



Ann Arbor

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LEARNER GOALS

MISSION

In partnership with Christian families, Ann Arbor Christian School offers Christ-centered, academically excellent education that challenges students to live and act in society as committed followers of Jesus Christ.

CHRIST CENTERED

1. Rooted Christ Followers

who are grounded in the love of God and recognize Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Colossians 2:6-7a—"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him..."

- Recognize Scripture as a source of revelation
- Gain knowledge of God's Word
- Apply Scripture as a direction for living
- Grow in personal relationship with Christ
- Understand God's grace and plan of salvation
- Worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength
- Give witness to truth of the Gospel

2. Healthy Image Bearers

who know their identity in Christ and seek well-being in all aspects of life.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20—"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

- Recognize oneself as made in God's image
- Understand the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and treat it with care and dignity
- Strive to develop spiritual, emotional, and physical health
- Maintain balance and recognize the importance of Sabbath rest.
- Use athletics to glorify God

ACADEMICALLY EXCELLENT

1. Engaged Learners

who persevere in developing their God given abilities and commit to pursuing knowledge.

Colossians 3:23—"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters"

- Thrive academically as well-rounded students
- Recognize the gifts they've been given and work to full potential
- Participate actively and with curiosity in their learning
- Develop a growth mindset by practicing grit and perseverance
- Listen and ask questions to increase knowledge, engagement, and understanding

2. Wise Decision Makers

who seek the truth and use discernment to guide their actions and choices.

James 3:17—"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

- Understand Scripture as source of truth
- Evaluate information critically and recognize bias
- Consider consequences of actions
- Respect the authority of others
- Seek and learn from the wisdom of others
- Make thoughtful decisions with confidence

3. Effective Communicators

who speak articulately, write skillfully, and listen intentionally.

Colossians 4:6—"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

- Convey ideas clearly in a variety of forms and languages
- Express ideas creatively through the arts
- Use technology wisely and effectively
- Display honesty, integrity, and godly manners in all areas, including online communication
- Communicate with others to build them up
- Listen attentively to others to understand and demonstrate empathy

4. Collaborative Workers

who contribute to the success of a group and value the contributions of others.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7—"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ...Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good"

- Assume different roles willingly
- Learn from one another
- Share gifts with others
- Listen to the ideas of others
- Carry your own load by contributing appropriately
- Utilize positive problem-solving skills

LIVING AND ACTING IN SOCIETY

1. Faithful Stewards

who recognize their role in caring for creation and use resources to build God's kingdom.

Genesis 2:15—"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

- Use resources wisely
- Enjoy God's creation
- Balance personal resource consumption with the resource needs of others
- Grasp the consequences of certain decisions and their impact on the environment
- Take responsibility to care for God's creation, recognizing that small steps make a difference

2. Willing Servants

who put the needs of others before their own and give freely of their time and gifts.

1 Peter 4:10—"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

- Notice and anticipate needs
- Sacrifice their own comfort to meet the needs of others
- Use gifts to benefit others
- Receive graciously

3. Community Builders

who experience the power of living and working together and contribute to a community that reflects Christ.

Colossians 3:12-14—"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together

- Value and practice Christian community where all are included
- Accept differences in others
- Recognize that everyone is created in God's image
- Work through conflict, being slow to anger, ready to reconcile, and willing to forgive
- Demonstrate patience with others