



Choosing the Charlotte Christian Community

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Martha Ann (grade 11), Elinor (grade 9), James (grade 3)

By the time our children were ready for school, we had lived in Charlotte for more than 10 years, so we were familiar with Charlotte Christian by reputation. But when we decided to pursue private school options for our children, then in second and fourth grades, dearly loved and respected friends from church who taught at CCS and had older children who had graduated from CCS, convinced us that Charlotte Christian would be a great fit for our family.

To be honest, our public school options are outstanding, but we believed our children would benefit from a smaller environment, particularly for middle and high school. *We wanted an academically rigorous curriculum that also offered competitive athletic programs and fine arts opportunities.* We initially considered all the private school options, but eventually focused our search on Charlotte Latin School, Trinity Episcopal School, and Charlotte Christian School. As we visited these schools and weighed our options, we quickly recognized that a *faith-based education was a critical piece of the puzzle for us.* As a result, we decided CCS was the right choice.

Charlotte Christian has been a fantastic fit for our family. We now have three children at CCS. Martha Ann is a junior this year and started in the fourth grade. Elinor is a freshman and started at CCS in the second grade, and James is in third grade this year and started in kindergarten.

Throughout the years, our decision to choose CCS has been affirmed in a number of ways. Although a faith-based education was important to us, we were mildly concerned that a such strong Christian emphasis could mean that our children would be exposed to a single-minded view of what it looks like to be a Christian and a very homogenous student population. *As we have interacted with faculty and staff and engaged with parents at CCS over the years, we have found that there is a rich mix of traditions and stories and backgrounds at work in the CCS community.*

The personal involvement of teachers, coaches and staff has also affirmed our decision to send our children to CCS. Each of our children presents different strengths, weaknesses, abilities and tendencies. In light of

those differences, we feel that our children are individually known at Charlotte Christian. *We can count specific ways over the years that teachers, coaches and administrators have personally invested not only in our children's academic or athletic pursuits, but also in their character.* That, to us, makes all the difference. Our children's relationships with these key teachers and coaches have boosted their love for learning and their enthusiasm for being part of the CCS community.

CCS provides such a wide array of fine arts and athletic opportunities that lower school children should be encouraged to step outside their box and try new things. One thing we are still learning, but wish we had been more thoughtful about earlier in our kids' school careers, is that we can't really take too much pride in our kids' accomplishments or get too personally disappointed in their failures because we control so few variables. *God is in control and will have our kids where He wants them. We feel blessed that He has them at CCS.*

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