

Celebration Academy

**Registration
Information**

2018-2019



CELEBRATION ACADEMY MISSION, VISION, AND PURPOSE

Celebration Academy was established to provide a means by which parents could fulfill their God given rights and authority in the rendering of an education to their children. It is the mission of Celebration Academy to provide information, support, training, and encouragement to the Private Christian Home Educating Parents of Celebration Academy and defend the rights thereof, as we inspire them to provide an excellent, individualized, Christ-centered education for their enrolled students. It is the purpose of Celebration Academy to equip and encourage parents to train and educate their children according to the Word of God and for His glory.

It is the vision of this establishment to raise a generation of children who will have a Biblical Worldview and will desire to serve, worship, and lovingly obey God with all of their strength, body, mind, and spirit, and to love others as they love themselves.

We have an affidavit on file with the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools and are a private school in the state of California. We serve independent study students, thus exempting them from compulsory public education. Students enrolled in grades 1-12 are allowed to complete a course of study by the means of our Private School Satellite Program (PSP) in which the school provides oversight, counsel, a support network and record keeping, while the parents provide the individualized curriculum, grading criteria, educational direction and direct instruction and supervision of their own students. Students must be educated at home with their parents teaching them at least 51% of the time, for at least 51% of academic subjects throughout the school year. During Senior year, up to 65% of the student's classes may be 'outsourced', at the parent's discretion.

The support and activities which are offered by and through Celebration Academy fall under one of the following major areas of emphasis and are part of the overall mission and vision stated above.

Accountability: Celebration Academy exists to provide accountability in meeting the legal requirements of the state of California and to ensure educational progress.

Parent Support: Celebration Academy strives to support parents as teachers, in the form of parent education and counsel, through the T.E.A. (Teach, Encourage, Affirm) meetings, prayer calendar, and occasional 'check-ins' with new families. Our purpose is to encourage parents to train and educate their children according to the Word of God, under His authority, and for His glory. Relationships and friendships which provide mutual support are a high priority.

Educational opportunities: Celebration Academy encourages educational enhancement through classes taught by our multi-talented parents and trusted members of the community, and through Christ-centered, service-oriented, group or family activities.

Socialization: Socialization with other Christian home educating families is offered at gatherings for physical education, service, and through events and activities that have spiritual and educational benefit for the entire family.

SUPPORT TEAM STRUCTURE

A Support Team exists to perform the administrative duties of the school, as well as to inform, serve, and encourage the families of Celebration Academy. This team is comprised of current Celebration Academy parents, The 2018-2019 Support Team consists of the following volunteers:

Chairperson:

Cindi Mackanic has been home educating for 20 years and has been involved with Celebration Academy for 19 years, serving on the Support Team for 14 years. She and her husband, Neal, have 4 children, 3 have graduated from Celebration Academy and one is still being educated at home. Cindi absolutely loves the adventure and life of being a home educator, and also enjoys gardening, baking, and reading.

Members:

Kim Nixon and her husband, Mike, have been homeschooling their two boys through Celebration Academy for 10 years. She has served on the Support Team for 9 years, and feels truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful school, church, and support team. They have absolutely cherished these years of teaching their boys at home, being able to lead them in discovering God's will for their lives, and having the time to participate in the sports/activities that they each love. Kim's favorite time of the year is the "sunny" season when their family goes camping, bike riding, picnicking, and swimming together.

Janene Serpa and her husband Vito have 3 children, VJ, Chloe, and Max. They have homeschooled their children through Celebration Academy for the past 9 years. This will be Janene's 6th year serving as a member of the Support Team. Janene feels blessed to have such a wonderful support group for this journey of homeschooling. She enjoys entertaining, eating good food, exercising, and camping, all with her family.

Annmarie Johnson and her husband Mark have three children: two daughters in both 12th and 9th grade, and a son in 5th grade. They are happy and grateful to be in their 8th year of homeschooling with Celebration Academy. Annmarie values being both mom and teacher and strives to be intentional about discipleship and mentoring during the moments and opportunities that arise daily in family life; she enjoys her children and treasures time spent with them. Favorite pastimes include hiking in the great outdoors, eating out on date nights, exploring new towns and places, savoring read-alouds with the kids, and playing the occasional Nerf war in the house as a family.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following is the Statement of Faith for Celebration Christian Center, and thus for Celebration Academy, a ministry thereof.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, eternal Word of God. II Timothy 3:16, 17; Hebrews 4:12; II Peter 1:21; Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89, 160.

We believe that there is one triune God, eternally existent as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matt. 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 5:18, 23; 10: 29, 30; Psalm 139:7; I Corinthians 2:10,11; Hebrews 1: 5-12 (cf. Psalms 102: 25ff); Hebrews 9:14; II Corinthians 13:14.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. John 1: 1-5; 20:28; Colossians 1:15-17; Matthew 1:22, 23; 3:16, 17; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:25; Matthew 28: 5-7; I Corinthians 15: 3-8; Acts 1: 9-11; 2: 32-33; Romans 8: 34; Ephesians 4:8-10; Hebrews 1: 2-3; I Thessalonians. 4:16-18.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. Salvation is by faith alone through grace alone. Both justification and sanctification are the works of the Holy Spirit in those who trust in Jesus. John 3:5, 6; Titus 3:5, 6; Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 3:2-3; I Peter 1:2.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9-11, 13-15; 15: 18,19; II Corinthians 1:21, 22; Ephesians 3: 14-19; 5: 18-20.

We believe in the personal baptism with the Holy Spirit as received by believers "at the beginning." We believe in the present day manifestation of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church. John 1:33; 20: 21-23; Acts 1:8; 2: 4; 4: 31; 8:17; 10: 44-46; 19: 3-6; Romans 12: 6-8; I Corinthians 12:13, 27-31; 14: 1-40; Ephesians 5:18.

We believe in obeying the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment. Matthew 22:37, 38; 28: 18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24: 46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost-of they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and of they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29; I Corinthians 15:20-23; Revelation 20:11-15.

We believe in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the time of death. All human life is precious in the sight of God. Luke 1:15; Galatians 1:15; Psalm 22:10; 71:6; 139: 13-14. Mark 8:36; Psalm 72:14; Isaiah 43:4.

We believe that marriage and family are institutions ordained by the Lord God Himself from the very beginning of human history and these are sacred institutions. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to the clear teachings of the Holy Bible and hence against the expressed will of God. Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20b-24; I Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4.

We believe that God created men and women as sexual beings. Sexuality is an integral and beautiful part of creation. The Bible clearly teaches that any sexual act outside of marriage whether in thought, word, or deed is sin. Genesis 1:27-28; Matthew 5:27-28; Proverbs 6:25-26; I Corinthians 6:9-10,18; I Thessalonians 4:3-8.

We believe that unity regarding the foundational doctrines clearly taught in the Holy Bible is absolutely essential. At the same time we also affirm that we must accept one another in the love of Jesus recognizing that there are different styles and expressions of worship. All the members of the Body do not look alike. Together, we are the Body of Christ, called to build the Kingdom in harmony and agape love. John 17:11; Romans 12:1-13; 14:1-23; I Corinthians 12:4-6; 27-28; Ephesians 4: 1-6.

Membership Options, Information, and Benefits

Full Membership:

All students in 1st** -12th grade enrolled as full members with Celebration Academy will be included, in number, in the affidavit on file with the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools. Enrolled in our Private School Satellite Program, you will receive oversight, a support network, accountability, and record keeping while you, the parents, provide the direct instruction, using individualized curriculum purchased as your personal choice. All enrolled members are eligible to participate in school sponsored events and activities, some of which are grade specific and some will require an additional fee. Full Member Families are expected to volunteer their time and talents during the school year.

Paper Work Only Membership:

This membership is offered for those families who wish for Celebration Academy to serve as the PSP for their students but will not be participating in any support, educational, or social activities connected with the school, and will not be serving in the school either. Students will be included on the affidavit filed with the state. These members will not be part of our io group and will not receive newsletters. Parents will be responsible for reviewing the handbook information regarding turning in paperwork, and must return paperwork on time. If your family has an 8th or 12th grade eligible graduate, ceremony participation can be arranged, if desired, by the parents contributing on one of the volunteer committees elated to the graduation program celebration. Diplomas are provided and authorized by the Academy once transcripts are approved. If you are registering for Full P.W.O Membership please understand the limitations of this type of membership.

Partnered Membership:

This membership is designed for those families who are legally home schooling in the local area, in accordance with California and Federal Law, who are members of HSLDA, and whose student(s) are enrolled in a private, Christian Home Education Program. These members are partnered with the Academy for the purpose of participating in parent support and student activities planned during the school year. If your student will graduate from 8th or 12th grades, they may participate in Graduation Ceremonies, but the parents are responsible for authorizing all diplomas, which will be provided through Celebration Academy/HSLDA and a parent must serve on a graduation task committee. Partnered Member Families are expected to volunteer as noted on the volunteer commitment form.

Junior Partner Membership:

This membership is designed for those families who are members of HSLDA and whose students are **younger than 6 years old,**** and they are not enrolled in a school or education program for their preschool or Kindergarten years. Parents provide direct instruction to their children but because of public education compulsory attendance laws they do not yet need to be enrolled in a PSP. Junior Partnered members are eligible to participate in school-sponsored events, classes, and activities for parents and students, some of which are grade specific and some classes and activities will require additional fees, or because of the young age of your children may not be appropriate. Being partnered with Celebration Academy during your children's early years will allow you to prepare for home education in the years ahead, and make friends and connection with others pursuing private Christian home education. Families with this membership are required to volunteer less during the school year. See Volunteer commitment form for details.

****A child is REQUIRED by law to be enrolled in school (1st grade) if that child turns 6 years old on or before September 1st.**

Membership Information

Celebration Academy is a school and support network made possible by each family volunteering their time and talents to serve each other. Please return the volunteer form with this registration application, letting us know how your family will be contributing to our year. A list of volunteer opportunities is available by contacting Janene Serpa at vjsmom@comcast.net.

By mid-summer, all families will have access to our updated Handbook which contains all the quarterly due dates, what paperwork must be completed and returned, and all sorts of helpful information for planning your school year and volunteering. Also, if you are a new member, there will be a morning meeting planned just for you. This meeting will give you a quick orientation to the Academy and allow you to meet the Support Team and other new members.

****Full and PWO members:** this year all Back-to-School Paperwork will be due by Monday, August 20th. This is several weeks earlier than in years past, so please be sure to work on this throughout the summer.

All enrolled students- Full, PWO, and Partnered - must be educated at home with their parents teaching them at least 50% of the time, for at least 50% of academic subjects throughout the school year. The exception is senior year when 12th grade students may learn from 'outsourced teachers' for 65% of their credits, at the parents' discretion.

A class is considered an "outsourced class" or one NOT taught by parents in the home if any 3 of these criteria are met:

- Student is learning outside the home from another instructor more than 2 hours each week.
- The curriculum is selected by someone other than the parents and how the curriculum is covered is determined by a non-parent.
- Class is taught with primarily non-siblings and moves at a pre-determined, not individualized pace, so that if student misses a week, that specific week must be 'made up'.
- Non-parent decides grading criteria, gives assignments, administers tests, corrects assignments, and gives grades. (3/5)

If any 3 of these 4 criteria are met, the course is not part of the 50% required for Home Education, parent-directed classes.

All members must belong to HSLDA. To obtain our group discount number, please contact the Records Custodian at Kmnixon@sbcglobal.net. Proof of HSLDA membership or that you've applied for membership, must be submitted at the time of registration, so please enclose a copy of your card in your registration packet, even if you will be renewing this summer or fall. You can join HSLDA online at www.hslda.org.

It is recommended that you make and keep copies of everything you turn in to Celebration Academy, including the registration papers you will turn in.

All registration packets received after August 10th will be reviewed by a separate process by the Support Team. After August 10th Full and PWO membership will be accepted on a probationary basis until all Back-to-School Paperwork is submitted. Failure to complete all required paperwork in a neat, typed, thorough manner, will result in membership being denied this school year.

Families may not join for the first time, or rejoin the Academy, teaching and graduating their 12th grade student if they were not members already, teaching both 11th and 12th grade through Celebration Academy. The exception is made for a family who recently moved into the immediate area with their 12th grade student who has been homeschooled the last several years outside the area.

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