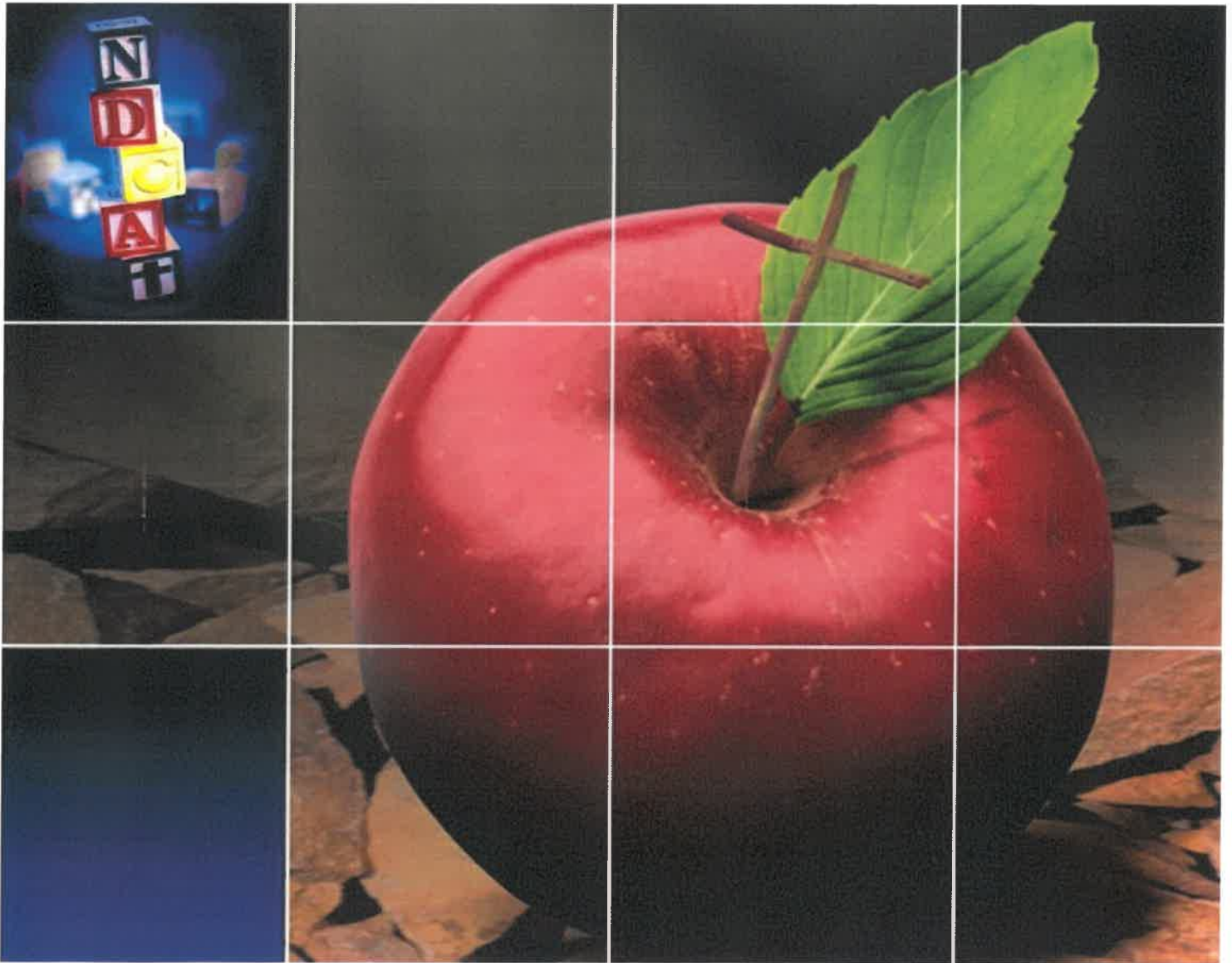




Newmarket and District Christian Academy 2021/22

Information and Enrolment Application Package

Life-changing Education



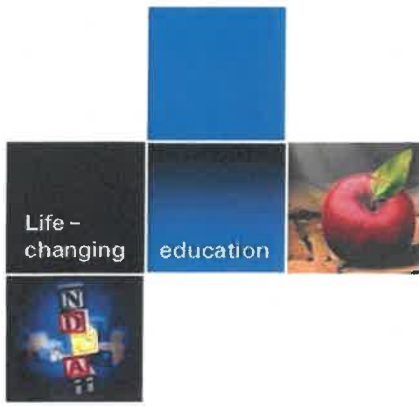


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Introduction

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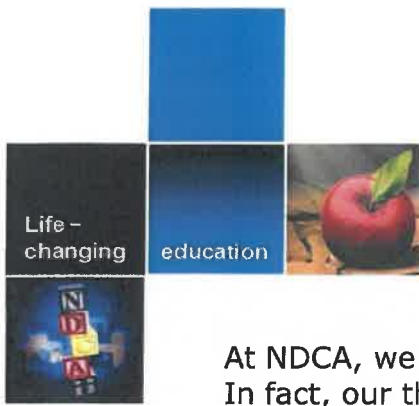
- ... **A school** where your values and beliefs as a Christian parent are integrated into all areas of your child's curriculum and school life.
- ... **A school** where academic excellence is the standard, not the exception.
- ... **A school** that encourages active parent involvement as classroom assistants during extra curricular activities and on the Board of Directors.
- ... **A school** where every teacher is a dedicated professional, mature Christian and positive role model.
- ... **A school** where teachers actively seek out the gifts of your child and encourage them.
- ... **A school** where what your child wears does not determine who they are.
- ... **A school** that recognizes the needs of working parents and offers after school programs.
- ... **A school** where responsibility, respect and discipline are instilled.

42 Years of Excellence

In 1979, a group of concerned parents wanted something more for their children's education. They believed their children deserved a quality education and they were prepared to do something about it. Newmarket and District Christian Academy was founded to fulfill its mandate to provide a Christ-centered education by promoting academic excellence, character development, and service to others. Originally founded as part of Grace Church Ministries (Associated Gospel Churches), NDCA today is a parent-run school directed by a board of elected parents representing various church denominations and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Eastern Canada Region. In a caring Christian environment, NDCA strives to meet the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of its students.

"NDCA rocks! I strongly believe that it is the best school in Newmarket. One of the awesome things at NDCA is the fun hands-on projects we do ... also, NDCA has an incredible number of extra-curricular groups to join, which I enjoy... my favourite club is the Chess Club because you can face people your own age."
 (Grade 6 student)





Our Core Beliefs

At NDCA, we are committed to a Christ-centered focus in all that we do. In fact, our three Core Values- we call them our Pillars - clearly define our commitment to Christ-centered Academic Excellence, Christ-centered Community and Christ-centered Love.



At NDCA, every teacher is a dedicated professional, mature Christian, and positive role model.

We follow the Ontario Ministry of Education Curriculum guidelines including cross grade testing. Christian values and Biblical teachings; including scripture memorization are integrated into the total curriculum.

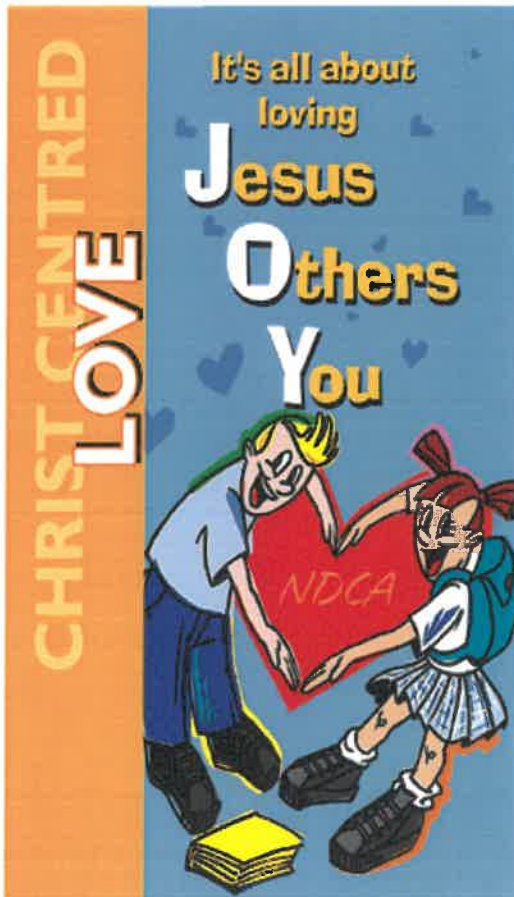
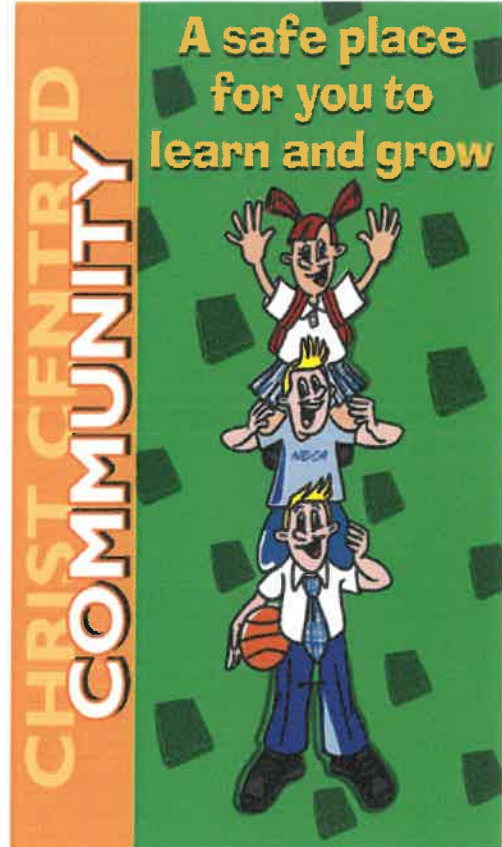
With an excellent student-teacher ratio we strive to help our students achieve their best. Our goal is to ensure students are well prepared for the transition to secondary school.

“At NDCA, everyone is so kind so no-one gets hurt. I am glad to be at NDCA because my friends are so nice to me ... Our school rocks because it is the best school in the world.” (Grade 3 student).





NDCA provides a safe learning environment for each student. Students are encouraged to treat each other with respect and kindness. Biblical principles and values are emphasized and bullying is not tolerated. The playground area is supervised by staff and parent volunteers.



Our third pillar emphasizes the importance of Christian love and joy at NDCA. Each student is loved and valued as a unique individual and is encouraged to develop a personal relationship with Christ. Every school day begins with prayer and a devotional time. Weekly Chapel services provide another opportunity for fellowship and spiritual enrichment. In addition to learning self-respect, students are encouraged to respect and appreciate others. We are community focused and our staff and students participate in activities such as: Jump Rope for Heart, community projects and overseas missions.



Statement of Faith

We believe:

- The Holy Scripture as divinely inspired by God, infallible, entirely trustworthy, and the only supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- That God is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh; His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediative work, and His personal return in power and glory.
- The salvation of lost and sinful people through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The unity in the Spirit of all true believers, who are the Church, the Body of Christ.
- The resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Those who are saved to the resurrection of Life, and those who are lost to the resurrection of condemnation.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever should believe in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*





School Life

Grade Levels and Class Size

We offer programs from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8.

There are two program options available for Jr. Kindergarten: full time- all day, 5 days per week or 60%: all day 3 days per week.

Sr. Kindergarten is a full 5-day program. Maximum class size is limited to 20 students.

Programs and Christian Content

Subjects taught at the school adhere to the standards of the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum. Christian values are integrated into the total curriculum and a separate Bible curriculum is taught at each grade level three-five periods per week. Each regular school day is started with devotions and prayer time in the classroom.

Most subject areas from Kindergarten through Grade 6 are the responsibility of the regular classroom teacher. Specialized instruction is provided from Grades JK - Gr. 8 in French. Physical Education and Music are included.

Chapel

On Monday mornings, all students gather for a time of singing, worship and prayer. Occasionally, specific smaller groups (e.g., K-3, 4-6, 7 and 8) have a special chapel speaker or presentation geared to their specific age level.

Field Trips

All classes will have at least one field trip during the school year. Previous trips have included visits to a farm, the fire hall, the sugar bush, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Science Centre, Kortright Centre, Fairglen Camp, downhill skiing, snowboarding, Warsaw Caves, Pioneer Camp, Crossroads Communications and the Art Gallery of Ontario. The Grades 7 and 8 classes travel to Quebec City for a history trip on alternate years.

Busing

There is no daily busing service provided; however, we will be glad to put you in touch with other NDCA families in your area to arrange for car pooling.

Daily Schedule

The school day begins at 8:45 a.m. sharp and ends at 3:30 p.m. Outside supervision begins at 8:20 a.m.

7:30	Before School Club (Additional charge as per fee schedule)		
8:30	Entry bell	1:50 - 2:05	Afternoon recess
8:35	Classes begin	3:35	End of classes/dismissal
10:05 -10:20	Morning recess	3:45	After School Club-Additional fee
11:35 -12:35	Lunch and extra-curricular activities		

Additionally, NDCA offers Special Theme Days such as Teddy Bear Day (Grades K-2), Olympic Day, Beach Day, Colour Day, Wacky Hair Day, throughout the year.

“Our school rocks because people’s Moms take their time to help us with our hot dog days. Our school rocks because we get pizza and/or subs every Friday. I think our school rocks because the kids are nice and my best friends go to school with me.”

(Grade 2 student).





Extra-Curricular Activities

Several extra-curricular activities are available depending on grade level. NDCA teams compete with other member schools who are part of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

<i>Team Sports</i>	Grades 3-6	cross-country, soccer, track & field, basketball,
	Grades 7&8	cross-country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, swimming, track & field
<i>Speech Meet</i>	Grades 1-8	In-school and ASCI competition
<i>Chess Club</i>	Grades 4-8	
<i>Jr. and Sr. Choirs</i>	Grades 1-8	Christmas Concert, Spring Musical

Uniform

All students are required to wear a school uniform. The regular uniform is required most days and the school dress uniform is worn on the first day of the week and other special days (e.g., picture day, school trips).

	<u>Regular Uniform</u>	<u>Dress Uniform</u>
<i>Boys:</i>	white golf shirt or turtleneck school sweater or vest navy socks preferred	crested white dress shirt and school tie school sweater or vest (opt) navy socks preferred
<i>Girls</i>	navy pants white turtleneck, plain white blouse, or white golf shirt school sweatshirt or vest	school kilt or jumper crested white blouse navy tights or socks school sweater or vest (opt)

Each student is also required to wear the school gym uniform.

<i>Grades K-3</i>	school T-shirt and shorts
<i>Grades 4-8</i>	school T-shirt and shorts, sweatpants and sweatshirt

Before School Club begins at 7:30 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. Daily rates are available. (see handout for pricing)

After School Club begins at 3:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Daily rates and differing time allotments available.

Location

The clubs will begin in the Program Room or Gym at 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Any children not picked up by parents at this time will be brought inside and enrolled in the club automatically.

After-School Club Schedule

- 3:45-4:20 Quiet time – homework or reading
- 4:20-4:40 Snack (cookies and juice provided by NDCA)
- 4:40-5:30 Activity Time – play in the gym or outside if weather permits

	<u>Rate #1</u>	<u>Pickup Time</u>	<u># of Children</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Fees		3:45-4:20	1 child	\$4	\$20
			2 or more children	\$6	\$30
	<i>Rate #2</i>	3:45-4:40	1 child	\$7	\$35
			2 or more children	\$10.50	\$52.50
	<i>Rate #3</i>	3:45-5:30	1 child	\$10	\$50
			2 or more children	\$15	\$75

Note: A late fee of \$10.00 for every 15 minutes or part thereof will be charged beyond the 5:30 deadline. If you have any questions regarding this club, please feel free to call the office.



Leadership

Staff

At NDCA, every teacher is a dedicated professional, mature Christian, and positive role model. All homeroom teachers are certified with the Ontario College of Teachers.

NDCA Board of Directors

Newmarket and District Christian Academy is a board-directed school under the leadership of elected parents. Serving on our current Board of Directors:

Principal	Mr. Gord Wagner
Chair Person	Mrs. Maxine Lansing
Secretary	Mrs. Joy Hayhoe
Treasurer, Finance	Mrs. Susan Wooldridge
Building Committee	Mr. Larry Clements
Technology	Mr. Joel Charters

Volunteers

NDCA functions with the help of many parent volunteers. Parents come to listen to memory verses, provide general classroom help and lunch supervision. They also participate in other activities such as fundraising. In addition, we have a Parent Teacher Fellowship that works to maintain contact between parents, board, and staff. We require that every family donate 20 hours per year of their time to school-related activities. All volunteer hours are applied toward the family 20 hour yearly commitment. NDCA volunteers must have a police check on file and have completed a school Plan to Protect session prior to volunteering.

“All of our teachers are great because they know Jesus.” (Grade 3 student).

“Our school rocks because if you need help, the teachers always help you.” (Grade 6 student)





Application Process – Tuition and Fees

The following steps represent the NDCA Application Process:

1. **Waiting List**

Place your family and child(ren)'s name on the waiting list for the appropriate grade. (This does not obligate you in any way.)

2. **Information Tour or Open House**

Attend an Information tour or Open House to view facilities, observe the school in operation, and ask questions.

Application Package

Complete the *NDCA Application Package* and return it to the school before the testing date. A copy of the most recent report card should also be submitted at this time. An application fee of \$200 per child is required with the submission of the *NDCA Application Package*. The *NDCA Application Package* includes:

- NDCA Student Information Form
- NDCA Parent Agreement

These two items should be completed and submitted as a package. If you have any questions pertaining to the details of the Application Package or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact the Admissions Coordinator.

3. **Student Testing**

New students may be tested before classes begin in order to determine their appropriate placement. The testing will be done by the principal or one of the teachers. If the student begins to have difficulties in the classroom, further testing may be recommended in our system or by an independent testing facility as necessary. Accommodations or modifications to programing are then considered for students and further assessment is made to determine if we are still able to meet the student's specific needs within our program.



Application Process – Tuition and Fees

4. Parent/NDCA Interview

Prior to formal admission into NDCA and following the testing of the child, all parents must be interviewed by the Principal, a Board Member, and a staff member. Interview times are scheduled through the school office.

5. Acceptance

You will be formally notified of acceptance following the interview.

6. One-time Family Membership and Fee (included in Tuition for International Students)

Once your enrolment is confirmed, you will need to submit your one-time Family Membership Fee of \$500 to confirm your placement.

7. Required Volunteer Hours (waived for the first year for International Students)

NDCA relies on the support of many family volunteers. Parents come to listen to memory verses, provide general classroom help and lunch supervision. They also participate in other activities such as fundraising. In addition, we have a Parent-Teacher Fellowship that works to maintain contact between parents, board and staff. We require that every family donate 20 hours per year of their time to school-related activities. We recognize that for some families it will be difficult to complete these hours. In this situation we provide the option for a family to pay a non-participation fee of \$25.hour to a maximum of \$500. Attendance at the two business meetings may be applied to the volunteer hour commitment (two hours per meeting). There are many small ways that we can all help, and we will provide a list of suggestions for each family.

Tuition and Fees for International Students

Application Fee	\$200 per child to be submitted with the <i>NDCA Application Package</i>	
One-time Family Membership Fee	\$500 due prior to final admission. This is not refundable after August 1; however, these amounts are refundable should there not be room for your child at NDCA.	
Non- participation Volunteer Hours fee (if chosen)	\$500 per family	
Tuition Fees (2021-2022) ** (A portion of tuition fee is tax deductible – the portion amount is influenced by multi-child family rate)	1 child	\$9 655.50 per year (\$942.00/month for 10 months)
	2 children	\$15 902.88 per year (\$1 590.29/month for 10 months)
	3 children	\$20 005.95 per year (\$2 000.60/month for 10 months)
	4 children	\$21 233.90 per year (\$2 123.39)/month for 10 months)
	5 children	\$21 537.30 per year (\$2 153.73/month for 10 months)
<i>Payment over 11 or 12 months is an option – requires payment in July and August.</i>		

** Tuition rates are decided annually at the Spring Business Meeting

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ENROLLMENT APPLICATION PACKAGE

INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Application Form
Parent Agreement

Newmarket & District Christian Academy
221 Carlson Drive, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 3H4
Telephone: (905) 895-1199

Website: www.ndca.ca
E-Mail: ndca-office@ndca.ca

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

**NEWMARKET AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
ENROLLMENT APPLICATION**

STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
Surname First Name Middle

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ Male Female
Day/Month/Year

APPLYING FOR GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street, R. R. #, Apt. # City/Town Postal Code

TELEPHONE: _____
Home Father's Business Mother's Business

Cell phone Father Mother EMAIL ADDRESS

SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED: _____
Name Telephone #

_____ Address

FATHER'S NAME: _____
Surname First

MOTHER'S NAME: _____
Surname First

STUDENT RESIDES WITH: Both Parents Mother Only Father Only
Other Please specify: _____

OF SIBLINGS _____ AGE(S) OF SIBLING(S): _____

HEALTH HISTORY (ANY SPECIAL NEEDS, ALLERGIES): _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NDCA? _____

WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN NDCA? _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY:

Date Rec'd: _____ Testing Date: _____ Interview Date: _____

Registration Fee Paid: Family Fee Paid:

Proof of Age: _____ Immunization: _____ Accepted for Grade: _____ Date Approved: _____

NDCA PARENT AGREEMENT

The NDCA Parent Agreement is to be completed upon admission and/or re-enrolment.

I/we pledge and agree to the following:

- To accept and support the Christian emphasis and values of the school and its staff.
- To faithfully co-operate in assisting my child(ren) in the completion of his/her assignments, including Biblical studies and scripture memorization.
- To pray for the teachers, administrator, students and Board.
- To allow the school, during the application process, to contact our child(ren)'s previous school to verify academic performance and behaviour.
- To pay tuition and fees as per published schedules. Two full month's notice in writing is required before withdrawal from school. If notice is not given, you will be required to pay two full month's tuition fees.
- To inform the school administration of any family circumstance or health issues that may potentially impact our child(ren)'s performance at the school.
- To submit payment of the applicable tuition and to support the school with the abilities and resources which God has given. I understand that fees for one year must be paid in full before the student may continue the next year. I further understand that, should my child(ren) cause damage to school property, an assessment may be made to cover the costs involved.
- To fulfill our volunteer required time of 20 hours/year or pay the non-participation fee of \$500/year. If you are unable to contribute the full requirement, the remainder of the balance of the hours will be billed at the rate of \$25/hour.
- To support the school through attendance at all NDCA business meetings (this will count towards your volunteer time as 2hours per meeting).
- To acknowledge the authority of the school to administer discipline in accordance with the school's discipline procedures and in keeping with Proverbs 22:6 and Proverbs 29:17.
- To support the school in enforcement of its dress code, behaviour expectations, and discipline policies.
- I pledge to encourage unity within the school at all times by following the guidelines set out in the Parent & Student Handbook. Any concerns regarding a problem in the classroom are to be dealt with according to the Matthew 18 principle as set out in Matthew 18:15-17 and in keeping with the guidance provided in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Galatians 5:25-26, and Ephesians 4:1-7. The Matthew 18 principle generally involves initial discussion(s) with the applicable teacher followed by, if necessary, discussion(s) with the Administrator if the matter cannot be satisfactorily resolved. Should resolution to the matter still not be achieved, it may be presented for discussion and a final recommendation by the Board. If I/we are unable to support the Board's decision, I/we will withdraw the child(ren) from the school without further appeal or protest.
- To withdraw our child from the school should my child(ren), for any reason, not respond favourably to the school or should the Administrator and Board, in consultation with the teaching staff, conclude that it would not be in the best interest of the child(ren) or other students at the school to allow our child(ren) to continue at NDCA.
- I understand and accept that, should parents not be willing to withdraw a student, the NDCA Board would review the situation and make any final recommendations.
- If I, or any member of my immediate family, reach a point of disagreement on an issue of non-criminal nature with Newmarket and District Christian Academy and/or its legal corporate entity, in keeping with 1 Corinthians 6, I agree to submit to Board conciliation rather than taking the dispute to a civil court.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____



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