

Harrells Christian Academy

Excellence in Education through Christian Motivation



Harrells Christian Academy is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school for students in kindergarten through grade 12. Located in southeastern Sampson County, the Academy enrolls students from surrounding counties (Bladen, Duplin, Pender and Sampson).

Admissions

The admissions office requests that each perspective student submits a school transcript, standardized test scores, a copy of birth certification, social security number, and a completed application. An interview and entrance test is also part of the admissions process. First priority will be given to siblings of current students and children of alumni as well as staff. In an overcrowded situation, test scores, along with interview criteria, will be evaluated to determine student acceptance. Some financial assistance is available.

Nondiscriminatory Policy: Harrells Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, or other school administered policies.

Philosophy: We devote our efforts to educating children and young adults who value integrity, commitment, and the realization that the moral and intellectual domains of our lives blend into one another. Harrells Christian Academy creates an environment that encourages the importance of education, respect for diversity, and the value of approaching life with confidence and enthusiasm.

Academics



The Academy is divided into a Lower School (Grades K-5), a Middle School (Grades 6-8), and an Upper School (Grades 9-12).

Lower School curriculum focuses on the mastery of basic skills, as well as art, music, library, physical education, computer, and Bible.



A need for a distinct middle school was met before the 2003-2004 school year. Students in the Middle School are assigned traditional classes consisting of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Middle School students also take exploratory classes in Spanish, art, keyboarding, physical education, and Bible.

Mission



The mission of HCA is to prepare each student for higher education within an environment that instills Judeo-Christian values, fosters self-discipline, enhances creativity, and promises a love and respect for learning.

Accreditation

Harrells Christian Academy is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Academy holds membership in the Southern Association of Independent Schools, the College Entrance Examination Board, and the North Carolina Association of Independent Schools.

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The Middle School contains its own computer lab, a science laboratory and a terrarium that allows students to observe nature within the learning environment.



A traditional college preparatory curriculum is taught in the Upper School. These courses of study prepare students for college in the liberal arts with courses in English, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, science, and Bible. In addition to the regular courses of study, the students may take advanced placement (AP) and honors courses. Dual-enrollment courses are also offered, allowing students to earn college credit through Sampson Community College, James Sprunt Community College, and Bladen Community College. The foreign languages offered are Latin and Spanish. General electives are offered in Accounting, Desktop Publishing, SAT Preparation, Weight Training and Conditioning, Art, Chorus, Drama, Photography, Computer Applications, Web Design, Consumer Business and Advanced Math.

History

In 1969, a group of interested citizens organized Rose Hill Christian School, Inc. The school opened on September 5, 1969, in a rented facility located in the town of Teachey, North Carolina, with an enrollment of 98 students in grades 1-8. In 1970, Harrells Christian Academy was established at its present location in Harrells, North Carolina.

The school ground in Harrells was purchased and renovated during the 1969-1970 school year by the Foundation for School Development, Inc. The Foundation consisted of a group of local businessmen with the primary purpose of securing a permanent home for the Rose Hill Christian School, Incorporated.

The foundation purchased Franklin School which had been built by the Sampson County Board of Education in the late 1940s, but closed in the early 1960s due to consolidation.

Harrells Christian Academy opened in August, 1970 with an enrollment of 305 students in grades 1-12. The first senior class graduated six students in May, 1971.



Joseph W. Newkirk was one of the founders of HCA and served as the academy's first headmaster until his untimely death in 1978. The auditorium has since been named in his honor.

Since January, 2001, Harrells Christian Academy has raised close to three million dollars through a capital campaign aimed at renovating the academy's existing facilities as well as adding new construction.



With a growing student body and expanded needs for technological advances and instruction, new construction began in 1997 with the addition of a new upper school facility.

The upper school building was named for William C. Maus, a beloved math teacher and headmaster. William C. Maus Hall was completed and used for the first time in 1998. It houses science laboratories, classrooms, and a computer lab. The addition of five more classrooms was made to Maus Hall during the summer of 2002. Also, during the summer of 2002, renovations were made to the existing Puglia Cafeteria, which was originally built in 1985.

During the summer of 2003, a new administration building, Founder's Hall, was added to the front of the existing school. This new building is dedicated to members of the Founders Club, key contributors to the Academy's Capital Campaign. This facility holds several offices and a conference room. The area connecting these offices is named in honor of Samuel A. Marshburn.

Upstairs, above Marshburn Hall, is the Lynne Wells Williams Media Center. The Media Center contains the Academy's library and computers for use by lower and middle school students.

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With all the renovations and new construction, the campus now has over 30 classrooms, two computer labs, two science labs, an auditorium, chapel, music room, and an art studio.

Originally constructed in 1976, the need for a larger lobby in the Mary Susan Cowan Johnson Gymnasium was met in 2002. A larger concession stand was added and the lobby now contains all athletic trophies and awards that have been attained throughout the sports history of HCA.

In 1986, Murphy-Johnson Field, a lighted football field, was built behind the Mary Susan Cowan Johnson Gymnasium.



The need for a new field house was met in 2002. The Edgar William Johnson Field house accommodates HCA's athletes with a weight room, storage facilities, an athletic office, a media room, and locker rooms for both boys and girls

A new baseball diamond was constructed beyond Murphy-Johnson Field in 2001. Adjacent to the main campus are new tennis courts, which were added in the fall of 2003.



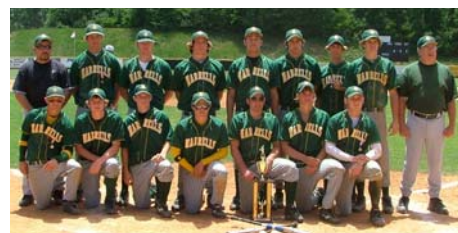
Athletics

Harrells Christian Academy competes in 10 varsity sports and takes great pride in winning. More importantly, the coaching staff instills the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and self-discipline. The varsity and junior varsity Crusaders compete in football, tennis, volleyball, and basketball. HCA also fields varsity teams in baseball, softball, soccer, cheerleading, and golf.

Teams compete in the Eastern Plains Independent Conference (EPIC) against other North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association (NCISAA) members. Since 1992, HCA football has competed in the NCISAA 8-man Colonial Carolina Conference (CCC).



HCA athletics have competed in over 25 state championship games, winning 17 of them. Teams have also won numerous conference titles while competing in over 40 conference championships throughout all sports. Harrells Christian Academy is also the proud recipient of two Wachovia Cups, an NCISAA award given to a school that has excelled on the playing field during a given school year.



Football - 11 state championships
1971, 1972, 1973, 1977, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1993, and 2003

Baseball - 3 state championships
1988, 1991, and 2004

Golf - 2 state championships 1992 and 2000

Boys Basketball - 1 state championship 1978-1979



Middle School students (grades 7-8) compete in junior high athletics. Sports offered are volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, baseball, and softball.

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Thank you for your interest in Harrells Christian Academy. I know that you would be very happy with our school. We pride ourselves on the family values we practice, the safe environment we provide, and the strong academic and athletic programs we offer.

We invite you to visit our campus. There are many exciting things happening here including a new focus on curriculum and instruction. We are also proud of the extensive building program that was recently completed thanks to the many contributors of our capital campaign.

With our increase in students and HCA families, we are able to be more diverse in our opportunities for the students we serve. We continue to be blessed with a most supportive staff which is dedicated to providing a well balanced education program for all our students.

We strive each day to meet the mission of HCA in supporting the full development of our students' potential - intellectually, spiritually, physically, and socially. The HCA Christian environment encourages the importance of education, respect for diversity, and the value of approaching life with confidence and enthusiasm. Learning is a continuous process wherein formal education provides individuals with the opportunities necessary to mature and develop their intellectual skills throughout adulthood.

Enclosed you will find information on HCA, as well as an application for admission. You may also visit our website, www.harrellschristianacademy.com for the latest information on HCA. If you have any questions or if we can help you in any way in making a decision about your child's education, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald L. Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ronald L. Montgomery
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Please return a copy of the student's birth certificate, social security number, and most recent report card with the application and a \$35.00 fee to:

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