

Prospective Teachers Packet
Canyonside Christian School
2008-2009 School Year

Canyonside Christian School is located 5 miles north of the Snake River Canyon in Jerome, Idaho. The school is currently in its third location since it was established in 1990 by Caryl Burnham.

2007-2008 school year enrollment is 118 from 3 year olds through 6th grade.

Curriculum

> Math curriculum is Saxon from preschool through 6th.

> Language Arts and Reading is Open Court from Preschool through 3rd grade. This includes spelling which is supplemented with various materials. We are hoping to expand the Open Court curriculum into the upper grades one year at a time. Unless God supplies again as he has in the past. Currently 4th – 6th grades are using Scott Foresman Reading.

> Bible curriculum is published by Christian Schools International titled The Story of God and His People.

> Science curriculum is published by Scott Foresman

> Social Studies is published by MacMillian/McGraw-Hill.

Salary

Beginning certified teacher's salary with no experience is \$26,500 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Certified teachers with experience; salary based on experience level.

Teacher Aides and Extra Curricular Staff are compensated at \$10 per hour.

Ancillary staff are compensated at \$8 per hour.

Benefit Information about Employment - 2008-2009 School Year

Vacation Time

Salaried staff at CCS will receive 5 weeks of paid vacation this 2008-2009 school year.

Vacation time will be one (1) week at Thanksgiving, two (2) weeks at Christmas, and one (1) week at Spring Break.

Other days off will include Labor Day, MLK Day, President's Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day.

Personal Leave Days:

9 paid Sick Days per year

3 paid Personal Days

2 paid Professional Days

All of these days are on a use them or lose them basis and no compensation is in place for unused days at this time

Teachers may "Bank" up to 6 Personal Days. Any days over the 6 at the end of the year will be reimbursed back to the teacher current substitute rate.

Medical Insurance

Full time staff at CCS have Regence Revive Limited medical insurance through Blue Shield of Idaho.

Benefits of the plan are:

- a. Deductible - \$2,000
- b. Office Copay – Generalist \$25/Specialist \$40 (4X/yr/p)
- c. Coinsurance-In Network 80%
- d. Medical OOP Max - \$2,500
- e. Prescription Card – CoPay of \$7 for generic, 30% Formulary, 50% Non-formulary.
- f. Prescription Max - \$2,000/yr

Continuing Education Credit Reimbursement

The Board of Directors at CCS strongly believes that the teaching staff should continue to further their own learning each year. To encourage this, teaching faculty may submit receipts for credits earned at, administrator approved workshops, of up to \$100 each year.

Class sizes

The following are the guidelines used by CCS for limiting class sizes:

K-3 Classrooms – Soft limit of *9 students/+Hard limit of 12 students.

*In each ½ day class

+ set by H&W without classroom aid.

K-4 Classrooms – Soft limit of 10 students/ +Hard limit of 12 students.

+ set by H&W without classroom aid.

K-5 Classrooms – Soft Limit of 15 students/+Hard limit of 16 students.

+ set by H&W without classroom aid.

1st Grade Classroom – Soft limit 17 students/Hard limit of 20 students.

2nd Grade Classroom – Soft limit of 18 students/Hard limit of 20 students.

3rd Grade Classroom – Soft limit of 20 students/Hard limit of 23 students.

4th Grade Classroom – Soft limit of 22 students/Hard limit of 24 students.

5th Grade Classroom – Soft limit of 24 students/Hard limit of 26 students.

6th Grade Classroom – Soft limit of 24 students/Hard limit of 26 students.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mission Statement

Canyonside Christian School, Inc. is a non-denominational, evangelistic Christian school, which strives to provide a sound academic education based on Christian principles. Canyonside is committed to providing children with an opportunity for excellence in developmental and academic training from preschool through elementary school.

Philosophy

Canyonside Christian School shall provide each student the opportunity to study and to develop his mind, body, and spirit in a wholesome, Christian environment. It shall strive to provide the best education possible in preparation for high levels of education and to contribute to the establishment of Christian values for a happy and creative life, while working in the Lord's kingdom. Being non-discriminatory and Christian in nature, the school shall be directed toward instruction concerning God's will for each person and shall teach that all truth is of divine origin. Knowledge to choose between good and evil, based upon God's Holy Word, shall be imparted to each child.

Those serving in the school in any capacity, whether in administration, on the faculty, on the staff, on the Board of Directors or as a volunteer, shall subscribe to the school's philosophy of providing a high quality Christian education in a Christian atmosphere. The establishment and subsequent operation of this school shall be successful only when done in accordance with His will and for His honor and glory.

Purpose

The purpose of this Christian school shall be to provide a creative, loving academic environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, physically, academically, and spiritually through individual and group learning experiences under the guidance and nurture of carefully chosen Christian teachers, administrators, and under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It shall be the purpose of Canyonside Christian School to encourage all students to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to emphasize the value of the eternal soul, the worth of the individual, the love of God for man, and the kinship of all peoples as taught in the Holy Scriptures, while providing students with the opportunity for achieving academic excellence.

Focus

The focus of Canyonside Christian School shall be to promote Christian education which utilizes Christian educational methods and principles to develop each student to his or her full spiritual and academic potential.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (II Timothy 3:15, II Peter 1:21)
2. We believe there is one God eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30)
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19), His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the

exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only God's grace and through faith alone we are saved. (John 3:16-19, John 5:24, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5)

5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29)

6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28)

7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (Romans 8:13-14, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18)

Theological Stance

Our desire is that Canyonside Christian School be a non-denominational school providing a Christian environment for learning. In all aspects, all that is said or done will be to the glory of God. Doctrinal questions shall be referred to the child's parents or their church leaders.