



Dear Prospective Family,

Here at CCA we realize you have many educational options for your children available in our community and we realize making a choice can sometimes be overwhelming.

We like to encourage prospective parents to ask several questions before even considering CCA as a prospective school. "What is available for my child?" is a question easily answered. Just a looking around at the newspaper, the world wide web or any parent magazine in Fort Collins will present you with an array of dizzying choices: public, secular, private, Christian, secular private, private Christian, home school, co-ops, online schools and so forth. The list seems endless, but the answer to the first questions leads to the next question.

This next question is perhaps the most important question of all. What kind of environment is best for my child? When considering this question, an excellent place to start is with God's Word. God is very clear on a number of issues regarding the training of our children. The most important example can be found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 when He instructs the Israelites on how to keep their children from forgetting who the Lord is and what is most important in life. In this passage, God says "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Obviously, this is what we need to teach our children first and foremost. Then the Lord proceeds to explain how to teach loving God and loving people in such a way our children don't forget these two commands. He says ".....teach them (the command about loving God and loving people) diligently to your sons and talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up .....bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead .....write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Clearly from the text of these verses, we can see what is of value to God and what we are to teach our children to value. Therefore, is the school environment we choose teaching our children to value what God values? Are they in an environment where God is glorified and people are loved through the lifting up of His name and the working through of personality differences and conflicts?

Another verse that goes along with choosing the optimal school for our children is Ephesians 6:4. "Fathers, do not provoke your children, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Our focus for the purpose of this article is the latter part of that verse. Bringing up children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord can have a variety of applications, but the question for us as parents is, "Are we

placing our children in an environment that fosters this idea?" Or are we placing our children in an environment that actually resists our efforts to raise our children in the instruction of the Lord? When we place our children in a place that contradicts our efforts, the picture is one of a trout swimming upstream against the current. It can be done, but at what cost and what expenditure of energy that could be focused elsewhere?

Once parents understand what surroundings are appropriate for their child, the next question to ask is "What type of school is right for my child and our family? This is a very personal question and can only be answered by the parents. When seeking the answer, knowing your child's personality, character weaknesses and strengths, and academic weaknesses and strengths is a must. Placing a child in a school ill-fitted to deal with him or her as a whole person can be a disaster. Another potential disaster is choosing a school that is not compatible with a student's family life. As mentioned before, Fort Collins has a plethora of choices for education but as parents finding a school that fits your family and fosters the family as a unit instead of drawing members away from one another is an important consideration. Parents need to choose a school that has expectations and demands that their family can uphold. In doing so, this will ensure a partnership that will be beneficial on both sides while providing an appropriate fit.

Christian Core Academy's goal is to provide the optimal environment to help parents uphold the instructions found in the Bible concerning the training of their children. At CCA, we strive to provide a place where students are shown how to love God and love people. We also strive to come along side parents as they seek to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord while at the same time offering a strong academic base. Finally, we are a family-friendly fit for parents who are trying to balance the demands of family and school as they fulfill their responsibilities in educating their children. Making decisions about our children's lives is not easy sometimes, but Christian Core Academy is here to provide a viable choice in the educational decision process.

Again, thank you for considering Christian Core Academy as an option for a school for your student.

In Christ,

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