



Dear Friends of Grace Lutheran Schools,

Thank you for your interest in Grace Lutheran Schools. For over 50 years Grace Lutheran School has offered dynamic Christian education to families of Escondido and many other neighboring communities.

Mrs. Sandy Zielinski
Principal, Director of
Children's Ministries
760-747-3029 ext 105

Grace Lutheran is known for excellence in education; maintaining high student expectations in a community of Christian love and support. We focus on developing character, integrity, honesty, self discipline and personal accountability.

Ms. Kara Warner
School Counselor
760-747-3029 ext. 108

So that you can become acquainted with our Grace Lutheran family, we have included a variety of resources in this introductory packet.

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- Letter of introduction from the Principal
- Enrollment application
- Tuition and fees schedule
- Tuition payment choices

Right hand side of folder:

- School profile
- Preschool Education
- Kindergarten through 6th Grade
- Junior High Education
- Church Welcome Packet

We are happy to share with you our DVD presentation highlighting the areas of education at Grace Lutheran. Please find the DVD in the left pocket of this folder.

We would be delighted to have you visit Grace Lutheran Church and Schools. A church worship service schedule can be found on the church page on the right hand side of the packet. For further information please contact one of our staff members:

Grace Lutheran Church	Pastor Jim Young or Pastor Phill Robbins	760-745-0831 ext. 113
Hispana Gracia Iglesia	Pastor Samuel Gomez	760-745-0831 ext. 104
Elementary and Junior High	Mrs. Sandy Zielinski, Principal, Director	760-747-3029 ext. 105
School Counselor	Ms. Kara Warner	760-747-3029 ext. 108
Preschool	Mrs. Nidia Crenshaw, Preschool Director	760-745-0845 ext. 119
Youth Ministry	Mr. Scott Gary	760-745-0831 ext. 103
General Information	Mrs. Vanessa Lippman, Administrative Assistant	760-747-3029 ext. 114

We look forward to meeting you and discussing the Christian education opportunities Grace Lutheran can offer your children and family. May God be with you as you make these important decisions.

In His service,

Mrs. Sandy Zielinski,
Principal, Director of Children's Ministries
Grace Lutheran Church and Schools

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School Profile



Preschool 2 yrs – 5 yrs
Elementary K – 6
Junior High 7 – 8

ABOUT GRACE

- Class size not affected by California budget
- Rigorous academic program in a Christ centered environment for over 50 years
- Strong Parent-Teacher relationships
- Fully accredited
- Professionally credentialed teachers
- Fine Arts Program (Art, Instrumental, Choral)
- Developing character, integrity, honesty, self discipline, and personal accountability
- Dress Code
- State of the Art Technology

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Grace Lutheran School to impact and influence future generations with the Christian principles of character, integrity and selfless service to God and others.

VISION

Creation of a safe and nurturing environment committed to developing the whole child academically, emotionally and spiritually.

ACCREDITATION

Western Association of Schools and Colleges
National Lutheran School Accreditation

CURRICULUM

Grace Lutheran emphasizes a rigorous academic program in a differentiated learning environment. Our multisensory approach to education meets the needs of a wide range of learning styles.

ASSESSMENT

In order to compare student achievement to a broader range of national standards we administer the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. On average our students place in the 80th percentile nationally.

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION

Full time counselor who coordinates:

- Accelerated learning opportunities
- Curriculum accommodations
- High School transition services
- Family crisis counseling

FACULTY

75% of teachers have been at Grace at least 5 years. All teachers have been professionally credentialed.

DRESS CODE

Since it is our experience that there is a correlation between student dress and student behavior, students at Grace wear uniforms with a variety of options.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Daily hot lunch provided.

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Preschool



Mrs. Nidia Crenshaw
Preschool Director
760-745-0846 ext. 119

Mrs. Ronae Cherkin
Assistant Director
760-745-0846 ext. 119

MISSION

The Preschool program at Grace Lutheran School exists to impact and influence the youngest among us by faithfully communicating to them God's love, His purpose for their lives, respect for others and the joy of learning in a safe, nurturing environment.

VISION

Creation of a safe and nurturing environment committed to developing children:

- Excited to learn
- Anchored in faith
- Nurtured academically, emotionally and spiritually

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Grace Lutheran Preschool offers a variety of full day and half day options for children 2 to 5 years old.

CURRICULUM

- Daily Bible stories and prayer
- Pre-reading and pre-math activities
- Educational field trips
- Weekly thematic units
- Arts and crafts
- Music and movement

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Weekly chapel services
- Strong parent/teacher communication
- Developmental screening
- Hot lunch
- Extracurricular opportunities – gymnastics, ballet
- Experienced, dedicated staff (most have been at Grace for five or more years)

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Kindergarten and Grades 1 through 6



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School Counselor

KINDERGARTEN

The emphasis of the kindergarten program is the development of each child according to his/her God-given abilities. Grace Lutheran offers a variety of full and half day options to accommodate the schedule of your family. School begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Half day kindergarten dismisses at 12:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to actively partner with the school to make their child's school experience successful.

OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Weekly chapel attendance
- Daily prayers and songs
- Language experiences
- Science and math explorations
- Use of computer
- Art projects
- Physical activities
- Problem solving opportunities
- Phonics based reading program

Many special days are set aside for celebrations including Grandparents Day, Christmas carols, school picnic and kindergarten

GRADES 1 – 6

Each classroom is equipped with age appropriate state of the art technology. We have a full time librarian and a library with an impressive inventory of books. Most books are included in our accelerated reader program. The computer lab houses enough computers so that each child has their own station with supervised internet access.

All teachers and staff are dedicated Christians, fully trained and qualified to meet the needs of your child.

OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Daily Bible instruction
- Phonics based reading program
- Accelerated Reader
- Challenging Math program
- Social Studies
- Science – Bible based/hands on
- Choral/Instrumental Music/Theater
- Spelling Bee, talent show
- 6th Grade Camp
- Physical Education program including annual track meet and cross country competition
- Yearly educational field trips

EXTENDED DAY CARE

Grace Lutheran School provides extended care for our students from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. A summer camp program is available from June to August. A wide variety of after school programs are offered such as dance, ceramics, science club, and Christian Youth Theater.

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Junior High School Grades 7 and 8



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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Junior High School campus of Grace Lutheran School is located on the south-west side of our facilities, separated from the grade school by our athletic field.

As Junior High students begin to function in an increasingly secular world, the goal of Grace Lutheran School is to give our students the tools to effectively share their faith in our ever-changing immoral world and to facilitate the transition from childhood to the teen years, challenging each student to maximize his or her God-given abilities.

Grace Lutheran faculty members have been professionally credentialed and teach to specific disciplines within the schedule.

Special events at the Junior High School highlight opportunities to expand the curriculum into the real world. Grace Lutheran offers the following to Junior High students:

CLASS TRIPS

- 7th Grade overnight trip to Sea World
- 7th Grade Medieval Times
- 7th and 8th Grade Career Days
- 8th Grade 1 week trip to Washington D.C.
- 8th Grade Blue and Gray Ball/Civil War Re-enactment
- 8th Grade Mock Trial

CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR JUNIOR HIGH-LIGHTS

- Religion instruction
- Emphasis in writing skills
- Differentiated Instruction in Math and English
- Foreign Language
- Computer Lab
- Band
- Choir
- Youth Group
- Competitive Sports Program

DRESS CODE

In addition to their own area on campus our Junior High School students celebrate their uniqueness with distinct uniform options.

For more information on our school or to schedule a tour and visit with our Principal, please call the school office at 760-747-3029 ext. 114

www.gracelutheranescondido.org

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Church



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOLS

Welcome to Grace!

You can immediately know a lot about us by considering our mission statement. "Grace Lutheran Church and Schools exists to impact and influence our culture with the amazing love of Jesus Christ... inviting, empowering, and encouraging all to know and serve Him."

The Reverend James Young
Senior Pastor
Grace Lutheran Church
760-745-0831 ext. 113

Pastor Phill Robbins
Associate Pastor

Pastor Samuel Gomez
Hispana Gracia Iglesia

The ministry of Grace Lutheran Church and Schools is ultimately a ministry of EMPOWERING. We exist to teach, lead, facilitate and encourage individuals of all ages and personalities to grow in their walk with Jesus and to bring others along on that same amazing journey. To do just that we have a wide variety of weekly ministry opportunities for your family. God bless you and your family as you walk with us on this amazing journey of faith!

Some of the ministries that might interest you include:

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:15 a.m.:

These are our contemporary and casual worship experiences. These unique services are attractive to busy and growing families with children.

Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.:

These are our traditional Lutheran worship celebration services. (organ, hymns, traditional liturgy)

You are also invited to join your child for an incredible worship experience every Wednesday morning at 8:20 a.m. – Grace Lutheran School's weekly chapel.

Sunday School is offered for children ages 2-10 during our 9:15 a.m. Sunday worship and 6:00 p.m. Saturday worship. Children begin by worshipping with us and then after a children's message, they are dismissed to Sunday School.

Bible Study

Grace Lutheran offers many Bible Study opportunities. For current groups and times please see our website at www.gracelutheranescondido.org