CHESWICK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHESWICK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 1407 PITTSBURGH STREET CHESWICK, PA 15024-1448



### "For nothing will be impossible for God" LK 1:37

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# POLICY ON TUITION AND FEES 2024-25

Dear Parents:

Cheswick Christian Academy was established in 1978. Since that time, our school has undergone many changes. Our mission, however, has remained the same: We seek to train a generation of children to live for Christ. We trust that you share this vision, and we invite your active participation in the work to which the Lord Jesus has called us. Cheswick Christian Academy does not discriminate in its admission policies, nor in any of its policies on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or political beliefs. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

This letter discusses the cost of attendance at Cheswick Christian. Over the years, that cost has remained at a very reasonable level. As you consider the price of education at our school, we encourage you to weigh the benefits of Christ-centered education.

Please read this Policy carefully. Your signature on the Family Contact Information & Policy Card, required annually (Sept.) or at mid-year enrollment, is legally binding that you have read and understood our Policy on Tuition and Fees in its entirety.

Parents need to keep in mind that there are two distinct charges for attendance at the Academy. One is the annual enrollment fee; the other is annual tuition.

## I. ENROLLMENT FEE

"Enrollment" includes the enrollment of new students and the enrollment of continuing students. This annual fee pays for administrative enrollment expenses, textbooks and other consumable materials. It is not refundable under any circumstance.

### 2024-25 ENROLLMENT FEE (no increase for 2024-25)

**\$ 100.00** for the first K-12 child **\$ 25.00** for each additional K-12 child

For current CCA students who are enrolling for the upcoming school year, enrollment fees are due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment fees received after May 15<sup>th</sup> for current students must include a \$25.00 late fee to be considered paid in full. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, the late fee is raised to \$50.00. This paragraph does not apply to new enrollments.

# II. TUITION

### 2024-25 TUITION FOR ALL GRADES (~6% inrease for 2024-25)

|                    | for one child (K-12)<br>for two children (K-12)          |    |                   | for 12 months (August through July)<br>for 12 months (August through July) |
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| \$ 7,560.00 / year | for three children (K-12)                                | or | \$ 630.00 / month | for 12 months (August through July)  |
|                    | for four children (K-12) for each additional child after |    |                   | for 12 months (August through July)  |

**\$ 4,320.00 / year** for one child who is a graduating senior <u>and</u> is the only child enrolled at CCA from family; however, payment is to be made over 10 months instead of 12 or **\$ 432.00 / month** for **10 months** (August through May)

<u>Tuition is charged by the academic year</u>, not by the month. However, in order to make payments easier for parents, the Academy does not require that the total academic year tuition be paid within that academic year (approximately nine months). Rather, the Academy accepts monthly payments over a twelve-month period from August (1<sup>st</sup> of 12) through July (12<sup>th</sup> of 12). By spreading the payments over twelve months, the monthly amounts are lowered.

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Under this system, payment for K-12 students begins in August (1<sup>st</sup> payment) and ends with the following July (12<sup>th</sup> payment). This means that payments made in June and July are made for the previous academic year just completed. <u>Graduating Senior Rate</u>: Tuition payments for graduating seniors with no other siblings enrolled in the Academy must be paid over a 10-month period (Aug. – May) instead of 12-month since the Academy requires full payment prior to graduation.

<u>All tuition payments are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month</u>. If a payment is not <u>received by the Academy by midnight of</u> <u>the last day of the month</u> (the end of the grace period), a \$20.00 late fee will be automatically assessed. Postmarks are not considered. There is a mail slot in the front door of the high school where payments may be submitted. Once two late fees have been assessed or payment has been late two times, the Academy reserves the right to REQUIRE immediate payment for enrollment to continue. If notification is made to the high school office (<u>BEFORE</u> the payment deadline) stating that a tuition payment will be late and indicating when to expect payment, waiving the late fee might be considered. Getting tuition payments to the <u>high school</u> office on time is the responsibility of the parent, <u>not the student or the student's teacher</u>.

The August (1<sup>st</sup> of 12) tuition payment must be received before child(ren) may attend the first day of school. <u>Students are</u> not considered enrolled and will not be permitted to begin the school year until the first tuition payment and enrollment fee have been received.

Before end-of-the-school-year report cards will be released, tuition must be received and processed through the June (11th of 12) payment.

Tuition and any outstanding fees (such as lunch, lost book fees, etc.) must be paid in full before records will be released for transfer to a new school or college. For a summer transition (after one school year ends and before the new one begins), the final payment (12<sup>th</sup> of 12) due July 20th must be received and processed before records will be released. A cash payment will move the process along more quickly.

Presently, there is a \$15 bank charge issued on any NSF check by our bank.

Please do not include misc. other school payments (i.e. lunch, field trips, etc.) with tuition/enrollment fee payments.

If so desired, a tuition payment booklet may be requested from the office, indicating the family's name, monthly tuition amount, and due date on each payment coupon.

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Students may not be allowed to participate in school-sponsored activities (trips, sports, etc.) if that student's family is delinquent regarding any amount of money, for any reason, for any child, for the current or any previous year.
- B. The Academy will not release report cards, transcripts, diplomas, or any other academic record for a student if that student's family is delinquent regarding any amount of money, for any reason, for the current or any previous year. Likewise, no such student will be permitted to participate in a graduation ceremony. Once payment obligations are fulfilled, it is the parent's responsibility to request report cards, etc.
- C. Delinquencies in payment of tuition or fees may result in suspension or expulsion of students. Likewise, reenrollment may be denied due to delinquencies.
- D. There will be no discounts given for prepaying tuition or any school day cancellations or remote learning days.
- E. Prospective applicants owing tuition to a previously attended school may not be accepted for enrollment.

By and large, CCA families pay their tuition and fees in a timely manner. This allows us to spend more of our energy providing Christian education and less of our energy pursuing delinquent accounts. We understand that there are sometimes difficulties in paying bills and we encourage you to communicate with us before, rather than after a due date, a problem arises in meeting your payment obligation.

This statement of tuition and fees provides general guidelines for Cheswick Christian Academy, its students, and their families. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the Academy's rights with regard to tuition and fees. The Academy retains full discretion regarding the assessment, collection, and all other aspects of tuition and fees.

Sincerely in Christ, *Jodd Rosio*, Principal