

Quartzsite Southern Christian Academy



School Handbook

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Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for considering Quartzsite Southern Christian Academy (QSCA) for your child's education. This Handbook is designed to help answer any questions you might have about our school and all the forms that need to be filled out to enroll your child are available to you through our administration team. We anticipate a great school year and look forward to your involvement as we educate your children.

Our focus is on "Christian" education and our Mission Statement is "Achieving excellence by pursuing Christ-likeness". God gave the members of the Quartzsite Southern Baptist Church a vision for Christian education and character building for young people and it became a reality.

Our Supervisor, Gina Saxton, and her husband Sam Saxton have been affiliated with the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) curriculum for several years and have been a fundamental part in establishing this school for success, along with a well-rounded committee of residents.

We have a strong staff that loves the children within their learning centers and are dedicated to serving those students in the best possible manner. It is our hope that this school year will be fun, uplifting, and challenging for your children.

We will be scheduling several activities throughout the year that will be fun, as well as educational. We look forward to field trips, sporting activities, and the Student Leadership Convention (for teenagers). We will also have special days, such as our school picnic, Thanksgiving dinner, bowling, and more. Each week, we will have Chapel speakers, who will be encouraging and uplifting. On occasion, we will have guest speakers who will share with us what God has done in their lives. Of course, we try to make all classwork interesting, inspiring, and challenging, while preparing students for a productive future, whether it be college or career.

We want to maintain clear and effective communication with all our parents throughout the school year. Please make sure we have a phone number(s) where you can be reached during regular school hours. If you change a phone number, please let us know.

Students, your attitude towards God, your family, your school, and your work will determine how much you enjoy the school year. Someone once said, "Your attitude determines your altitude." If you come to school complaining about the rules and regulations or murmuring about certain students or teachers, you will struggle. If you come to school determined to get the most out of your education and dedicated to accomplishing great things

for God, you will have a great year. I love the attitude Jesus told us to have -- "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6.33) Take a moment today to get your attitude right before God.

It is our vision that QSCA is an extension of the Christian home, existing primarily to provide a God-centered education and following the biblical imperative, "Love the Lord thy

God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command you this day, shall be in thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently unto all thy children...” Deuteronomy 6: 5-7

In conclusion, our students are trained in Christian principles, biblical history, bible memory, and Christian character qualities, as well as comprehensive general education. Using the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, this school accommodates students from kindergarten to twelfth grade and empowers parents with a Christian atmosphere for educating students by reinforcing traditional family values, while equipping and challenging the students to be the leader(s) of tomorrow.

Thank you for trusting your children to us.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Pastor Jeff Saxton, QSCA Principal

Dan Zortman, QSCA Administrator

What do we do at QSCA?

The philosophy of Quartzsite Southern Christian Academy (QSCA) is consistent with that of the Quartzsite Southern Baptist Church in that:

- Christ shall have preeminence.
- The Bible is the inerrant word of God and is the only source for faith and practice.
- Children are a heritage from the Lord and each is precious in His sight.
- Christian principles and precepts are taught by the life of the teacher (Supervisor or Monitor) as well as by the words.

OBJECTIVES:

MENTALLY: “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” Phil 2:5

- *To develop a Christlikeness reaction to life.*
- *To discover and develop individual aptitudes.*
- *To cultivate power of critical thinking.*
- *To impart a command of common knowledge and skills.*

SPIRITUALLY: “Let the Word of God dwell in you richly.” Col 3:16

- *To encourage personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour.*
- *To enrich a child’s devotional life.*
- *To develop a well-balanced and Christ-like personality.*
- *To give knowledge, love, and understanding of the Bible.*
- *To instill a sense of concern for the lost.*
- *To encourage those who know Christ to share the gospel.*

SOCIALLY: “No man liveth unto himself.” Romans 14:7

- *To instill loyalty of Jesus Christ in all things and at all times.*
- *To develop a sympathetic understanding and helpful participation within the family unit.*
- *To help the child share his Christian responsibility as a citizen.*
- *To awaken and foster missionary responsibilities at home and in foreign fields.*
- *To develop an agape love for all while knowing the sinfulness of sin.*

PHYSICALLY: Present your bodies a living sacrifice..unto God.” Romans 12:1

- *To develop a respect for the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.*
- *To teach intelligent care of the body.*
- *To encourage the yielding of the body as an instrument for God’s use.*

EMOTIONALLY: “Be strong in the Lord and in the Power of His might.” Eph 6:10

- *To establish an emotional balance.*
- *To build a Spirit-controlled personality.*
- *To enable the child to adjust himself easily to situations in which he/she finds himself or herself.*
- *To develop healthy interests and abilities*

The three-part goal for each student will be:

1. To receive the training in order to become a functional, productive, contributing member within the spheres of God's designated authority of the home, the church, and the government by learning and applying Biblical principles of life.
2. To know how to live in a right relationship with God, and in a beneficial, supportive relationship with other people.
3. To learn the foundational skills of learning, communication, and technology in order to function successfully in today's society.

Attendance at QSCA is a privilege and not a right. The goal of this school is not to reform but to train the youth of every ability in the highest principles of Christian Leadership, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity, and good citizenship.

This school stands without apology for the old-time gospel and the highest standards of morality and Christian behavior. Scripture admonishes us to do all things to please God and not man and to bring glory and honor to Him.

Therefore, we desire to strive for excellence in every area, including character development, academic achievement, intellectual and physical development, and social interaction. The staff is dedicated to serving the Lord with all the expertise and training that God has given. We expect that parents and students will reciprocate with a commitment to excellence. This requires a commitment of our resources of time, finances, and abilities.

The home is the first sphere of authority. God has clearly given parents the responsibility of training and educating their children.

Another sphere of authority is the church and it has been given the authority to teach and to be responsible.

The authority of the government has been given the responsibility to execute wrath on those that do evil and to reward those that do good. The government was not given responsibility from God for training and educating children.

The conclusion of this is that God has given parents the authority over their children. When a child is enrolled at QSCA, parents are delegating some of that authority to the school as a ministry of the church. While students are on school grounds or are involved in school activities, we will exercise the delegated authority given to us by the parents. For purposes of social propriety and Christian testimony, we urge parents to set high standards of dress and conduct for their children at home, school, or anywhere else.

DRESS CODE

1. General Guidelines:

Students out of dress code will be warned. Further noncompliance will result in a 15-minute detention. Escalation of noncompliance will result in Principal's involvement.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

BOYS & GIRLS:

- The current year's mandated uniform
- Closed-toe shoes with socks.

Cold Weather:

During cold weather students may wear a sweater or jacket of their choosing as long as it is free of profanity, and/ or innuendos.

SCHOOL HOURS:

Class begins at 8:00 a.m. each morning, Monday - Thursday. Class dismisses each afternoon at 3:30 p.m. If a student needs to be dismissed from class early, the parent/guardian must sign him/her out, in the office.

WE WILL FOLLOW THE La Paz SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE

CAMPUS POLICY:

- We have a closed campus policy.
- Visitors are to check in with the office before going to a school building or classroom.
- No student is allowed to leave the classroom without clearance from his/her Supervisor or Monitor
- If a student needs to leave early a parent will need to be present to sign them out.
- Students will be allowed to walk, ride bikes, or drive to school. However, they **Will Not** be allowed to access them until after school.
- Parents **WILL NOT** be permitted to enter classroom after 8:00 am. If you find that you need to speak to a teacher, please call and make an appointment or send the teacher a text. This will help class to begin at the appropriate time so that teachers can ensure the students get all the time needed. The only exceptions will be the first day of school as well as special occasions.

Do NOT Bring:

iPods, compact discs, radios, electronic games, laptops, trading cards, or magazines to school, unless you have the teacher or principal's permission to bring them to class. NO vaping pens, NO tobacco of any kind, NO alcohol, and NO weapons are allowed.

Cellular phones:

May be brought to school but they **Must** be **turned in** to your supervisor at the beginning of class and may be returned only after school. **Parents may NOT call their children on cell phones during school hours.** PLEASE use the office phone to contact your child if you have an emergency.

STATE ACCREDITATION

Accreditation of a private Christian School is not necessary for a graduate of that school to enroll in a college or university. Registrars of such institutions are interested in academic merits of individual students, not in the name of their school of graduation. Thus, they evaluate each applicant's academic aptitude through nationally standardized tests. QSCA does not seek accreditation by any outside educational institution but does endeavor to provide the highest possible academic program.

REPORT CARDS

After the end of each quarter (nine weeks) we will send home a report card that must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school within a week. Progress reports will also be sent out every three (3) weeks and they must be signed and returned within a week.

QUARTERLY AWARDS

(Preemptive: Students, Supervisors, and Monitors need ID's with a Lanyard) The Lanyard will be part of the dress code and is where award pins are to be displayed. (*Being developed*)

- **Principal's Choice**
- **Honor Roll A & B**
- **Most Improved**
- **Perfect Attendance Award**
- **Weekly Awards**
- **Cleanest Office (Roadrunner Trophy)**

KINDERGARTEN

Curriculum - The curriculum used for Kindergarten is called Kindergarten with ACE and Christi. This curriculum is taught in a traditional style classroom setting and offers a strong auditory base for “learning to read”. It also offers an excellent writing and numbers - foundation. Each student is graded on the same material and level as the rest of the class. This curriculum is Bible-based with an emphasis on *character development*.

Discipline - Students may be disciplined for disobedience or misbehavior. For serious or repeated misbehavior, students may be sent to the Principal’s Office. A parent conference may be necessary.

Field Trips - Students will go on periodic field trips throughout the year. The dress code for the field trips will be the school attire unless a notice is sent home to let you know of a change. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend field trips and help chaperone.

Breaks - Students will have at least two (2) breaks each day. They may bring a healthy snack for a break but **PLEASE do not bring toys.**

1st Grade - High School

Curriculum - The Curriculum used for 1st Grade through High School is called Accelerated Christian Education (ACE). It is a self-paced, individualized, Bible-based curriculum. It is divided into packets (called PACES) in such a way that 12 PACES comprise a year’s work in each subject. Each quarter of school (9-weeks) the students are required to complete 3 PACES in each subject. Most students will have 6 core subjects (Math, English, Word Building, Literature & Creative Writing, Science, and Social Studies). Students who maintain a 94% grade point average will be placed on the Honor Roll. Students who maintain a 95% or higher grade point average will be placed on Pastor’s Honor Roll.

A PACE is passed only if the student scores 80% or higher. If a student scores below the minimum, he/she will be assigned a repeat PACE of the same number. He/She will work the PACE again and be tested again until the PACE is passed. All scores on the Report Card represent only the PACES passed.

Goal Setting - Each morning before you begin your PACE work, you must set *your goals*. You will write down on your goal Card the subjects that you have and the page numbers that you plan to complete that day. You are required to set a minimum number of pages each day as per your supervisor.

Homework - Homework is for students who don’t complete their goals for the day during class time. Whatever you didn’t finish in class is what you must finish for homework. Each day your teacher (supervisor or monitor) will check to make sure your goals are set reasonably and that you completed the previous day’s goals.

Scoring - Scoring is a very important part of the learning process. Improper scoring usually results in failed tests. The score keys are color-coded to match your PACEs. When you come to a score strip in your PACE, you need to get permission to go to the score table to check your work. If an answer is not correct, you must place a red X on the number of that problem. If there are no mistakes on the page, circle the page number with red ink and proceed to the next page. After all the pages have been scored, put a red X in the first box of the score strip. Finally, get permission to re-score. If the answers are correct, circle the red X's and if all the answers on the page are correct, circle the page number. When all the pages in that section are correct, put a red X in the last box of the score strip.

Testing - Testing is our tool for measuring mastery of concepts. You must score at least 80% on every test. When you complete a PACE, you must take notes from the vocabulary, the checkups, and the Self-Test. Then you must turn in the completed PACE and take the test the following class day. Minimize PACE failures by taking good notes, studying on your own the night before the test, and by getting your parents to quiz you over your notes. If you fail your PACE test, parents are responsible to purchase a new PACE for \$25.

The Learning Center - The Learning Center is strictly a place to work. We have breaks for the running, talking, and visiting you might want to do. We want to maintain an atmosphere that is conducive to your Christian learning experience. Therefore, we want you to keep your offices neat at all times. The only things that should be pinned up in your offices are your star charts, goal cards, and anything your supervisor gives you to pin-up.

Breaks - Breaks are the time to get a drink of water and go to the restroom. If you need to leave the class for these purposes beyond the appointed times, it may be at the teacher's discretion.

Once again Thank You for Trusting Us with your child.

Pastor Jeff Saxton Dan Zortmann