



Choosing the **CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Jon & Kristen Eshleman

Ethan (grade 12)

Kelsey (grade 11)

Evan (grade 6)

Jon and Kristen Eshleman have been part of the Charlotte Christian community for 13 years. As their oldest child is entering his senior year after attending CCS since kindergarten, they reflected on their time as part of the Knight family.

As parents of a senior, junior and sixth grader, we have been a member of the Charlotte Christian family for 13 years. It was stressful choosing a school for our oldest when he was 4 years old, knowing that we adored him and wanted the best for him AND his siblings, but not yet knowing what kind of student any of them were going to be. We hoped we would make the right decision once and that it would be right for all three kids throughout their education. Thankfully, we found that and more in Charlotte Christian.

Alumni of private schools ourselves, it was important for us to have our kids in an environment where they would really be known, where they could play multiple sports, participate in musicals, have positions of leadership, and create life-long relationships with their teachers. Based on our own experiences, it was important to us that the Christian element (though we wanted it present) not cross the line into judgmental legalism, and the academic element (though we wanted it to be excellent) not be the only measure by which our children were evaluated. We wanted our kids to



be loved, challenged, pushed, and encouraged to become well-educated adults who are of strong character, polite and respectful, joyful, self-confident but humble, hard-working, and grounded in a faith that they have examined and decided upon for themselves. Our hopes are all being met and even exceeded at Charlotte Christian with teachers who consistently go above and beyond, strong school spirit, top-notch athletic programs, an excellent fine arts program, and kind kids and families who have become like family to us.

We have been surprised by how significant Charlotte Christian has been to us beyond the experience of our kids. This community has supported us when we have faced hardship and loss, and has filled our lives with friendship and laughter. My husband and I have been involved in Bible studies, book clubs, and educational courses at the school, and through it all have made dear friends. We have also had the privilege of serving in our kids' classrooms and on the Board of Trustees, Parent Teacher Fellowship, the fine arts department, and Booster Club Board. Though these activities have not been required of us, they have enriched our lives and made us feel like an integral part of the community.

As our oldest prepares to transition to college, we feel confident that he is well-prepared academically, socially and spiritually. We are so thankful that his path led us ALL to Charlotte Christian all of those years

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