# Parent Information Guide

*2027–2028 · Pre-K through High School · Year 1: The Ancient World*
*Meeting at New Horizons Baptist Church · Glendale, KY*

Dear Families,

Thank you for your interest in The Good and True Cottage School. This guide is provided for families who were unable to attend our Parent Information Night. It presents all of the information shared at that meeting, with additional explanation in place of the in-person presentation.

Inside, you will find our educational philosophy, the curriculum for each division, the structure of our Monday and Friday programs, enrollment policies, tuition and fees, and the steps for applying for the 2027–2028 school year. We encourage you to read the guide in full before submitting an application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

*Sincerely,*
*Mrs. Ambria Humble*
Director of School · 502-965-7589

## The School at a Glance

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| **What we are** | A Christian, nonprofit cottage school that brings together Classical, Charlotte Mason, Montessori, and Sudbury education, plus the arts, practical skills, immersive Spanish, and a house community. |
| **Who we serve** | Pre-K (age 2) through High School. In 2027–2028, high school serves 9th and 10th grade. |
| **When we meet** | 26 Mondays (9:30 AM – 3:30 PM; Pre-K & K until 2:30) and 20 Fridays (elementary 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM; middle & high 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM). |
| **Where we meet** | New Horizons Baptist Church, 864 W. Rhudes Creek Rd., Glendale, KY |
| **This year's study** | Year 1 of our four-year history cycle: The Ancient World. Every age studies the same era. |
| **Class size** | About 10 students per division, kept small on purpose. |
| **How to apply** | Fill out an application by the first week of February. Admission letters go out by email in mid-March. |

# Who We Are

*A cottage school, not an institution. A community, not private school at home.*

We believe education should form the whole child: hands, heart, mind, and life in community. That belief shapes everything below. The Good and True Cottage School is a nonprofit organization that meets at New Horizons Baptist Church in Glendale, Kentucky. We hold all of this within a Christian framework: we believe all truth is God's truth and that every child is made in His image.

**You are still your child's teacher**

Every family in our school homeschools. You file your own Letter of Intent with the state, you keep your own records, and you remain your child's primary teacher. We add to your homeschool; we don't replace it.

**Guides, not teachers**

The adults who lead our classes are called Guides. They lead the lesson, spark discussion, model the work, and give honest, encouraging feedback. They come alongside you rather than taking your place.

**More than a grade**

A child's worth is far greater than a grade. We don't give letter grades or rank students. You determine your child's grades at home, and Guides offer thoughtful, constructive feedback on the work your child brings in.

**A collaborative community**

Our school runs because families pool their talents. Parents teach, serve, and help, and we support, encourage, and walk alongside one another.

### What it feels like day to day

We're a real, living community. You don't need to show up polished or ready to impress. If your child is having a hard day, you're welcome to step out of class with them. We respect children as people: they can have a snack when they're hungry (except in messy classes), and they don't have to ask permission to use the bathroom. Our younger students simply tell an adult where they're going, and middle and high schoolers give a quick heads-up.

**A note for high school families.** Our school is one part of your child's education, not the whole of it. We don't issue formal high school transcripts or graduation credits. Keeping your student's transcript and filling any gaps is the parent's responsibility, and I'm always glad to talk through ideas with you.

## How We Teach

We draw from four educational traditions. You don't need to know any of them already. Here's what each one believes, and what you'll actually see your child doing because of it.

| Approach | What it believes | What you'll see |
|---|---|---|
| **Classical** | Education follows how children develop: first gathering knowledge, then learning to reason, then learning to express ideas well. | Memory work and great books, then Socratic discussion, logic, and persuasive writing as students grow. |
| **Charlotte Mason** | Children are born persons, and education is "an atmosphere, a discipline, a life." | Living books (real, well-written books rather than dry textbooks), narration, nature study, short focused lessons, and good habits. |
| **Montessori** | Children learn through purposeful, hands-on work that builds concentration and independence. | Cooking and serving breakfast, counting and measuring, sorting, sewing, and caring for the classroom. |

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| **Sudbury** | Children learn best when they have a real say in their education and in how their school is run. | Student choices, class votes on projects, older students helping to lead, and our House System. |

**Narration**, which you'll hear about a lot, simply means a child tells back in their own words what they read or heard. Little ones tell you and you write it down; older children write their own. **Socratic discussion** means the Guide leads by asking good questions rather than lecturing, so students reason their way to understanding.

## The Three Stages of Learning

The classical model sees learning in three stages, and our divisions follow them. Each stage builds on the one before.

**Grammar · Elementary**
"*What is it?*" Children gather stories, facts, and words through songs, chants, and memory work. This is the age for soaking things in.

**Logic · Middle School**
"*Why? Does this follow?*" Students connect ideas, weigh evidence, and learn to spot weak reasoning.

**Rhetoric · High School**
"*How can I say this well?*" Students express and defend ideas clearly and graciously.

## One Shared Story · Our Four-Year History Cycle

Every division, Pre-K through high school, studies the same era of history each year. That means siblings share one story and many of the same books, your dinner-table conversations connect, and your children revisit each era at a deeper level every time the cycle comes back around.

| **Year 1 · 2027–2028** | **Year 2 · 2028–2029** | **Year 3 · 2029–2030** | **Year 4 · 2030–2031** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ancient · this year | Medieval | Renaissance & Early Modern | Modern & American |

## What Each Division Learns

Students are grouped into five divisions. Each has its own rooms, its own Guides, and its own big goal for the year.

| Division | The big goal | Highlights |
|---|---|---|
| **Pre-K & Kindergarten**<br>Ages 2–5 | Independence, concentration, order, and belonging | Their own room and lead teacher all day · hands-on Montessori math · history and science through picture books and projects · early grammar through songs · read-alouds with a project · cooking and serving their own breakfast · a daily rest time |
| **Lower Elementary**<br>1st–3rd grade | A storehouse of knowledge and the habit of attention | Math through songs and games · The Mystery of History · Pandia Press biology with real experiments · grammar with The Good and the Beautiful · living books with discussion and a project · cooking and sewing |
| **Upper Elementary**<br>4th–5th grade | Putting what they know into their own words | Math facts and conversions · The Mystery of History · Pandia Press biology · IEW writing and Fix It! Grammar · six literature books with discussion and projects |
| **Middle School**<br>The Good & Noble · 6th–8th | Reasoning carefully and weighing evidence | Math · history through The Mystery of History and living books · biology with labs and dissections · The Lost Tools of Writing · logic with The Fallacy Detective · seven novels in seminar |

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| **High School**<br>9th–10th in 2027–2028 | Expressing and defending ideas clearly and graciously | Math with Kaplan ACT/SAT prep · Ancient History · Novare Biology with lab · The Lost Tools of Writing · Language Arts with narration, The Art of Argument, and literature projects · the Trades Program on Fridays |

## In Every Division

**Practical Arts**
Cooking real meals, homemaking, soap and laundry detergent making, gardening, hosting, and caring for clothing. Responsibility grows with age. Every division has Practical Arts on both Mondays and Fridays.

**Immersive Spanish**
Spanish isn't a separate class. Each week, Guides in every class use a set of Spanish words and phrases, and students keep using them all year. Language is learned best by using it in real life.

**The Arts**
Drama, art, sewing, and building. In 2027–2028, our drama program performs Sophocles' *Antigone*, tying right into our ancient world study.

**Faith**
A Christian community that believes all truth is God's truth and that every child is made in His image.

# Your Family's Part

*What happens at home makes our school days work.*

This is the most important page for understanding how our school works, so please read it closely. We are a two-day program, and our class time is built on what students read and do at home during the rest of the week. When students come in having done the reading, our Guides can spend class on discussion and hands-on projects instead of catching everyone up.

At the same time, one of our core goals is that we never bog your family down. We do a lot on Mondays and Fridays so your home days stay light, with time to play, see friends, travel, and keep loving homeschooling, and no weekend catch-up.

## What Your Family Does at Home

**1 · The required reading**
Each student reads their division's books on the reading schedule we give admitted families. You read aloud with younger children; older children read on their own with you following along. This is a requirement of enrollment, including for Friday-only students, because every discussion and project is built on it.

**2 · Narration**
After reading, your child tells back what they learned. For little ones, you write down what they tell you. Older students write their own.

**3 · Your own math curriculum**
You choose and buy your child's math curriculum and work through it at home. On Mondays, students bring it to Math Workshop and get help where they need it.

**4 · Assignments, checked by you**
Students complete their required assignments at home. Before Monday, you look over and grade your child's work. They bring it in, and their Guide reviews it and gives feedback.

### How feedback works on writing (middle & high school)

For The Lost Tools of Writing, you check your student's essay at home first. Your student uses a highlighter to show what they revised and edited, then brings the final copy to their Guide. The Guide gives them one thing they did well and one area to grow in. Grades remain yours to give.

**Why we work this way.** God gave each of you your own children, and you know them best. As long as your child brings in the required work, it isn't our place to judge how much your family does in a given week. Our Guides meet every student with grace and show them how to grow. What we do ask is that students come prepared, because a discussion only works when everyone has read the book.

## A Week in the Life

| Day | What happens |
|---|---|
| **Monday** | Our full academic day at school. Every division has math, history, science, grammar and writing, language arts, and practical arts. Each class opens with discussion of the week's reading, then moves into hands-on work. |
| **Tuesday – Thursday** | Home days. Reading, narration, math, and any assignments, at your family's own pace. |
| **Friday** | On school Fridays (two to three a month), deeper history and science projects in the morning and rotating enrichment in the afternoon. On the other Fridays, a home day, a field trip, or a break. |

# A Monday at The Good and True

*9:30 AM – 3:30 PM · Pre-K & K until 2:30 PM · each division has its own rooms*

Monday is our academic day, taught at each age level. Most classes run 50 to 60 minutes. Every class opens with Socratic discussion of the living books students read at home, where they narrate their ideas and reason through them together. Then class moves into hands-on work: projects, experiments, and building, often shaped by the students' own choices. Mondays are academic, but they are just as hands-on and project-based as Fridays.

**Math Workshop** runs 30 to 35 minutes. Students bring the math curriculum you use at home and get help as needed. Schedules are staggered so no two divisions are ever in the same space at the same time.

| Pre-K & K | Lower Elementary | Upper Elementary | Middle School | High School |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9:30–10:15<br>Practical Life: cook and serve breakfast, clean up, morning check-in (45) | 9:30–10:05<br>Math Workshop (35) | 9:30–10:20<br>Language Arts (50) | 9:30–10:20<br>History (50) | 9:30–10:20<br>Biology with lab (50) |
| 10:15–10:45<br>Outdoor Play (30) | 10:05–10:15 · Break | 10:20–10:25 · Break | 10:20–10:25 · Break | 10:20–10:25 · Break |
| 10:45–11:15<br>Montessori Math (30) | 10:15–11:00<br>Practical Arts (45) | 10:25–10:55<br>Math Workshop (30) | 10:25–11:15<br>Science (50) | 10:25–11:15<br>History (50) |
| 11:15–12:00<br>Phonics: letters & letter sounds, then Snack & Story (45) | 11:00–11:10 · Break | 10:55–11:00 · Break | 11:15–11:20 · Break | 11:15–11:20 · Break |
| 12:00–1:00<br>Lunch | 11:10–12:00<br>Language Arts (50) | 11:00–12:00<br>Practical Arts (60) | 11:20–12:00<br>Writing · The Lost Tools of Writing (40) | 11:20–12:00<br>Writing · The Lost Tools of Writing (40) |
| 1:00–1:30<br>Montessori Rest & Quiet Time: each child keeps a blanket and stuffy at school and rests to relaxing music (30) | 12:00–1:00<br>Lunch | 12:00–1:00<br>Lunch | 12:00–1:00<br>Lunch | 12:00–1:00<br>Lunch |
| 1:30–2:00<br>Culture: history & science picture books (30) | 1:00–1:50<br>History (50) | 1:00–1:50<br>Science (50) | 1:00–1:50<br>Language Arts & Logic · The Fallacy Detective (50) | 1:00–2:00<br>Practical Arts (60) |
| 2:00–2:30<br>Music, Movement & Sensorial Work (30) | 1:50–2:00 · Break | 1:50–1:55 · Break | 1:50–1:55 · Break | 2:00–2:05 · Break |
| | 2:00–2:50<br>Science (50) | 1:55–2:45<br>History (50) | 1:55–2:25<br>Math Workshop (30) | 2:05–2:55<br>Language Arts & Logic · The Art of Argument (50) |
| | 2:50–3:00 · Break | 2:45–2:50 · Break | 2:25–2:30 · Break | 2:55–3:00 · Break |
| | 3:00–3:30<br>Grammar · The Good and the Beautiful (30) | 2:50–3:30<br>Writing · IEW & Fix It! (40) | 2:30–3:30<br>Practical Arts (60) | 3:00–3:30<br>Math & ACT/SAT prep (30) |

Minutes shown in parentheses. Spanish is woven into every class rather than taught as its own block.

# Fridays

*20 Fridays a year · deeper projects in the morning, enrichment in the afternoon*

Fridays fall two to three times a month. Where Monday gives every subject a full lesson, Friday gives us room to go further. **Friday mornings** (10:30 to 12:00) take History and Science deeper than Monday allows, through culinary and research projects, experiments, and model building. Because history includes cooking, students get to taste foods from the cultures they're studying. After lunch, **Friday afternoons** are rotating enrichment classes:

**Art***
With a dedicated instructor.

**Sewing***
With a dedicated instructor.

**Candle Making**
Hands-on practical craft.

**Greek Architecture & STEM**
Building and engineering tied to our ancient world study.

**Ancient Pottery Making**
Working with clay the way ancient peoples did.

**Drama**
Rehearsing toward our performance of *Antigone*.

Community guests and visitors join us on select Fridays, and special classes, like dance, are added as opportunities come up.

## Friday Hours

| Division | Hours |
|---|---|
| **Pre-K & Elementary** | 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM |
| **Middle & High School** | 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. The extra early hour is Journalism, where students produce our school newspaper. |
| **Math Study Hall** (optional) | 9:45 – 10:30 AM, for any grade needing extra math help. $100 per year. |

## Two Ways to Do Fridays

| Option | How it works | Price |
|---|---|---|
| **Full Friday Enrollment** | All 20 Fridays, committed for the full year. This is the standard option and the best value. | Included in your Friday supply fee: $250 elementary · $350 middle · $450 high, per student, per year. Trades Program included for high school. |
| **Friday À La Carte** Waitlisted & Monday Only families | Pick individual classes, registered in advance and committed for the full year, because our projects build over several weeks. Available in 2027–2028 only. | $115 per class, per year |

**The art & sewing fee.** Art and Sewing have a dedicated, paid instructor, so all Friday families pay a $30 per family (not per child) per month fee. If a parent in our community steps up to teach these classes, that fee goes away for everyone.

### High School Trades Program

High schoolers take four required trades a year, each taught by a hired professional: **cosmetology, carpentry, first aid, and vehicle maintenance**. Every trade is adapted so it's useful to every student. The Trades Program is included in Full Friday Enrollment. For à la carte high schoolers, it's $115 per trade class ($460 per year), and they may head home after their trade class.

Every Friday family, full or à la carte, follows our guide and the required reading, because Friday projects are built on that reading too.

# How Enrollment Works

*We're a two-day program, and our enrollment is built around that.*

Our school was designed for families who come both Monday and Friday. Mondays and Fridays work together: Monday gives the lesson, Friday carries it further, and both depend on the same reading. Our Guides have also told us they need both days to do the work well. So for 2027–2028, here's how it works for each kind of family.

| If you are… | Here's what's available to you |
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| **A new family** | Monday *and* Friday enrollment is the only option for new families. Families who are able to attend both days receive priority. |
| **A waitlisted family** | If Mondays are full, you may attend Full Fridays or Friday à la carte classes for one year. The expectation is that you enroll in Mondays and Fridays the following year, and that your student keeps up with the required reading in the meantime. |
| **A current family returning as Monday Only** | Current families invited back may stay Monday Only through 2028–2029. Your Friday spot goes to a waitlisted family. Friday à la carte classes are offered to you only if Friday spots remain. |
| **A family we don't have room for** | A $300 Membership gives your family our festivals, dances, field trips, and parties without the weekly commitment, so you can stay connected to our community. |

### Important things to know

- **À la carte is for 2027–2028 only.** After this year, Fridays are full enrollment.
- **Monday Only ends after 2028–2029.** After that, every family attends both days.
- **A Friday spot you give up is gone for good.** It goes to a waitlisted family and can't be reclaimed later.
- **Friday spots are filled in this order:** full-enrollment families first, then à la carte spots for Monday families, then waitlisted families.
- **Admission is by family.** If one of your children is admitted, your whole family is admitted.
- **Every division is kept to about 10 students** so learning stays individualized and everyone knows each other. Some spots are held so siblings can come along.

## How Your Family Serves

We're a collaborative school: families on campus help make the day run. Unless you're in our Drop-Off Program, your family chooses one of three ways to be part of things, and your choice sets your Family Tuition.

| Your role | What it means | Family Tuition |
|---|---|---|
| **Teacher** | Teach one class across all divisions. | Free |
| **Volunteer role** | Take a set volunteer role, like a House Mom. The full list of roles is released after admission letters go out, and you sign up then. | $300 ($150 off) |
| **No set role** | Help on an as-needed basis while you're on campus. | $450 (full) |

### Drop-Off Program · 1st grade and up

For families who can't stay on campus, we offer a limited number of drop-off spots. Drop-off tuition is $45 per day, per week, and is paid monthly. The first month's drop-off tuition is due one month before the first day of school. Drop-off families don't need to serve in a role, but Family Tuition still applies.

# The House System

*One school community, four houses, launching in 2027–2028*

| Oakmere | Hawthorne | Larkspur | Rosecroft |
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The House System is brand new for 2027–2028, and it's at the heart of what makes our school unique. Every student is placed in one of our four houses in Pre-K and stays in that house for as long as they're with us. Houses are balanced across ages so every house has a fair chance, and high schoolers are spread evenly among them. Houses are small teams inside our one school community, never cliques: your little one has big kids looking out for them, and one day they'll be the big kid.

## Student Voice

This is where the Sudbury model comes in. We take children's interests seriously, give them real choices, let classes vote on projects, and let older students help guide what we do. The House System works as our student government, so children practice real leadership and real responsibility.

### Real elections

Each house elects a House President from its oldest students through a real campaign: campaign managers, a Debate Night, paper ballots, and an Inauguration.

### A representative government

The President appoints a Speaker of the House, senators, and representatives from nominated students, so leadership represents the whole house.

### House Congress

Houses bring real proposals to the school, like a new club or festival. Approved ideas become part of our program. Middle and high school students may even write a bill and bring it to a vote to replace a book on the reading list.

### A job for every age

Every child has a house role, from Greeters and Messengers for our youngest to Stewards, Ambassadors, Artists, Historians, and Mentors as they grow.

## House Points

| Step | How it works |
|---|---|
| **Earn** | Students earn points for chores, kindness, service, hard work, and reading. |
| **Report** | Students, parents, and Guides fill out a point slip whenever they catch a student doing good. Slips are available throughout the building and in every class. |
| **Mailbox** | Slips go in that house's mailbox. Every Friday they're tallied and house standings are updated. |
| **Celebrate** | At the end-of-year House Banquet, students sit with their house and share reflections. The winning house takes the House Cup and plans next year's Field Day. |

## Caring for Our Building

We meet in a church building, and we take caring for it seriously. At the end of each day, students clean by house, working as teams with age-appropriate chores. A mom checks our younger students' work before they head home. Every student receives an embroidered school shirt with their house symbol to wear at school and on field trips.

## House Moms & House Meetings

Each house has a House Mom (a volunteer role, $150 off tuition) who helps with meetings and logistics. Each house meets once or twice a month outside regular class hours, usually on Fridays, to plan elections and debates, assign house jobs, and dream up proposals for the school.

# Our School Year

*A rhythm that leaves plenty of room for home*

**26 Mondays · 20 Fridays**
Fridays fall two to three times a month, so families keep plenty of time at home.

**Breaks**
Two weeks each for fall and spring break, and out for most of December and January for the holidays and staying well.

**Snow days**
Not made up. If we miss, we miss, and our calendar never extends. The school calendar we give families is always the final word on dates.

## Celebrations, Festivals & Field Trips

Every celebration is held on a Friday, so none take time away from Monday's academic day. Here's what's on the calendar for the year:

**For everyone**
Fall festival · Christmas party · Valentine's Day party · two book club parties · Field Day · bake sales · the end-of-year House Banquet

**Middle & high school**
Two formal dances during the year

Our two book club parties celebrate the books every grade finishes together: A *Christmas Carol* at the end of the first semester and *The Wind in the Willows* at the end of the year. **Field trips** are on the last Friday of each month or on Fridays we aren't meeting. **Monday Only families** are welcome at school-wide festivals on Fridays at no additional charge.

# Tuition & Family Fees

*Everything it takes to run our school, shared as a community.*

Our costs come in two parts. **Family fees** are charged once per family, no matter how many children you have. **Supply fees** are charged per student. We've priced everything as flat yearly amounts so you aren't hit with small collections all year long.

## Family Fees · once per family

| Fee | What it covers |
|---|---|
| **Family Facility Fee**<br>$300 per year | Our use of the building for the full school year. Required of every family, regardless of role. |

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| **Family Tuition**<br>$450 per year | Everything it takes to run our school behind the scenes: pest control, facility upkeep and repairs, cleaning supplies, insurance, nonprofit filing fees, attorney fees, QuickBooks, year-end taxes and our CPA, business accounts for ordering supplies, and program planning and administration. Reduced or free depending on your role (see "How Your Family Serves"). |

## Supply Fees · per student, for the whole year

Supply fees cover your child's curriculum, materials, and activities. Every literature and living history book is included, with one copy of each book per family. If your children in different divisions read the same title, they share one copy. See "What's Included" for the full list.

| Division | Monday · 26 weeks | Friday · 20 weeks | Both days |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Pre-K & Elementary** | $450 | $250 | $700 |
| **Middle School** | $550 | $350 | $900 |
| **High School** | $650 | $450 | $1,100 |

### Other costs to plan for

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| **Art & sewing instructor fee (Friday families)** | $30 per family, per month |
| **Your own math curriculum** | Purchased by you |
| **Math Study Hall (optional)** | $100 per year |
| **Friday à la carte class (2027–2028 only)** | $115 per class, per year |
| **Drop-Off Program (1st grade and up)** | $45 per day, per week · paid monthly |

**Taking care of our books.** Books are handed out at Open House and returned at the end of the year so they can be used again when the history cycle comes back around. A book that isn't returned, or is damaged beyond repair, is charged at its replacement cost. If a family leaves early, the replacement cost of anything not returned is due.

## Putting It Together: An Example

Here's what a year might look like for a family with two elementary students and one middle schooler, enrolled Mondays and Fridays, with a parent serving in a volunteer role:

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| **Family Facility Fee** | $300 |
| **Family Tuition ($450, less $150 for a volunteer role)** | $300 |
| **Elementary supply fees, both days ($700 × 2)** | $1,400 |
| **Middle school supply fee, both days** | $900 |
| **Total for the year** | **$2,900** |

Plus the $30 monthly art & sewing fee and your own math curriculum. If a parent in this family taught a class instead, Family Tuition would be free and the total would be $2,600.

## Payment Deadlines

| Due | What's due |
|---|---|
| **April 30** | The $300 Family Facility Fee. This secures your family's spot for next year. |
| **May 30** | Supply fees and Family Tuition. We timed this so families waiting on an income tax return can put it toward the year. |
| **One month before school starts** | Drop-off families only: the first month's drop-off tuition. Drop-off tuition is then paid monthly. |

**Financial assistance is available.** Financial aid and payment plans are available, and you can teach or serve in a role to reduce your tuition. If your family is in need, or you need an extended timeline, please contact Mrs. Ambria Humble directly at 502-965-7589. We'd rather work something out with you than have cost keep your family away.

## Why Our Pricing Looks Like This

It takes money to run this program. To keep our doors open and give our students everything they need, we all have to pull together. Our directors are volunteers and cannot cover these costs themselves, so we share them as a community. Our goal is to stay the most affordable program in our area for everything we offer. If grants become available and we're able to lower family tuition, we will.

Our nonprofit status has been approved by the state, and we have applied for federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, expected by the start of the 2027–2028 school year. Experienced with grant writing? We'd love to talk with you.

# What's Included

*Everything a fully enrolled student receives in 2027–2028*

### Curriculum

2 full school days every week · science curriculum with workbook · history curriculum with workbook · literature reading and living books · literature curriculum workbooks · writing curriculum workbooks · Math Workshop

### Hands-On Learning

Practical Arts: cooking real meals, homemaking, soap and laundry detergent making, gardening, and more · rotating enrichment: art*, sewing*, candle making, Greek architecture & STEM, ancient pottery making, and drama · community guests and visitors · student government and the House System

### Community

School shirt with house symbol · 2 book club parties · fall festival · Christmas party · Valentine's Day party · Field Day

### Middle & High School

Laptop access · Journalism · 2 formal dances · High school: Kaplan ACT/SAT prep · High school: Trades Program with hired professionals

*Art and Sewing carry a $30 per family, per month instructor fee. The only other thing you'll purchase on your own is your math curriculum.

# Admissions: What Comes Next

*Because space is limited, every application is considered carefully.*

1. **Fill out an application.** Please note this is an application, not a registration: submitting it doesn't automatically reserve a spot. Applications are accepted through the first week of February.
2. **Read and sign our Statement of Faith & Community Agreement.** Every family, new and returning, signs it. It describes what we believe and how we treat one another, and admission and re-admission depend on keeping it.
3. **February: current family interviews.** Current families have a relaxed one-on-one conversation with me to share feedback, curriculum ideas, and any concerns. Current families are offered spots first.
4. **Mid-March: admission letters go out by email.** Admission decisions are made by our Board of Directors. The list of volunteer roles is released at this time, and you can sign up for one.
5. **April 30: secure your spot** with the $300 Family Facility Fee. **May 30:** supply fees and Family Tuition are due.

## Open Spots for 2027–2028

We have several spots available in every grade level for the 2027–2028 school year. Because we keep each division small on purpose, we encourage you to apply early.

## Help Wanted

These positions are open for 2027–2028. Serving is one of the best ways to reduce your family's cost, and it's how our school runs.

| Position | Your benefit |
|---|---|
| **Lead Pre-K & K Teacher** | Tuition free |
| **Math Teacher · all divisions, both days** | Tuition free |
| **History Teacher · two divisions, both days** | Tuition free |
| **House Moms · 4 spots** | $150 off tuition |

If you're interested in any of these, let me know when you apply or give me a call.

## Our Board of Directors

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| **Mrs. Ambria Humble** | Director of School |
| **Cassandra Dombrowski** | Director of Practical Arts |
| **Emily Smalling** | Director of Science |
| **Pastor Glenn Metcalf** | Board Member |

# Our Reading List

*2027–2028 · Year 1: The Ancient World*

The required reading is part of our program, and our classes are built on it. Each student, including Friday à la carte students, reads their division's books at home on the schedule provided to admitted families. Every book on this list is included in your supply fees, with one copy per family.

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| **Pre-K & K Literature** | The Borrowers · Trumpet of the Swan · A Christmas Carol · The Mouse & the Motorcycle · The Cricket in Times Square · Little House on the Prairie · The Wind in the Willows |
| **Lower Elementary Literature** | The Borrowers · Trumpet of the Swan · A Christmas Carol · The Mouse & the Motorcycle · The Family Under the Bridge · Little House on the Prairie · The Wind in the Willows |
| **Pre-K, K & Lower History** | The Mystery of History (1st–3rd) · Noah's Ark · Gilgamesh the King · Joseph · Mummies Made in Egypt · Seeker of Knowledge · Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile · Pharaoh's Boat · The Egyptian Cinderella · Temple Cat · Tutankhamen's Gift · Exodus · The Persian Cinderella · Look What Came from Greece · The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus · A Day in Ancient Greece · The Librarian Who Measured the Earth · King Midas and the Golden Touch · The Lion & the Mouse · The Tortoise & the Hare · Romulus and Remus · The Roman Colosseum · Rome Antics · The Empty Pot · Liang and the Magic Paintbrush · The Emperor's Silent Army · The Great Wall of China · One Grain of Rice<br>These picture books can be read in one day, so this list is longer. Every other level reads chapter books. |
| **Upper Elementary Literature** | The Borrowers · The Sign of the Beaver · A Christmas Carol · Anne of Green Gables · Little House on the Prairie · The Wind in the Willows |
| **Upper Elementary History** | The Mystery of History · The Bronze Bow · Archimedes and the Door of Science · The Wanderings of Odysseus |
| **Middle School Literature** | My Side of the Mountain · The Golden Bull · The Wanderings of Odysseus · A Christmas Carol · The Bronze Bow · The Silver Chair · The Wind in the Willows |
| **Middle School History** | The Mystery of History · Tales of Ancient Egypt · The Golden Goblet · Greek Myths · The Children's Homer · Theras and His Town |
| **High School Literature** | To Kill a Mockingbird · The Silver Chair · A Christmas Carol · Great Expectations · Little Women · The Giver · Pride and Prejudice · The Wind in the Willows |
| **High School History** | The Mystery of History · Gilgamesh the Hero · The Golden Goblet · The Days of Elijah · The Children's Homer · Mythology |

This book list may be subject to change. Any changes will be made before admission letters are sent. Middle and High School students may write a bill and bring it to a vote to replace a book on this list.

# Key Dates & Your Checklist

*Everything you need to do, in order*

| When | What happens |
|---|---|
| **Now** | Applications are open. |

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|---|---|
| **First week of February** | Last week to submit an application. |
| **February** | Current family interviews. Current families are offered spots first. |
| **Mid-March** | Admission letters go out by email. Volunteer role sign-ups open. |
| **April 30** | $300 Family Facility Fee due to secure your spot. |
| **May 30** | Supply fees and Family Tuition due. |
| **One month before school starts** | First month's drop-off tuition due (drop-off families only). |
| **Open House** | Books are handed out. Date shared with admitted families. |

## Your Checklist

- ☐ Read this whole guide.
- ☐ Decide whether your family can commit to both Mondays and Fridays.
- ☐ Think about how your family would like to serve: teach, take a volunteer role, or help as needed.
- ☐ Fill out an application before the first week of February.
- ☐ Read and sign the Statement of Faith & Community Agreement.
- ☐ Watch your email in mid-March for your admission letter, and sign up for a volunteer role.
- ☐ Pay the $300 Family Facility Fee by April 30.
- ☐ Pay supply fees and Family Tuition by May 30, or call about a payment plan.
- ☐ Choose and purchase your child's math curriculum for home.

# Questions Parents Ask

### Do I still have to homeschool and file a Letter of Intent?

Yes. Every family homeschools and files its own Letter of Intent. We're a cottage school that adds to your homeschool. You remain your child's teacher, and you keep your child's grades.

### Do I stay on campus with my children?

Families on campus serve in one of three ways: teaching, a volunteer role, or helping as needed. If you can't stay, students in 1st grade and up can join our Drop-Off Program, which has limited spots.

### Can we do just Mondays or just Fridays?

New families enroll in both days. Fridays only is available for one year to waitlisted families, who then move into both days the next year. Monday Only is offered only to current families invited back, and only through 2028–2029.

### What will I need to buy on my own?

Just your math curriculum. Every literature and living history book, plus science, history, and writing workbooks, is included in your supply fees. Friday families also pay the $30 monthly art & sewing fee.

### How much work happens at home?

The required reading, narration, your own math, and the assignments your child brings in on Monday. We do a lot on our school days so your home days stay light.

### What if we can't afford it?

Please call. Financial aid and payment plans are available, and teaching or serving reduces your tuition.

**Questions? Call Mrs. Ambria Humble at 502-965-7589.**