

## *Statement of Faith*

We believe the Bible is the Word of God, verbally inspired and without error as originally written, and that it is the only infallible rule of faith and practice for the Christian.

We believe in one God, existing in a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are co-eternal and have equal dignity and power.

We believe the true church, the body of Christ, is formed by the work of the Holy Spirit and consists of all those who trust Christ as their Savior.

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is fully God who took on flesh through the virgin birth and dwelt on earth with a sinless human nature.

We believe Christ paid the penalty for our sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross through His death and His bodily resurrection from the grave.

We believe man is saved by grace through faith, and that nothing of man enters into his salvation; it is a free gift received by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe the child of God has been given a new nature at the time of salvation and is enabled to live a godly life by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

We believe the church began with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and is composed of all true believers.

We believe every true child of God, being justified by faith, sanctified by God, and sealed with the Holy Spirit, possesses eternal life. He is safe and secure for all eternity.

We believe the return of Jesus Christ is imminent, and that it will be visible and personal.

We believe Christ commanded the Church to go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing and teaching those who believe.

## *Statement of Philosophy*

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”* (Proverbs 1:7). Education with Christ as the core is powerful, vital, and dynamic.

Christian educators give central place to the unique revelation of God’s Word communicated by His Spirit. King’s Christian School is concerned with the child’s spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social well-being. Distinctive Christian content must be reinforced by distinctive Christian treatment. Education centered in Christ and in His Word is the only kind approved by God (II Timothy 2:15). It is with great wisdom that one concentrates on the very best.

The Scriptures lay the foundation from the Master Teacher who taught by precept and example, by knowing and doing. He asks that His strength be made perfect in our weakness.

Teachers called by God declare truth and guide experiences. They rely daily upon God’s promise, *“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye.”* (Psalm 32:8) It is this blessed, peaceful security that Christian teachers pass on to their students.

We believe that Christian parents, not the state, are responsible to God for the education of their children. The end product of Christian education should be a joyful, well-adjusted, productive Christian citizen. The school is a place conducive to learning. It is free of chaos, rebellion, or anarchy. The students are loved, encouraged, and viewed as individuals with their own personalities, potentials, and needs.

Christian education should be superlative! The infinite resources of Heaven are at our disposal. There is no limit to the education which the child may receive from godly teachers who receive their power from the Divine Teacher.

## *Objectives*

To lead students to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:12, 3:16-18).

To lead students into an understanding of the eternal security inherent in their salvation (Jn. 10:28; I Jn. 5:13).

To teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and to develop attitudes of love and respect toward it (Dt. 4:16, 6:6).

To develop a desire to know and obey the will of God (Mt. 26:39).

To encourage the students' love for Christ (Eph. 3:19).

To train students to stand for biblical convictions (Ps. 119:46; Pr. 1:10).

To teach students the importance of examining everything in the light of God's Word (I Cor. 2:15).

To train leaders who will be faithful servants of God (I Cor. 3:2).

To develop a sense of responsibility in placing God first in one's life (Mt. 6:22; Pr. 9:9,10).

To encourage the student to recognize the importance that a Bible-believing local church plays in the life of the family (Heb. 10:25; Ps. 122:1).

To help students see, in light of Scripture, their responsibility to tell others about the Lord (Mt. 28:18-20).

To help students develop a good interpersonal relationship with others (Ro. 12:18).

To encourage students to establish a daily routine of personal devotions and prayer (Jas. 5:16b; II Ti. 2:15).

To give students a solid academic foundation in the fundamentals of learning, along with Christian training taught from a biblical point of view (Col. 3:16, 17).

To help students develop a positive attitude toward learning (Pr. 1:5-7).

To assist students in developing skills of reasoning (Ps. 1:2).

To assist students in developing communication skills (Col. 4:6).

To stimulate aesthetic values (Ex. 28:2, 3; Ps. 19:1, 2).

To promote proper physical and social development (Lk. 2:52).

To teach students love of country and scriptural principles of authority (Ro. 13:1, 2).

## *Student Activities*

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR/INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**

Flag Football	Boys
Volleyball	Girls
Basketball	Boys and Girls
Softball	Boys and Girls
Cheerleading	Girls

### **YEARBOOK**

Yearbook staff is an elective in which students participate in chronicling the events of the year in *The Crown*. The staff aids in choosing the theme, selecting the cover, planning and arranging pages and sections, taking pictures, writing copy, and meeting general deadlines. Along with the yearbook sponsor, their goal is to produce lasting memories to be cherished by students, staff, and parents.

### **MUSIC**

Elementary music classes feature both theory and appreciation. Singing groups provide an outlet for vocal talent. Choruses perform during the year in chapels and school programs. Musical performing groups are trained to reach out to the community with the message of God's love.

### **SPEECH/DRAMA**

KCS is committed to the training of young people to speak out with clarity and distinction. The dramatic talents of students are finely tuned through a variety of materials and exercises.

The Speech/Drama Department teaches the basic skills of oral communication, dealing with a variety of speech venues from impromptu to memorized text.

In both the elementary and the middle school, participation in the FACCS Regional and State Drama and Language Arts competitions is encouraged. Students perform recitations, readings, and monologues in festivals and programs. KCS has received top honors in written and oral competitions for the past two decades.

## *Awards*

It is important to encourage students to strive to do their best at all times and in every aspect of life. Students who excel are presented awards for their diligence and success. The list below is not all encompassing but gives an overview of awards presented to the students of K.C.S.

Monthly, the Lion's Pride is awarded to the teacher's choice of a student in each class who has exhibited outstanding academic achievement, consistent cooperation, and/or noteworthy improvement.

The King's Kid Award, voted on by the children, is presented in each class to that student who best exemplifies a consistent Christ-like spirit.

End of the year awards include:

A Honor Roll	President's Academic Fitness
B Honor Roll	President's Physical Fitness
Computer	Principal's List
Creative Writing	Responsibility
Drama	Safety Patrol
Good Citizenship	School Spirit
Homecoming Court (Middle School)	Scripture Memorization
Improvement	Spelling Bee
Mental Math	Sports Teams
Merit Awards (Middle School)	Subject Proficiency
Music	Superlatives (Middle School)
Neatness	Sword Drills (Bible)
Perfect Attendance	The Crown (Middle School)

Certificates may fade away, retired between the pages of a dusty scrapbook. Trophies and plaques may be relegated to a closet or a trunk, never to be seen again. There are, however, eternal awards, crowns given by God Himself, to those who are faithful with the sharing of the gospel. Among the recipients will surely be loving, dedicated individuals who count it all joy to serve Him. And, finally, a coveted award will be bestowed upon the servants of the Lord when He declares, "Well done, you good and faithful servant."

## *Curriculum*

### KINDERGARTEN COURSE OF STUDY

Bible  
Phonics  
Reading  
Penmanship  
Numbers  
Art  
Music  
Science  
Social Studies

### ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY

Bible  
Phonics  
Reading  
Language  
Spelling  
Penmanship  
Arithmetic  
Science  
History  
Geography  
Spanish  
Music  
Physical Education  
Computer

### MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OF STUDY

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Bible	Bible	Bible
Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
General Math	Pre-Algebra	Algebra I
Science	Life Science	Earth Science
History	World History	American History
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Computer	Computer	Computer
Electives*	Electives*	Electives*

\*Electives include chorus, guitar, drama, art, audio-visual, Spanish, French, yearbook, and teachers' aide.

## *Academic Policies*

### TESTING

All students in K5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are administered the Stanford Achievement Tests each spring. Certain grades are also required to take the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test each year.

### PROMOTION POLICIES

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade The classroom teacher and principal will promote students upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study and subjective evaluation.

6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Students must pass language arts, math, science, and social studies. A student who fails one of these core subjects will not be promoted. Credit for a failed class *may* be earned by attending and successfully completing a summer school session at KCS.

### SUMMER TUTORING

Kindergarten/Elementary

Summer tutoring will be required for strengthening in math and language-related areas, especially if the yearly average is unsatisfactory (below a C-).

6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Summer school will be required for students who need to earn credits in courses they failed. Students must attain at least a C average in order to get credit. Tutoring may also be required of incoming and current students who need to strengthen weak academic skills.

### GRADING SCALE

<u>Grades K3-K5</u>		<u>Grades 1-8</u>	
E	Excellent	A	100-90
G	Good	B	89-80
S	Satisfactory	C	79-70
N	Needs Improvement	D	69-60
I	Improvement Shown	F	59- 0

## *Tuition and Fees 2009-10*

### FEES

A registration fee of \$250 per student is due with the completed registration form. This fee includes the cost of enrollment processing, insurance, and administrative expenses.

The placement fee covers books, supplies, activities, and parties and reserves a place for your child until the first tuition payment is made. The improvement fee is for special projects beyond the scope of our regular school budget. Placement, graduation, and improvement fees are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sports fees, which are billed per sport, are due at the beginning of the season for the current sport. Middle school elective fees are due at the time electives are chosen. **ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

### MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT

Tuition is assessed at full rate for the oldest child attending KCS. A 10% discount is provided for the next oldest child from the same family. A 20% discount is provided for the third child, a 30% for the fourth child, and so on.

A 5% discount is given if the full year's tuition is paid by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A 4% discount is given if two semi-annual tuition payments are made by August 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. All payments must be received by the due dates in order to qualify for the discounts.

### FINANCIAL POLICIES

A statement of your account will be mailed to your billing address by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. (Please contact the finance office if you have not received your statement by the 15<sup>th</sup>.) Monthly payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. If payment is received after the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$30 late fee will be applied to your account. Special billing arrangements (such as split bills, etc.) will incur a \$15 monthly charge per account. A \$25 charge is assessed for all checks returned by the bank to be re-deposited. A \$35 charge is assessed for each check returned the second time; payment by cash or cashier's check will be required thereafter. The school reserves the right to assess a fee of 3% of the dollar amount of a returned check. Visa, Master Card, and American Express credit cards are accepted.

### PAST-DUE ACCOUNTS

If your account becomes 30 days past due, your child will be suspended from class until the account is brought current. All delinquent accounts must be paid in full with cash, credit card, or cashier's check before report cards and transcripts are issued.

### VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWALS

If a student is withdrawn from school, there is no refund of tuition for the remainder of the month in which the student is withdrawn. A minimum of 10 days is needed to forward necessary records. Any financial/billing changes must be completed in writing prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

## FEE CHART

NON-REFUNDABLE FEES	K3-K4	K5	1-5	6-8
<b>Registration/Insurance</b> (due with application)	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
<b>Placement Fee</b> (supplies, textbook rental, workbooks, & class parties)	310	360	435	495
<b>Improvement Fee</b> (per family)	150	150	150	150
<b>Yearbook</b> (one per family)	50	50	50	50
<b>Graduation Fee</b>				75
<b>Entrance Testing Fee</b>		50	50	50
OTHER FEES	K3-K4	K5	1-5	6-8
<b>Middle School Electives</b> chorus, drama, art, etc. (per selection)				60
<b>Extracurricular Sports</b> (per sport)				100
<b>After School Care</b> Hourly:	4	4	4	4
Monthly: 12:20-3:10 p.m. for Pre-K	125	125	125	125
3:10-6:00 p.m. for K5-Gr. 8	125	125	125	125
12:20-6:00 p.m. for Pre-K	175			

## TUITION PAYMENT CHART

GRADE	1 <sup>ST</sup> CHILD	2 <sup>ND</sup> CHILD	3 <sup>RD</sup> CHILD	4 <sup>TH</sup> CHILD
<b>PRE-SCHOOL (K3/K4)</b>	<b>\$3,370</b>	<b>\$3,033</b>	<b>\$2,696</b>	<b>\$2,359</b>
1 annual payment - prepaid	3,202	2,881	2,561	2,241
2 semi-annual payments - prepaid	3,235	2,912	2,588	2,265
10 monthly payments	337	304	270	236
<b>KINDERGARTEN (K5)</b>	<b>\$6,800</b>	<b>\$6,120</b>	<b>\$5,440</b>	<b>\$4,760</b>
1 annual payment - prepaid	6,460	5,814	5,168	4,522
2 semi-annual payments - prepaid	6,528	5,875	5,223	4,570
10 monthly payments	680	612	544	476
<b>ELEMENTARY (G1-G5)</b>	<b>\$7,085</b>	<b>\$6,377</b>	<b>\$5,668</b>	<b>\$4,960</b>
1 annual payment - prepaid	6,802	6,059	5,385	4,712
2 semi-annual payments - prepaid	6,914	6,122	5,442	4,762
10 monthly payments	709	638	567	496
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL (G6-G8)</b>	<b>\$7,545</b>	<b>\$6,791</b>	<b>\$6,036</b>	<b>\$5,282</b>
1 annual payment - prepaid	7,244	6,519	5,735	5,018
2 semi-annual payments - prepaid	7,298	6,668	5,795	5,071
10 monthly payments	755	680	604	529

**UNIFORMS:** All Uniform Wear, 8456 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 305-266-1262

## *Mission*

King's Christian School (KCS), a ministry of Southwest Community Church, is a private, non-denominational school which provides a well-rounded, Christ-centered education for students from pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Based on a solid biblical foundation, KCS exists to encourage students to accept Christ as personal Savior and follow Him as Lord; to challenge students to exercise their skills and knowledge to impact the world around them; and to inspire students to achieve their full social, physical, academic and spiritual potential.

KCS is accredited by the Florida Association of Christian Colleges & Schools, Inc. (FACCS) and the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS). FACCS is a member of the National Council for Private Schools Accreditation (NCPSA) and the Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (FAANS). KCS is also a member of Christian Schools International (CSI) and the South Florida Independent Athletic Council (SFIAC).

Faculty members, certified by FACCS, are well equipped to motivate students toward success. The average years of experience for KCS teachers is 17. With a relatively low student-teacher ratio, each student is given personal attention. Strong communication between the home and the school plays a vital role in the healthy atmosphere which permeates the school.

The small family atmosphere at KCS creates in the children a feeling of security. They thrive on the individual attention given them. Academic skills are strengthened in such an environment, and after-school help classes are offered to those who need extra reinforcement. Most of our graduating eighth graders transfer to the high school of their first choice.

Standardized testing, administered during the spring to the kindergarten five through eighth grade classes, generally yields scores above the national norm in every subject.

In a school which is small in size but big in heart, opportunities for achievement and enrichment are abundant. Students are encouraged to use their talents and pursue their interests in many venues such as drama, speech, music, guitar, creative writing, computer technology, desktop publishing, audiovisual, and sports.

Our sports teams have met with great success in their endeavors. For many years KCS has received top honors in both drama and creative writing in the FACCS Creative Writing and Junior Fine Arts Festivals.

KCS reaches out to the community as it sponsors projects for the Miami Rescue Mission, orphanages, and needy schools. Patriotic and spiritual programs are performed at hospitals, convalescent homes, shopping malls, and churches.

The school day for pre-schoolers and kindergarteners is from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> are in class from 8:15 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Extended school care is available for pre-school and kindergarten children from 12:15 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. In addition, elementary and middle school students may be in attendance from 3:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please see the tuition and fees schedule for additional information.

Students may purchase a nutritious hot lunch or side order daily, or may bring a lunch from home. A complete menu is published monthly.

In God's strength, the entire family of King's Christian School will receive ROYAL treatment from the King of Kings and, having received Jesus Christ as personal Savior, will continue to experience joy and fulfillment throughout all eternity. "He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:11, 12).

It is the sincere prayer of the entire staff that our children grow into strong, God-honoring young men and women as Christ makes a difference in their lives. They are a living testimony that "blessed are the people whose God is the Lord" (Ps. 144:15).