

*EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL*

## **Most Frequently Asked Questions**

### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

The process begins with completing all forms in the application package accompanied by the required application and enrollment fees. The application process for new students is complete after testing and interviewing for admission is held. A student accepted for enrollment in one year is not automatically eligible for enrollment on any succeeding year. **All K4 students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be accepted. All K5 students must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be accepted.**

### **WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO BE TESTED?**

Entrance tests will be administered to new applicants for all grades. The grade placement for all new students is determined by the administration of the school after the interview process.

### **HOW MUCH ARE BOOKS?**

Books are included in the tuition.

### **IS THE SCHOOL ACCREDITED?**

Evangelical Christian School (ECS) is an interdenominational Christian school with an enrollment of about 1250 students in preschool through grade 12. ECS is registered as a non-public school, accredited through the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Inc. (FACCS), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA). FACCS is recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPA) and the Florida Association of Academic Non-public Schools (FAANS).

### **WHO ARE YOUR TEACHERS?**

Faculty members hold degrees from some of the finest colleges and universities in the United States. Each teacher is a dedicated Christian committed to the task of teaching and to the philosophy of ECS. Each is required to participate in the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools' certification process.

### **WHAT CURRICULUM DO YOU USE?**

Using Christian curriculum that presents material from a Biblical worldview is of utmost importance to the administration at ECS. Also important is an academically challenging curriculum that ensures the highest level of learning. Careful consideration is made in choosing quality curriculum without compromising Christian philosophy.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR SCHOOL HOURS?**

For Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, regular school hours will be from 8:10 A.M. to 3:10 P.M. 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade regular school hours will be from 8:20 A.M. to 3:35 P.M. K4 and K5 have the option of an Early Bird pick-up at 1:00 P.M. every day.

### **CAN I MAKE TUITION PAYMENTS?**

You may choose to pay annually or on an 11 month payment plan. Accounts must be current for students to remain at ECS and before report cards, records, or other information can be released to a requesting school.

### **WHAT KIND OF COMPUTER TRAINING DO YOU OFFER?**

Our facilities include three fully equipped labs for lower and upper school.

### **DO YOU PROVIDE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE?**

This is a service for PK4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students of working parents only. It is available Monday through Friday when school is in session. Registration for this program is limited to a certain number of students. Hours of operation are 6:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

### **WHAT IS THE STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO?**

Maximum of 20 students in K4 with an aide

Maximum of 20 students in K5 with an aide

Maximum of 25 students in grades 1-6

Maximum of 26 students in grades 7-12

Average number of students in each class (K4-6) 2007-2008 – 19

Average number of students in each class (7-12) 2007-2008 – 17

### **DO YOU WEAR UNIFORMS?**

All students are required to follow the ECS shoe policy and to wear school uniforms purchased at Sunshine Uniform Store located in Fort Myers.

### **DO YOU HAVE A LUNCH PROGRAM?**

ECS provides a full service cafeteria with a selection of nutritious foods that enable students to maintain a healthy life-style. Students are also allowed to bring their lunch.

### **DO YOU HAVE MULTIPLE CHILDREN DISCOUNTS?**

There is an 8% discount for the second and third child. The fourth and succeeding children receive a 45% discount.