

# **FCA Fast Facts**

### When does FCA meet?

Foundations meets on Mondays and Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. The Academy year begins mid-August and goes through mid-May. Our families tell us they love bookending the week with FCA and the benefit of having Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at home uninterrupted.

### Is FCA a ministry of the host church?

FCA is an interdenominational tutorial that leases meeting space from our host church.

#### What subjects are covered at FCA?

Our core subjects include a Language Arts Supplement, Science, History, Latin, and Art. Our Language Arts component utilizes literature as a springboard for comprehension and composition. Composition entails creative writing, poetry, paragraph writing, and the formal essay. In addition, public speaking is emphasized and incorporated at all grade levels as appropriate.

#### What subjects are parents responsible for?

We understand that students have varied learning styles and progress at different paces. For this reason, Math is not offered at FCA. This subject should be covered as part of the elementary students at home instruction. Also, while we offer a Language Arts supplement (see above), the parent is responsible for teaching reading, phonics, spelling, and grammar.

### Why Latin?

Latin is essential to the fundamental understanding of English, History and writings of Western Civilization. Latin is a very systematic language, and it trains the mind to think in an orderly fashion. It improves English skills, spelling, and vocabulary. The grammatical structure of English is based on Latin, and 50-60% of English words have Latin roots. Latin is also an excellent foundation for the study of many other languages, which are also based on Latin, as well as future studies in medicine, law, and philosophy. Understanding the Latin roots can also be helpful when taking standardized tests.

#### What is your allergy policy?

Although Foundations Christian Academy will strive to provide an environment in which exposure to allergens is minimized, we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment. Also, please note, as tenants, FCA cannot guarantee a nut free facility. While we will not use nut products as part of FCA instruction, we are not able to provide a nut-free environment.

#### When is Chapel and what does it usually look like?

As part of our studies, Chapel is held on Monday mornings from 8:35 until 9:05. This is a time for students to gather corporately to share in kid friendly worship, study a passage from Scripture, and celebrate accomplishments.

### What special events are held?

We like making events special! Some of our traditions include: Picture Day, Field Trips, Muffins with Moms, Fall Festival, Scarecrow Day, Tailgate Party, Thanksgiving Feast, Christmas Chapel, Christmas Class Party, Pajama Day, Living History Museum, Donuts with Dads, Science Fair, Valentine Class Party, Talent and Art Showcase, Testudo Day, Field Day, and Yearbook Signing Party!

## What is required for parent involvement?

All parents are required to serve two full academic days on-site as the Parent Helper of the Day, assisting with projects associated with the Academy and its activities. These duties may be performed by mother/father/grandparent but not by older siblings. In addition to parent helper days, we have numerous committees for special events and ask parents to serve on two committees.

#### What are the other requirements of enrolled families?

FCA requires that all families be members of both MTHEA (Middle Tennessee Home Educators Association) and an umbrella program of their choice.

## What fees are required?

Prospective Family Processing Fee: \$50 per family. Registration Fee: \$125 per child (\$375 family max).

Supply Fee: Grades K-2: \$190 per student, Grades 3-6: \$165 per student.

### What is the tuition rate? Is there a discount for siblings?

For the 2020-2021 year, tuition rates are as follows\*:

1st child - \$320 per month Aug - May (\$320 per month for one child)

2<sup>nd</sup> child – \$305 per month Aug - May (\$625 per month for two children)

3<sup>rd</sup> child – \$285 per month Aug - May (\$910 per month for three children)

4th child – \$255 per month Aug - May (\$1,165 per month for four children)

5<sup>th</sup> +child from same family - \$255 each additional child per month Aug – May

\*NOTE: FCA reserves the right to change tuition rates for 2021-2022 if needed to balance expenses.

#### What is the withdrawal policy?

Students withdrawing from the Academy after August 1<sup>st</sup> but before November 1<sup>st</sup> are responsible for the first semester's tuition. Students withdrawing after November 1<sup>st</sup> are responsible for the entire year's tuition. Tuition cannot be refunded or reduced due to absences, withdrawal, or dismissal from the Academy. If a student joins the Academy after the cutoff dates, the withdrawal policy remains the same.

## What are the requirements for applying?

Application, Application Fee, Prospective Family Processing Fee, Academic Recommendation and Pastoral Recommendation. For entrance into kindergarten for 2020-2021, FCA requires that the child must be five years old by August 15, 2020.

#### What if I have more questions?

Please call us at 615-495-5471, or email us at <u>FoundationsChristianAcademy@gmail.com</u>. We hope to hear from you soon!