

# FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in **Faith Christian School**. The 2026–2027 school year marks 30 years of serving families in Monticello and the surrounding communities. Our teachers and staff are committed to providing a nurturing Christian environment where children are loved, encouraged, and academically prepared for elementary school. We are grateful for the continued support of our school families and for the strong reputation our school has built over the years.

Enclosed you will find the information and forms needed to enroll your child for the upcoming school year. Whether you are joining our school for the **first time or returning** as a Faith Christian School family, we are thankful for the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education.

To reserve your child's spot, please return the completed forms along with the required fees to the school office **within two weeks** of receiving this packet. Enrollment is processed on a **first-come, first-served basis**. If paperwork and fees are not received within this time, your child's spot may be released.

Please note that **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes usually fill quickly**. Priority enrollment is given to students currently enrolled, and space in these classes is limited.

## **We are offering the following classes:**

- Pre-School
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten

## **To enroll, please complete and return:**

- Student Application
- Financial Agreement
- Any forms requiring a signature

## **Along with the completed forms, please include:**

- Registration Fee: **\$50**
- Book Fee: **Preschool \$180 | Pre-K \$180 | Kindergarten \$280**
- First tuition installment or full yearly tuition payment (as outlined in the Financial Agreement)

Once all paperwork and fees are received, your child's enrollment at Faith Christian School will be confirmed

An enrollment confirmation will be sent by email to **new and returning families..** New families will also be emailed an invitation to Brightwheel, our communication and billing app.

If the class you requested is full, you will be notified and all application fees will be returned. Your child's application will remain on file, and we will contact you if an opening becomes available.

We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to partnering with you as we continue to help children grow academically, socially, and spiritually at Faith Christian School.

Sincerely,  
Faith Christian School



## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. When will I receive the School Calendar, Handbook, or Supply List?** *All information regarding the start of school will be sent in July via our Brightwheel communication app.*
- 2. May I request a specific teacher for my child?** *Yes, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to honor all requests. Class size and enrollment numbers are the primary considerations.*
- 3. How do I enroll in the Before or After School program?** *Indicate your interest on the application form, complete the Before & After School Enrollment & Financial Agreement, and return it with your application. Note that the monthly fee for this program is separate from tuition and begins in September.*
- 4. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** *Yes, a separate application is required for each child.*
- 5. Are any enrollment fees refundable if my plans for enrolling my child changes?** *Pre-paid tuition is refundable. However, the registration and book fees are non-refundable.*
- 6. What does the Book Fee cover?** *It covers the cost of student textbooks, workbooks, and the teaching curriculum used in the classroom.*
- 7. Is transportation to and from school provided?** *No, we do not provide transportation.*
- 8. Does my child need to be potty-trained to attend preschool?** *Yes, children must be fully potty-trained before entering the Preschool or Pre-Kindergarten program. This means they can express their need to use the bathroom, use the toilet independently, and manage their clothing with minimal assistance from the teacher. A two-week adjustment period is allowed. After that, if a child has three or more accidents in one week, attendance may be paused until the child is able to independently manage bathroom use at school.*
- 9. Do the children go on field trips?** *Yes, we go on 2 field trips each year. Transportation availability limits the number of trips we can plan.*
- 10. Are there special programs and events?** *Yes, all students participate in the annual Christmas Program. Additionally, Kindergarten students have an end of the year graduation ceremony.*
- 11. Is there a snack time?** *Yes, students have a morning snack time each day. Parents are asked to provide snacks on a rotating basis, as outlined in a monthly calendar from the teacher.*
- 12. Is a hot lunch provided at school?** *No, students need to bring their lunch to school each day.*
- 13. What fundraisers support the school?** *There are two fundraisers that we hold each year to support the school.*
  - **Fall/Winter:** Raffle of prizes donated by families.
  - **Spring:** Annual Fun-Run Event.
- 14. Is there a school dress code?** *Yes, students are required to wear a school uniform consisting of navy blue or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers paired with red, navy, white, or light blue shirts. Detailed dress code requirements will be shared at the start of the school year.*
- 15. Are all students required to wear the school uniform?** *Yes, all of our students wear the school uniform. We do allow students to wear clothing of their choice on Fridays and any of our early dismissal days.*
- 16. How does the school communicate with parents?** *We use the Brightwheel app for communication. In addition, students will bring home a daily classroom folder from their teacher.*
- 17. How is misbehavior managed at school?** *Behavior issues are addressed individually, with a focus on positive correction. A child may be redirected or removed from a situation as needed. Corporal punishment is never used.*
- 18. When does your school open?** *We open for the new school year on the last Monday of August. Once open, we will follow the calendar that is set by the Monticello School District.*
- 19. What are the staffing ratios at your center?** *Our staffing ratio is 1 (teacher) to 10/12 (students) depending on the class.*



# Faith Christian School Tuition Payment Policy for the 2026/2027 School Year

The first tuition installment or the full annual tuition payment is due at the time of application submission. Families who choose to pay tuition in full will receive a discounted rate. Please indicate both the class enrollment and your preferred tuition payment option for the 2026–2027 school year.

*A 10% sibling discount may be applied to the tuition of the second child enrolled.*

Student \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ **PRE-SCH** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRE-K** \_\_\_\_\_ **KINDERGARTEN**

Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Registration Fee per family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$180 Book Fee: PRE-SCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN (Non-Refundable)

(Non-Refundable)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$280 Book Fee: KINDERGARTEN (Non-Refundable)

## OFFERED CLASSES

<i><b>Pre-School Choices</b></i>	<b>INSTALLMENT RATE</b>	<b>DISCOUNTED YEARLY RATE IF PREPAID</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. – Wed. – Fri. 8:30 – 11:30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3610
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. – Fri. 8:30 – 11:30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4560
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. – Fri. 8:30 – 2:55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$580	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5510
<i><b>Pre-Kindergarten Choices</b></i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. – Fri. 8:30 – 11:30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4560
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. – Fri. 8:30 – 2:55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$580	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5510
<i><b>5-Year -Old Kindergarten</b></i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon. – Fri. 8:30 – 2:55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5700

## TUITION & PAYMENT POLICY

Tuition is due on the **1st of each month**. Payments not received by the **5th** will incur a **\$20 late fee**. Accounts with no payment for **two consecutive months** will be considered delinquent and the student may not attend school until the account is current.

## ENROLLMENT & DISMISSAL

Enrollment at Faith Christian School is a privilege. The school reserves the right to dismiss a student if behavior is inconsistent with the school's mission or if the student's needs cannot be met. Monthly tuition paid prior to a student's dismissal will not be refunded.

## WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

Written notice is required if you are withdrawing your student from school. Refunds will apply only to prepaid annual tuition and are calculated based on the number of school days attended.

## FAMILY COMMITMENT

Families agree to support Faith Christian School through volunteer participation and fundraising. All fundraising funds must be turned in by the stated due dates.

## SIGNED PARENTAL AGREEMENT

By signing this agreement, I affirm my understanding of and commitment to these policies and acknowledge the importance of adhering to all the guidelines outlined above.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental Commitments

Faith Christian School is a non-denominational, independent Christian school. Families agree to model Christian conduct, respect, and good manners while on school property.

Parents agree to support their child's early learning by reinforcing classroom activities at home, helping as needed, and encouraging effort, participation, and positive growth.

Parents understand the importance of communication and agree to respond to teacher requests and attend scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

Any concerns involving students will be addressed respectfully and prayerfully with the teacher or Principal. Students will not be involved in adult conflicts or discussions.

Parents accept responsibility for ensuring their child follows the school dress code and understand that the school determines appropriate attire.

Faith Christian School maintains classroom standards through clear expectations, guidance, and care appropriate for young children. Parents will be informed of any ongoing or significant behavioral concerns. Continued enrollment may be affected if a student's behavioral needs cannot be appropriately supported within the program.

Faith Christian School reserves the right to dismiss a student if the student or parent does not:

- Uphold the school's Christian and behavioral standards
- Support the school's educational program
- Cooperate with teachers and administration
- Meet the financial obligations outlined in the Financial Agreement
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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the policies outlined above.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**2026/2027 TUITION PAYMENT / REFUND POLICY**  
**FOR MANDATORY SCHOOL CLOSING**

Faith Christian School relies on tuition payments to meet ongoing financial obligations, which continue even in the event of a known or unknown pandemic, natural disaster, or state or local emergency that results in a mandated school closure by public health or government authorities.

This Tuition Payment and Refund Policy will take effect on the **first day of the month following a mandatory school closure lasting longer than one month.**

**1. Monthly Tuition Adjustments**

Monthly tuition will be billed at a reduced rate of **75%** starting the 1st of the month following a mandatory school closure.

The full monthly tuition rate will start on the 1st of the month after in-classroom instruction resumes.

**2. Refunds or Credits for Prepaid Tuition**

If you have paid tuition in full for the year, you may choose either:

- \* A **25% refund** of the regular monthly tuition rate for your child's class.
- \* A **credit** toward future tuition at the same rate.

Refunds or credits will be issued either at the end of the school year or when in-classroom instruction resumes.

During extended school closures: **Kindergarten teachers** will provide an emergency instruction plan to support at-home learning, including worksheets, learning activities, and video communication. **Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten** teachers will provide families with developmentally appropriate activities to support learning at home.

***By signing this form, you agree to the terms of the  
2026/2027 Tuition Payment/Refund Policy for Mandatory School Closing.***

**Parent's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Faith Christian School

## Before & After School Day Program Information

### BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

*Open to students currently enrolled at Faith Christian School*

- Available on all days that school is in session
  - Students may arrive as early as 7:00 AM
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### After-SCHOOL CARE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM

*Open to Faith Christian School Students*

*Students in Kindergarten -5<sup>th</sup> Grade who attend Monticello Public Schools.*

- Open on full school days only
  - Not open on any FCS or Monticello School holiday with an early dismissal
    - Pickup is by 5:45 PM
  - Late pickup fee: \$1 per minute, per child
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### TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation from White Heath and Washington Schools to FCS is provided by Monticello Bus Service
  - Parents must notify their child's school if their child is riding the bus to FCS.
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### WEATHER CLOSURES

- No After-School Care on days Monticello Public Schools dismiss early due to weather related conditions. (extreme heat, cold, ice, or snow)
    - FCS will notify families of any closures via the Brightwheel app.
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## FCS Before & After School Enrollment & Financial Agreement 2026/27

1. Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

2. Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

3. Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Ph# \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Yearly (Non-Refundable) Registration Fee Per Family is due with the completed enrollment form to reserve a spot for your child in either the Before or After School Program.**

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE			
BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE 7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	MONTHLY RATE 1 CHILD	MONTHLY RATE 2 CHILDREN	MONTHLY RATE 3 CHILDREN
Monday - Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$170	<input type="checkbox"/> \$306	<input type="checkbox"/> \$408
4 days per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$136	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245	<input type="checkbox"/> \$326
3 days per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$102	<input type="checkbox"/> \$184	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245
2 days per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$68	<input type="checkbox"/> \$122	<input type="checkbox"/> \$163
1 day per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$34	<input type="checkbox"/> \$61	<input type="checkbox"/> \$82
AFTER SCHOOL CARE			
AFTER-SCHOOL CARE 3:00 PM – 5:45 PM	MONTHLY RATE 1 CHILD	MONTHLY RATE 2 CHILDREN	MONTHLY RATE 3 CHILDREN
Monday - Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$495	<input type="checkbox"/> \$660
4 days per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$220	<input type="checkbox"/> \$396	<input type="checkbox"/> \$528
3 days per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165	<input type="checkbox"/> \$297	<input type="checkbox"/> \$396
2 days per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$198	<input type="checkbox"/> \$264
1 day per week	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55	<input type="checkbox"/> \$99	<input type="checkbox"/> \$132
<b>Drop in Rates: Morning Care \$13 per day per child ~ After School Care \$20 per day per child.</b>			

- The Before & After School rates are outlined in this Financial Agreement and are billed in 9 equal monthly installments on the **1st of each month**, from **September 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>** regardless of attendance.
- All fees are due by the **5th of each month**. A **\$20 late fee** will be applied to any unpaid balance.
- Accounts unpaid for **two (2) consecutive months** shall be considered delinquent, and the student will be suspended from the program until the account is paid in full.
- Participation in the Extended School Day Program is a privilege. Faith Christian School reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student for conduct deemed inappropriate, including but not limited to bullying, fighting, physical aggression, inappropriate language, or defiance of authority. All prepaid fees are **non-refundable** in the event of student dismissal or withdrawal.
- Students must be picked up by **5:45 PM**. A late pickup fee of **\$1.00 per minute per child** will be assessed.

*By signing this agreement, I affirm my understanding of and commitment to these policies and acknowledge the importance of adhering to the guidelines outlined above.*

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Please make sure the following items are returned to school to complete enrollment.

## Your Check List:

- Completed Student Application
  - Signed Financial Agreement
  - \$50 Registration Fee
  - \$180 Book Fee (Pre-School & Pre-Kindergarten)
  - \$280 Book Fee (Kindergarten)
  - Tuition (*either the Full Year Tuition or the 1<sup>st</sup> Installment*)
  - Signed Parental Agreement
  - Signed Tuition Payment / Refund Policy for Mandatory School Closings
  - Before/After School Enrollment Form (if enrolling)
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### **STUDENTS NEW TO FCS NEED THESE FORMS ON FILE AT THE START OF SCHOOL**

1. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** by a physician licensed to practice in Illinois within 12 months prior to the start of school.
2. A copy of their **CURRENT IMMUNIZATION FORM**.
3. A copy of their **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**.

### **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS NEED THESE FORMS ON FILE AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL**

1. **HEALTH & PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** with Mandatory Diabetes Risk Assessment  
(This must be completed, dated, and signed by doctor within one year of the start of school)
2. **IMMUNIZATIONS RECORD**
  - DPT - 4 or more doses - last booster after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Polio - 3 or more doses - last booster after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - MMR - 2 doses - 1st dose after 12 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> dose no less than one month later
  - Varicella Vaccine/Chickenpox - on or after 1st birthday  
(Or proof of disease and date documented by doctor)
3. **DENTAL EXAMINATION**
4. **EYE EXAMINATION** - required by state law as of January 1, 2008.
5. **TUBERCULOSIS SKIN TEST (Mantoux type)** – strongly recommended
6. **STATE REQUIRED LEAD ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE..**  
This health form must indicate the date the doctor administered the assessment.
  1. **COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE**