology**, we currently in our first year of our new **1:1 iPad program in middle school**. This year we were blessed with a \$25,000 technology grant that will give us a **new iPad lab** in the Children’s Center for grades PK-5th grade, new TV’s with Apple TV in the classrooms and an iPad for teachers to further integrate technology in their classroom.
- In sports, our teams have won **27 junior high league championships** in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and golf. A new sport featured in 2016-17 was **archery!**
- Our **Parent University** organization is active and volunteers to help us raise money towards our Annual Fund – the highlight is our annual auction in October that helps to keep tuition rates competitive in this region with other private schools.
- We have **Accelerated Reader** for K-5th, **Accelerated Math and STAR Math** for K-8th, along with **honors classes** in our middle school.
- Our teachers provide great opportunities for students in the **fine arts and extra-curricular activities**: science club, reading clubs, art, music, band, Eagle Eye News Team, and yearbook. We have also offered after-school **STEM classes** with Sylvan learning.

We firmly believe in God’s best for your children. We are held accountable by First Assembly Ministries and two organizations: membership in the Association of Christian Schools International with over 5000 schools worldwide; accreditation with the Florida Council of Independent Schools.

In a time when money is tight and you want to invest it wisely – there is no greater investment than a Christian education for your children. Please read through the enclosed information and pray about your decision. Check out our **new promotional video** and our **online registration** so go to www.fmcs-fl.com and get the process started. If there is anything that we can do to help, please feel free to call us at 939-4642.

In Christ,

Mel Mitchell
Principal