



## St. Petersburg Christian School

*A Foundation of Faith...A Spirit of Excellence*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in St. Petersburg Christian School. We have adopted an admission policy that opens the school to families who are like-minded spiritually, who are supportive of our philosophy, objectives, and standards of education, and whose children meet our enrollment standards. Our purpose is to serve families who desire not simply a private education, but a distinctively Christian education for their children.

Before applying for admission to our school, please read the Student Handbook provided in the introductory packet. The Student Handbook will introduce you to many of the school's policies, procedures, and expectations for both parents and students.

Our Handbook explains our religious purpose, mission, and beliefs. St. Petersburg Christian School unashamedly believes, teaches, and practices a literal interpretation of the Word of God. We respect your desire to place your child in the best possible learning environment, but if you are not in full agreement with our fundamental beliefs, we urge you to prayerfully consider your child's enrollment at our school.

Biblical principles are integrated in every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert Hunter', written in a cursive style.

Robert Hunter  
Headmaster



## **ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **OVERVIEW**

St. Petersburg Christian School is committed to providing an excellent academic program that is grounded in Biblical truth. The curriculum is geared to the average and above average student. Acceleration is the norm in the Lower Division and Honors level courses are offered in the Upper Division. The needs of a student with a learning disability and those students requiring academic support are met in the Learning Resource Center.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following must be on file in the registrar's office before the Admissions Committee can meet:

1. Application for Admission
2. Registration fee (refundable only if admission is denied)
3. Copy of the most recent achievement test scores (testing required if not available)
4. Copy of the current and previous year's report cards (does not pertain to Kindergarten students)
5. School Reference Form
6. Pastor/Youth Reference Form (Upper Division students only)
7. Any special testing pertaining to the student

Other items required before the enrollment process is complete:

1. State of Florida School Entry Health Exam - DH 3040 (within 12 months of first day of school)
2. State of Florida Certification of Immunization - DH680
3. Copy of Birth Certificate (Copy of legal certificate)

An interview is required for Grade 1-8 applicants and their parents. Report card copies and achievement test information must be on file before this interview.

### **CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADMISSION**

The Admissions Committee will carefully review each application. It will take into consideration the student's:

1. Academic and behavioral history
2. Achievement test performance
3. Christian commitment of those applying to Upper Division.

St. Petersburg Christian School welcomes cultural diversity. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national/ethnic origin, either in regard to admission or administration of school programs. Parent(s) will be notified by telephone or letter regarding their child's admission status.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Applicants for the Kindergarten program should have their fifth birthday before September 1. Children with birthdays between September 1 and October 31 may be evaluated for possible admission. A readiness evaluation is required to determine the skill level and maturity of each child. It will be administered by appointment.

### **FOLLOWING ADMISSION ACCEPTANCE**

For students in grades 1-8, parents should contact the previous school and request release of records. These records are due by August 1. The student may not begin school until all forms are on file in the SPCS office.

#### **Families are reminded that:**

1. All decisions by the Admissions Committee are final.
2. Admission is on a probationary basis.
3. Acceptance in any grade does not mean automatic acceptance into the next grade the following year.



## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please print:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Date of Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Boy ( ) Girl

Has the student been awarded a McKay Scholarship? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Has the student been awarded Step Up For Students Scholarship? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Father/Legal Guardian Information:

Mother/Legal Guardian Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr./Dr./Rev. First Last

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr./Dr./Rev. First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Custody ( ) Yes ( ) No

Custody ( ) Yes ( ) No

Child resides with ( ) Full Time ( ) Part Time ( ) N/A

Child resides with ( ) Full Time ( ) Part Time ( ) N/A

Approved access to School Correspondence ( ) Yes ( ) No  
ParentsWeb ( ) Yes ( ) No  
Report Card ( ) Yes ( ) No

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

School applicant is attending or last attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Phone

Street

City

State

Zip

Attendance dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Grades: \_\_\_\_\_ VPK: ( ) Yes ( ) No

Has the applicant ever been retained? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever skipped a grade? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been tested for a learning difficulty? ( ) Yes ( ) No (If yes, please discuss the results and include a copy of the report.)

Has the applicant ever been enrolled in a special program or special education program (A.D.D., L.D., etc)? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been referred for or received psychological or personal counseling? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant had behavioral problems at a previous school? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant ever been suspended, expelled or withdrawn from any school for any reason? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please give the name of the school, year, contact person and nature of the problem: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's extra curricular interest, achievements, musical instruments played? \_\_\_\_\_

What special needs does he/she have? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a language other than English spoken in the home? ( ) Yes ( ) No If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTAL COMMITMENT TO ST. PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A. In signing this application I/we acknowledge commitment to the following:

1. To accept teacher and administrative authority.
2. To support the Christian philosophy of education as taught at SPCS.
3. To support SPCS policies as stated in this application and the student handbook.
4. To participate in fund-raising projects.
5. To actively participate in the Parent Teacher Fellowship. (PTF)
6. To provide tax deductible gifts to the school as God leads and provides.
7. To follow God's line of authority: When differences exist, we will first go to the person with whom we have a problem. If it is not resolved, we will go with the person to his/her supervisor. (Matthew 18:15-17)

B. If I/we choose to withdraw or are requested to withdraw the applicant from the school, we are responsible to pay the tuition and fees for the month in which we do so, as well as any remaining balance of fees.

C. I/we understand that final grades, diplomas and report cards will be retained by the school until accounts are paid in full. Report cards will be held at the end of each grading period if accounts are not current.

D. The applicant may participate in scheduled field trips and other school sponsored activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*NOTE: If the student lives with both parents, both parents must sign.*



# St. Petersburg CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## ***KINDERGARTEN REFERENCE FORM***

To be completed by the parent of the applicant prior to the school official completing the evaluation selection.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization is hereby granted to release all school information and opinions requested on the reference form to St. Petersburg Christian School to which the above named student has applied for entrance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As part of the acceptance process for the above student, please complete this Readiness Form. As the teacher, we feel you know the student and the work done on a day-to-day basis. You have observed many academic, developmental, social and physical areas which would be helpful to us as we prepare for our next class of Kindergarten students. Please take a few minutes to complete this form, being as specific as possible. The information you provide will be treated with the strictest confidence. **Please do not return this form to the student or parent. Instead, please forward it directly to us via the contact information on the reverse.** Thank you very much for taking the time to help us make the appropriate placement decision for this child.

*Check as appropriate*

### **ACADEMIC SKILLS**

#### ***Recognizes Upper Case Alphabet Letters:***

All 26       20-26       15-20       10-15       Fewer than 10

#### ***Recognizes Lower Case Alphabet Letters:***

All 26       20-26       15-20       10-15       Fewer than 10

By the end of the year, our school's curriculum covers \_\_\_\_\_ upper case letters and \_\_\_\_\_ lower case letters.

#### ***Recognizes Numbers 0-10:***

All 10       Most       Some       None

#### ***Recognizes Numbers 11-20:***

All 10       Most       Some       None      Counts to \_\_\_\_\_ (Highest number correct)

By the end of the year, our school's curriculum covers up to number: \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ***Recognizes Shapes:***

Square       Circle       Triangle       Rectangle       Oval       Diamond

### **PHYSICAL SKILLS**

#### **Fine Motor**

- Uses correct pencil grip
- Correctly holds and uses scissors
- Has control over pencil stroke

#### **Handwriting**

- Writes first name using correct capital and lower case formation
- Writes first name using capital letters
- Introduced to Zaner-Bloser handwriting

*Comment on academic skills. Please give strengths and weaknesses.*

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**BEHAVIOR/ DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS**

***Attention Span***

\_\_\_ Focuses in a group setting      \_\_\_ Sits in a seat for at least 15 minutes      \_\_\_ Works independently for 10 minutes or more  
\_\_\_ Listens attentively and effectively      \_\_\_ Focuses one-on-one      \_\_\_ Unable to do any of these

***Follows Directions***

\_\_\_ Can follow one-step direction      \_\_\_ Can follow two-step directions      \_\_\_ Can complete a task independently  
\_\_\_ Unable to follow directions

***Speech***

\_\_\_ Child easily understood by peers and teachers      \_\_\_ Child can be difficult to understand

***Behavior***

\_\_\_ Accepts responsibility for actions      \_\_\_ Accepts teacher authority      \_\_\_ Accepts parental authority      \_\_\_ Able to share  
\_\_\_ Can handle little upsets during day      \_\_\_ Plays well with others      \_\_\_ Has self-control

***Developmental Maturation***

\_\_\_ Ready for a structured environment      \_\_\_ Separates easily from parent      \_\_\_ Displays separation anxiety  
\_\_\_ Can toilet independently      \_\_\_ Can wash hands independently      \_\_\_ Has difficulty with \_\_\_\_\_

*Comment on behavior/developmental skills. Please give strengths and weaknesses.* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance:** \_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_ Irregular If irregular, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are parents cooperative? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have additional comments you would like to share, please attach to this form.

If the need arises, may we contact you to discuss the applicant further? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Form completed by \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**When complete, please return this form via mail to:**

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St. Petersburg, FL 33702  
Phone 727.522.3000

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727.525.0998

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