

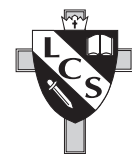
Quality Christian Education Since 1910

Lynden Christian Schools is one of the oldest Christian schools in Washington State. Organized in 1910, it has enjoyed many years of blessings and success. Literally thousands of students have participated in and graduated from its rigorous, Biblically-oriented Preschool through 12th grade educational program. These students have become citizens serving their community and having a transforming Christian influence on society.

Beginning with 72 students in 1910, it now has an enrollment of over 1000 in Preschool through 12th grade at its Lynden campus. With the addition of the Bellingham campus in 2006 almost 1100 children are receiving Christian education throughout the Lynden Christian Schools system. Over 90 different churches are represented in our student body. An extensive transportation system makes it possible to serve most of Whatcom County. Lynden Christian Schools students come from varied socio-economic backgrounds. Financial assistance is available to those families who have such a need.

Dedicated faculty and staff provide personal attention and care to the community of students. One of the delights at Lynden Christian Schools is the wholesome contact and interaction that exists between the homes and the school.

Lynden Christian Schools provides a sound academic program. Over 90% of its high school graduates attend two or four-year colleges. Academic excellence is always pursued. Students at all grade levels regularly score well above national norms on academic achievement tests. Basic skills are emphasized, and enrichment as well as remedial programs are available to students. Noteworthy training in music, art and drama also allows students to develop individual gifts and appreciation. Our renowned athletic program has brought home many honors including several state championships.



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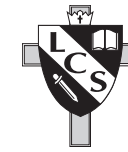
"Linking head and heart, home and school, child and God."

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Lynden Christian Schools

Bellingham Campus: Preschool – 6th Grade

Lynden Campus: Preschool – 12th Grade

PRESCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Dear Preschool Parent(s):

We are so pleased that you wish to learn more about the preschool program at Lynden Christian Schools. It is my hope that the attached materials will answer some of your questions.

or almost one hundred years, parents in Whatcom County have joined together to provide their children with an excellent educational program from a Biblical perspective. The school reinforces the religious beliefs and values that are in harmony with the Christian home and church. Together, we wish to educate not just the mind, but also the heart. "O Lord, give me a heart of wisdom." (Proverbs 9:10) Christian education is much more than learning facts and theories; it is gaining the gift of understanding from God's perspective. Outstanding Christian teachers help mold and shape the minds and hearts of our children so they will know right from wrong, wisdom from foolishness, and how they can best serve God and their fellow man in the world around them. Christian education has been a blessing to so many families, and we know you will be blessed as well.

Our preschool teachers work hard to provide an environment where children feel safe, cherished, and loved. The rooms are overflowing with creativity, learning, play, exploration, and discovery. What a wonderful place for an early school experience.

It is the desire of our staff to be a blessing to your child and to you as a parent. We are eager to get to know you.

Sincerely,

Henry D. Kok
Superintendent



INFORMATION ON OUR TWO CAMPUSES

Bellingham Campus:

The Evergreen Preschool through 6th grade campus is located at The Firs, a beautiful 13-acre wooded site in the Bellingham area.

Lynden Campus:

The Lynden Preschool through 12th grade campus is situated in the city of Lynden, on a beautiful 45-acre campus with separate elementary, middle and high school buildings.

LYNDEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Lynden Christian preschool provides a blended program of Christ-centered academics and social development presented in a creative and playful manner. Lynden Christian Schools is a community in which parents, staff and students strengthen each other in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ in teaching and learning.

The Lynden Christian Preschool program is one of new beginnings. The goal of our preschool is to open up a whole new world of learning for your child. Our teachers provide an atmosphere of belonging with love, compassion, warmth and fairness.

We strive to:

- Model and encourage the love of God;
- Provide a safe, caring environment in which children can discover, explore, and learn about themselves, others and the world that God created;
- Instill in each child the knowledge of their value as a precious child of God;
- Build a positive self-concept;
- Inspire creative development;
- Provide an opportunity for cooperative play and learning;
- Provide each child with learning experiences in music, art, reading, math and writing;
- Provide a basic foundation for your child's future education.



PRESCHOOL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The enrollment process for preschool at Lynden Christian Schools normally follows these steps:

1. Forms to be submitted

- Application:** Parents are to complete and submit a "Student Application" form for each child. A \$30 per student, non-refundable application fee is to be attached.
- Preschool-Kindergarten Preference:** Parents are to complete and submit a "Preschool-Kindergarten Preference" form for each child.
- Medical Record Requirements:** Before your child enters school, the "Certificate of Immunization Status" and the "Medical Information" forms must be completed.
- Family Information:** Before your child enters school, you must complete a "Family Information" form.
- Special Instructions:** If applicable, a "Special Instructions" form should be completed.



2. Criteria for Acceptance

Applications will be approved based upon the following, in priority order:

- Families who currently have children in our preschool will have priority when moving from Pre-3 to Pre-4.
- Current families or staff of Lynden Christian Schools will have priority over new families entering our preschool.
- New families will be given priority according to the date the application is received. Applications are accepted starting January 1st.

3. Other Information

- Class Sizes:** Maximum of 9 students per teacher, 27 students per session.
- Preschool 3 year-old Program:** Two half-days a week.
- Preschool 4 year-old Program:** Three half-days a week.
- Age Requirement:** Preschool students must be 3 years of age before September 1 for the Pre-3 class and 4 years of age before September 1 for the Pre-4 class.
- Transportation:** Busing at the discretion of the driver is available for Pre-4 students who have an older sibling attending Lynden Christian Schools.



LYNDEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS PROFILE

Our Mission

The mission of Lynden Christian Schools is to be an effective instrument of God. Together with Christian parents and the church, we educate children and young people so that they grow and mature into perceptive and caring Christians. Finally, our goal is to produce citizens who will have a transforming influence in the world.

Why Christian Education

God calls parents to nurture children in His ways, according to His Word. (Deut. 6:7) In today's society, school is an important part of our children's lives for twelve or more years. Parents are called to ensure that this time, as much as the time spent at home, helps the child grow in knowledge and wisdom in the Lord. Children have to develop their sense of direction, and Christian parents have the responsibility to "train the child in the way he should go." (Proverbs 22:6) When parents delegate a part of this task to a school, that school's teaching should be in harmony with the basic religious beliefs in the home.

The Bible puts things into perspective. In many ways it affirms the need to nurture our children. The core of Christian education, in Biblical language, is education of the heart. The prayer of the Christian consistently is, "O Lord, give me a heart of wisdom." The reverence of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10, Psalm 111:10), which is much more than learning facts and theories; it is the gift of understanding. Wisdom has to do with the practical insight that guides the goals of living and the behavior of believers. The goal of Christian education is to help lead the child to wisdom in the Lord.