



**COVENANT**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## NEW CCA FAMILY BOOKLET

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## Welcome to CCA

At CCA we are committed to excellence in all areas of life with the sole purpose of bringing glory to God. As an ACSI and Cognia dually accredited school we strive year after year to offer our students and families the best Christ-centered education. We believe that sitting in our classrooms today is the next generation of young men and women that will make a difference in our communities and ultimately impact the world. Our mission is to EQUIP learners for excellence, EMBRACE Biblical principles, and EMPOWER Christ-like leaders.

I am deeply honored every year as you allow Covenant to partner with you as parents to help train up your children in the way they should go (Prov 22:6, NIV)

Soli Deo Gloria,

Milton Gonzalez, M.A  
Head of School

# Get to know CCA

## School Hours

Preschool 7:45-3:15 (half day 7:45-12:30)

Elementary 7:45-3:30

Middle School/High School 7:45-3:50

Before School Care 7:20-7:45

After School Care 3:45-5:30

Office Hours 7:30-4:00

## Meet the Teacher

August 24th K2-10th grade Parent Teacher Orientation. This night gives you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with our campus, the classroom, and your students' teacher. Parents are encouraged to bring the school supplies the night of the Parent Teacher Orientation.

## Visitor Sign In

Parents and visitors are required to check in at the front office and get a yellow visitor tag for all occasions on campus. First time visitors will need to bring their driver's license to be scanned into our Raptor system.

# Get Connected

## **Class Dojo**

This is our main way to communicate with our school family during the school year. You should have already been placed in our New Families Summer '23 class on Class Dojo. When you receive information regarding your child's teacher in August, you will be placed in that teacher's class, by the Teacher.

**Website:** [www.ccamcallen.com](http://www.ccamcallen.com)

**Social Media Sites:** Follow us on Facebook @Covenant Christian Academy and on Instagram @ccamcallen

## **Parent Alert**

ParentAlert is a rapid alert and notification system. Opting in for this text message notification is vital in keeping up with emergency alerts, reminders, weather alerts, pick up changes, etc.



## **Academic Progress**

FACTS Management, formerly RenWeb, contains information pertaining to your child's academic progress, including grades, transcripts, report cards, schedules, discipline (1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>), and attendance.

## **Online Bill Payment: FACTS**

Review your child's school bills and make payments online with FACTS Tuition Management.

For questions regarding tuition please email our Finance Director Marianne Larson at [mmlarson@ccamcallen.com](mailto:mmlarson@ccamcallen.com)

# Get Ready

## Uniforms

You are able to purchase uniforms in the office.

### PreSchool Uniform (K2)

Monday-Wednesday: Girls- Red Polo dress

Boys- Red CCA polo with navy shorts or pants

Tuesday/Thursday: Colonial T-Shirt with jeans or jean short (through the month of November)

Friday: CCA Spirit Shirt with jeans or jean shorts

### PreSchool Uniform (K3-K4)

Monday-Wednesday: Girls- Red CCA polo with navy skirt, skirt or pants

Boys- Red CCA polo with navy shorts or pants

Tuesday/Thursday: Colonial T-Shirt with jeans or jean short (through the month of November)

Friday: CCA Spirit Shirt with jeans or jean shorts

### Elementary Uniform (K5-5th)

Monday-Wednesday: Girls- Gold CCA polo with khaki skirt, skirt or pants

Boys- Gold CCA polo with khaki shorts or pants

Tuesday/Thursday: Colonial T-Shirt with jeans or jean short (through the month of November)

Friday: CCA Spirit Shirt with jeans or jean shorts

## **Middle School Uniform (6th-8th)**

Monday-Wednesday: Navy CCA polo with jeans

Tuesday/Thursday: Colonial T-Shirt with jeans

Friday: CCA Spirit Shirt with jeans

PE uniform: CCA PE shirt and CCA PE shorts. (Worn Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

## **High School**

No uniforms for high school students. Dress code guidelines available in the High School handbook. They will need PE uniforms.

Notes: Traditional blue jeans only, no rips or holes. Elementary skirts, skorts, and shorts must be fingertip length. Tennis shoes may be any color. Theme/character or lighted shoes are not allowed.

## **Backpacks and lunchboxes**

Backpacks and lunchboxes can be any color or pattern but characters and themes are not allowed. Rolling backpacks are only allowed for 4th-5th grade.

## **School Supplies**

The school supply list for all grades can be found on our website under parent resources.

## **Lunch Meal Plans**

Pizza Mondays: CCA offers Pizza Mondays to our students. The price is as follows: 1 slice \$2.00, 2 slices \$3.50, 3 slices \$5.00. Any additional slices



are \$1.50. Pizza comes with a bottle of water. We ask that parents pay by semester.

Suyins Kitchen: Suyins Kitchen offers hot lunch to students Tuesday-Friday. Parents are able to purchase meal plans monthly or daily.

## **Get Involved**

### **Homeroom Moms**

Each class has at least one volunteer homeroom mom. The homeroom mom helps the teacher with the different fundraising events and school activities.

### **Colonial Holiday**

Colonial Holiday is our annual fall fundraiser. This two day event takes place in November. Each classroom is transformed into a different Colonial theme and students have different roles to perform based on their classroom theme. We open our campus on Thursday for public schools to come on field trips and enjoy our Colonial Holiday. Friday night is open to the public.

This time also depends heavily on parent volunteers for classroom setup, baked goods donations and classroom takedown. Teachers will provide more information once Colonial Holiday gets closer.

### **Gala**

Gala is our annual Spring fundraiser. It is a themed evening of dinner, entertainment, and a combination of live and silent auctions. CCA families are asked to donate an item to be auctioned or donate a monetary amount. Each class will have a classroom project that will be

auctioned during our live auction. Volunteers are essential in making this evening a success.

## **School Events**

Middle school conference- First 3 days of school, designed to help students learn the ropes of middle school.

Student performances- Parents are welcome to attend these events. Veteran's Day, Grandparents Day, Pastor Appreciation, Christmas Program, talent show.

Class parties- Throughout the year we celebrate different holidays and events. If you volunteer to bring an item please make sure there are no characters on them. Also, make sure you are aware of any food allergies if bringing food. \***No** Santa, Easter bunny, cartoons, etc.

Polar Express- Is a school activity where kids come to school in the evening in their pajamas and blankets. They have pizza, play games and watch movies in their classroom. The fee to attend goes towards Gala class projects that will be auctioned off.

Dr. Seuss Week- This week-long event has different themed days where students are able to come dressed according to the theme. A list will be provided by your teacher. A breakfast with Dr. Seuss and characters is held on Friday before school for a small fee.

Speech Meet- Preparing our children in public speaking is an important tool. Students (1st-10th) can choose between a poem, Bible verse, fable and other categories to present during designated evaluations from a panel of judges. Scoring criteria will be sent home. The top ranking will

be presented medals and will move on to district meets in San Antonio.

Field trips- Grades 2nd-5th participate in field trips.

Muffins with Moms- Is held during the beginning of May. Muffins and beverages are provided for a quick breakfast before school to celebrate mom.

Donuts with Dads- Is held during the end of May. Donuts and beverages are provided for a quick breakfast before school to celebrate dad.

Field day- This event is scheduled towards the end of the year. It is a fun-filled day of outdoor activities (grades 1st-10th) and indoor activities (K2-K) Each grade level receives a field day shirt to wear during activities.

## Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Every year our teachers provide different themed clubs. Stay tuned to learn more about which clubs will be offered.

This past year CCA implemented a new sports program. We offer Flag football, Volleyball, Basketball and Cross Country. Our Athletic Director, Coach Molina, also holds a sports camp (for a monthly fee) after school to introduce our students to the fundamentals of the different sports.

Middle School Theater

Music Program (Music classes are offered from K3-10th Grade; students in 3rd-10th will be placed in Choir, Orchestra, or Music Appreciation)

STEM

## A Message from Dr. Bridwell

The past few years in education have been challenging, especially with the pandemic which shook our world. However, we have risen to that challenge and have grown, not just in numbers, but spiritually as well. We are so thankful for God's faithfulness in our school, His protection, and His provision. Within the last few years, I have seen God move in the lives of our students, parents, and staff. In the height of the most challenging situations, He has continued to show Himself strong and faithful in all our lives.

As we press on, we know that He will continue to remain faithful. This school belongs to Him and we are simply stewards of what He has given us. As we serve our students this year, we hold on to the promise of His Word. We cling to His redeeming and steadfast love and accept His grace to continue to fulfill our mission in our students' lives.

We are grateful to you, parents, for investing in your child's education not just academically but spiritually and in all areas of their lives. Our goal is to provide a holistic education that offers growth in all aspects of the child's life - their mind, heart and soul. We are looking forward to another fantastic year as we partner together to EQUIP learners for excellence, EMBRACE biblical worldview principles, and EMPOWER Christ-like leaders.

Dr. Maria Bridwell  
K-12 Principal