

Creating A Covenant Christian Community Of Education



SPOKANE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Affordable, Excellent, Gospel Centered Education



“Educational Worldview Matters”

*“I urge you therefore brothers in view of God’s mercy to
Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – which is your spiritual worship.
Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world
Instead, be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is
His good, pleasing, and perfect will.” – Romans 12:1–2*

“All Education is Discipleship –the Question is, Toward What?”

Spokane Classical Christian School is a "Distinctly Christian Religious Ministry of Education"
Spokane Classical Christian School operates under Spokane Classical Christian Ministries



SPOKANE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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Three Primary Principles “Arx Axiom”

The Great Commission, Covenant Christian Community & Effective Discipleship

Every educational institution has its Arx Axiom – or “*Fortress of First Principles*”. Spokane Classical Christian School is committed the following Arx Axiom: The “Great Commission”, “Covenant Christian Community” and “Effective Discipleship” (Effective discipleship is best accomplished through a threefold combination of the local church, family and school). These lay the foundation of *Spokane Classical Christian Ministry*”. We are committed to grow, serve and support the students, families and churches within the greater Spokane area.

1. “The Great Commission”

Christian Education: “*Go, make students... and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.*”

This commission drives our commitment to education and to assure that our education is affordable, regardless of economic status.

2. “Covenant Christian Community”

Partnering and Support: “*That the whole body of Christ may be built up together.*” We desire to provide a high quality educational opportunity serving the Body of Christ. We all need community effort and support to reach our potential in Christ.

3. “Christian Paideia Discipleship –The Church, Family and School”

The work of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit are integral to faithfulness. These are the primary means by which God works to accomplish repentance, redemption and sanctification. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit work through the local Church, the Family, and an educational/discipleship system. Each of these work in and work out the gospel in our lives.

The Early Church was committed to the above three “*Fortress of First Principles*” or “*Arx Axiom*”. They understood the command to disciple or teach found within the Great Commission. They were committed to Covenant Christian Community knowing our need to gather, worship, break bread and support each other in our sojourning on this earth. And they knew that education, to be effective toward knowing and loving God, must be conducted within a Christian context. They did not separate “Community, Church, Family and Education *from Discipleship*”, as we do in Modern Times. They viewed “*All Education as Discipleship*”! Jan Amos Comenius, considered the greatest Christian educational authority over the last 400 years, stated that all children that have been “*Dedicated to the Lord*”, must receive a thoroughly Christian Education from infancy through adulthood. In other words, the charge of the Great Commission, as well as Paul’s admonition in Romans 12:1-2 is to life long discipleship and sanctification. It is transformation. An education in the Lord is to focus on transformation. G. K. Chesterton summed this up well.

“*Education is not a subject, nor does it deal in subjects. It is instead a transfer of a way of life.*” –G. K. Chesterton



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Five Core Distinctives

“Creating a Complete & Balanced Education”

1. Solid Christian Foundations, Training & Discipleship

- We not only teach students, but we mentor and build them up to maturity. We help complete their formative training so that they go forth faithfully into their work, service, and calling.
- We make every effort to help increase and supplement their faith with the qualities that lead to an effective and fruitful life in the Lord —these qualities are the following: Moral Excellence, Knowledge, Self-control, Steadfastness, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, and Love.
- We work to develop in students an advanced Biblical aptitude which enables them see the world clearly through the lens of God’s Word and to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ —this is what it means to have a Biblical worldview and to be raised in the instruction of the Lord.

2. The 4 Day Model —Maintaining balance between the family, Church and school

- We utilize a 4 Day Model which provides an organized, high quality academic program blending the advantages of the 5 Day Academy and Home Schooling
- The 4 Day Model maintains an appropriate balance between the family, church, and school, resulting in a wholesome, sweet-spirited, and grace filled culture.
- The 4 Day Model accommodates parental prerogatives and priorities as well as protects the Lord’s Day, enabling families to maintain margin and rest.

3. Commitment to Make Christian Education Affordable

- We are committed to Christ’s Great Commission: “Go, make students... and teach them” —this leads us to assure that Spokane Classical Christian School is affordable to families committed to living out the gospel.
- We offer three ways to assure “Affordability”: 1.) Low Tuition; 2.) A 10% Family Income Cap after the first Child; 3.) A Limited Scholarship Program.

4. Historic Biblical Based Education within the Classical Model of Education

- We adhere to the Biblical three-stage process of training in education identified in the Book of Proverbs, which is the development of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. God designed this process to yield strong character, good habits, academic proficiency, and faithfulness.
- We emphasize the Historic Christian and Liberal Arts Core Curricula: **Humanities** —Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric, Theology, Moral Philosophy & Law; **Natural Philosophy** —God’s Created Order & the Sciences; **The Arts** —Music, Fine Arts, & Aesthetics; **Physical Education** —Sports, Games, Recreation, & Athletics.

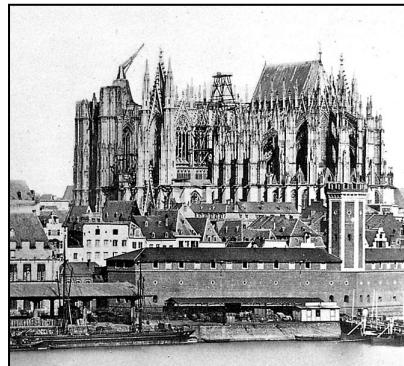
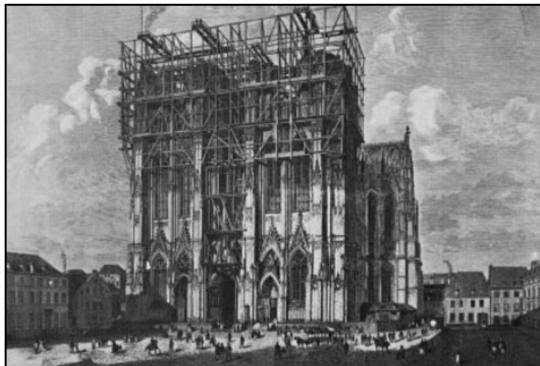
5. Academic Excellence in a Nurturing Environment

- We promote academic excellence in each student, yet we view every student as important, integral, and significant —made in God’s image, uniquely gifted with talents to be cultivated —“*All Students Matter!*”
- We focus on expanding and maximizing each student’s potential and are committed to an educational process that challenges each student, but emphasizes the development of tools, arts, proficiency, and skills. Our grading reflects diligence, perseverance, and effort, as well as the attainment of knowledge and mastery.

“Solid Christian Foundations, Training & Discipleship”

The Building of the Kölner Cathedral

“They Realized They Were Creating Something That Would Live Beyond Them”



One of the marvels of the Middle Ages was the construction of great cathedrals. They desired to leave a lasting legacy.

They desired to leave a lasting testament to future generations of their commitment to the glory of God.

By building the cathedral, they were serving future generations that would never know their names.

The cathedral was their full acknowledgement of the fact that this world is the Lord Jesus'.

They were willing to sacrifice and give of their money, time, energy and their lives.

Do we today truly realize that God has called us to something that will live forever?

“Did he not make husband and wife to be one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union?

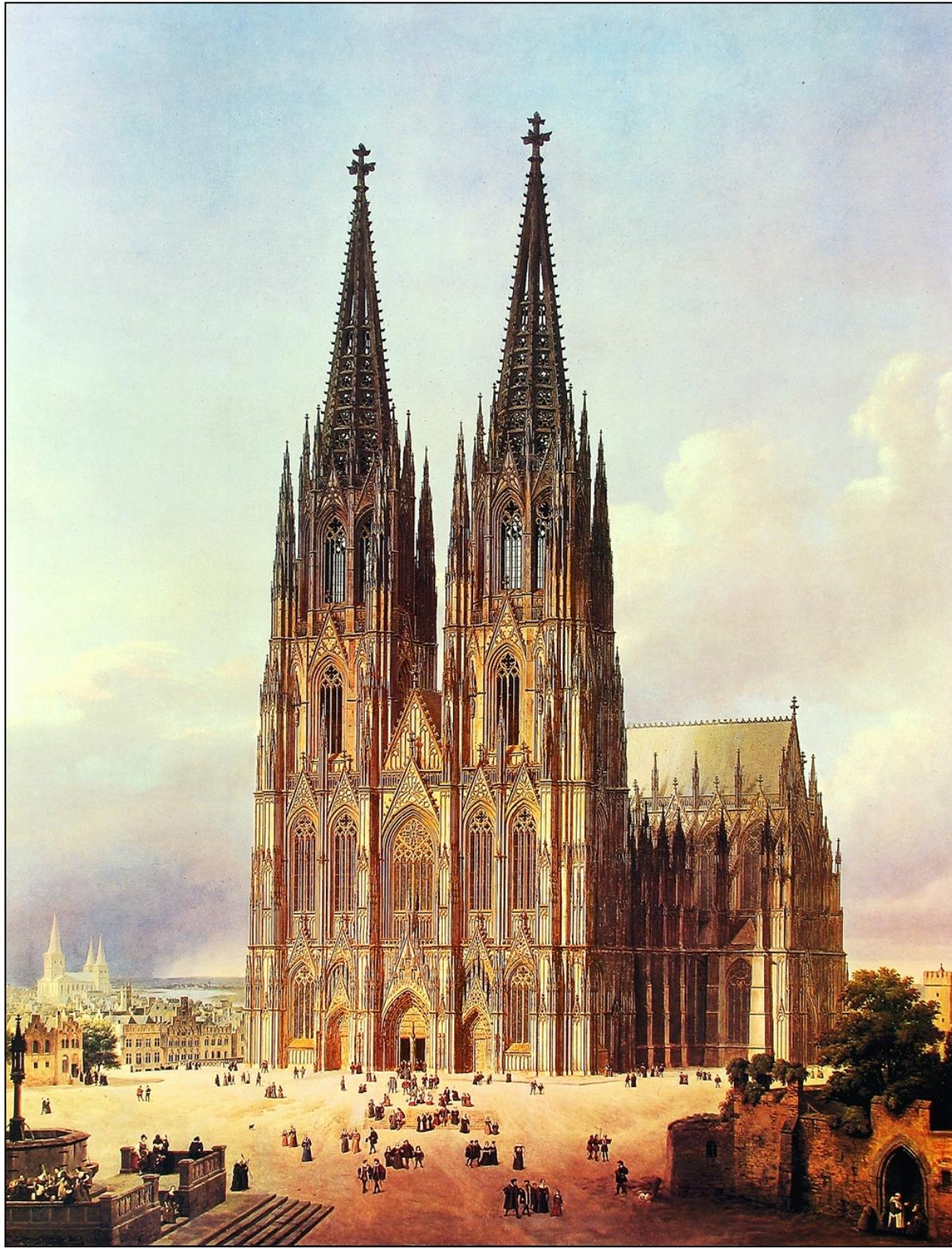
And what was God seeking? –Godly offspring!” –Malachi 2:15

“Raise children in the Paideia of God.” –Eph. 6:4

“Solid Christian Foundations, Training & Discipleship”

Commitment, Dedication, Vision & Legacy

“Building Children Is Really Not That Much Different”



The Kölner Dom, begun in 1248 AD was completed 632 years later in 1880. It was the tallest structure in the World.

Child Rearing Is Like Ship Building

“The Great Ships of the Past Required Wise, Careful Construction”



“To reach the port of Heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it –but we must sail, and not drift or be at anchor” –Oliver Wendell Holmes

Raising children is like building a ship that must one day be put out to sea. It begins with a plan or we might say a design. Next comes a myriad of choices that must be prudent and wise. We all must admit that not all plans are sound, nor all choices prudent and wise. Poor planning and or execution can be devastating leading to heartache and loss. Be assured that the storms of life will test the mettle of us all, and we will, “reap what we have sowed”.

Some well meaning Christians have suggested that children, while being formed and trained, should be witnesses to the secular world and set to sail while in Junior High or High School. Statistically this has proved tragic to many, as roughly 75% of these experiments don’t work out. Training and discipling children is a very deliberate undertaking that requires a strategic, well thought out plan based on the infallible Word of God. There is an often misunderstood verse that speaks to the formation of a life and worldview, “Train up a child in the way, and he will continue steadfast in it even when he is old.” –Prov. 22:6. This verse simply means children will turn out as they have been trained. Note, it does not say that it will turn out as we intended or planned.

“Solid Christian Foundations, Training & Discipleship”

An Educational Lesson

“How We Educate Matters. Much is Dependent Upon It.”



War Ship “Vasa” August 1628 AD

All Were Hopeful. That This Ship
Would Lead Sweden To Naval
Supremacy!

The Plan Was Detailed.

Preparation Seemed Sound.

Anticipation Was High.

The Construction Was the
Finest of the Day.

Yet, all their best intentions would
soon come to naught!

A Tragic Educational Lesson

“Education is preparation –it is training, shaping, and molding a life to be lived to the fullness and glory of God.” –Andrew Henry



“The Best of Intentions Can Come to Naught”

The plan seemed sound, but it had a strategic flaw –the ship lacked the necessary ballast. Ballast is the anchoring weight that is settled in the bottom of the ship to provide stability. Ballast could be compared to the foundation of a building –everything depends upon it. The Vasa went out on its maiden voyage and after a few minutes the cannons fired to the applause of the crowd. Suddenly, the cheers were replaced by horror and awe –the ship began to tip and keel over. Within minutes the Vasa disappeared to the depths of the harbor! Sadly, this has an unfortunate parallel as many well-intended Christians leave education and enculturation in the hands of secular educators and popular culture. These have tremendous gravitational force and pull that can quickly and easily erode the Christian ballast of the child’s life.

What Constitutes Christian Ballast? –The “*Paideia*” of God!

Paideia is the overall culture that one is immersed in.

Paideia constitutes every facet of life and discipleship.

Paideia is all aspects of an education.

Paideia creates **the ballast of ones worldview!**

“Fathers raise them in the *Paideia*’ of the Lord” –*Eph. 6:4*

A thorough Christian *Paideia* is “a Gospel-centered Church, Home and Education” working in harmony toward training, shaping, molding and equipping a life to be lived to the fullness and glory of God. This provides the very solid Gospel foundation and ballast.

“Train up a child in the way, and he will continue steadfast in it even when he is old.” –*Prov.22:6*

What Is the “Paideia” of God?

“Fathers do not harden your children; Instead nourish them in the ‘Paideia’ of the Lord.” – Ephesians 6:4

What is Paideia?

In the culture of ancient Greece, the term *Paideia* (Greek: παιδεία) referred to the rearing and education of the ideal member of the polis. It incorporated both practical, subject-based schooling and a focus upon the socialization of individuals within the aristocratic order of the polis, as well as intellectual, moral and physical refinement. The practical aspects of this education included subjects subsumed under the modern designation of the *Liberal Arts*: *Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric, Mathematics, Music, Moral Philosophy and Astronomy*, as well as *Medicine and Athletics*.

An ideal and successful member of the polis would possess *intellectual, moral, and physical refinement*, so training in *Athletics* (gymnastics and wrestling) was valued for its effect on the body alongside the *Moral Education* which the Greeks believed was imparted by the study of *music, poetry, and philosophy* (wisdom). This approach to the rearing of a well-rounded citizen was common to the Greek-speaking world.

The Greeks considered *Paideia* to be carried out by the aristocratic class, who were said to have intellectualized their culture and ideas. The culture and the youth are then “moulded” to the ideal of *kalos kagathos*, “beautiful and good”. This idea is similar to that of the medieval knights, their culture, and the English concept of the gentleman. Greek *Paideia* is the idea of perfection and of excellence.

What is the Paideia of God or “Gospel Paideia”?

Paul, who was classically educated, clearly knew this Greek understanding of *Paideia*.

In Ephesians he stated a clear charge to fathers and the Church that their education, discipleship, and upbringing must be radically different than that of the accepted educational norm – “Fathers do not harden your children; Instead nourish them in the ‘Paideia’ of the Lord.” – Ephesians 6:4

In Ephesians, Paul commands Christians to provide a thoroughly Christian, full and complete education in the Lord. He does this by identifying these two distinct and antithetical educational paradigms. It is stated as a positive charge to “raise up” children with a particular type of education – a *Paideia of the Lord* education. The opposite of this is a hardening, which is the absence of the *Paideia of the Lord*.

These paradigms are expressed in many places throughout the Scriptures. It is woven into the teachings from Genesis to the Psalms, in Isaiah, the Gospels, and the Epistles. Anywhere God is describing His ways, teachings, commands, precepts, instructions, exhortations, illustrations, psalms, proverbs, prophecies, parables, dictates, histories... He is demanding that His people think and behave differently. Romans 12:2 expresses it in the following way,

“Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, His good, pleasing and perfect will.” – Romans 12:2

Romans 12, begins with the negative charge to, “not be conformed to the pattern of this world” which can be stated as *Secular Discipleship* and looks like the culture of the world. Instead, he calls for *Paideia Discipleship* – “*by the renewing of your mind*”. Paul is asking believers to utilize a process that will counter the world’s patterns. When kids are in their late teens and early twenties it becomes clear which of these two has taken root. All education is discipleship – the question is toward what? All education is within a moral, religious, and ethical context based on a moral philosophy, or what we call a *worldview*. The Scriptures state that Christians are to provide this training and education, in the *Paideia* of the Lord.

“All Education is Discipleship –the Question is Toward What?”

“Solid Christian Foundations, Training & Discipleship”

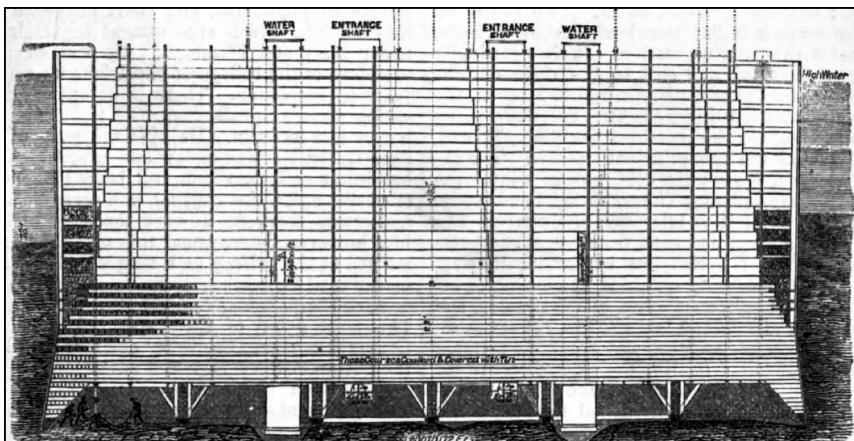
Paideia and Foundations for a Lifetime

*“Train up a child in the way he would go;
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”* —Proverbs 22:6

The Brooklyn Bridge

The plan for the bridge that would connect Manhattan with Brooklyn was an ambitious undertaking. This project preceded the architectural revolution that would occur with the advent of steel construction. Instead they would construct the towers of the bridge with cement anchored to bedrock far below the water's

surface. This was no simple undertaking. It required wisdom, patience, and painstaking labor! This was accomplished by the use of huge caissons. A caisson is a large watertight chamber, open at the bottom from which the water is kept out by air pressure and in which construction work may be carried out under water. Cement would be poured block by block in the caisson. When completed there was more material underwater than that visible to the eye!



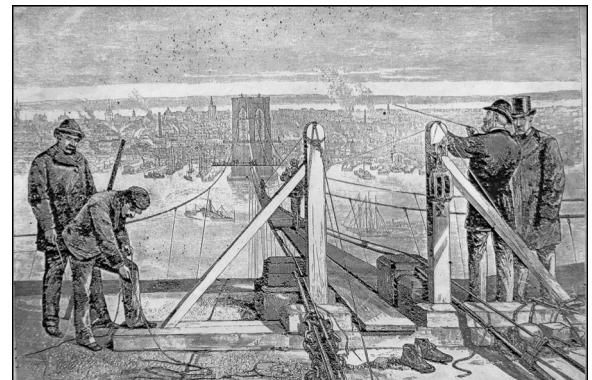
Parents are laying such a foundation during the roughly 18 years of life and during the child's educational years. The question is whether that foundation is built upon rock or upon sand? “Train up a child in the way he would go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it” —Proverbs 22:6. The Hebrew word for “Train” used in Proverbs 22:6 means, “to make ruts”. In other words, create such deep grooves that one stays in them amidst adversity, storms, heartache, trials and the ebbs and flows of life. Paideia creates a foundation that is to be built upon. Jesus tells the following parable that illustrates this,

“Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand; and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.” —Matthew 7:24-27

What Proverbs 22:6 states in “train”, Jesus describes as being “founded on the rock”. Jesus goes on to state that this means “hearing his words and doing them”. Hearing does not mean being in a place where words are spoken; it means taking them in, or “knowing”.

Knowing and Doing

Knowing and doing are interconnected concepts in the Greek. If you know something you act in accord with that knowledge. If one doesn't act or do, then they really didn't know it. The action of deliberate building upon the rock requires sacrifice, a lifestyle, and choices committed to Christ. It is “raising them up in the ‘paideia’ of God.”



“Solid Christian Foundations, Training & Discipleship”

Commitment, Dedication and Sacrifice

“To the Paideia of God, From the Paideia of God”

“There is no greater joy than to see that my children walk in truth.” –3 John 4

The glory in a job well done –when completed the Brooklyn Bridge was the tallest building in the United States!



“And now listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.” Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6, 9

“You shall teach God’s commands diligently to your children, and talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise.” –Deuteronomy 6:7

“You must walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, being fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” –Colossians 1:10

“And teach them to obey everything that I commanded have you.” –Matthew 28:20

“For faith comes by hearing, and hearing the Word of God.” – Romans 10:17

“Command your children and your household after you to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice.” –Genesis 18:19

“Sanctify them in the Truth, your Word is Truth.” –John 17:17

“If you love me, keep my commandments.” –John 14:15

“And train them to be godly.” –1 Timothy 4:7

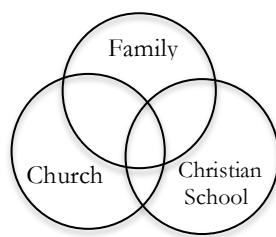
Culture and Spheres of Influence

Leading to Discipleship or Secularization?

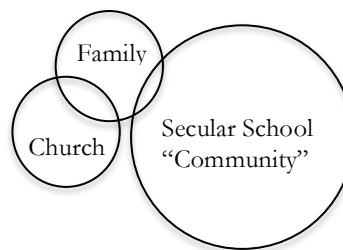
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Instead nourish them in the ‘Paideia’ of the Lord.”* – Ephesians 6:4

Anything that shapes us falls under the Greek term, “Paideia”, which could be termed “Enculturation” or “Education”. There are three primary spheres of influence that do most of the shaping, training, educating and molding in a given culture. These are the Family, the Dominant Culture, and Education. The effect and power each of these has on an individual varies significantly depending on a myriad of circumstances, influences, decisions and situations. Nonetheless, these three elements provide the primary “worldview educating”. Coupled with these three influences, is the potential work of the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures, singing, and prayer. The opposite tension to these positive influences is sin with its destructive effects. Many believe that the secular school’s influence can be mitigated by the work of the family and the church. Unfortunately, this is usually not the case. A school is a very strong culture/community where a subtle and pervasive curriculum pervades the halls and governmental influences, social influences, and worldview influences have a greater and greater effect the longer a student is in it. All these pressures lead to many students being compromised. Is there a better option? We are called on by the Scriptures to raise up our children, “in the Paideia of the Lord” –Ephesians 6:4.

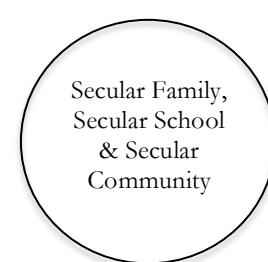
Raising and Educating in
the Paideia of God



Raising and educating in a
Christian/Secular Paideia



Raising and educating in a
Secular Paideia



“Worldview Harmony”

Home, Christian School & Church
“A Mutually Supporting
Covenant Christian Community,
strengthened by a threefold training
and equipping of Christians to be
faithful servants and leaders”

“Worldview Tension”

Home, Secular School & Church
“The ‘secular culture’ and ‘secular
worldview’ tend to become the
dominant and pervasive influence in the
Jr. High and High School years. Many
times the family and the Church suffer”

“Reinforced Secular Worldview”

Home, School & Community
Secular Humanistic
Culture Pervades Everything
Schools Promote Secular
Ideological Agendas

“Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord.” –Psalm 127:3

“Time is more valuable to young people than to any others. They should not lose an hour in forming their taste, their manners and their minds; for whatever they are to a certain degree at eighteen, they will be in greater and lesser degree all the rest of their lives.” –John Mason

“I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt... I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth.” –Martin Luther

“All Education is Discipleship –the Question is Toward What?”

“Maintaining Balance Between the Family, Church and School”

The 4-Day Classical Christian Model

“Maintaining Balance Between the Family, Church and School



The Family

The family is designed to reflect the Lord's relationship to the Church. The family is granted the primary responsibility of raising children to be faithful to the Lord. God created the relationship of husband and wife to raise them in the Paideia of the Lord.

The Church

The Church was the first institution created by God. God created Adam to have fellowship with Him and to enjoy a nurturing relationship with God. The Church is charged with equipping believers to live a life faithful to the Lord. The work of the Church is to shepherd families and to have oversight of their souls. They are charged with the responsibility to oversee, encourage, challenge and serve families.



Christian Education

Christian education is a command. This is very clear in both the Old and New Testament. How education is to be conducted is put in the hands of the family and the Church. Quality Christian education is based on providing the following:

1. Significant time educating.
2. Necessary worldview & expertise.

Christian education began with Israel's formation in 1400 BC when God required the Levites to provide education. This continued with other forms of education throughout history such with the Schools of the Prophets, the Synagogues, the Palace School, Common Life Schools, and Classical Christian Schools.

“Creating a beautiful harmony of discipleship”

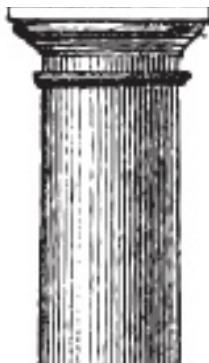
“Maintaining Balance Between the Family, Church and School”

We Are Called To Educate In The Lord

“Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.” –Deuteronomy 4:10

Three Great Models of Christian Education

The Traditional Home School



Education in a Family or Domestic Setting

The Classical Christian Academy Model



The Traditional 5-Day a Week Model

The Classical Christian 4-Day School



Blended or University 4-Day Model

The Traditional Home School:

- The ability for parents to actively monitor the cultural influences on their child
- A familial, nurturing and intimate setting for education
- The ability to tailor the education to the frame of each child
- A challenge can be that it is hard to maintain quality in education for the older student

The Academy School or 5-Day School:

- The effective use of the division of labor to provide a uniform, high quality education
- The Academy's ability to shape the culture and education of students (40 hours per week)
- Can provide more extensive extra curricular activities than most Home Schools
- Concerns center on the high cost and its tendency to dominate the life and culture of a child at the expense of family and Church



What If You Could Blend the Best of Both Worlds?

“Maintaining Balance Between the Family, Church and School”

The 4-Day Classical Christian Model

“Combining the Best Elements of the 5 Day Academy and the Home”

The Spokane Classical 4-Day Model				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
At Home Study	On Campus	On Campus	On Campus	On Campus

“The following are some of the reasons why we utilize the 4-Day Model”

- ▀ Maintains an appropriate balance between the family, church and school
- ▀ Provides an organized high-quality academic program
- ▀ Protects the Lord’s Day, enabling families to maintain margin and rest
- ▀ Creates a covenant Christian community of all economic levels and family sizes
- ▀ Accommodates parental prerogatives, choices, and priorities
- ▀ Blends the advantages of the 5 Day Academy and Home Schooling
- ▀ Prevents teacher burnout allowing them adequate time for family and preparation
- ▀ Develops didactic discipline and scholastic independence in students
- ▀ Effectively prepares students for college, vocation, life, and faithfulness to the Lord
- ▀ Built on a sound economic model utilizing labor and resources efficiently
- ▀ Helps the school and families to support the work of the local church
- ▀ Allows time for missions and various opportunities for Christian service
- ▀ Families, students, and teachers love this model
- ▀ Results in a wholesome, sweet spirited, grace filled culture

“Our desire is to compliment the work of the local church, promote margin for family discipleship and provide a gospel-centered education.”

“We Are Committed to Make Christian Education Affordable”

Old Testament Types and Shadows

“Educational System of Ancient Israel”

God established a levitical or priestly class in Israel that was given specific duties as well as towns that operated as civic centers and educational centers. Scattered throughout the land were towns, only a few miles apart, that would service the myriad of functions necessary for a state to exist. Israel’s land was divided into equal allotments based on tribes. Each tribe was granted a tract of land that was subsequently divided to accommodate all the Israelites. Monopoly of land was impossible according to the Mosaic Law. Each member of the covenant community would perpetually own their estate land. This fixed each family in Israel geographically. Numerous Levitical towns were then located within the boundary of each tribe. One of the primary functions of the Levites and the Levitical towns was that of education. It was there that schools were established to train Israel in the knowing and loving of God.

The specific direction of this education was placed on the parents to educate their children. The Levites were to equip and partner with parents in raising up faithful children. The community was knit together in unique way so as to be involved in one another’s lives continually. Every institution in Israel and each component of Israel was involved in the education in the LORD. The primary method prescribed in the Law was found in the declaration called the “Shammah” –Israel’s great call to faithfulness.

“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. These commands that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands, bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” –Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The “Shammah” summarizes well Israel’s command to educate its people. They were to do so at every opportunity. There was not to be a moments’ loss in this charge. Living life effectively involved being faithful at every turn. Their education was not to be categorized as formal and informal as we do today. Education was integrated into all of life and was lived out. It was active, deliberate and constant.

It is clear according to the Mosaic Law that the greatest pains should be taken to mold the minds, the principles, the habits, and manners of the young. Parents were again and again commanded to teach their children from infancy all the words of the law and all the glorious facts of their national history. They were enjoined to talk of them, when they sat in the house, and when they walked by the way, when they lie down, and when they rose up. Deuteronomy 6 encourages a 24 hour, 7 days a week, 365 days a year approach to education. This led to Israel being the most educated people of antiquity.

Israel developed a sophisticated system of education. They had higher seminaries of learning under the name of Schools of the Prophets, Levitical Schools, the Scriptorium, Judicial institutions, and the Schola Contorum, as well as a form of highly developed Education in Music. One doesn’t need to probe very deeply to see that, of the ancient peoples, one cannot find a rival to Israel in writing, language, music, metallurgy, agriculture, mathematics, literacy, law, botany, biology, poetry and the list goes on. The case is quite strong for the defense that ancient Israel was the most educated people until the 18th century.

Israel’s institutions were presided over by an educated gentry –the Levites, who were winnowed according to giftedness, character, ability, and learning. The tribe of Levi was specifically charged with this sacred call. According to the New Covenant education has been placed in the hands of the community of God’s people –the church. Ephesians 4:11-12 states that, “God has called some to be messengers, professors, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers to equip of God’s people works of service.” Spokane Classical Christian School is a Christian Ministry of education utilizing those called to be teachers and equippers, who partner with parents and assist the local church in raising up faithful servants of Christ. To us, education is a calling. That is why we are committed to make an excellent Christian education accessible and affordable!

The Biblical Trivium

“Creating a Theology of Wonder”

The Early Church took seriously the role of education in raising faithful young men and women. Augustine, in the 4th century, saw in the Scriptures the key aspects of training and education. He believed that it was imperative to establish these Arx Axiom, or a “fortress of First Principles” in the education and discipleship of the Christian young men and women. What he saw in the Scriptures was that God designed a process that would lead to fruitfulness. The Scriptures taught that students are to be trained through a three-stage process, —knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

- **Knowledge:** (Hebrew = "bits & pieces") —these are the building blocks of learning.
Knowledge is the foundation of learning, (ie, names, dates, definitions...)
- **Understanding:** (The how, why, and rationale or meaning) —Understanding can be described as the right or correct way of seeing and thinking.
- **Wisdom:** (Hebrew = "skillful fingers") Wisdom is the appropriate feeling, action, Application, and doing — it is right living.

Augustine believed that the result of this three-stage process would be, "Delight & Wisdom". He described it as an education or “Theology of Wonder”. Raising students in this process goes beyond what the Classical Greek and Roman education offered in the Trivium: Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric. The Biblical Trivium is similar to that of the Greeks, but it goes further and deeper because it adds two key elements —“Delight and Wonder”. This brings meaning to grammar, logic, and rhetoric and connects them to the hearts of students. Augustine believed that connecting knowledge, understanding, and wisdom with this theology of wonder would produce a living passion and zeal. Augustine stated that without the theology of wonder, the system of classical education —grammar, logic and rhetoric, is ultimately detrimental to the whole concept of Christian learning. The primary reason is that it leaves out the fear of the Lord —it misses the awe and wonder of the Holy, Sovereign, Triune God. In other words, it leaves out the most essential component of reality as stated in the Book of Colossians.

*“Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
For by him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible, and invisible,
Whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities,
All things were created through Him and for Him.”*

—Colossians 1:15-16

Now, if it is true that all things were made “by Jesus and for Jesus”, then He provides the keys to all Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom. Colossians goes on to state this.

*“So as to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery,
which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*

—Colossians 2:2,3

Augustine felt that without the mystery and revelation of Jesus Christ in everything, learning collapses into training in various forms of idolatry. The Bible states that, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge", and, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom". His love, mercy, grace, goodness, kindness... these stir our emotions to deep devotion! A realistic view of the world is “Understanding”. “Wisdom” is fearing God, knowing man, and doing right. We all have a calling and destiny —God's purpose! The Westminster Confession of Faith aptly says that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. We were created to know God and to see things anew —through a “Theology of Wonder”!

“Academic Excellence in a Nurturing Environment”



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Primary School Program

	K	1	2
Humanities & History	Historical Foundations 1 (Veritas, A Beka, Bob Jones)	Historical Foundations 2 (Veritas, A Beka, Bob Jones)	Historical Foundations 3 (Guerber, Veritas & Story of the World)
	3 Years “Local, N.W. & American Culture”		
Biblical Studies	Bible Stories 1 <i>Old & New Testament</i> (Picture Bible; Soles)	Bible Stories 2 <i>Old & New Testament</i> (Picture Bible; Soles)	Bible Stories 3 <i>Old & New Testament</i> (Picture Bible; Soles)
Language Arts Reading	Language Arts Phonics & Reading (A Beka)	Language Arts Phonics & Reading (Spell to Write and Read)	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Chapter Books)
Language Arts Penmanship & Writing	Writing <i>A Beka Cursive</i> (A Beka)	Writing <i>Cursive First</i> (A Beka)	Writing <i>Cursive First; Fundamentals of Writing 1</i>
Language Arts Grammar & Spelling	Language Arts Foundations	Language Arts <i>Shurley Grammar; Spell to Read and Write</i>	Language Arts <i>Shurley Grammar; Spell to Read and Write</i>
Creation & Science	Creation & Science (A Beka)	Creation & Science (A Beka)	Creation & Science <i>Apologia Science</i>
Mathematics	Arithmetic Saxon 1 (Accelerated Option Available)	Arithmetic Saxon 2 (Accelerated Option Available)	Arithmetic Classical Math 2 (Accelerated Option Available)
Music & Singing	Music & Singing	Music & Singing	Music & Singing
Fine Arts	Art, Drama & Crafts	Art, Drama & Crafts	Art, Drama & Crafts
P.E. & Sports	Recess & Physical Education	Recess & Physical Education	Recess & Physical Education

“Time is more valuable to young people than to any others. They should not lose an hour in forming their taste, their manners and their minds; for whatever they are to a certain degree at eighteen, they will be in greater and lesser degree all the rest of their lives.”

—John Mason

“Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave.”

—John Ruskin

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Grammar School Program

	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Humanities & History	Historical Survey 1 “Greece & Rome” 1000 BC-100 AD (Veritas, Guerber, & Story of the World)	Historical Survey 2 “Middle Ages” 0-1500 (Veritas, Guerber, & Story of the World)	Historical Survey 3 “Renaissance-Early Modern” 1500-1800 (Veritas, Guerber, & Story of the World)	Historical Survey 4 “United States History” 1800-2000 (Veritas, Guerber, & Story of the World)
3rd-6th Grades Cycle Through History: “Ancient, Classical, Christendom & Modern”				
Biblical Studies	Biblical Foundations 1 <i>Old & New Testaments (Story of A Chosen People)</i>	Biblical Foundations 2 <i>Old Testament 1 (The Prophets)</i>	Biblical Foundations 3 <i>New Testament 1 (The Gospels)</i>	Biblical Foundations 4 <i>New Testament 2 (Acts & Epistles)</i>
Language Arts Reading	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Chapter Books)	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Chapter Books)	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Chapter Books)	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Chapter Books)
Language Arts Penmanship & Writing	Language Arts Cursive First; Argutia “Writing With Excellence & Polish”	Language Arts Cursive First; Argutia “Writing With Excellence & Polish”	Language Arts Argutia “Writing With Excellence & Polish”	Language Arts Cursive First; Institute for Excellence in Writing
Language Arts Grammar	Language Arts Shurley Grammar 3; Spell to Read and Write	Language Arts Shurley Grammar 4	Language Arts Jr. Analytical Grammar	Language Arts Analytical Grammar 1
Language Arts Spelling & Vocabulary	Spelling & Vocabulary Classical Roots & Spelling	Spelling & Vocabulary Classical Roots & Spelling	Spelling & Vocabulary Classical Roots & Spelling	Spelling & Vocabulary Classical Roots & Spelling
Creation & Science	Creation & Science Apologia Science	Creation & Science Apologia Science	Creation & Science Apologia Science	Creation & Science Apologia Science
Mathematics	Mathematics Math 3 (Accelerated Option Available)	Mathematics Saxon 5/4 (Accelerated Option Available)	Mathematics Saxon 6/5 (Accelerated Option Available)	Mathematics Saxon 6/5 (Accelerated Option Available)
Classical Linguistics	Linguistic Foundations Song School Latin	Linguistic Foundations Lingua Latina	Linguistic Foundations Lingua Latina	Linguistic Foundations Lingua Latina
Music & Singing	Music & Singing	Music & Singing	Music & Singing	Music & Singing
Fine Arts	Art & Drama	Art & Drama	Art & Drama	Art & Drama
P.E. & Sports	Recess & Physical Education	Recess & Physical Education	Recess & Physical Education	Recess & Physical Education

“Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential.”

—Winston Churchill

“Education is preparation –it is training, shaping, molding and cultivating a life to be lived to the fullness and glory of God.”

—Andrew Henry

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Middle School Program

	7	8
New World Humanities & Moral Philosophy	World Humanities “Geography & World Cultures 1”	World History 1500 BC–1900 AD (Morris, Kings Meadow, Memoria & Primary Sources)
Language Arts <i>Literature</i>	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Books: Logos & Veritas)	Language Arts Reading & Literature (Various Books: Logos & Veritas)
Lectio Divina	The Reading, Contemplating & Application of Scripture	
Biblical and Ancient Studies <i>Dialectics & Humanities</i>	Biblical Studies Old Testament Survey Genesis–Esther “Antiquity—Israel, Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece”	Biblical Studies New Testament The Gospels & Acts “Israel, Rome & The Kingdom”
Classical Studies in Grammar	Classical Studies & Lang. Arts <i>Analytical Grammar 2</i>	Classical Studies & Lang. Arts <i>Advanced Grammar</i>
Language Arts <i>Composition</i>	Language Arts <i>Institute for Excellence in Writing</i>	Language Arts <i>Institute for Excellence in Writing</i>
Mathematics	Placement Based on Prerequisites and Proficiency	
	Saxon 8/7a	Algebra ½
	Saxon 8/7b	Algebra 1
Natural Philosophy, Science & Logic	Physical Science	Informal & Formal Logic
Musical Linguistics & Singing	Music Linguistics & Singing	Music Linguistics & Singing
	Choir (Advent & Easter)	Choir (Advent & Easter)
P.E. & Sports	P.E. & Extracurricular Athletics: Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball	

“Is not the great defect of our education today...
that although we often succeed in teaching our pupils “subjects,”
we fail lamentably on the whole in teaching them how to think
—they learn everything, except the art of learning.”

— Dorothy Sayers

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High School Program

	9	10	11	12
Humanities, History & Moral Philosophy	4 Year Repeating Cycle from Ancient through Western & American Humanities			
	Medieval History <i>Christendom 100–1500</i> (Kings Meadow, Memoria Press & Primary Sources)	Classical History <i>1200 BC –100 AD</i> (Memoria Press & Primary Sources)	Civics, Philosophy & Modern History <i>1500 BC –1900 AD</i> (Kings Meadow, Memoria Press & Primary Sources)	United States and NW History & Culture <i>1790–Present</i> (Paul Johnson, Joy Hakim & Primary Sources)
Literature, Writing, Poetics & Rhetoric	9th Literature Integrated with Humanities	10th Literature Integrated with Humanities	11th Literature Integrated with Humanities	12th Literature Integrated with Humanities
	Classical Composition “The Progymnasmata”	Adv. English & Rhetoric 1 “Applied Progymnasmata & Debate”	Adv. English & Rhetoric 2 “Invention, Arrangement, Style, Memory & Delivery”	Adv. English & Rhetoric 3 Rhetoric & Thesis (Thesis can waive GNU class)
Lectio Divina	A Rotation of Daily Public Bible Reading, Contemplating & Application of the Scriptures			
Integrated Biblical Humanities	Integrated and Repeating Cycle through the Bible and the Cultures of Antiquity			
	Integrated Humanities Old Testament “Kings – Malachi”	Integrated Humanities The Early Church & Christian Biography	Integrated Humanities New Testament Survey (A GNU Dual Credit Course)	Integrated Humanities Hermeneutics (A GNU Dual Credit Course)
Music, Singing & Orchestra	Music & Singing: Cantorum		Music & Singing: Cantorum	
	A Cappella Select Choir		A Cappella Select Choir (<i>Advent & Easter</i>)	
Mathematics	Math Placement Based on Prerequisites and Proficiency			
	Algebra 1	Algebra 2	Pre Calc. & Trigonometry	Calculus
	Geometry	Math Problem Solving	Consumer Math & Finance	Independent Directed Study
Classical & Biblical Linguistics	Greek 1 (Can Test for GNU Credit)	Greek 2 (Can Test for GNU Credit)	Poetics & Dialectics	Poetics & Dialectics
	Classical Language Roots 1	Classical Language Roots 2		
Science, Natural Philosophy & Dialectics	Biology	General Science & Chemistry	Applied Physics 1	Applied Physics 2
Organized Sports	Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball			
Events & Performances	Speech Meet, Fall Drama, NW Choir Fest, Christmas Program, Read-a-thon, Knights Fest, Spring Drama, Grandparents Day, Mothers Brunch, Sr. Thesis Presentations, A Cappella Concert, Disputatio, Classical Expo, Graduation			
Fine Arts & Enrichment	The following are seasonal electives we have offered: Agriculture, Engineering, Choir, Home Economics, Architecture, Technology, Art, Cosmology, Pop Culture, Film and Worldview, Apologetics, Creative Writing, Poetry, Calligraphy, Lower & Upper Protocol...			

“**Reading** –‘maketh a full man’; **Conference** –‘a ready man’; and
Writing –‘an exact man’; **History** –‘makes men wise’, **Poetry** –‘witty’,
Mathematics –‘subtle’, **Science** –‘deep’, **Morals** –‘grave’,
Logic and Rhetoric –‘able to contend.’”

– Francis Bacon

“Effective Educational Discipleship”

The Antithesis of Education

“Schooling is Discipleship”

Sobering Truths:

- ✓ Nearly 75% of Christian students educated in a Secular School leave the faith.
- ✓ Roughly half of all Christian students educated in Christian Schools leave the faith.
- ✓ Over 75% of students educated in Classical Christian Schools grow and walk in faith.

What is making the difference?
“Effective Biblical Worldview Teaching and Training”

16,380 Hours of Educational Discipleship Occur in Grades K – 12		
	Secular Humanistic Worldview	Classical Christian Worldview
Philosophy & Religious Worldview	The Secular Humanistic Worldview is integrated into every facet of the educational system. Secular Humanism is promoted, pervasive, overt, and permeates all subjects. Christianity is censored and marginalized.	The Bible, the Word of God, is primary to all subjects and life. The Scriptures are taught well and integrated into all subjects through constant reinforcement and development. Students are able to view everything through the lens of God’s Word.
Humanities, History & Moral Philosophy	Social Studies have replaced History in schools over the past 50 years. The focus now is on current events, modern relativism, and the progressive evolution of humanity.	History is the handiwork of God. It has purpose, meaning, and relevance. God’s role in history is the cornerstone to understanding and true education. It reveals God as well as provides clear insight to understanding our own time.
Arithmetic & Mathematics	Math is a means to an end – primarily a pragmatic discipline for utilitarian ends. Many get discouraged and don’t see the purpose.	God created order, and that order reveals God’s handiwork. Math unlocks the mind of God and the linguistics of numbers to be used for His glory.
Natural Philosophy & Science	The world and man is a product of natural causes with no distinct or ultimate purpose and hope. Science helps man understand and evolve; science unfolds truth.	All creation displays God’s handiwork – His grace, creativity, playfulness, humor & awe... Science is simply a tool, while Natural Philosophy explains the theories of origins and its ultimate relevance.
Language Arts & Literature	The main focus is on modern works, while historic literature is, for the most part, neglected and Christian literature is censored through government mandate.	Literature unlocks the world. The study of the classics provides a rich tapestry of God’s work and man’s relationship to God. The goal in reading literature is to become nimble with words and to develop discerning and understanding readers and writers.
Musical Linguistics & Singing	Music enculturates students to secular modernity and tends to undermine the Christian worldview. The media empowers contemporary music and its messages.	Music is a gift and creation of God. Christians are to use music and singing for His glory. The Psalms and other Scriptures facilitate worship and wisdom. Music is powerful in the shaping of culture. A quality foundation in music facilitates aesthetics and virtue.

The Antithesis of Education –“Conformity” vs. “Transformation”

*“I urge you brothers to offer your bodies as living sacrifices,
 Holy and pleasing to God, –which is spiritual worship.
 Do not Conform any longer to the pattern of this world
 Instead, be Transformed by the renewing of your mind.
 Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is,
 His good, pleasing and perfect will.” –Romans 12:1–2*

“Effective Educational Discipleship”

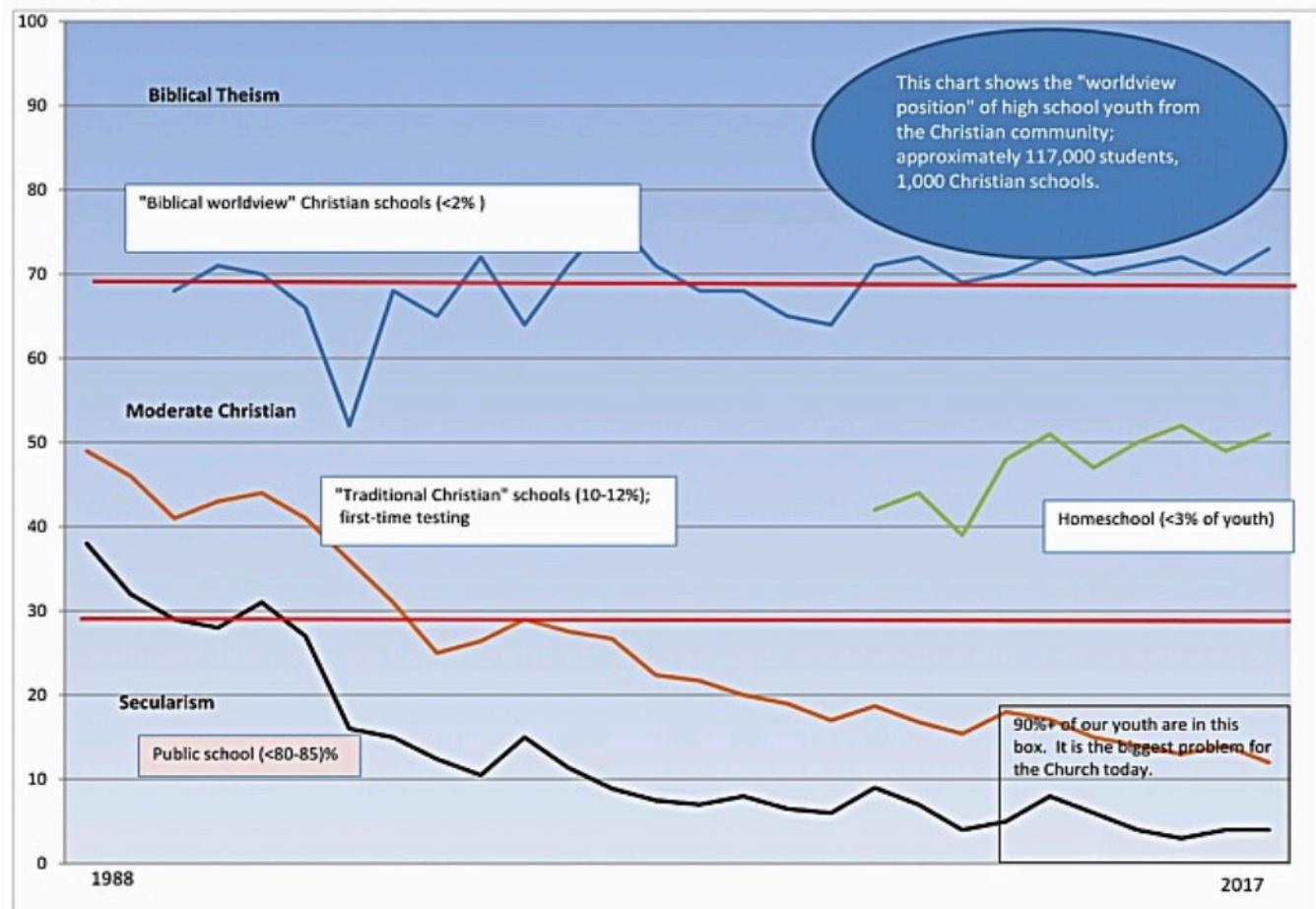
Christian Kids In Various Types of Schools

“Establishing a Biblical or Secular Worldview”

This graph is of Christian students. It shows the results of their worldview depending on the type of school they attend. It tracks Christians in the Public Schools, Christians in Traditional Christian Schools, Christians in Home Schools and Christians in Christian Worldview Schools (Classical Christian Schools).

Types of Schools	% of Christians in this Education	Christians Worldview by the 12 th Grade
Christians in the Public Schools	80-85%	Results: A Secular, Humanistic Worldview
Christians in Traditional Christian Schools	10-12%	Results: A Secular, Humanistic Worldview
Christians in Home Schools	3-5%	Results: A Moderate Biblical Worldview
Christians in Christian Worldview Schools	1-2%	Results: A Strong Biblical Worldview

Christian Students and Education in the United States from 1988 – 2018



America Has Changed! The Christian Worldview Has Been Replaced with Secularism, Humanism, Egalitarianism, Socialism and Entitlement!

“All Education is Discipleship –the Question is Toward What?”



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Frequently Asked Questions

Do you utilize corporal punishment? What is the school's discipline policy?

Our discipline policy understands that all training involves some form of discipline. Spokane Classical Christian School does not use corporal punishment as a means of discipline. We believe this is best suited for the home and not the school. The following are our guiding principles in discipline: 1. Our goal in discipline is to engender a love of reconciliation and a training in righteousness in the student. 2. We will address situations promptly, whether small or egregious with kindness and grace. 3. Depending on the situation we may require any of the following as fits the situation: Some form of punitive measure, Confession, Repentance, Restitution, Reconciliation. The most extreme measures being suspension or expulsion. We will suspend or expel student who negatively effects the culture of the school.

What is the classroom management style and how do you handle classroom discipline?

We desire that classrooms be vibrant and well managed. Students are expected to show a high level of respect, self-control and academic engagement. Teachers are to use wisdom in knowing whether to warn, rebuke, encourage, challenge or discipline a student. We are quick to communicate these to parents as well as notify administration. Teachers are to use care and a nurturing posture in shaping students. To have an effective learning environment classroom order must be maintained.

Are you affiliated with a particular church and how is doctrine taught?

We are an inter-denominational school that does not indoctrinate beyond historic Christian orthodoxy. We understand that there are "Sensitive Doctrines" (those that the Lord has not brought the Church to one mind on as of yet). We will handle these with respect toward the home and the local churches' position. However, we do go deep and wide in the instruction of the Scriptures, but we are careful to not offend the weaker brother in how we instruct.

What is the accepted school standard regarding dating or pairing up?

Families have differing standards regarding Dating and/or Courtship. Many parents have concerns regarding modern dating practices, appropriate age considerations, and timing of when relationships should be allowed. There are other concerns many have regarding inappropriate and/or unmonitored electronic communication (texting, emailing, and Facebook). Therefore SCCS has set the following boundaries regarding Appropriate Relationships and Communication with the opposite sex. Relationships toward the opposite sex: 1. Are be upright, noble, respectful, pure and wholesome. 2. Are not to give the perception of pairing up. 3. Must not negatively affect classroom dynamics or school culture.

What is the school's electronics policy?

There are to be no unauthorized electronic devices (gaming, music players, cell phones, cameras, or internet readers) used on school grounds or at school events by students.

Do you integrate technology in the classroom, if so, to what extent?

We are cautious in the utilization of technology by students in the classroom. We prefer to develop the foundational tools of learning: writing, various forms of penmanship (print and cursive), outlining, books, paper, craftsmanship, transcription, problem solving etc. Our teachers do utilize technology in the classroom where most beneficial and appropriate.

What is the school's perspective/teaching on creation verses evolution?

We believe that God spoke the universe into existence in 7 days. Evolution's place in the unfolding of history is limited by God. Science is only a method of inquiry where repeated experimentation leads to theories and laws subject to further inquiry. Creation falls under the category of Natural Philosophy which is subject to the authority of the infallible Word of God.



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Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

What are the homework expectations and what do Mondays look like?

Mondays are preparation days for the rest of the week. Students will receive their homework for Monday on Thursday and Friday of the preceding week. Monday Homework will be roughly 2-4 hours depending on grade level. Daily homework will be approximately 10 minutes for each grade i.e 4th grade = 40 min., 9th grade = 90 min. Rarely should homework exceed 1:20 even for 12th grade students.

What if a student has not had any classical education? Is it arduous to assimilate into the school?

Students possessing academic interest and engagement as well as a sound work ethic assimilate very well even if they struggle academically. One of our Core Distinctives states: "We promote academic excellence in each student. Every student is important, integral, and significant —made in God's image, uniquely gifted with talents to be cultivated. We focus on expanding and maximizing each student's potential and are committed to an educational process that challenges them, but emphasizes the development of tools, arts, proficiency, and skills. Our grading reflects diligence, perseverance, and effort, as well as the attainment of knowledge and mastery.

How do you select teachers? Do you require them to be state certified?

We select teachers carefully. Many of our teachers are state certified are, but we desire teachers who possess and are gifted in the following areas: 1. A Deep Love for God; 2. A Love for Children; 3. Giftedness and Calling to Teach; 4. Training and Equipping. We do not require this certification. We realize that government certification has different goals and ideals.

What is the target class size? Do you cap classes?

We understand that some subjects are best served with small class sizes while others with a bit larger numbers. With these considerations in mind we consider the following: 1. The subject to be taught; 2. The age of the students; 3. Classroom dynamics; 4. Teaching effectiveness.

What is the school's plan for growth and expansion?

We are committed to the following: 1. "The Great Commission"; 2. "Effective Educational Discipleship", and 3. "Academic Excellence in a Nurturing Environment". The Great Commission drives our commitment to assure that our education is affordable regardless of economic status. "Effective Educational Discipleship" and "Academic Excellence in a Nurturing Environment" impact all our decisions regarding our ability to educate and disciple well. At the same time we understand that, "Man makes his plans, but the Lord directs his steps" and "If the Lord wills, we will do this or that." Therefore, we are in constant prayer as to what the Lord's will is.

How is SCCS similar or different than other classical or Christian schools?

We believe that we are very unique in our application of the classical Christian model of education because we rely more heavily on the Scriptural paradigm of education rather than the classical model. We seek to prepare students to be able, "to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." This means we desire students to, "rightly divide the Word of truth." This is our focus and commitment.

Is Spokane Classical Christian School state accredited?

We believe that education is a ministry to be approved by and in partnership with the Lord Jesus Christ, Christian families and the Christian Church. Jesus asked, *"Whose image is on the coin.... Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesars"*—Luke 20:25. Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me and do not hinder them"*—Matthew 19:14. We believe that, *"Children are a Heritage from the Lord"*—Psalm 127:3. Therefore, we as a ministry of Christ, do not believe that the secular government has the appropriate jurisdiction to accredit or regulate Christian education.



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Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

Do you have a dress code or school uniform?

Yes, we have a school uniform. Nearly all components may be purchased at the store of your choice.

Can anyone attend SCCS? Is SCCS exclusive?

Spokane Classical Christian School is a ministry that desires to make Christian education accessible to Christian families committed to living out the gospel. Admission to Spokane Classical Christian School is a privilege afforded to like-minded families. Spokane Classical Christian School may not approve all enrollment requests and may reject enrollment for any number of reasons. Some of these may include, but are not limited to, the following: health restrictions, special needs, behavioral challenges, academic struggles, and the like. Spokane Classical Christian School does not discriminate on enrollment according to race or ethnicity. We expect students to be well parented leading to children who are respectful and gracious.

How does the “10% Tuition Cap” work?

Tuition is \$5,500 per year. After the first child we apply a 10% Family income cap if ones income necessitates it. For instance, if a family income is \$70,000 and they have 3 children they would pay \$5,500 for the 1st child and \$1,500 total for the 2nd and 3rd child. Families are required to pay all the fees for each child. Note: The following represents most of the elements that make up a family’s income portfolio and helps us determine 10% of a family’s overall income: Father’s and Mother’s Annual Income, All Additional Incomes, Housing Allowance/Income, Adoption Subsidy, Additional Subsidies, Child Support/Alimony Amount, Gifts.

Are the academics at SCCS strong? How can it be nurturing and yet challenging?

This is a very important question! We teach to a very high, wide and deep level striving for academic excellence in a nurturing environment. This means we promote academic excellence in each student, yet we view every student as important, integral, and significant —made in God’s image, uniquely gifted with talents to be cultivated —“*All Students Matter!*” We focus on expanding and maximizing each student’s potential and are committed to an educational process that challenges each student, but emphasizes the development of tools, arts, proficiency, and skills. Our grading reflects diligence, perseverance, and effort, as well as the attainment of knowledge and mastery. Our pedagogy views each student as sponges of various sizes. We submerge each sponge in the learning process and expect that each will produce water to its God given capacity. To achieve an A in a class requires a student achieve high level of mastery and proficiency. We understand that students bloom at different paces and times. Therefore we are committed to a process that loves, challenges, encourages and develops leaders of them all. Much of our program is built to accomplish these ideals.

What do you do if there is a student that negatively affects a class or the school culture?

The Proverbs describes people as wise, simple, foolish, teachable, scoffers, obedient, unmanageable, undisciplined... We desire students and families who contribute positively to the school atmosphere, culture and experience. Any student, family or circumstance that may negatively or adversely affect the culture, atmosphere or experience at the school will not be allowed into the school or to continue at the school. It is imperative that parents are deliberate in their responsibility to raise their children faithfully in the Lord which requires a commitment to a solid church as well as personal discipleship.

What would be the ideal type of family for Spokane Classical Christian School —what’s a great fit?

The ideal family to us is one that is grateful! This is our ideal target family. Other aspects that are important are the following: overall stability of the home, commitment to the church, dedication to service, careful with the tongue, commitment to discipleship, humility, teachability, kind, respectful, appropriate, resourceful, frugal, joyful, helpful and patient.



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Frequently Asked Questions (cont.)

Will a student be prepared for and able to get into college?

Yes, they will greatly exceed even the most stringent college entrance requirements. Colleges look for the following: 1. A student's GPA; 2. The body of work within the transcript; 3. Standardized test scores; 4. Overall well roundedness as evidenced by service, work, extracurricular activities and unique educational development. Students graduating from SCCS will have a strong portfolio and transcript college expectations.

Nearly all college applications must complete a minimum level of preparation in six subject areas. This requirement ensures that students entering the University have an appreciation for the liberal arts and are adequately prepared to succeed in college.

(The Spokane Classical Christian School and WA data below added for comparison)

Subject	University Requirements	WA H.S. Univ. Path	Spokane Classical Program
English/Literature	4 credits	4 credits	4 credits
Logic & Rhetoric	0 credits	0 credits	2 credits
Mathematics	3 credits	3 credits	3-4 credits
History/Social Sciences	3 credits	3 credits	4 credits
Biblical Studies & Humanities	0 credits	0 credits	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits	2 credits	2-4 credits
Science	2 credits	3 credits	3-4 credits
Fine, Visual, Performing Arts	0.5 credits	2 credits	2-4 credits
Academic Electives	0.5 credits	2 credits	4 credits
Athletic Electives	0.5 credits	2 credits	2-4 credits

The Spokane Classical program far exceeds State Standards as well as those of highly academic universities. The following represent requirements from high academic institutions.

English: Four years of study are required; three of which must be in college-preparatory composition or literature.

Mathematics: Three years of study are required, at least at the level of algebra, geometry, and second-year algebra.

History: Three years of study are required in history or in any of the social sciences.

Languages: Two years of study are required. The two years must be completed in the same language. Any natural language may be used to satisfy this requirement, including languages no longer spoken, such as Latin and ancient Greek. A foreign language course taken in the eighth grade may satisfy one year of the requirement.

Science: Two years of science are required: biology, chemistry, or physics, with a laboratory experience.

The Arts: One-half year or one trimester of study is required in the fine, visual, or performing arts.

Electives Academic electives are courses in any of the six core subject areas — English, Mathematics, Social Science, Foreign Language, Science, and the Arts — beyond the minimum number of years specified. An additional half-year of study is required.