

# UPPER BUCKS



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



*INSPIRING*



*THE  
NEXT*



*GENERATION*



## PARENT PACKET

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with a Biblical worldview to lead,  
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***UBCS Mission Statement***

Dear Prospective Parents,

Thank you for your interest in Upper Bucks Christian School. I pray you will find the information helpful as you prayerfully consider UBCS for your child's education. The mission of UBCS is to educate the next generation with a Biblical worldview to lead, serve others, and love God. It is our desire to partner with parents to develop their children into young men and women of character who can change their world for Christ. God has blessed us with an incredibly talented and experienced teaching staff who inspire and engage students in a rich learning environment. We strive to do all from a Biblical worldview and to develop our students to allow them to use their abilities to have an impact for Christ wherever He leads them.

Enclosed you will find information concerning our educational programs. We have four divisions:

Day Care/Pre-Kindergarten (infants thru five-year-olds)

Elementary (Grades K-4)

Middle School (Grades 5-8)

High School (Grades 9-12)

Each division is committed to our school mission. This brochure contains a brief description of each program. I am sure you will be impressed by the balance that you will find in our programs, and you will agree that our costs are very reasonable for a quality Christian education. If you desire to apply for enrollment, please complete an application form and submit it to the school office or online at [www.upperbucks.org](http://www.upperbucks.org). Thank you again for contacting us.

Sincerely,

***Scott Bergey***

UBCS Administrator



## School History

Upper Bucks Christian School is a ministry of Bethel Baptist Church and was founded in September 1968 with a kindergarten class of twelve students. By September 1975, an entire K–12 program was offered and the first graduation ceremony occurred in 1976 with nine graduating seniors. Today, over 200 day-care–12th grade students attend classes where they receive a Christian education with all subject matter being taught from a Biblical worldview. With the 2018 graduating class, we will have over 1000 graduates, and we are thrilled to see graduates of UBCS serving the Lord around the world in various vocations.

## Administration

The Upper Bucks Christian School Board is responsible for praying for the school, providing the school vision, and seeking the improvement and advancement of the mission of UBCS. The school administration is responsible to work with the school board and to oversee the day-to-day activities of the school. School leadership consists of an Administrator, a Daycare Director, a Director of Student Advancement, and divisional lead teachers. These positions exist to insure a smooth day-to-day operation of the school.

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# Why UBCS?

## Core Values

- Preparing students to engage their world and culture for Christ.
- Pursuing excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.
- Partnering with families in training their children to be committed followers of Christ.
- Striving for growth in spiritual formation and integrity.

## General Information

- A Biblical worldview is integral in the teaching of each subject.
  - Teachers provide a positive, productive classroom atmosphere.
  - Individualized instruction is emphasized.
  - Teachers have a genuine interest in students' lives.
  - UBCS strives for academic excellence. Problem solving and logic are at the heart of class discussions.
  - Approximately 90% of our students go on to college or specialized training institutions.
  - UBCS utilizes web-based school management software for grades, parent communication, and student attendance.
  - UBCS admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin.
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## Pre-Kindergarten and Day Care Center

### Facilities

- Children learn in cheerful classrooms.
- Safe, fun and age-appropriate playground provides much enjoyment.
- Wide open spaces give ample room for gross motor-development.



### Staff

- Teachers are experienced in teaching and caring for “little” people.
- A genuine love for each individual child is clearly evident.

### Academics

- Each class strives for the appropriate level of achievement for each child.
- Bible, art, music, numbers, letters, rhymes, spatial concepts and motor skill exercises are incorporated into the curriculum in addition to history, science and culinary arts.
- Classrooms have a variety of games and toys suited to each age group.
- Playtime is scheduled each day where children learn to play together and share.

## Lunch and Snacks

- Children bring their own lunch. Items to be heated up may be sent.
- Two snacks are provided each day. Children may bring their own favorite snacks from home if they choose.

## Naps

- Each child has his own mat and blanket for a daily rest period.
- Each infant (6 weeks–15 months) is assigned his/her own crib and provided with linens.

## Special Programs

- Several special party days are observed each year. Teachers plan the days to be suitable for their children, often to reinforce ideas being taught in the classroom.
- Pre-Kindergarten students take various field trips.
- An annual Information Night/Open House is held for parents of three-year-olds to introduce them to the Pre-Kindergarten program.
- The Pre-Kindergarten concludes with a graduation program where the children demonstrate what they have learned during the year.

## Home Communication

- A family newsletter is distributed each month summarizing activities and informing parents of future events.
- Individual teachers prepare reminders of events for their class.
- Daily reports and frequent notes and pictures of students are sent home via our Tadpoles parent communication app and email.



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## Elementary (K–4)

### Staff

- Well-qualified, dedicated teachers are skillful in handling academics and God’s Word to shape lives and character.
- Our dedicated teachers have at least a bachelors degree, and are experienced professionals. Several have advanced degrees.

## Textbooks

- Christian textbooks are used on every grade level. Secular texts are used occasionally.
- Biblical worldview is integrated into every subject.

## Fine Arts Instruction

- Weekly art and general music classes are taught by qualified teachers.
- Students use their talents in Chapel and special programs.
- Christmas and Spring concerts are prepared each year, with students performing programs from a Christian perspective.



## Physical Education and Related Activities

- Classes are taught by a qualified physical education teacher.
- Basic skills of team sports are taught to prepare for Middle/High School team participation.
- Field Day is held during the last week of school.

## Facilities

- Children learn in bright and cheerful classrooms.
- Children play on a large blacktop, gymnasium and playground area.
- There are ample areas for soccer, baseball, basketball, tag, and football.

## Other Offerings

- Our large library has many books for all age levels. A trained volunteer meets with each class weekly.
  - Students assemble once a week for Chapel.
  - Students meet weekly for keyboarding and STEM training.  
\*STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) lab allows students to explore and engage in studies about robotics, coding, and building. *NEW for 2018-2019*
  - Classes go on special field trips during the year.
  - Every Friday, students take home a Weekly Folder and receive an Activity Sheet containing information about tests, quizzes, announcements, projects, etc.
  - Act 89-1975 provides educational assistance for students with a private agency. Students are referred by their teacher, parental consent is secured, and an evaluation is made.
  - Speech therapy is available by a qualified speech therapist.
  - Book It!, a national reading incentive program, is conducted each year for five months.
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- Perfect attendance and honor roll for each academic quarter is rewarded.

## Middle School (5-8) & High School (9–12)

### Staff

- Well-qualified, dedicated teachers are skillful in handling academics and God’s Word to shape lives and character.
- Experienced teachers have at least a bachelor’s degree, several have advanced degrees.

### Academic Offerings

- Class offerings meet or surpass state graduation requirements.
- Students are provided with Christ-centered, Biblically integrated curriculum.
- Students have required English, History, Math, and Science classes.
- Foreign Language classes are available through Rosetta Stone.
- Microsoft Office classes are available for 9th grade students. Typing is offered for students in 5th-8th grades. *NEW for 2018-2019*
- Cooking, sewing and nutrition are taught in the JH Home Economics/Life Skills classes.
- Art classes and a Yearbook course are offered.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) lab allows students to explore and engage in studies about robotics, coding, and building. - *NEW for 2018-2019*
- Honors classes for core academic subjects are available starting with grade 9.
- AP classes, dual enrollment opportunities, and vo-tech is available beginning in grade 11.



### Physical Education and Athletics

- Physical Education classes are held for students in Grades 5–12.
- Personal Training classes are offered for students in Grades 9–12.
- UBCS is a member of the Atlantic Coast Christian Athletic Conference and the Keystone Christian Education Association, sponsoring interscholastic teams in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and baseball.
- Eligibility requirements guard athletes’ academic success.

### Facilities

- A full-sized gymnasium, with locker rooms, is equipped with mechanized folding doors to divide the gym into two full courts.
- Timothy Christian Education Center is the home to an art lab, two science labs, a large computer lab, a home economics lab with four complete kitchen stations, a social center/cafeteria, a commercial kitchen, and a large library.

- A large athletic field on campus is used for soccer and baseball.
- The Music Center accommodates choral groups and the school band.

## Other Offerings

- Our library contains books and resources for all age levels.
- A required Chapel meets weekly featuring speakers, testimonies, and music.
- General music classes are held for middle school students.
- Students may participate in choir and band, with rehearsals built into class schedules.
- Private music lessons in piano, woodwind, and brass are available for an additional fee.
- Annual Christmas and Spring concerts provide students with an opportunity to perform.
- Opportunity to participate in Band Festival, All-State Choir performance and Fine Arts competitions.
- Full-scale drama performance is produced each year with our 9th-12th grader students.
- UBCS has an active Honor Society and Student Council giving students opportunities to serve within the school community as well as in the local community.
- Students take field trips pertinent to course studies.





## Registration Procedures

### Application/References

Fill out completely and return the application and registration fee to the school office. Prospective students may also apply via our online application through our website ([www.upperbucks.org](http://www.upperbucks.org)). Contact our admissions office at [admissions@upperbucks.org](mailto:admissions@upperbucks.org).

- UBCS accepts applications throughout the year.
- Registration of new students for the fall semester begins in late-February.

### Records

A copy of the student's most recent achievement test and report card/transcript is required. If the student has been homeschooled, a copy of his/her evaluation and portfolio must be included.

### Interview

After the application and records have been received, we will contact you to schedule a family interview with the administrator. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the student to the administrator and to acquaint the student and parents with the philosophy, codes and procedures of UBCS. A letter will be sent confirming your appointment and listing items you need to bring to the interview.

### Acceptance

New applicants will be accepted on the basis of a complete review of academic information and a personal interview. A personal interview and a readiness screening are required for Kindergarten students. An entrance test may be required to ensure proper grade placement for grades 1-12. The applicant will be informed of their acceptance from the administration. An additional interview may be requested by the administration.

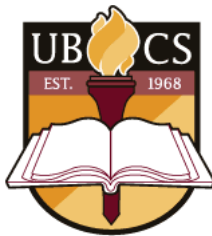
### Entrance Requirements

- Parents and students must read the Student Handbook.
- School/Parent/Student Agreement must be signed by both parents.
- Secondary students (5th-12th grades) are also required to sign the School/Parent/Student Agreement.
- Proof of immunizations must be provided prior to entrance into the classroom.
- Registration fee is due upon acceptance; no place can be held until the application fee is paid.

**Non-Discriminatory Policy:** UBCS admits student of any race, color, national or ethnic origin and entitles them to all rights, privileges, programs, and any activities generally made available to students of the school.

Please call our office with questions or for any additional information. We look forward to being of service to you!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not  
lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will  
make straight your paths.  
Proverbs 3:5-6



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