

# **NEW APPLICANTS**

Contact the school office to arrange you Free Educational Success Consultation with our Administrator. Spend a day with us visiting the classes. Shadow a student while meeting our faculty and staff. Complete an Interview with the Administration

### Complete Prior to the interview:

- Complete one Application Form for each child applying and bring it with you to the interview.
- Each child in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade entering the school for the first time must complete the Student Agreement and Questionnaire form.
- Sign and return the Statement of Cooperation Form.
- Complete one Transportation Request per child and mail to the appropriate school district.
- Complete the Records Transfer form (students entering 1-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Bring in your child's Birth Certificate and Immunization Record (copies will be made).

After the interview, all students will need to secure a testing date with the office and insure all records have been received by the school office.

You will be given other information that needs to be completed prior to enrollment.



## **SCHOOL PROFILE**

#### HISTORY

West Seneca Christian School opened in the fall of 1974 with 44 students in grades K-6 as a ministry of First Baptist Church of West Seneca. The school presently serves over a hundred students in PreK-12. As a ministry of the church, the six-member school committee, made up of church members, formulates the policies of the school with the cooperation of the administration. A staff of about 25 qualified and dedicated people work together in this aspect of the church ministry.

The school has a large educational wing of 14 classrooms, a library and school offices as well as the use of several rooms in the adjoining church building. Included is an art room, two computer labs, auditorium and cafeteria. A large gymnasium provides opportunities for gym classes and an interscholastic sports program. The traditional classroom setting helps provide security and control for top educational achievement.

### DOCTRINAL POSITION OF SCHOOL

First Baptist Church is a fundamental, independent, evangelical, Bible-believing church founded in 1965. Its active youth ministry reaches children from the nursery through the college and career age group. Although we have students from several denominational backgrounds in our school, the church's Statement of Faith and policies govern the school ministry.

### ACCREDITATION

West Seneca Christian School is listed by the state as a non-registered, non-public school. WSCS is accredited through New York Association of Christian Schools (NYACS) and is a member of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS). As a ministry of First Baptist Church, we maintain the principle of church autonomy by not seeking registration with the state. However, we meet and exceed the state's minimum requirements, and our graduates have been accepted without question by both secular and Christian colleges and universities.

#### **CURRICULUM**

We use a verity of textbooks including A Beka Publications, Bob Jones Press, Orton Gillingham, and Positive Action materials throughout the school All subjects required by the New York State Department of Education are taught from a Biblical worldview approach.

### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

A student may pursue one of four areas of interest in high school: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Business, Vocational (BOCES), or General Studies. All programs will prepare a student for college. Twenty-two and one half units are required for graduation and include the following minimum requirements: four in Bible, four in English, four in Social Studies, four in P.E., three in Math, two in Science, one-half in Health and one in Fine Arts. Foreign language (Spanish), Computer Education and Business courses are available as a part of our program.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our sports, which include soccer, basketball, volleyball, cross country, and skiing/ snowboarding, provide a number of athletic activities for both boys and girls. Numerous faculty members offer instrumental lessons which enable students to develop their proficiency in music. The students, under an advisor's direction,

produce an annual yearbook for the school. Each spring the students have the opportunity to participate in a drama.

### <u>Staff</u>

We have an experienced, Christian staff with a low rate of turnover. Our full-time teachers are graduates of four-year colleges with a Bachelor's Degree. They have training in the subject field to which God has led them to teach. They have a Christian philosophy of education, which they continue to develop. Besides having a Bachelor's Degree, many of our faculty members also have advanced degrees.

### **COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS**

100% of our Seniors graduate every year. Most of our students take the ACT or SAT tests for college entrance and have performed well above average on these tests. Nearly all of our students score in the upper 25% on national test results. More than ninety-five percent of our students continue their education beyond high school, many of them attending Christian colleges.

### NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

West Seneca Christian School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin in admissions policies or school-administered programs.



# **WSCS AT A GLANCE**

# ATHLETICS

Varsity Boys
Soccer
Soccer
Basketball
Basketball

Varsity GirlsJunior High GirlsVolleyballVolleyballBasketballBasketball

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Elementary Choir (3-5)

Jr. High Choir (6-8)

Sr. High Choir (9-12)

Intramural Sports (3-6)

Ski Club (7-12)

Various Clubs (6-12):

(Chess, Spanish, Juggling,

Quizzing/Trivia, etc.)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Spirit Week
Christmas Concert
Elementary Field Day
Junior/Senior Picnic
Spring Concert
Alumni/Staff Games
Spiritual Emphasis Week
Homecoming
Open House
Drama Production
History/Science Projects

# **SERVICES**

Library
Bookstore
School Nurse
Parent-Teacher Conferences
Weekly Chapel Services
Pictures (individual and class)
Sycamore Education Computer Services

Bus Transportation
WSCS Weekly (Newsletter)
Lunch Sales
Guidance Counseling
Vision, Hearing Screening
Achievement Testing K-12
Music Lessons

## COURSES GRADES 9 – 12

### Art

Beginner Advanced

#### Bible

Bible Doctrines Biblical Discipleship Life of Christ Directions for Early Believers

### Business

Keyboarding
Introduction to Office
Office Suite
Introduction to Business
General Business
Accounting
Advanced Accounting
Consumer Math
Electronic Information Processing

#### **English**

Creative Writing & Fundamentals of Literature Expository Writing & Elements of Literature Research and Writing & American Literature Styles and Strategies in Writing & British Literature

### Fine Arts

Art Choir Drama Yearbook

### Foreign Language

Spanish II Spanish III

### History

Geography
World History
US History
Government/Economics

### Mathematics

Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II & Trigonometry
Pre-Calculus
Calculus

### Physical Education

Physical Education Health

### Science

Physical Science Biology Chemistry Physics

### STEM Electives

Game Design Computer Programming

# COURSES GRADES 6-8

Art

Bible

Choir

Keyboarding

English

Health

History Home Economics

Instrumental Lessons

Mathematics

Music

Physical Education

Science

## COURSES GRADES K-5

Art

Bible

Choir

Computer

Instrumental Lessons

Language

Literature

Mathematics

Music

Physical Education

Reading

Science

Social Studies

Spelling

Vocabulary

Writing



# **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe in the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, inerrant in the original writings and of supreme and final authority and life (II Timothy 3:16,17).

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (I Peter 1:2).

We believe that God the Son became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ, who was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38).

We believe in the Genesis account of creation, that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God, and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word, and deed (Genesis 1:27; Romans 5:12; Ezekiel 18:4; Ephesians 4:18; Rom. 3:10-23).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was sinless in His life, that he died for our sins according to the Scriptures as representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in and accept Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood, have their sins pardoned and receive the gift of eternal life (II Corinthians 5:21; I Corinthians 15:3; John 1:29; Romans 5:8-9; 6:23; Colossians 1:14; I John 5:12).

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate (Romans 1:4; Luke 24:39; Acts 1:9; Hebrews 7:25; 4:14; I John 2:1).

We believe in "that blessed hope," the personal, bodily, pre-millennial and imminent return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 12:40).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost (Daniel 12:2-3; John 5:24,29; Revelation 20:4-6; I John 5:12; II Corinthians 5:1).

We believe in the church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated people are members (I Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 1:2 2,23; 2:19-22).

We believe in the ordinances which Christ has commanded us to observe: baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 8:36-38; 10:47-48; Romans 6:3-5; I Corinthians 11:23-26).

We believe that the business of the church is to preach the Gospel, to build up its members in the faith, to make disciples, to teach and instruct as Christ commanded and to evangelize the world (Matthew 28:19-20; Il Timothy 4:2; Colossians 2:6-7).

We believe that it is required of every Christian to live a life separated from the world (Romans 12:2; II Corinthians 6:14-17; I John 2:15-17)