

# Switch

*Getting from There to Here*



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# REASONS TO MAKE A CHANGE

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When it comes to switching schools, there's a lot at stake. As a parent you know that your child's learning environment impacts much more than just grades. It influences how they grow socially, emotionally, academically, and physically. Families who are able to find the right fit see their children thrive in the classroom and beyond.

### *So what exactly warrants a switch?*

There are a lot of good reasons to consider changing schools. Maybe you're relocating and your current school will no longer be accessible. Perhaps your child is dealing with social issues and you're looking for a more positive atmosphere. Many families desire a nurturing environment that helps students grow in both faith and intellect — where children gain the confidence and skills to become successful adults who are able to discern and follow their life calling with a focus on Christian values.

### *Whatever your reasons, we're glad you're here.*

Traverse City Christian School provides a safe, caring Christian environment for children from Pre-K through 12th grade. This guide was designed for parents and families just like you — parents who are exploring a change and want to make sure they get it right. On the pages ahead, we'll walk you through our educational model, show you the opportunities your child will have as a Traverse City Christian School student, and provide you with details on next steps.

The switching process is simple, and we're here to help. If you have any questions, please contact us at **(231) 929-1747** or **[sanderson@tcchristian.org](mailto:sanderson@tcchristian.org)**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

**DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS**



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT



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## At Traverse City Christian School, our educational model focuses on:

- Academic Excellence
- Authentic Biblical Community
- Biblical Worldview
- Christ-Like Character Development
- Whole-Child Emphasis

### GRADES SERVED

#### **Preschool:**

Ages 3-5

#### **Elementary School:**

Pre-K - Grade 5

#### **Middle School:**

Grades 6 - 8

#### **High School:**

Grades 9 - 12

### SCHOOL HOURS

#### **Pre-K-12:**

8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

#### **Preschool:**

Half-day and full-day options

*\*Students in all grades may enter the building as early as 7:45 a.m. After care is available to those in Pre-K-5th grade from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*



# GROWING STUDENTS

*Academically, Socially, Emotionally, and Spiritually*



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## Active Partnerships with Families

We help parents create, shape, and mold their children into young men and women who are faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and who understand how to filter everything they do through God's Word. Our welcoming community helps parents and students feel connected from the first day.



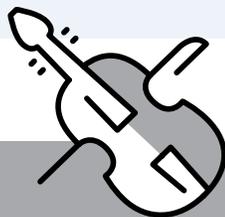
## Dual Enrollment for College Credit

TC Christian students are able to get a head start on earning college credits, take on more rigorous classes, and explore subjects that aren't covered in traditional high school classes through dual enrollment at either Northwestern Michigan College or TBA Career Tech Center.

## Academic Preparedness

At TC Christian, teachers bring curriculum alive with real-world applications which foster deeper learning and content mastery. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their education. All grades utilize curriculum and programs that develop 21st-century skills such as character, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity.

Whether your child is preparing for university, a trade, the military, or ministry and mission training, he or she will find the support and resources they need for success.



## Creative Minds

Students can explore the fine arts and develop their God-given creative gifts through enrichment classes, extracurricular activities, and performances. We offer:

Music

Visual Arts

Theater

Worship Team

High School Yearbook

Student Council

## Athletics

TC Christian has a rich history of athletic competition that has earned state titles and scholarships for deserving athletes. Elementary and middle school students are able to participate in a variety of sports including cross country, basketball, volleyball, and softball.

### HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS INCLUDE:

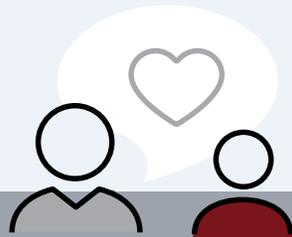
- Soccer
- Girls Volleyball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Softball
- Girls Tennis

*All sports offerings are subject to change based on player availability.*



## After Care Program

Our After-School Care Program is designed to complement the academic day with scheduled activities that include snack time, outdoor play, art projects, and games. Children from Pre-K through grade 5 are able to participate in After Care from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.



## Mission and Service Opportunities

As part of their graduation requirements, TC Christian middle and high school students engage in voluntary service to the school and the community. This service allows students to reflect on how our Christian faith is related to different dimensions of everyday life. High school students have the opportunity to participate in local and regional mission trips, and the highlight of senior year is an international mission trip.

## Small by Design

Classes are kept small to promote a strong sense of community and to ensure each student receives individualized attention. Our average class size is:

# 17:1



# A SAFE PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW

*Student Safety is a Top Priority.*

We have numerous measures in place to ensure every child feels safe and secure, in an environment designed to care for their needs.

We do this through ...



## Campus Safety

Your child will be kept physically safe and secure with our 24/7 surveillance program, secured doors, and 'Buzz-In' entry system. Faculty and staff submit FBI-certified background checks and attend regular professional development training with the Sheriff's department on student safety, lockdowns, classroom defence, and how to identify signs that something is wrong with a child.



## Social-Emotional Safety

Students are taught to respect themselves and others as they develop Christ-like character in an authentic biblical community. Anti-bullying programs, mentorship, smaller class sizes, and invested teachers all contribute to the social-emotional support system we provide students.

## Digital Safety

Students learn to use technology mindfully — to enhance, not enable, their learning. Our 1:1 devices feature special software that prevents students from getting distracted or being on sites they should not visit. More importantly, our teachers help students understand what it means to be a good digital citizen. Visits by organizations like *Protect Young Eyes*, which internet and promote and social media safety, reinforces these values.

*"In his first few weeks at TC Christian, our son kept asking if this was all a dream. Everyone had welcomed him so kindly; he was treated with respect; he made friends; he was included in activities...he felt like he belonged, and he wasn't sure if it was real. Our son is thriving at TC Christian. He doesn't ask us if it's a dream any more, because he's living it! Thank you."*

# Concerned about how a private education might fit your family's budget?

Traverse City Christian School may be more affordable than you think! In 2020, we offered nearly \$400,000 in tuition assistance to eligible students.

TC Christian offers tuition support through our Variable Tuition program, and families with three or more children may also qualify for a special multi-student grant. In addition, the school offers payment plans. Contact Steve Anderson at [sanderson@tcchristian.org](mailto:sanderson@tcchristian.org) to see what tuition might look like for your family.



## Variable Tuition Ranges (K-12)

Variable Tuition is based on individual family circumstances.

Program	Tuition
Grades K-5	\$3,590 - \$7,180
Grades 6-8	\$3,850 - \$7,700
Grades 9-12	\$4,110 - \$8,220

A new student application fee of \$100 or \$300 maximum for a family will be charged. If this fee is received before May 15, it is applied to tuition. Incidental fees for athletics, field trips, and Winterterm are billed in the FACTS payment system.

## Preschool Tuition (Children Ages 3-5)

Schedule	Half-Day \$32 per Day	Full-Day \$42 per day
3 Days Per Week	\$3,282	\$4,208
4 Days Per Week	\$4,376	\$5,744
5 Days Per Week	\$5,470	\$7,180

## Other Schedule Options Available

We know that families with small children have a wide variety of scheduling needs. We are proud to offer many flexible options. As long as you register for the minimum number of days each week, you can create a schedule to meet your family's needs. For example, you can set a schedule that includes a combination of half-days and full-days. For more details about schedule flexibility and cost, contact our admissions team at [\(231\) 929-1747 ext. 127](tel:2319291747) or email [sanderson@tcchristian.org](mailto:sanderson@tcchristian.org)

*“TC Christian has been a gift from God to our family and we couldn't be happier. It has saved us and has definitely added life and peace back into our day-to-day family life. TCCS is the little school with the big soul! The emotional return on the tuition investment is something we simply can't quantify. We only wish we could have done this sooner!”*

# THE PROCESS

*Ready to  
Switch?*



Here are the next steps to setting up your child for success at Traverse City Christian School.

**1**

## **Schedule a personal or virtual tour.**

Call us at [\(231\) 929-1747 ext. 127](tel:2319291747) or email [sanderson@tcchristian.org](mailto:sanderson@tcchristian.org) to arrange an in-person tour. Visit our [online virtual tour](#).

**2**

## **Be ready to discuss the following:**

- A list of questions about our school
- Goals for your student
- Challenges at your current school

**3**

## **Complete the application online.**

[Use our secure online application.](#)



**4**

## **You will hear from us soon!**

Once your child's application is complete, we will be in touch.

*We're ready to help you make the switch!*



**Contact us today to discuss how your student can thrive at Traverse City Christian School.**



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