

Downers Grove Christian School

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"I am thankful for all of the opportunities DGCS gave my children to grow and express their gifts to the glory of God. Whether it was the classroom, talent shows, musicals, spelling bees, cheerleading, volleyball or student council, my girls loved every activity they were involved in, and they really gained so much from those opportunities. I will always be indebted to the teachers that loved my kids with such compassion and kindness. It gave me great comfort to know that there were people there who had such great affection for kids, and specifically, mine. When Carolyn had separation anxiety about going into first grade, Sharon Nese was such a support to us. She would give Carolyn a great big hug every morning as she got out of the car, and she would leave little notes and gifts of encouragement in her backpack almost every day. Carolyn still recalls that these acts of kindness were so crucial in getting her through that hard time. Sharon was a true gift to me at a time when my heart was being torn as I watched my daughter struggle through her fears and anxieties. It gave me such peace to know that as I left the building each morning, Sharon would be somewhere nearby to my kids."

Sharon Weldy, middle school math teacher and mother of 3

"I had a great relationship with my teachers - especially my Fourth Grade Teacher. That's when I developed my love for writing; she presented it in a way that just made me love the subject. I've continued to learn a lot more about writing, like putting voice into it. In the sixth grade, a poem I wrote was published in a book entitled, "Celebration of Young Writers." I also earned a Young Authors award and attended both district and state Young Authors conferences. So that's where your relationship with your teacher can take you."

Claire Kent, now in Junior High

"A Distinctly Christian Education."

If You Have A School-Age Child, Consider A Superior Education

How would it be if you knew that your child was getting an education that prepares students for a life of significance, destined for the great things that God has planned for each child?

A superior education doesn't just consist of memorizing information, taking tests, doing reports and obtaining a diploma.

We believe that a child's education should involve far more than rote learning: Fundamental to a true and complete education should be the student's ability to learn the application of spiritual truths, integrated with reasoning and curriculum, in the classroom.

We strive to teach our students how to learn and live on purpose, building upon the same foundation that the architects of our nation once did. We teach by example, curriculum, reasoning and the consistent application of faith . . . all in a loving, supporting, family environment. . . a Distinctly Christian Education.

This works by our teaming with parents to help our students become young men and women of character: Strong. . . Inspiring. . . Leaders.



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"In DGCS our children had teachers who were good role models and who cared for them very much. The parents and teachers work together as a team in the best interest of the individual child. The class size is smaller, so each student receives more attention and develops a closer relationship with the teacher. The values of the school and staff reinforce what we, as parents, teach at home. Therefore, the school felt like a second home to our student.

Our child was less likely to hear swearing or inappropriate conversations while at DGCS. The Christian school has high academic standards and encourages giving your best effort, and working hard. The atmosphere of the school is loving, happy and upbeat.

When our children transitioned into the public high school, they were well-prepared and did very well throughout their high school years."

Nancy Kent, teacher's aide and parent of 4

"I have had the privilege of working at Downers Grove Christian School for several years. I know how blessed I am to be able to share the love of Jesus and the love of learning every day. I love the family atmosphere I share with the students and their families.

I was first a parent here at the school, and our family experienced first hand the love and dedication of the entire staff-a love they have carried with them into their adulthood."

Sharon Nese, preschool teacher and parent

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Faith of Our Fathers: A Foundation For Education?

A look back at how the Founding Fathers of our country thought, and what they were taught in school, reveals the makings of a strong foundation for our nation . . . and for its schools.

Lives that helped birth and lead a new nation emphasized the importance of Scriptural teachings and Christian values in education . . .

"Let divines and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, unite their endeavors to renovate the age by impressing the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls, inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the Deity. . .and leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system." Samuel Adams, October 4, 1790

In Benjamin Franklin's 1749 plan of education for public schools in Pennsylvania, he insisted that schools teach "the excellency of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern."

In 1787, when Franklin helped found Benjamin Franklin University, it was dedicated as *"a nursery of religion and learning, built on Christ, the Cornerstone."*

"I have examined all religions, as well as my narrow sphere, my straightened means, and my busy life, would allow; and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world. It contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have seen." John Adams, in a December 25, 1813 letter to Thomas Jefferson



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"I believe that if any education can equip you to master life, a Christian education contains all the ingredients to do so. A secular education will attempt to put you in the driver's seat of your life, but an education at Downers Grove Christian School will show your student how to learn the right way, move forward, and live life from a balanced perspective - that is, with the Lord in the driver's seat and you partnering with Him as your trusted Guide. That means blessings in this life and in eternity to come.

My kids all attended Downers Grove Christian School; if I were a parent reading this for the first time, and considering this education for their child--I would pick up the phone and call Mr. Versluys right now."

David Kent, parent of 4

"For the past 10 years, we have been blessed to be a part of the DGCS family. Since preschool our children have been genuinely loved and nurtured at this special school. DGCS has challenged them to develop spiritually and academically. Our oldest child is now thriving at Downers Grove North High School."

Marty and Chris Sterr, parents of 3

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Strength For Today . . . Bright Hope For Tomorrow!

Even as adults, our peers influence us. Did you ever notice that we tend to behave as our co-workers and friends expect us to? In a *good* way, that is !

Especially when we're going through "dry spells" in our walk with God, the expectations of our peers can keep us on the right path— avoiding temptation to do evil.

This is also true for our children and their peers. It is helpful for them to have classmates who are like-minded . . . who have families that share similar convictions about godly living. It makes it easier for them to make right choices, especially at times when their walk with God isn't as strong.

Where can our kids find this core of like-minded children who can team with them to encourage, lead, support and be examples? Where can your child find others who will pull him up when he's down, and at the same time, be vulnerable themselves—humble enough to admit when they, too, need a boost from their peers?

We know the place . . . Downers Grove Christian School.

Come visit. Talk to the teachers. See the students. Listen to stories. Be amazed. Listen to what God is telling you. Then you decide.

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