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Can't afford a Christian School? Would like to home school but...? Last Chance Academy is a new innovative approach to home schooling away from home. We are a cooperative home school... a cross between a Private Christian School and Christian home schooling. We believe we offer the best of both. Grades first through sixth offer the opportunity of interaction between students while the parents still maintain control over what their children learn. The children are able to present oral book reports and speeches, participate in spelling bees, field trips, P.E. classes, and a Chapel service once a week. Parents who are able can provide special classes such as Art, Science and Home Ec .

The Elementary School hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 3:00. High School hours are from 8:30 to 12:30 and will be taught in a classroom setting. Parents of first through sixth grades will need to purchase the ACE materials for their children. Our teaching staff offers thirty-two years of both public and private education plus twenty years of home schooling advice. (One of our children tested college level after the eighth grade) .

Parents are encouraged to donate at least one day a week to the school if possible. The school supervisor and monitor will be available to help the children and answer questions as they work on their assignments.

For more information on the 2005 school year contact Gil Wooden at 442-7728 or Last Chance Chapel at 495-9250. You can also e-mail us at lastchancechapel.org

The Purpose for Last Chance Academy

Last Chance Academy is here to give parents in our community an affordable alternative to public school education. There are great merits for taking the control of what your child is being taught, who is teaching, and whom their role models are. Last Chance Academy puts the content and responsibility of the child's education back in the hands of their parents. Through Last Chance Academy we are reaching out and influencing our community back to the conservative values and principles that made our nation great.

The focus of Last Chance Academy:

1) Instilling and reinforcing traditional family values. 2) Quality education from a Christian perspective. 3) Country school setting providing one on one education. 4) Interaction between all ages rather than the typical public school setting. Contrary to the public school system, the teachers and curriculum of the Academy build on a theistic philosophic foundation. Students learn to see life from God's point of view. Their personal relationship with God and their personal responsibilities to family, church, and community are of primary concern.

Other Reasons for Private Schooling:

1) Safety & Protection. Dangers come in many and varied ways in school settings, especially in the public schools. a) Physical Dangers. b) Negative Peer Influences. We adopt the values of those we associate with on a frequent basis. c) Addictions. d) Curriculum Influences. Forced to adopt public liberal politics, alternative gay lifestyles, acceptance of promiscuity and abortions, leaves God out, while teaching philosophies and theories contrary to God (humanism, relativism & lack of absolutes, evolution, etc.). Graphic sex education to your child, in a form that leaves out all morality and often encourages sexual activity.

2) A Christian Education. Subjects are taught from our nation's conservative Christian worldview, our children's faith is reinforced and strengthened. Adding God's perspective to all study also helps to teach true wisdom and to put more focus on godly character and actions.

3) Family Benefits. Christian schooling offers a tremendous benefit of family togetherness. Close friendships develop and are maintained. There is a real cohesive impact on the whole family. Older children learn to help with the younger children, even helping with their schooling at times. There is a bridging of the ages that occurs. Contrast this with what often happens when your children first go off to school - they decide their age peers are their real friends and don't want to have much to do with their younger brothers and sisters.

4) Quality of Education. The public schools are taking a lot of criticism for doing a poor job in truly providing a quality education. Of course not all public schools are the same and some children in a school receive a much better education than others (often through gifted classes or special teacher attention). The beauty of both Home and Christian schooling puts the parents in direct control over the quality of education. One-on-one tutoring results in more truly learned in much less time than a large classroom situation. The Root Problem with the Public Schools Though the public schools are "free" (except for our tax dollars) and convenient, they entirely exclude God. God is entirely removed from history, knowledge and life. Many of the textbooks and teachers preach a godless moral relativism. God and believing Christians are often mocked and the Bible is treated as fairy tales or like Greek Mythology. A few teachers will even purposefully try to turn children away from their parents' beliefs and values - trying to "enlighten" them beyond the ignorance of their parents. Sadly, these teachers may have more time and opportunity to influence your child than you do. We must remember that education is ALWAYS religious. The very attempt to remove religion from education merely impresses it with another religion, such as that of secular humanism. Timothy Dwight, President of Yale University between 1795-1817 is quoted as saying, "to commit our children to the care of irreligious persons is to commit lambs to the the wolves".

The Bible makes it clear that the parent is responsible for their child's learning experience. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut 6:6-7 (KJV)

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph 6:4 (KJV) "

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" 2 Cor 10:5 (KJV)

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prior to registration a waiver must be signed by both parents releasing Last Chance Chapel and Academy from any legal claims against Last Chance Chapel and Last Chance Academy. Registration fee is \$100.00 per child. Tuition for First through sixth grade is \$125 per month and seventh through twelfth is \$175 per month based on a ten month period. Grades first through sixth the parent is required to order and pay for their children's curriculum (approximately \$200). All obligations are due and payable on or before the first day of each month. All fees are paid a month in advance. However, our policy is that no child will be refused for lack of finances, but that arrangements can be made.

ATTENDANCE

A written excuse signed by the parents or guardian must be presented to the supervisor when the student returns to the academy after an absence. If the absence is foreseeable, a note should be sent in advance. In addition to written excuses, telephone calls prior to the absence will also be acceptable. (495-9250) If your child is ill, please call the academy before 9:00 a.m. Absences other than sickness and emergency will be excused only if arrangements are made in advance with the supervisor and if the student is sufficiently advanced in his work. If the child misses more than five days in a quarter or ten days in a semester, the parents may be asked to withdraw their child or provide a doctor's note as to the nature of the absences.

NOTE: Students will not be supervised on the school grounds before 8:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. Parents/guardians must make arrangements for timely pick-up and delivery of their students.

MEDICAL

A completed immunization form must be submitted to the school office for each student. If a student needs medical attention, the supervisor will attempt to call the parent prior to taking the child for medical treatment. No staff member will be allowed to administer any medicines to any student for headaches, fever or other reason without parental authorization. All medicines must be kept and administered at the academy office.

LOST AND FOUND

All articles left on campus will be placed in the Lost and Found with the exception of valuables such as money, jewelry, and glasses, which are kept in the office. Hallways and restrooms are often cleaned out as students leave items there overnight. Unclaimed articles may be donated to a needy organization at the end of every quarter.

DRESS CODE

Boys: Hair: shall be neatly cut in a presentable fashion. Hair is not to be dyed any unnatural color(s). Pants: need to be neat, clean and not torn. Shorts must be modest. Shirts: are required to be neat and clean with no tears. Shirts and Sweatshirts with inappropriate and/or offensive messages are not allowed. Earrings for boys are not acceptable, nor is any type of body piercing. Caps and hats will not be worn by students inside the building. The school requests that you avoid tattooing. Existing tattoos must be covered at all times with clothing.

Girls: Hair: shall be neat, clean and conservatively styled. Hair is not to be dyed any unnatural color(s). Tight, form-fitting clothing is not acceptable. Necklines should be discrete. Dress, skirt, and shorts length shall be no higher than two inches above the middle of the back of the knee. Any dress or skirt in question should be presented to the Supervisor prior to wearing to school. No body piercing is allowed except for the ears. Blouses or shirts must be long enough to cover the skin, front and back, when a student stands, sits, and or raises her hand. Sleeveless shirts will be permitted, but they must fit in such a way that undergarments are not visible. The school requests that you avoid tattooing. Existing tattoos must be covered at all times with clothing. The administration reserves the right to amend this code at any time and respectfully asks your cooperation with these guidelines.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

All threats are taken seriously. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated, including 'student to student'. **NOTHING IS CONSIDERED PRIVATE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.** We have an unlimited search policy (automobiles, backpacks, purses, desks, wallets, pockets, or their person). Searches for illegal or unauthorized material may be conducted by the school whenever we want to look and for whatever reason. We have a responsibility to all of our parents to attempt to screen what is being brought to school.