

Covenant Christian High School

By Julie Young For Custom Publications

In a city filled with outstanding schools, Covenant Christian High School distinguishes itself with dedicated teachers, rigorous curriculum and a commitment to serve the community.

Located on the west side of Indianapolis, the school welcomes students from a range of academic and religious backgrounds. With 40 full-time staff members and a state-of-the-art facility, Covenant Christian offers students a college-preparatory curriculum along with advanced placement classes and 14 varsity sports.

"Parents who decide to send their child do so because they want them to pursue academic excellence and to be mentored by caring, competent teachers," said Jamie Goodwin, journalism teacher and development director. "They are committed to helping these students flourish as

complete human beings, not just students."

Covenant's last three graduating classes accepted more than \$4 million in merit-based aid for college. The first nine graduating classes included eight National Merit Finalists. In the class of 2008, the Lilly Schools from Hendricks and Boone counties were Covenant students.

In the classroom, students are trained to think critically and ask questions about life — from music to mathematics and physics to foreign language. The school's J-term program, a three-week term in January, enables students to participate in learning and service trips, internships and innovative classes across the street or around the world.

Covenant's credo summarizes its mission: "Minds enlightened, hearts inflamed, lives transformed." †



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Quaker kindergarten — sixth grade

According to Marcie Roberts, coordinator of the Richmond Friends School, a Quaker education does not specifically endorse the Quaker religion — although its principles and practices guide the daily curriculum.

"We help students understand simplicity, pacifism, diversity and respect for all persons," Roberts said. "We welcome and accept students from all faith backgrounds."

Richmond Friends School, founded in 1971, is the only Quaker-based school in Indiana. It sets the state standard as the minimum requirement for learning, and upper elementary children are exposed to sample tests. The program has multi-age

classrooms — guided by student proficiency rather than age — with no more than 15 students per teacher.

"The multi-aged classroom allows the teacher to customize the curriculum to each individual," Roberts explained.

Richmond Friends School emphasizes the maturity of emotional, physical and social skills alongside mental development.

"We instill a passion for learning and a strong sense of self," Roberts said.

"They leave here knowing what they need to be successful."

According to Roberts, three of the last five valedictorians from Richmond High School received their elementary education from the school.

Quaker School

Richmond Friends School

607 W. Main St.
Richmond, IN 47374
(765) 966-5767
www.richmondfriendsschool.org

Waldorf Schools pre-kindergarten — eighth grade; some regions offer high school

"Waldorf techniques strive to educate the whole child, including the heart and the hands as well as the head," said Karen Crick, enrollment director of the Cincinnati Waldorf School. "Waldorf is an arts-integrated curriculum. Children learn mathematics through music and movement as well as traditional methods."

According to Crick, "Although there's no specific dogma, our teachings are guided by the idea that each child is spiritual and we are all connected."

Waldorf encourages community-based learning. Each child participates in a variety of noncompetitive experiences and activities within a group.

Waldorf Schools

Briar Rose Children's Center AWSNA Initiative School

636 Chase Road
Columbus, OH 43214
(614) 431-6000

Cincinnati Waldorf School AWSNA Developing School

745 Derby Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45232
(513) 541-0220
www.cincinnatiwaldorfschool.org

Spring Garden Waldorf School

1791 S. Jacoby Road
Copley, OH 44321-2223
(330) 666-0574
www.sgws.org

The Magical Garden Preschool

612 Market Ave. S.
Canton, OH 44702
(330) 456-2031

"Children learn quickly that everyone has areas where they excel and where they have challenges," Crick explained. "We instill an appreciation for those differences. We also take children outdoors as much as we can, to create an appreciation for nature." †

Quick facts

Covenant Christian High School

7525 W. 21st St.
Indianapolis
(317) 390-0202
www.covenantchristian.org

Religious affiliation: Christian (nondenominational)

Grades served: 9 - 12

Enrollment: 370

Class size: 18

Student/teacher ratio: 12:1

Tuition: \$8,081 (nearly 40 percent of students receive financial aid)

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Come learn about the outstanding investment of a Covenant education at an Open House, Covenant In Action Day, or a personal tour. Prospective students are also invited to shadow any school day throughout the year. Please call the school for more information or email questions to:

info@covenantchristian.org



2008-2009 OPEN HOUSE DATES

Thurs., Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

Tues., April 14, 7 p.m.

2008-2009 "CIA" COVENANT-IN-ACTION DAYS

Tues., Oct. 21, 9-10:30 a.m.

Tues., Nov. 18, 9-10:30 a.m.

Tues., Feb. 24, 9-10:30 a.m.

Tues., April 21, 9-10:30 a.m.

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