



# Harvest Preparatory School

## Mission Statement

*Our mission:* to develop kindergarten through 12th grade students academically, spiritually, emotionally, morally, socially, and physically through the power of God and our highly trained and spirit-filled faculty and staff.

*Our purpose:* to educate students with a standard of excellence, a Christian commitment, and a passion for success. Our students achieve these goals through distinctive academics, challenging sports programs, and exciting extracurricular opportunities with a Christian emphasis.

*Our primary goal:* to provide a top-notch certified curriculum in a Christian environment.

### *History and Administration*

Founded in 1986, Harvest Preparatory School brings distinctive, Christian, private education to the Columbus area. Pastor Rod Parsley of World Harvest Church is president of Harvest Preparatory School. He and his wife, Joni, founded the school in order to build a Christ-centered educational system for the community.

### *Academics*

All of our academic programs meet and exceed state guidelines for curriculum and content. Our teachers are all degree-carrying, state-certified teachers whose main objectives are not only to meet state standards, but to exceed them!

The Science Department has fully-functioning chemistry labs and offers courses through Physics. The Math Department offers courses through Calculus, and the English Department equips students in everything from the basics of grammar through College Composition, Journalism, and the Classics. Our new computer lab makes state-of-the-art resources and computer literacy training available to all grades.

Bible courses are infused with excitement and life application, as our own full-time school chaplain heads the area of spiritual content in the curriculum. Students engage in Bible class on a daily basis and are challenged to live lives of moral integrity, spiritual intensity, and physical purity.

In addition to our regular school program, we offer before and after school extended care programs, made available to any enrolled family. Through our state-of-the-art facilities, our students are offered the best in resources for every area of their education.

## *Academic Enhancements*

- Elementary School: Fine Arts Department includes choral and instrumental music and Spanish-language instruction.
- Junior High and Senior High School: Continuing Spanish-language instruction, French-language instruction, Choir, Advanced Art, and Drama.
- Post-Secondary Education: Juniors and seniors have the opportunity to engage in post-secondary education where college courses are taken, free of charge. This allows many of our students to graduate from Harvest Preparatory School and enter the colleges of their choice as sophomores.

## *Specialized Instruction*

- The Learning Center: To meet the needs of students whose learning abilities span the entire spectrum of ability and achievement, Harvest Prep instituted The Learning Center. It is a separate classroom with a dedicated Special Needs teacher where students with a myriad of learning challenges can be educated at their appropriate levels through objective modifications, teacher training, and a specialized educational plan.
- Talented and Gifted Program: Elementary school students who are gifted or talented in certain academic areas find new challenges through the Talented and Gifted Program.
- Honors Plus Program: Honors Plus is the program for gifted students at the Junior High and Senior High School level.

*The goal of all specialized instruction is to stimulate higher level thinking skills in order to better challenge the mind that God has given each student.*

## *Class Size*

Our average class size ranges from 15-20 students, creating a learning environment that is manageable and productive.

## *Spiritual Distinction*

Our spiritual emphasis and chapel services set Harvest Preparatory School apart from many other schools. All of our curricula are Christ-centered and emphasize a Christian world-view. Harvest Prep students attend 70 different area churches, and we encourage each student to be involved at their home church.

## *Facilities*

The campus of Harvest Preparatory School utilizes 84 acres of land and is located on the east side of Columbus on Gender Road. Harvest Preparatory School is housed in a \$25 million facility with the use of 145,000 square feet. Harvest Prep benefits from the vast amenities of this facility, including the 6,300 square foot MAC Café, which seats 500. A new computer lab, art room, and 7 new classrooms have recently been added.

The \$377,000 recreation area available to Harvest Prep encompasses 1.46 acres to accommodate recess, picnics, and outdoor classes. Ours is one of only 3 recreation areas in Columbus that are handi-cap-accessible. Soccer and baseball fields are part of the campus as well.

In total, we have 45 classrooms with an average classroom size of 560 square feet.

## *Student Ministry/Service Activities and Clubs*

*Special Forces:* Missions outreach of the Elementary School (grades 1-6). Members develop, organize, and plan service outreaches within our school and community through donations to the poor, homeless, and ill.

*The Ambassadors:* Junior High (7th and 8th grade) ministry of mentoring. *The Ambassadors* help to welcome new students who arrive at our school mid-year in the Junior High grades as well as help 6th graders make the transition into life in Junior High.

*Just Cause:* High school ministry of community service. This was the first Harvest Prep ministry outreach, the original spark for hands-on student ministry in Harvest Prep, which has broken out into a flame of hope for the needy of our community and surrounding area.

## *Extracurricular Activities, Events, and Groups*

- Senior Class Trip
- Prom
- Homecoming
- Sixth Grade Class Trip
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Spanish Club
- Math Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club

## *Sports and Activities*

Harvest Preparatory School provides various opportunities for students to excel in competitive sports and related activities. The Bible notes that physical training is of value to the believer (1 Timothy 4:8), and we encourage well-rounded education and well-being through various different outlets.

At the Junior High level, we offer:

- Football
- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Baseball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Track and Field (boys and girls)
- Cheerleading

At the Senior High level, we offer:

- Football
- Basketball (boys and girls)
- Baseball
- Fast-Pitch Softball
- Volleyball
- Soccer (boys and girls)
- Track and Field (boys and girls)
- Cheerleading