

Community Christian High School

2019-2020 Middle School Course Catalog



COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Community Christian Middle School Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Congratulations! We are blessed that you chose to enroll at Community Christian School where our mission is to equip you with a “firm foundation of truth, knowledge, and virtue for a lifetime of service to God and man.” You now have the opportunity to educate your child from a wide variety of excellent courses taught by some of the best teachers in the state. In addition to equipping you with an exceptional academic education, CCS also provides students the opportunity to grow in their knowledge and relationship with God while developing Christ-like character and preparing them to change the world for Christ. We believe that God has designed everyone with specific gifts and abilities because He has a specific purpose for everyone’s life. Our hope and prayer for you is that you will discover that purpose while you identify your interests and develop your abilities. We are a leading school in ACT and NWEA test scores and PSEO classes are offered right here at CCS through our classroom teachers and through Ridgewater College, Northwestern University, and other colleges and universities throughout the state.

As you grow at CCS student, you begin to assume the responsibility of designing your personal plan of study by choosing your courses wisely. The important first step in registering for your CCS classes for the 2019-20 school year is to go through the course catalog. Please take the time to carefully read through the course descriptions. It is a good idea to discuss your options with your parents/guardians so they reflect your long-range educational, vocational and personal goals. Please consider the Honors Designation qualifications and the PSEO classes. The diversity of the CCS curriculum gives you a great amount of flexibility in pursuing your personal goals and plan for the future that God has designed for your life.

Once you have made your preliminary course selections, we suggest you follow-up with your Counselor, Rebecca Sarsland, to make sure your plan meets graduation requirements as well as your own personal goals. It’s important you know that we sincerely care about you and your success during and after your career at Community Christian High School. We strive to give each student our time and attention in order to ensure an excellent academic year.

We make critical decisions about next year’s faculty placement, room utilization, and funding allocations based on your registration. So please, take extra care to choose wisely!

If you have questions about the registration process, please contact Lisa Strom or Rebecca Sarsland at (320) 235-0592 to make this your ***best*** school year ever! We welcome you as an Eagle if you are new to Community Christian High School and welcome back our returning students!

In Christ,
Lisa Strom-Principal

Registration Guidelines

The middle school years are full of transition. Schedules change, the level of intensity changes, and the number of opportunities change. Community Christian School (CCS) walks with the students as they transition from their elementary school days to a high school and college preparation focus. Many of the required courses for middle school students are a direct preparation for high school graduation requirements – both those of CCS but also meeting state standards for diploma.

The purpose of this guide is to provide a general description of all courses, grade requirements, and prerequisites for our middle school curriculum. Specific course maps may be found on our website, <https://www.willmarccs.com/curriculum-maps.html>. It is strongly encouraged to keep the high school requirements in mind when considering middle school elective options. Our students get a jump start in mathematics by taking required Algebra I class in 8th grade. Listed below are the requirements for both the Standard Diploma and Honors Diploma.

Students were asked to indicate their elective choices the previous spring, but schedule changes may be needed for a variety of reasons, including class load, class cancellation, failing grades or failure to meet prerequisites. Schedule changes made by parents and students will be considered by administration on a case by case basis where space is available. No schedule changes will be made after the first week into a new course unless the circumstances are exceptional (e.g. health related), and parent/guardian, administration, teacher dropping and teacher adding all agree. Careful planning will give students the greatest opportunity to succeed.

High School Graduation Requirements

<u>Course</u>	<u>Standard Diploma</u>	<u>Honors Diploma</u>
Bible	4 credits	4 credits
English	4 credits	4 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits	3.5 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	4 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credit	1 credit
Foreign Language	1 credit	2 credits
Health	.5 credit	.5 credit
Financial Peace	.5 credit	.5 credit
Electives	<u>5.5 credits</u>	<u>5.5 credits</u>
Total	26 credits	28 credits

Honors Diploma – In order to receive an honors diploma the student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and complete two years of the same foreign language and at least 4 math credits of Algebra I and higher.

Graduation Requirements Detailed

Subject	Class Title	Credit
Bible	Old Testament	1
	New Testament	1
	The Inner Man	1
	The Christian Adventure	1
Foreign Language	Spanish	1
Language Arts	English 09	1
	English 10	1
	English 11	1
	English 12	1
	Speech	0.5
Math	Algebra I 8 th Grade	1
	Algebra II 9 th /10 Rotation	1
	Geometry 9 th /10 th Rotation	1
	Math Electives: Consumer Math, Fundamentals of Math, Pre- Calculus, Statistics, and Trigonometry,	1
	Life Skills	What I Wish I Knew at 18 Dave Ramsey's Personal Finance College & Career Exploration
Physical Education/Health	Physical Education 9	0.5
	Physical Education 10	0.5
	Health	0.5
Science	Physical Science	1
	Biology	1
	Chemistry or Physics	1
Social Studies	US History	1
	World History	1
	Government	0.5
	Economics	0.5
	Geography	0.5
Electives	Other electives are: 21 st Century Media Arts, Advance Fitness, Art, Band, Choir, Computer Applications, Drama, PSEO, Spanish, STEM-Robotics, Strength Training, Teacher's Assistant, Woodworking, Worship Team/Band	3.25+
	Standard Diploma	Total Credits: 26
	*Honors Diploma	Total Credits: 28

Bible

Wise Up

Required course for grade 6

Instructor: Kristyn Clark

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will use the *Wise up* curriculum by Cherie Noel. Students will learn to apply principles of wisdom such as overcoming pride, learning to deal with conflict, and developing patience. Students will study and develop the fruit of the spirit, recognizing fleshly attitudes, and understanding the purpose of obedience. Through the book of Proverbs and other Scripture passages, we see the differences between wisdom and foolishness. Students will demonstrate understanding through Scripture memorization, small group discussion, and quizzes.

Travel Through the Bible

Required course for grade 7

Instructor: Revis Nelson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will walk through the *Route 66 – Travel Through the Bible* curriculum by Mark Reed. Students will define and discuss biblical inspiration, list the literary divisions of the Bible, what God made on each of the days of Creation, and what God expected Israel to do with His law. Students will discuss the three memories, identify at least six judges, and trace Ruth's descendants to Jesus Christ.

Lightbearers

Required course for grade 8

Instructor: Stephanie Tollefsrud **No Prerequisite**

Yearlong

The books of Romans and Corinthians both remind us to not be conformed to the patterns of this world. In this yearlong course, students will use the *Lightbearers* textbook by Summit Ministries to train to actively live out the truth of Christianity in a culture of relativism and confusion. This course will show how the Bible provides answers to all of life's most important questions, obtain a greater understanding of the fallacy of a secular/sacred divide, and how all of life is sacred even politics and filmmaking. Students will demonstrate understanding through quizzes, Bible memorization, and class participation.

H-Hour

Required activity for grades 6-12

Led by Principal Strom and special speakers

Yearlong

H-Hour is an opportunity for our school to gather each morning. The American flag pledge, Christian flag pledge and Bible pledge are memorized and repeated. Students start their day with prayer, worship, and devotions. Student recognition, athletic announcements, and other announcements are often made at this meeting.

Chapel

Required activity for grades 6-12

Instructor varies

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

Chapel meets biweekly and starts with music. Students are welcomed with speakers from the community and typically focus on our core values and virtues. This is an opportunity to hit the tough topics of today with a Biblical worldview. Chapel typically ends with a Do or Discuss opportunity and ends with student led prayer.

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Mentor Groups

Instructors: See below

Required course for grades 6-12

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

Mentor groups meet the opposite Thursday as Chapel. Mentor groups are sorted both by grade level and gender. During this time students focus on a book study or devotion to grow deeper in their faith with their peers. Mentor groups often will end with a time of fellowship and fun. Instructors for the 2019-2020 school year are as of the time of this writing:

6th grade girls: Jeannie Reid

6th grade boys: TBD

7/8th grade girls: Kristyn Clark and Martha Johnson

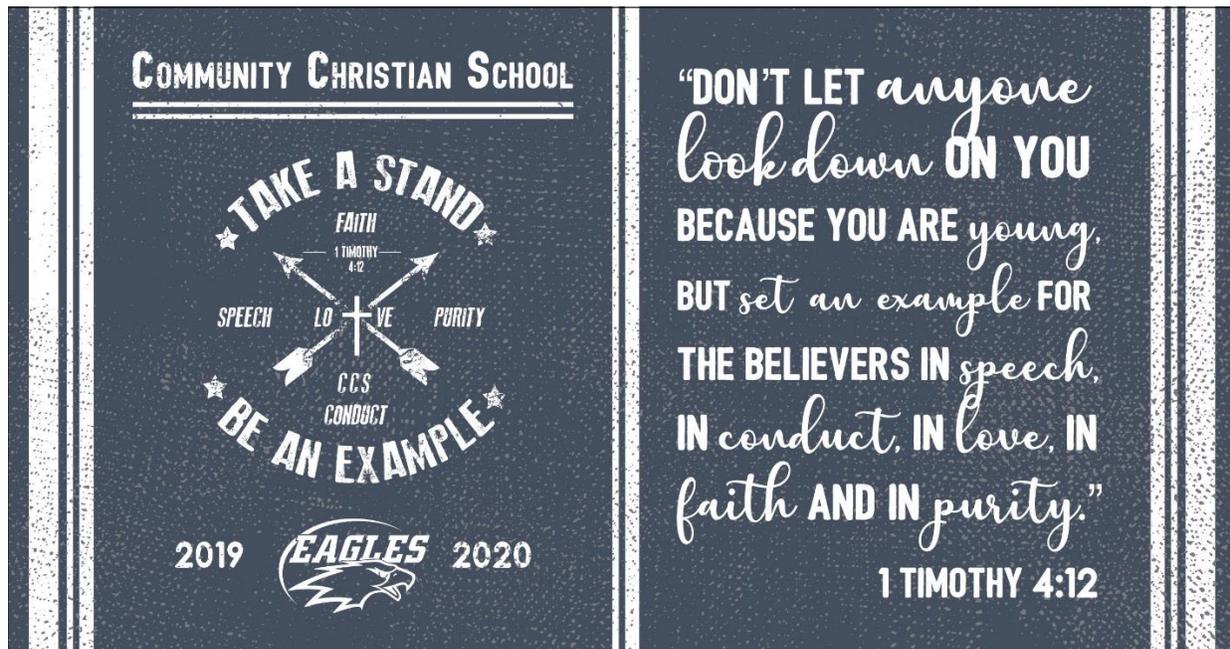
7/8th grade boys: Mike Elmhorst

9/10th grade girls: Stephanie Tollefsrud and Libby Benson

9/10th grade boys: Brady Pearson, Revis Nelson, Gabe Klaassen

11/12th grade girls: Lisa Strom

11/12th grade boys: Nathan Scheele



Language Arts & Foreign Language

6th Grade Language Arts

Instructor: Kristyn Clark

Required course for grade 6

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this class, students will learn genres of fiction, informational text, narrative nonfiction and poetry. Students will learn to find the character, setting, plot, sequence and theme in narrative text. Sentence structure and spelling will continue to be improved. Students will integrate biblical principles into their lives by considering the responsibilities God has given us here on earth as well as considering how we face challenges in our lives. Students will write daily paragraphs, write an explanatory essay, write an autobiographical sketch using a process approach as well as other weekly reading, grammar and spelling assessment to demonstrate mastery in this area.

7th Grade Language Arts

Instructor: Jeannie Reid

Required course for grade 7

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this course, students will learn to write a narrative paper, How To articles, argument papers and reflections. Students will learn to use parts of speech correctly and improve their grammar and vocabulary. God's continue to deepen their understanding of their responsibility to communicate with love and clarity, as God made us in His image. Students will read at least five books per quarter, with some assigned books to include *One Crazy Summer* and *The Giver*. Students will demonstrate understanding by participating in class discussions, submitting papers, and completing quizzes and tests.

8th Grade Language Arts

Instructor: Jeannie Reid

Required course for grade 8

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this course, students will learn to understand the life of Corrie Ten Boom, to read and interpret drama, and to annotate poetry. Students will read and analyze *The Wednesday Wars*, complete an argument paper, and present information both in a written research paper as well as in a speech with visual aids. In Colossians 2:8 Paul warns us not to be taken captive by hollow philosophies, so we view all that we read with a Christian Worldview. Students will demonstrate understanding through class discussion, group activities, and testing.

Middle Spanish

Instructor: Rhonda Holien

Required course for grades 6-8

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

God made all cultures, language/culture are part of The Great Commission. In this yearlong twice per week course, students will be exposed to Spanish vocabulary through a variety of topics. Students will build on and develop comprehension through a variety of resources, spiral reviews, and experiences. Students will develop a great appreciation for the Spanish language, Latin culture, and its people. Students will demonstrate understanding through practical application and assessments.

Mathematics

Grade 6 Math

Required course for grade 6

Instructor: Rachel Smith

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

Students will learn to write numbers in standard, expanded and word form. Students will learn to how to use place-value charts to read, write, and compare decimals in tenths and hundredths using money. Students will learn the order of operation, to understand fractions, and be introduced to basic geometric ideas including measuring and drawing angles as well as perimeter and area of different shapes. The Bible is full of numbers and the use of mathematics, from the design of the ark to the measurement of Jerusalem. God loves all the small details, and we are all uniquely made. Students will show mastery of the subject though classroom discussions, occasional games, textbook assignments and testing.

Pre-Algebra

Required course for grade 7

Instructor: Brenda Thompson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this course students will be exposed to the concepts of square and cube roots, scientific notation, graph relationships, and probability. Students will be able to evaluate and write algebraic expressions, solve multi-step equations, and use data to make predictions. Students will be able to use mathematics as a tool to explore and manage God's creation and to glorify God. Students will be assessed via in-class work, homework, and testing.

Algebra I

Required course for grade 8

Instructor: Brenda Thompson

Prerequisite: Pre-Algebra

1 credit

Yearlong

In this course, students will learn to classify real numbers, solve problems involving variables, and use tables, equations and graphs to describe relationships. Students will learn to solve problems involving ratios, rates and conversation, as well as use proportions to solve problems involving similar figures. Students will learn to identify functions, find domain and range, and use function notation, as well as to factor binomials and trinomials. Students will be able to use mathematics to glorify God, especially for His created order in mathematics. Students will be assessed via in-class work, homework, and testing. This class is the first class to begin the high school transcript; grade counts towards high school grade point average and eligibility to required higher math classes.

Music

Middle School Band

Required course grades 6/7

Instructor: Stephanie Tollefsrud **No Prerequisite**

Yearlong

Music has a rightful place in the commemoration of historical events, celebrations of victories and other occasions. As the Psalms tell us, “Play skillfully unto the Lord.” In this class students will review musical concepts, continuation of new musical ideas thru rhythm/counting exercises, scales and playing tests, classroom participation, performance preparation, participation and evaluation. Students will analyze how the audience and occasion influence creative choices and develop an artistic intent. Students will demonstrate understanding of the personal, social, cultural, and historical contexts that influence music by comparing and contrasting various works, their purposes and contexts and analyzing the meaning and functions of the music.

High School Band

Required course grade 8

Instructor: Stephanie Tollefsrud **No Prerequisite**

Yearlong

In this class students will join the high school band. Students will continue to review and build upon previous musical concepts, be exposed to new musical ideas thru rhythm/counting exercises, scales and playing tests, classroom participation, performance preparation, participation and evaluation. God is pleased with excellence in musical performance which is done for His glory. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the foundations of music by analyzing the elements of music including melody, rhythm, harmony, dynamics, tone color, texture, form and their related concepts.

Middle School Music

Required course grades 6-8

Sarah Crowe

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

Music is a gift from God; God made man’s voice, the most complex of instruments. In this yearlong course, students will learn musical skills and to sing with proper vocal technique. The students will learn to listen and alter for correct intonation and blend, as well as be able to perform in a large group. Students will demonstrate understanding through teacher observation of individual musical concepts, singing a variety of music, and evaluating musical performances.

Science & Technology

Purposeful Design

Required course for grades 6

Instructor: Martha Johnson

No Prerequisite

Semester 1

In this year long course, students will learn about biomes, the atomic model, states of matter, and the basics of natural disasters. Topics such as rock cycles, the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems, God's plan for procreation, and pubescent changes will be covered. The students will understand that God does not create chaos; therefore, organization can be seen in the systems of the body and God's design for humankind. All organisms are used to carry out God's plan and man must be respectful of God's creation and to have dominion over it. Discussions, worksheets, demonstrations, writing paragraphs and testing after each chapter will show mastery in each area.

Life Science

Required course for grade 7

Instructor: Martha Johnson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will gain an appreciation for God and the world He created. Students will study the environments, its natural laws, and to apply the laws of God and Man that relate to earth and how it works. Students will study the human body and study basic science skills used in scientific investigation as well as learn to critically compare the origin of man as told by the Word of God and as theorized by man. Understanding of this subject will be measured in a number of ways, including lab activities, discussion, and tests.

Earth and Space Science

Required course for grade 8

Instructor: Martha Johnson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will learn laws of God and man that apply to earth and how it works. Students will be able to critically compare earth's physical history, man's collected knowledge of God's universe, and examine earth's air, water and surface processes. The students will gain an appreciation for God and the world He created. Students will demonstrate understanding in this course in a variety of ways, including, lab activities, worksheets, and quizzes.

Technology

Required course for grades 6-8

Instructor: Libby Benson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will learn and continue to enhance basic computer concepts and operations. Students are exposed to and gain practice in using technological productivity tools/keyboarding, Word processing, and presentation software. Students will have the opportunity to learn technological problem solving, research, and decision making skills. This class prepares students for exciting careers in engineering, industry, or outreach and ministry. Students will demonstrate competency through timings, quizzes, and practical project completion.

Social Studies

World/MN History

Required course for grade 6

Instructor: Mike Elmhurst

No Prerequisite

Semester 2

In this year long course, students will recognize the role of God in history, the contribution of godly men and women to history, as well as develop an historic and geographic literacy. Students will study Minnesota indigenous peoples, Minnesota exploration and settlement, and the structure and workings of Minnesota government. Students will delve into Genesis and recognize that the Earth was divided and learn of God's promise after the flood. Students will demonstrate mastery in a variety of ways, including through daily assignments, tests, and maps.

World History

Required course for grade 7

Instructor: Revis Nelson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will learn to recognize God's hand in world history, learn about critical historical time periods, events and figures, and to learn a Biblical view of world history. The students will study the creation of the world, the fall of man and the resulting consequences in world history, and how the church grew despite persecution. God used the English reformation to increase availability of Scripture; this is just one of many ways God has repeated Romans 8:28 throughout history. Students will demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways, including map studies, projects, and assigned text readings.

American History

Required course for grade 8

Instructor: Mike Elmhurst

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this yearlong course, students will recognize God's hand in America's discovery, birth and growth. Students will learn to appreciate our Constitutional freedoms as well as learn about outstanding time periods, events, and people in U.S. history. God controls the rise and fall of rulers. This course will highlight the Providence of God and how that prepared the colonists for freedom in His own perfect timing. Students will demonstrate understanding in a variety of ways, including simulations, projects, and class lecture.

Theater, Art & Physical Education

MS/HS Theater

Available grades 6-12

Instructors: Kristyn Clark, Jeannie Reid No Prerequisite

Yearlong

Creativity involves the power of choice; it's an indication of freedom, at least within limits. God made choices as He created, Noah made choices when he built, and Moses and the people of Israel made a choice when they built a tabernacle and its furnishings. In this yearlong class, students will create a theatrical performance to the glory of God. Students will be able to audition for a part, learn and memorize lines, and block scenes through stage composition, relationships to other characters, and the development of their own character. Students have the opportunity to demonstrate their skill during various dress rehearsals and performances, including on presented for the Willmar area community.

Art

Available grades 6-8

Instructor: Brady Pearson

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

In this class, repetition, pattern, emphasis, contrast and balance are used to help represent this creation of art. Students will analyze how elements of visual art including color, line, shape, value, form, texture and space are used in the creation of, presentation of, or response to visual artworks. As it says in 1 Corinthians, we are to build upon what has already been given to us as a foundation, and as Genesis reminds us, creativity involves the power of choice. Students will demonstrate understanding of the subject matter by generating and conceptualizing artistic ideas and work.

Physical Education

Required course grades 6-8

Instructor: Amy Morrell

No Prerequisite

Yearlong

Colossians 3:23 reminds us that whatever we do, work at it with all your as working for the Lord. In this yearlong class, students will participate regularly in physical activity in order to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of fitness. Students will be able to develop skills, knowledge, interest, and desire to independently maintain an active lifestyle. Mastery will be measured through timed races, practicing etiquette, and daily participation.

2019/2020 Grade Level Schedules

Grade 6

Period 1: Bible, H-Hour, Chapel, Mentor Groups

Period 2: Language Arts

Period 3: Math

Period 4: Physical Education

Period 5: History (Semester 1), Science (Semester 2)

Period 6: Band (M/W/F), Music (T/H),

Period 7: Theater (M/W/F), Technology (T/H)

Period 8: Spanish (M/W/F), Art (T/H)

Grade 7

Period 1: Bible, H-Hour, Chapel, Mentor Groups

Period 2: History

Period 3: Science

Period 4: Language Arts

Period 5: Pre-Algebra

Period 6: Music (M/W/F), Band (T/H)

Period 7: Theater or Spanish (M/W/F), Art (T/H)

Period 8: Technology (M/W/F) and Physical Education (T/H)

Grade 8

Period 1: Bible, H-Hour, Chapel, Mentor Groups

Period 2: Science

Period 3: History

Period 4: Technology (M/W/F) and Music (T/H)

Period 5: Language Arts

Period 6: Algebra 1 (for high school credit towards graduation)

Period 7: Theater or Spanish (M/W/F), Art (T/H)

Period 8: Band (M/W/F) and Physical Education (T/H)

Mission Statement:

To provide a firm foundation of truth, knowledge, and virtue for a lifetime of service to God and man.

Core Values:

Truth, Knowledge, Virtue, Community

