

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the school hours?

School begins at **8:35am** each day and ends at **3:35pm**. If you are dropping students off, supervision begins at 8:30 a.m.

Do you offer additional school care?

We have before school care starting at 7:30am and after school care until 6:00 p.m.

What grades do you offer?

HHCS offers classes for students enrolled in Kindergarten through to Grade 8.

Do you provide busing?

Yes, we provide transportation to and from school within the local and surrounding area of Halton Hills - Acton, Milton, Terra Cotta, Glen Williams, Erin, Georgetown and points in between. There is no additional fee for busing.

Do you have a school lunch program?

Yes. An optional lunch program is available twice a week by our local LunchBox provider.

Do you follow the Ontario Ministry of Education Guidelines?

HHCS exceeds the standard Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines within its programming, curriculum and testing. Much of our curriculum is provided by <u>Edvance</u>. Students in Grades 4 - 8 participate in the CAT-5 standardized test on a bi-annual basis.

What services do you provide for children with learning disabilities?

We provide inclusive education which recognizes that every student matters. An integral part of our school is our Special Education Resource program which offers support to a wide variety of students with one-on-one, small group and/or classroom support. We also offer the <u>Arrowsmith Program</u> which specifically targets learning difficulties. Students with reading and/or language challenges may also participate in <u>FastForWord</u>

What opportunities are there for my child that needs to be challenged academically?

HHCS offers Language and Math learning extensions for Grades 4-6 (based on teacher assessments), <u>Project Based Learning</u>, and Intermediate Exploratories.

Is the school run by a specific church denomination?

HHCS is an independent non-denominational school with no specific church affiliation.

Do you need to be a Christian to attend HHCS?

No. While we teach Christian values to our students and the Christian faith and practices are integral to who we are, it is not a criteria for enrollment.

Are all your teachers Christian?

Yes, all of our teachers, paraeducators, and support staff are practicing, active Christ-followers.

Are your teaching staff designated OTC?

Yes, all of our teachers are Ontario Certified Teachers.

Which high school do your Grade 8 students typically go to?

Our graduates go to a variety of high schools after their graduation - Toronto District Christian High School, King's Christian Collegiate, Public or Catholic High School

How does tuition work?

- Our regular tuition fee is a family based rate. So whether you have one, two or three children, you only pay one tuition fee. Transportation costs are also included in the tuition rate within the HHCS bus boundary.
- Since HHCS is a registered charity, a portion of the tuition fee is considered to be a donation after the cost of education per child is deducted. So you may be eligible for a tax receipt.
- Tuition may be paid monthly over 10 or 12 months or in one or two lump sum payments.
- A family enrolling children and paying tuition to an associated Christian High School (Edvance) qualifies to receive a 10% discount off the regular HHCS tuition fee.
- Families wishing to reduce tuition costs can optionally participate in the FlipGive Program.

Do you charge a Registration Fee?

Yes. Every new family joining HHCS pays a one time Registration Fee of \$1500 the year they start. This fee helps the school with smaller capital projects so these costs do not have to impact tuition - ie. a new roof, new entry doors, etc.

Are there volunteer opportunities for parents at the school?

Yes! We thrive on the involvement of parents at HHCS. The school depends upon volunteers to reduce operating costs which in turn makes tuition more affordable for all families.