

Information for an Easy Transition to Christ School

# Welcome



Whether you are new or returning to the Christ School community, preparing for the start of the school year can be overwhelming. As you work through the various enrollment forms, finalize your schedule, and begin packing, we are here to help.

The Greenie Guide will direct you through this process. It contains important information, including technology specifications, packing lists, and checklists for all of our students. While these pages will provide you a starting point, you are encouraged to contact us with any questions.

But truly, the people of Christ School – faculty, coaches, and dorm parents – are the greatest resource for information. Don't hesitate to reach out to them with questions and concerns.

Created with input from students, faculty, administration, and parents alike, the Greenie Guide is not only a manual, but also a glimpse into the world of Christ School and the relationships and opportunities that will enrich your son's experience as part of the Christ School community.

We look forward to your arrival for what promises to be an outstanding school year!



# Mark Your Calendar



# Summer:

- Review summer reading requirements and make a selection online.
- Complete course request in our online portal, OnCampus.
- Make an appointment for a physical exam and complete the medical forms. For more information contact nurse@christschool.org.
- Purchase necessary items for dress code, classes, and dorm rooms.

# 175 Days of Spirit!

Since 2008, The Spirit Rock, located outside Pingree Theater (where we gather for Assembly every Monday and Friday), has signaled important moments throughout the year.



# What to Pack

### **Cracking the Dress Code**

Here is a check list to get you started:

- Blazer(s) w/ folded collars and lapels. A navy blazer is recommended for its versatility, but another sport coat is acceptable. Student's name must be in blazer.
- Christ School Blazer Seniors only (ordered at the school)
- Neck ties or bow ties (no bolo/ western style ties)
- Christ School tie (optional available in the school bookstore)
- · Dress slacks and dress shorts
- Oxford style long sleeve dress shirts w/ folded collars (can be assorted colors)
- Polo/golf-style shirts with folded collars (Can be assorted colors, long or short-sleeved)
- Hemmed long pants w/belt loops (Dockers style or corduroy)



- Hemmed khaki/twill shorts (knee length with belt loops)
- Belts with buckles
- Dress socks
- Dress shoes (loafers or lace up)
- Athletic socks
- Athletic shoes
- Undershorts & undershirts
- T-Shirts
- Swimsuit
- Pullover sweater, fleece, and sweat-shirt
- Winter coat
- Rain coat

Code Green: In keeping with a long-standing tradition, students and faculty are expected to refrain from wearing the color BLUE during Asheville School Week! Green is a great color for that week!



# GO, GREENIES!!!

# **Other fun things to pack:**

Fishing rod (for ponds and streams) Bicycle (We have miles of trails!) Bicycle helmet Sunscreen, bug spray, and sunglasses Lacrosse stick or tennis racquet Beach towel Snack food in an airtight container A few mugs, cups, and utensils for drinks and snacks Approved wall hangings Storage containers for under-bed or closet Carpet (5 x 7 ft. max.), carpet cleaner Broom & dust pan



Plan for fun in all weather and pack accordingly!

#### **The Weather at Christ School**

The Asheville area is home to some of the best weather in the world. Christ School benefits from the beauty of balanced seasons with temperatures that are mild and enjoyable. We live in a temperate rainforest, one of the rarest climates in the world, so while it may rain or snow on occasion, the temperature rarely goes below freezing during the day. Sunshine, blue skies, and comfortable temperatures are the norm year round.

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Measurements taken from the National Weather Service

# What to Wear

Monday "School Dress" Friday "School Dress"

> We follow a grooming standard of keeping hair off the collar, above the eyes and ears, and clean shaven.



Tuesday & Thursday "Tie Day"

their dress. The code is easy: Mondays and Fridays are

"School dress"; Tuesdays and Thursdays are "Tie Days";

and Wednesday is "Coat and Tie." Don't be afraid to try

something new... there is always someone around to

teach you how to tie a bow tie and don't be surprised

to see Hawaiian shirts on Friday!

A Simple Code: Christ School feels that students perform better in the classroom by showing respect in

Wednesday "Coat & Tie"

> Team Sports: Uniforms and most equipment are supplied by the athletic department.



There are lots of opportunities to dress down at Christ School.

**Code Green...** Dress should always be neat, clean, in good repair, and appropriate for the occasion. In general, a student is expected to abide by the following standards: no torn, fringed, patched, faded, wrinkled, soiled, or excessively baggy clothing of any kind may be worn. Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted on Tie Days (Tues., Wed., or Thurs.). Clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, innuendos, obscene messages, or messages associated with hate, racism, etc. is prohibited.

# Dorm Room Essentials

**Room to Share:** Rooms in the six residence halls at Christ School are designed for students to share a living space with a roommate. Rooms range in size and layout depending on the dorm. Each student will have an extended twin bed (3' x 7'), a desk, chair, chest of drawers, closet space, a personal safe, and a trash can. Rooms have shades and the school provides wireless internet.

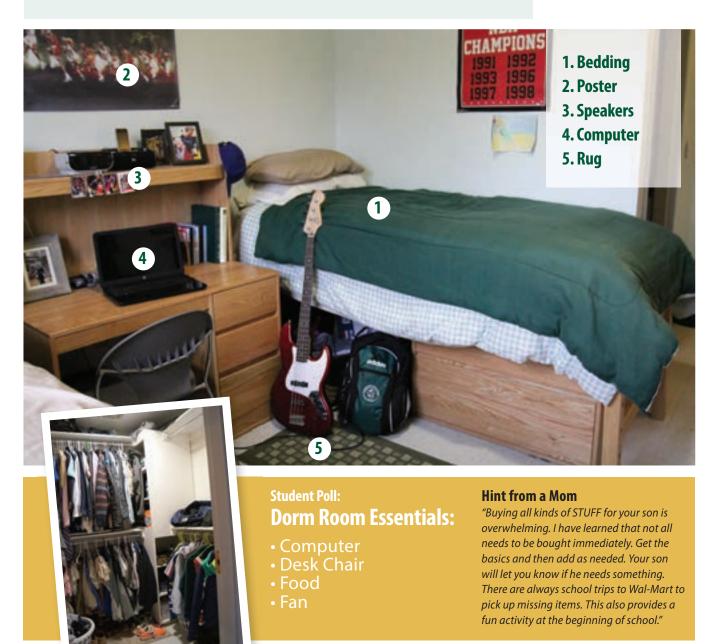
New and returning students receive their dorm room and roommate assignments when they arrive for Orientation.

Students and parents will have ample time to furnish and stock their dorm room with all the necessary comforts for boarding school life, and students will have several opportunities during the week to get off campus to do some shopping. The Christ School Bookstore has many essential items as well.

Please be advised that the room fills up quickly...less is more!



Greenie gear at the Christ School Bookstore



#### Stuff You Need:

Sheets to fit an extra long twin size bed: 3' x 7' Pillow(s) with pillow case(s) Heavy blanket, bedspread/comforter Alarm clock Reading lamp Towels and washcloths Laundry detergent Laundry bag Coat hangers Eggshell mattress pad Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, shaving items, cologne, etc.) Box fan Computer (one per student) Appropriate posters and flags Flashlight or headlamp Hand sanitizer

#### Additional Technology Devices (not required):

iPad USB drives Printer (1 per student) Cell phone Speakers and headphones

#### Stuff That's Not Allowed on Campus:

AC Units Refrigerators (except seniors) Candles, matches, lighters, or incense Microwaves, crock pots, toaster ovens, coffee makers, electric tea kettles, rice cookers, hot plates, or space heaters Black lights Light strips/Christmas lights Wireless/home routers, hotspots Subwoofers Furniture (Seniors may bring a small sofa) Large quantities of food Firearms (including hunting rifles, ammunition, bows, arrows, knives, airsoft guns, air guns, or paintball guns) Fireworks or explosives Pets or animals Streaming devices such as Apple TV, Fire Stick, Chromecast Television/Monitor (Seniors may bring a monitor up to 32" in size), **DVD** Plaver

Gaming Systems (except Seniors)

### Student Poll: Dorm Room Honorable Mention:

- Fishing Rod
- Lacrosse Sticks
- More Food
- Headphones and Speakers



### **Stuff You Need for Class:**

This is the recommended list of basic items that students will need for classes. These items can be purchased prior to arrival, or, for your convenience, these supplies are also available in the Christ School Bookstore. Each teacher will have different requirements as far as notebooks and folders are concerned; your student will get this specific information from each of their individual teachers during the first week of school.

Binders

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College ruled notebook filler paper Calculator TI 84 Plus Box of #2 pencils Box of ball point pens (black or blue) Flash drive



"You will have plenty of time to settle into your room, purchase new items, and bring supplies from home. You don't have to bring it all the first day."

# Technology



# **WiFi on Campus**

There is wifi available at all times throughout the entire school.

Most computers come with a wired network adapter which can be used in the dorm rooms as an alternative to wireless, which is often slow. Bring a 10 -foot or longer network cable for inside the dorms.

If students wants to use their computers in the school building, they will need wireless capabilities (either built in or as an external adapter).

A laptop sleeve or carry case is recommended to prevent physical damage.

# My son is new to Christ School... Technology FAQs

- 1. Will students have wireless access in the dorms? Yes!
- 2. Do students have to have a laptop? Yes, and it must be Windows or Mac compatible.
- 3. Does my son need to purchase software? Microsoft Office is provided to each student as part of their Christ School Office 365 account, so no need to purchase additional software.
- 4. Does my son need his own printer or can he print to a local printer? He can print to a local printer, though printers are allowed in dorms, too.
- 4. Does my son need backup storage? There is no need to puchase any cloud storage subscription plans as OneDrive storage (up to 1 terabyte) is included as part of a student's Office 365 account.
- 5. Can students bring their own wireless router? No, students are not permitted to bring wireless routers.
- 6. Are there spaces on campus where cell phones are prohibited? Our expectations around cell phones are designed around the need for us to be present and build relationships with each other. There are places where you can be on your phone, just as there are places where we all put our phones away. Details on our cell phone and technology policies can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook.





# **So Many Connections!**



# Student Life

**Life is busy at Christ School,** but there will be time to kick back and have fun! Join your classmates at a tailgate for a football game, take some down time in the Patrick Beaver Student Center to grab a snack or play ping-pong, catch a concert in downtown Asheville with fellow music lovers, travel down the mountain to see the Carolina Panthers play in Charlotte, or socialize with one of our sister schools at the year's first dance.

## Student Poll: Top 5 On-Campus Activities

- 1. Spending time with friends
- 2. Video games
- 3. Fishing
- 4. Christ School athletic events
- 5. Playing sports and working ou





# Student Poll: Top 5 Off-Campus Activities

- 1. Dances with girls' schools
- 2. Mall and movie trips
- 3. College football games
- 4. Advisee lunch
- 5. Food run

# **Clubs and Organizations:**



#### Where will you make your mark?

Pursuing a passion or newfound interest outside of the classroom allows students to engage not only in the practical application of knowledge but also to venture into new settings. Whether taking advantage of Asheville's diverse music scene, gaining a larger understanding of an environment just off of the Blue Ridge Parkway, or leading YoungLife programs in other local schools, students at Christ School are encouraged to approach their education as an exciting opportunity to learn and explore in and beyond our campus.

### Clubs – Start one of your own!

Alliance Discussion Group The Angelus (Yearbook) Astronomy Club **Business Club** Chess Club Chinese Ink Painting Club Climbing Club Cooking Club **Environmental Club** Film Club Fitness and Nutrition Club Habitat for Humanity Leaders Lego Club Medical Interest Club Notes from the Soul Poker Club

Rotary Interact Club Skeet Club Struan (Literary Magazine) Student Activities Committee Triple Threat Club Veterans Service Club YoungLife

# Servant Leadership



#### Service in the Community and the World

Part of being a member of a boarding school community involves looking beyond our 500-acre campus to a world outside in desperate need of our service. The Community Service Program at Christ School seeks to instill a genuine desire to serve others in the Asheville area and the global community beyond. From walking dogs at the Asheville Humane Society to volunteering on a service-learning trip in Costa Rica, Christ School offers a variety of opportunities not only to serve but also to learn and understand the ways in which each Christ School boy can make a difference, one hour at a time.

#### **Weekend Service**

Each student completes a 15-hour service requirement during the school year, but many of our students surpass this mark and earn as many as 250 hours in a year. Weekly service activities are organized on and off campus by a team of faculty and student leaders that connect our students' passions with projects and programs that need our help. Some of our community service partner organizations are:

Boys and Girls Club of Hendersonville Brother Wolf Animal Shelter Asheville Humane Society Homeward Bound MANNA Food Bank WNC Nature Center ABCCM Veterans Restoration Quarters United Way Teacher's Pet Project River Link Kids Against Hunger Rotarians Against Hunger

### **Projects/Special Events**

Throughout the year, Christ School students dedicate days, weeks, and months to special projects that often involve strategic planning, fundraising, and the collective efforts of many members of the Christ School community to assist those in Asheville and beyond. Some of these service learning, outreach, and community service initiatives include:

Habitat for Humanity Student Build MLK Day of Service MANNA Food Drive Student Competition Red Cross Blood Drive Christmas Angel Tree Project Special Olympics Games

#### **Service Trips**

Initiatives with sister schools like Chatham Hall and St. Mary's are popular and productive service projects. Recent off-campus service ventures over school breaks include trips to Charleston, New Orleans, Atlantic City, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Peru, China, and Italy.



# Student Poll: Top 5 Service Trips

- 1. Nicaragua
- 2. Habitat For Humanity
- 3. MANNA Food Bank
- 4. Brother Wolf
- 5. Any service with girls' schools



The Nicaragua Water Project

Ten participants from Christ School embarked on a trip to Nicaragua to continue working on service projects they had started the previous year. Students and faculty worked to build a classroom in Somoto Township, providing a learning space for students who attend classes outdoors at the school.

# Student Resources

# **Business as Usual**



#### Bookstore: Greenie Gear, Mail Center, and Shipping

The Bookstore is located in the Patrick Beaver Student Center. Clothing, books, toiletries, school supplies, stationery, stamps, and more are available for purchase. The Bookstore is open Monday through Friday. When addressing a letter or package to students or faculty, please use: 500 Christ School Road; Arden, NC 28704.

#### **Business Office and Money Matters**

At the beginning of the school year, parents of boarding students are welcome to deposit funds into their son's allowance account which will be distributed weekly throughout the year. Allowance is accessed and managed in the Student Life Office. Some parents have found that a debit card is a more convenient way to manage money for their son. Parents may also authorize the charging of snacks and drinks in the Snack Bar. These charges are logged on the student ID card and will be billed home on each monthly statement.

#### **Laundry Services**

Students have access to washing machines and dryers in the dorm, as well as a school dry cleaning/laundry service.

#### Barbershop

The Barbershop is located in the Student Center near the bookstore. Our hairstylist is on campus weekly.

#### **Health Services**

The school nurses staff the Christ School Wellness Center every day of the week, and also remain on call for emergencies during off hours. There will always be 24-hour coverage for students by professional nursing staff.

The school community encourages optimum health for success in all areas of life at Christ School. Good health habits, including proper nutrition, exercise, rest, and lifestyle are taught and encouraged.

# **Stolz Dining Hall**

Stolz Dining Hall is open seven days a week for three all-you-caneat meals per day. Both day students and boarders enjoy a quality menu of food that includes stir fry, salad bar, milkshakes, and Steak Night, to name just a few. Students play an integral role in creating the menu and evaluating the quality of the food. After Study Hall each evening, the dining hall offers "4th Meal," giving students the opportunity to come together as a community and grab a healthy snack before heading home or off to the dorm.

# International Students

#### Insurance

We require that each student have health insurance. Many of our students use International Scholar Protection by ISM Insurance (isp.isminc.com). We recommend getting the Gold Plan. For more details, please ask our school nurse. Christ School does not provide health insurance for any students.

#### **Travel Documents**

International students are required to travel and enter the United States with all proper documentation which includes, but is not limited to: passport, student visa, original I-20, and/or I-901 form. Students should not enter the country on a tourist visa. Students from Canada and Bermuda are not required to have a visa.

### **Traveling Internationally to Christ School**

#### From Asia

Non-stop service to Chicago (ORD), Washington D.C. (IAD), or Atlanta (ATL) with connection and non-stop service to Asheville (AVL)

#### **From Europe**

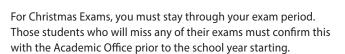
Non-stop service to New York (JFK), Newark (EWR), or Atlanta (ATL) with connection and non-stop service to Asheville (AVL)

#### **From South America**

Non-stop service to Atlanta (ATL), Charlotte (CLT), or Newark (EWR) with connection and non-stop service to Asheville (AVL)

#### **School Breaks**

You can find the school calendar on our website. Please make your travel plans around school breaks to miss as little class as possible. While we understand that scheduling travel can be difficult, it is important that you attend class until breaks begin.



For shorter breaks, our international students who cannot travel home stay on campus or with our domestic students. While most boys set this up on their own, the Student Life Office can help find a host family, if needed. We ask that this is done at least two weeks before a break. Please note that dorms will not remain open during any break.

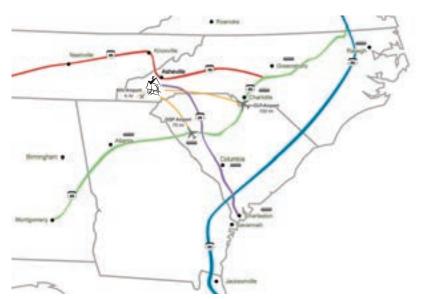
# **Transportation**

**The Asheville Airport** (AVL) is conveniently located 10 minutes from Christ School off of I-26 at exit 40. Transportation to and from the AVL is free.

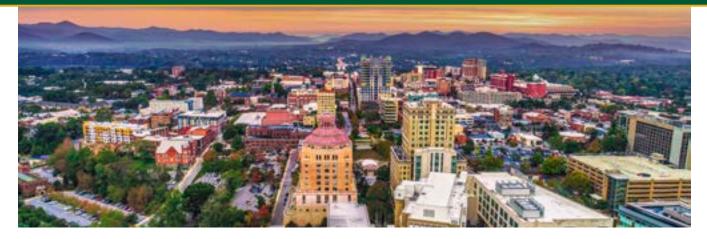
- The Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP) Airport is approximately one hour from Christ School.
- The Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is approximately two hours from Christ School.

**Bus Shuttle Service** can be provided to and from the following metropolitan areas and airports at the beginning and end of school breaks:

- Charlotte
- The Triad (Winston-Salem, Greensboro)
- The Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill)
- Columbia/Charleston, SC
- Atlanta, GA



# All About Asheville



**Location:** Christ School is located in Arden, NC, just south of Downtown Asheville. The area is home to some of the best food, music, and attractions in the Southeast. Whether visiting America's largest home, the Biltmore House, dining at one of many unique Asheville eateries, or traversing the Blue Ridge Parkway in the fall, you will find the area surrounding Christ School serves as both a second classroom for our students and a wonderful place to spend the weekend as a family.

**The Outdoors:** Christ School is a ten-minute drive from the Blue Ridge Parkway. The nearby Pisgah National Forest, Dupont State Park, and several other outdoor recreational areas are home to some of the most beautiful trails and scenery in the world. Whether you enjoy hiking and backpacking or are looking for mountain biking or kayaking adventure, Christ School is located at the center of the Western North Carolina outdoor world.

#### Other outdoor adventures within one hour of campus:

- The area has some of the best fly fishing on the East Coast. The North Mills and Davidson Rivers are only a 20-minute drive.
- Navitat Asheville offers canopy ziplining through the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Asheville Zipline Canopy Tours is right in town.
- Whitewater Rafting on the French Broad and Nolichucky Rivers.
- Cataloochee and Wolf Laurel Ski Areas are both used by the School's ski and snowboard team.
- Tubing down the Green River in Saluda, NC, is a relaxed adventure for all ages in the late spring, summer, and early fall.
- · Waterfall exploration at Graveyard Fields.

### Parent Poll: Top Five Asheville Area Favorites

- 1. Mountains and Blue Ridge Parkway
- 2. Restaurants Downtown
- 3. LaZoom Bus Tour
- 4. Biltmore Estate
- 5. North Carolina Arboretum

**Downtown Asheville:** The urban center of Western North Carolina is one of the most popular weekend getaways in the Southeast. Just 20 minutes from Christ School's campus, Downtown Asheville offers wonderful dining and shopping with striking historic architecture serving as the backdrop. Once known as the "Paris of the South," Asheville and its famous Grove Park Inn were favorite destinations of American novelists F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. The city is also birthplace of revered novelist and playwright Thomas Wolfe. Wolfe's namesake theatre, along with the Asheville Civic Center and popular music venue, the Orange Peel, host local and nationally known artists year round.

Asheville also claims America's largest home at the Biltmore Estate. Completed in 1895 by the Vanderbilt family, the 178,000 square-foot mansion features 250 rooms and is open to the public year-round. Just a 15-minute drive from campus, the home is a popular destination for students and their families during the school year. The estate also features accommodations, several restaurants, a vineyard, and other attractions.

During the warmer months, Asheville is home to many festivals and outdoor events.

There is something for everyone.

Grove Park Inn

Moms and sons board the LaZoom bus tour downtown

# Traditions at Christ School



In a school more than 100 years old there are bound to be longstanding traditions in place. Some are based on the original English boarding school model upon which the school was created by its founders... and some are brand new!

#### **Chapel Bell**

Every morning the school awakens to the sound of the bell ringing in St. Joseph's Chapel. The rhythm of the ringing is called Angelus. The bell also rings in the evening before dinner, as well as at the beginning of worship services. Make sure you stop and reflect on your day in silence. There are times when you will hear a sporadic ringing late in the evening; this is the way generations of Christ School athletic teams have signaled victories and their safe arrival home.

#### Yard A

The large grassy area between Stolz Dining Hall and Wetmore (main school building) is known as "Yard A," the site of the original school building, and considered sacred ground by all. One of the traditions at Christ School is that no one walks on Yard A. Exceptions are made for those who raise and lower the flags, those assigned to Yard A for job period or afternoon mowing, and anyone participating in Convocation and graduation ceremonies.

### Tapping

"Tapping" is an annual ceremony of appointing senior leaders (Prefects and Proctors) for the following year. On an evening in late April, the entire community is present to witness this time-honored Christ School tradition.

# **Head of School Holiday**

During the school year the Head of School will surprise the students and faculty with a "Head of School Holiday." Classes are canceled for part of the day and are supplemented with activities and leisure time for the entire school community. The "holiday" usually marks a reward or a special occasion which the entire community celebrates.

### **Senior Blazer Ceremony**

In this new tradition that started in 2021, each senior receives his senior blazer in August from the Head of School during a Chapel ceremony.

## **Senior Privileges**

All seniors have special privileges. For example, only seniors are permitted to use the front door of Wetmore. Underclassmen must enter and exit via other doors.

### **Asheville School Week**

Asheville School Week occurs late in the fall each year and features the varsity football game between Christ School and our respected rival, Asheville School. The week leading up to "The Game" is full of anticipation. Banner making, skit night, and a pep rally highlighted by a bonfire are just some of the festivities which are enjoyed by students, faculty, and alumni. The intense rivalry has been enjoyed by both schools since its inception in 1911.



### Forms

Grade levels are referred to at Christ School as Forms. For example, 12th grade is called "Sixth Form." When Christ School was founded in 1900 it was modeled after the English boarding schools.

# Student Poll: Top Five Traditions

- 1. Asheville School Week
- 2. Ringing the Angelus Bell
- 3. Head of School Holiday
- 4. Not Walking on Yard A
- 5. Stump

The tradition of the spirit rock was established for the Asheville School Game in October 2008. Seniors painted the rock for "The Game," and members of the football team tapped it for luck. The Spirit Rock is a gift from the Class of 2009.

# Academics



**The Academic Program** at Christ School is designed to get you ready for college. Be prepared to be challenged but not overwhelmed. Your class schedule will consist of eight rotating blocks. Most students have one or two study halls in which they are either assigned to a classroom or allowed to work in their dorm room or the Media Center. Classes are small, and you will get to know most of your teachers, not only as instructors, but also as coaches, advisors, dorm parents, or club leaders. And since the majority of our faculty lives on campus, you'll also get to know their families and dogs!

#### **Academic Support**

There is an "Extra Help" block scheduled most days of the week, allowing you to meet one-on-one with your teachers. We also have a drop-in Math and Writing Center during the academic day, where faculty and peer tutors are available to help you tackle that confusing Algebra problem or thesis statement. And, if you feel that you need a little more help and structure, we have a Learning Resources (LR) Department, consisting of a team of teachers who are experts in organization techniques and study strategies. You can sign up for an LR class and/or attend Evening Supervised Study Hall (ESSH) in the evenings.

# Student/Faculty Ratio 6:1

#### THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

is comprised of two semesters – fall and spring. Students take a minimum of five courses each semester.

### **OUR FACULTY**

is comprised of 51 members, 62% of whom hold advanced degrees.

75%

of faculty live on campus.

### **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS**

Christ School offers 24 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in all core subject areas, in addition to 28 Honors courses and options for independent study.

# Sample "Day in the Life":

	• •	11:55	Lunch
7:30	Breakfast	12:45	Spanish
8:00	Extra Help	1:35	Science
8:30 9:30	English Math	2:25	Art
10:35	Assembly	3:45	Sports
11:05	Study Hall	5:30	Dinner
	Study Hall	8:00	Study Hall







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