

Websterville Christian Academy

Distinctively Different by God's Design

Founded in 1975 as a ministry of Websterville Baptist Church, Websterville Christian Academy has become a beacon of light in central Vermont. Split between two campuses, preschool and early elementary located in Websterville, and late elementary through high school located in Barre, WCA is recognized by the Vermont Department of Education as a Recognized Independent School within the meaning of 16 VSA 166.

Here at WCA, we strive to give your child the best education possible, while also holding firmly to the truth of God's word. At the heart of every program and curriculum at school is the belief that God created, sustains, and will consummate all things through His son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, the universe and all life belong to Him and are under His control. Our goal is to produce students who glorify God and reach his/her God-given potential in order to make a positive impact on the world.

The finest education is almost worthless unless one develops self-discipline, determination, good citizenship, moral courage, and spiritual growth, as well as love and respect for others. WCA is built on these premises and believes that God's Holy Word, the Bible, provides time tested principles that enable children to set and achieve these goals. We believe that academic excellence, combined with moral and spiritual training provides a rich education in the growth of the whole student.

Along with the academic and spiritual components of our education, WCA also strives to tap into the more creative side of student's personalities as well. Classes in multimedia, photography, life skills, art, music, drama, and speech, as well as field trips to local libraries, local historic sights, and cultural events at Norwich University are all beneficial in helping to round out our total education.

Churchill Road Campus

Preschool

A Websterville education begins in the nurturing environment of the preschool. Here close relationships are built to help young ones make a smooth transition from family life to the life of the larger school community. We are committed to offering a safe, secure, loving atmosphere for each child. A phonics - based pre-literacy program, mathematics, science, Bible time, and balanced play and rest are part of the curriculum. This curriculum is carefully coordinated to build a solid foundation for our kindergarten.

Kindergarten

Our program will introduce your child to the exciting world of learning that builds a solid foundation in basic phonetic sounds and rules, manuscript writing, arithmetic, and spelling. Many students will be able to read numerous small books before graduating from Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten program is designed for the 5 year old child. During this time your child will begin to develop the love for learning.

Elementary School 1st-3rd grades

A primary objective of the elementary school is to inspire a love of learning, intellectual growth, and effective study skills. This is accomplished by helping each student master fundamentals of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies. The elementary program provides both the environment and instruction, which makes learning an exciting adventure. Daily Bible lessons and weekly chapel focus on Biblical truths relevant to each child's experiences. Each grade level uses materials and subject matter

that are appropriately challenging to the students. Activities are designed to encourage hard work and independent thinking. Through various extra-curricular and supplemental activities, the teachers and students work together to provide a well-rounded program. Students will then graduate to our Middle School, located at the Vine Street campus.

Vine Street Campus

Middle School 4th-6th grades

The objective of the middle school is to continue to inspire a love of learning, intellectual growth, and effective study skills while preparing the students for junior high. This is accomplished by helping each student master fundamentals of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies and introduction to computer use. Daily Bible lessons and weekly chapel focus on Biblical truths relevant to each child's experiences. Each grade level uses materials and subject matter that are appropriately challenging to the students. Activities are designed to encourage hard work and independent thinking. Through various extra-curricular and supplemental activities, the teachers and students work together to provide a well-rounded program. 6th graders will look forward to graduating to Junior High.

Junior High

"Change" is the word that best describes these school years. The inevitable physical and social changes taking place in these grades provide a special challenge to the parent and teacher. The curriculum is carefully chosen to help the student bring together the concepts learned in elementary school to provide a foundation for high school and beyond. The programs are designed to challenge the students academically, stimulate them spiritually, and involve them physically. The academic workload is tailored for the academically motivated student of average ability. Most students find the workload demanding but readily attainable with reasonable effort.

High School

Websterville's high school curriculum is designed to prepare students for college and life after college. The curriculum is built upon the foundation of the elementary and junior high school. The high school curriculum includes all courses required for graduation by the State of Vermont, as well as other elective courses. The Bible classes are structured to help the students develop a Christian worldview and an understanding of how Biblical principles apply to situations they face today.

Faculty

Both school locations offer warm and friendly atmospheres. Websterville's faculty is committed to developing a supportive community, which promotes and recognizes the individual differences and needs of each student. These differences are emphasized and highlighted in part through age-appropriate activities, fundraisers, and performances distinguished by the two campuses. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in all areas of the school: Volunteering in the classroom, helping with special events, and promoting and operating athletic programs. Because the school is an extension of the home, we view the educational process as a partnership between both institutions.

WCA TUITION AGREEMENT

Websterville Christian Academy is one of the major ministries of Websterville Baptist Church and as such, WBC provides funding for the school; however, parents' financial responsibility is crucial for the proper functioning of this ministry. WCA believes that the tuition payment is an investment in your child's education and Christian formation.

WCA does not receive any state or federal funding. We solely rely on tuition and other fee payments to pay our dedicated staff for any school activities or services we offer.

Tuition Payment Method

WCA offers different methods of payment to accommodate parents' different financial circumstances. All tuition payments are received and processed through Blackbaud Tuition (a third party contracted provider for administering our tuition process).

New families are required to register with Blackbaud. Already enrolled families do not need to re-register unless there is a change in payment plan. The tuition methods are as follows:

1. **Full Payment** (One-time payment) – The entire tuition is due before start of school year.
2. **Semi-Annual** (2 Payments) – Half of the tuition is due before the start of school year. Second half of the tuition is due before start of second semester.
3. **Monthly** (11 payments) – Monthly payments are due on or before the **1st** of the month or the **15th** of the month.
 - All payments are due on the selected due date. If payments are not received by the due date, a late fee of \$80 will be applied.
 - All families are responsible for meeting their financial obligation with WCA as per their agreement .
 - **Should a difficulty in meeting your financial obligation occurs, it is your responsibility to notify the Principal (Pastor) and the Business Administrator to make special payment arrangements or adjustments to your agreement in writing.**

Deductions

NO DEDUCTIONS will be made for student days, weeks or months absent from school. Personal vacation or illness will not be deducted from tuition.

Refund Policy

All payments made to WCA are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. WCA will not be required to refund tuition or portions of tuition if the student is withdrawn by choice or is asked to leave by the WCA School Board.

Late Payment & Penalties

A \$80.00 late payment fee will be automatically added to the tuition owed, if not paid on the promised pay date day of each month. ***Students whose accounts are 30 days past due***, may not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities in school, such as drama, winter sports, summer sport, etc. ***Students whose accounts are 60 days past due may not be allowed in school until tuition is paid or payment arrangements have been made in writing*** (See tuition payment method).

Past Due Accounts

Progress Reports, Report Cards, Transcripts or any other document will not be issued to parents with past due accounts. This will include but is not limited to: Tuition, lunch fees, after school care fees, extracurricular activities fees, late payment fees etc.

Additional Fees

These fees are in addition to and **are not included** in the regular tuition cost. These costs will be adjusted each academic year to reflect the true cost of each program. *See the office for more information.*

- Extracurricular activities:
 - ★ Winter Program (Ski, skate, bowling)
 - ★ Drama and the Arts
 - ★ All Athletics
 - ★ Special Classes (i.e. Culinary, Life Skills, Photography, etc.)
 - ★ Youth Group (The Wilds)
- Warrior Club is our After School Care program
- Sonlight Kids' Club (Summer Care for School-Aged Children up to 12 years of age).

After School Care Program Hours of Service and late pick up fees

Our school is open for drop off between 7:30 - 8:00 AM with General Assembly starting promptly at 8:00 Monday through Friday. Daily dismissal begins at 2:50 PM, at which time parents must pick up their children. We understand that some parents have schedules that may conflict with our pick up time, to accommodate those families in the afternoons, we offer an after school care program called Warrior Club.

- From 3:15 to 5:00 PM: \$15.00 flat fee for a portion or the entire stay

If there are **unpaid tuition or fees by June 30th** of the current year, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed upon in writing, and approved by the Director of Finance of WCA, the family **will not be enrolled** for the following academic year. Re-enrollment will be allowed after the financial obligations have been met. The student's ability to be accepted will be contingent upon space availability in the grade in which he/she would have otherwise been placed.

Financial Assistance

The average tuition for private schools in Vermont is \$23,378.00 (2022-23)
www.privateschoolreview.com/tuition-stats/vermont

- Private Elementary average is \$18,102.00
- Private High School average is \$32,813.00
- Public Elementary School cost average is \$16,020.00
- Public High School cost average is \$17,278.00

Websterville Christian Academy:

- Elementary/Kindergarten Tuition Cost for 2022 **\$11,080.00**
- High School Tuition Cost for 2022 **\$13,500.00**

Websterville Baptist Church absorbs almost ~48% of the cost of this tuition leaving a much lower cost to be paid by the family as follows:

- Elementary/Kindergarten: **\$5,950.00**
- High School: **\$7,100.00**