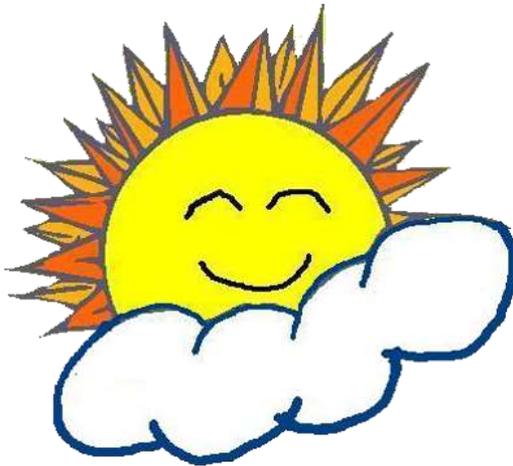


Sonshine Enrichment Center

3040 Ridge Road
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An integral part of Highland Christian School



"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



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Welcome!

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Sonshine Enrichment Center. The information on the following pages will answer many of the questions you may have. If you have additional questions, please feel free to call our school office at 838-0356 anytime Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you would like a tour of the school, please stop by or contact our Development Director, Jodi Lineburg at extension #165 or by email at jlineburg@highlandchristian.org .

Sonshine Enrichment Center

Sonshine Enrichment Center (SEC) is the preschool program at Highland Christian School. We provide a secure, loving Christian environment where children develop spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and creatively. At SEC, we believe that each child is a special and unique creation of God. We encourage each child to recognize his or her value in God and the world He created.

We offer a variety of classes based on the age of the child. The child to teacher ratio averages 10:1. There is a lead teacher in each classroom and aide(s) to maintain the ratio.

Class Sessions – 3 Year Olds

Two-Day Program: The two half-day session meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Morning Class – 8:45 to 11:15

Five-Day Program: The five half-day session meets Monday through Friday.

- Morning Class – 8:45 to 11:15

Students for the 3 year old classes must be 3 years old by September 1st. Students must be toilet trained.

Class Sessions – 4/5 Year Olds

Three Half-Day Program: The three half-day session meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- Morning Class – 8:30 to 12:00

Three Full-Day Program: The three full-day session meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- Class meets – 8:30 to 3:00

Five-Day Program: The five-day session meets Monday through Friday.

- Half-Day Class – 8:30 to 12:00
- Full-Day Class – 8:30 to 3:00

Students for the 4 year old classes must be 4 years old by September 1st.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Our drop-off and pick-up arrangements allow for smooth and consistent daily transitions for both parent and child. When students enter the building, various table activities are provided allowing the child to transition into the school day and adapt to the day socially.

At pick up time, each child is accompanied to the vehicle to provide maximum safety. The staff and parent are able to briefly communicate important details at this time, which allows smooth transition for each child into the next part of their day.

Tuition and Other Fees

Sonshine Enrichment Center Tuition:

\$140.00 per month for two half-day preschool
\$225.00 per month for three half-day preschool
\$435.00 per month for three full-day preschool
\$370.00 per month for five half-day preschool
\$545.00 per month for five full-day preschool
\$40.00 Registration fee

Bus Fee (2016/2017):

\$410.00 per child for K-8 students or preschool students with older siblings enrolled at HCS using a.m. and p.m. bus service.
\$205.00 per child for part-time kindergarteners and preschool students or those traveling one way.

Milk (if desired) - \$17.25 per child

Before and After Care Fee:

\$5.50 per child per hour. Services are pre-scheduled or on a drop-in basis. For preschool students, Before and After Care is available prior to 8:45 a.m. and after 2:45 p.m.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch is available every day to all full-day students. Hot lunch cards can be purchased in the office or added, by request, to your monthly billing statement. Cards are available for 5 lunches (\$12.50) or 20 lunches (\$50.00).

Information for Future Planning

To enroll at Highland Christian School for kindergarten through grade eight, there is a separate application process. Please contact the office staff for this information. To assist you in preparing for possible enrollment at HCS, our 2016/2017 tuition fees were:

\$6,650.00 cost of education per full-time student
\$6,650.00 per five full-day kindergarten student
\$3,990.00 per three full-day kindergarten student

Sonshine Enrichment Center Culture

Sonshine Goals

The goals of SEC are met through a discovery approach to learning. The program is both flexible and structured, meaning that the curriculum is carefully planned around developmentally appropriate experiences, yet flexible enough to meet the individual needs of each child. God's creation, love and value are the bases of what we learn every day. Each week we have a color, number, shape, and letter to learn about and each month we focus on prayer and a Bible verse.

Parental Partnership and Involvement

A strong parent/school partnership is a critical component in your child's preschool experience. Parents are invited to provide feedback and to communicate actively. School personnel are duty bound to provide all student-related information, work selflessly, and communicate with empathy and strategy in the best interest of each student. We trust God to guide us as we look together at the preschool needs of each Sonshine student.

Relational Implications

We believe that relationships are a critical factor in learning. Within the context of school relationships various kinds of content and skill are delivered. In essence, these relationships form a basis for a **living** curriculum.

Personnel Implications

Every member of the community, whether staff, faculty or administration, must be able to function from the heart to disciple and shepherd children in God-centeredness, through a life that is surrendered to Jesus Christ. In addition, teachers at Sonshine must be educated in early childhood development, knowledgeable and skilled to teach preschool children.



Sonshine Enrichment Center Curriculum

Daily structure and curriculum of the day includes:

Greet & Sing

- Concepts of the day and week are introduced on child's classroom rug.
- Introduction includes, but is not limited to, the letter of the week, number of the week, color of the week, and choice time activities are presented to students.

Choice Time

- Choice time is about a 45 minute period that allows the children to move from curriculum based stations throughout the room, monitored and taught by the teachers and aides.
- The stations include block area, manipulative and imaginary play area, library, science/sensory activity area, and art area.
- At this period in the day, self-directed options and play are encouraged.
- Some of the program goals can be established and practiced at this time of day through sharing, helping, acceptance of others, creative expression, verbal expression, writing, drawing, painting, building, ownership of work, scissor practice, helping with tasks, following directions, group activities, stories, manipulative toys, and games which help establish
 - ✓ self-esteem
 - ✓ self-concept
 - ✓ appreciation of God's world
 - ✓ self-expression, uniqueness and creativity
 - ✓ sensitivity to others
 - ✓ Christian love

Circle Time

- Circle time is a time of day that we discuss calendar, weather, and recite our monthly Bible verse, sing songs geared towards the week's curriculum goals using large and small motor skills, share children's individual stories and ideas, dance, story book time, and circle group discussion and activities.
- These activities are performed on the classroom rug with teacher instruction and depending on the classroom count, at least one teacher aide.

Bible Story Time

- Bible stories, sharing, helping, listening, acceptance of others, music and verbal expression, books, following directions and group activities, children can gain experience in
 - ✓ self-esteem
 - ✓ creativity
 - ✓ uniqueness
 - ✓ self-concept
 - ✓ sense of wonder
 - ✓ social responsibility
 - ✓ large and small muscle development
 - ✓ awareness of God's world
 - ✓ Christian love

Small Group Time

- This is a directed time when students break to tables with the teachers and aides to work on activity based curriculum that is carefully planned and developmentally appropriate.
- Through writing, drawing, counting, coloring, colors, patterns, shapes, numbers, creative expression and the alphabet, children advance and mature in the week's academic concepts. Children again can gain experience and advance in their:
 - ✓ self-esteem
 - ✓ creativity and uniqueness
 - ✓ sense of wonder and appreciation of God's world
 - ✓ self-concept
 - ✓ listening skills
 - ✓ ability to follow directions

Snack Time

All snacks are carefully planned. Consideration is always given to allergies and food sensitivities. Snacks are always given with a drink, and the goal of the snack is not only to be healthy and fun, but is also geared toward the week's curriculum based on shape, color of the snack, or what the snack starts with to correlate with the letter of the week.

- Before snack every day, we pray. We acknowledge the blessings the Lord has provided to us, and remain thankful for His love.
- During snack time, teaching opportunities include: following directions, independent participation, and appreciation of God's world.

Work Time

- This is a time when students work on a concept/theme related project for hands-on learning.
- Teachers target the process of learning rather than the product produced.

Recess

- Students have a choice to participate in various activities provided by the teachers and aides. Recess is planned carefully around the week's curriculum to address:
 - ✓ large and small muscle development
 - ✓ creativity and uniqueness
 - ✓ social responsibility
 - ✓ sense of wonder and appreciation of God's world
 - ✓ self-esteem
 - ✓ self-concept
- If weather does not permit us to go outside, we provide indoor activities that allow the children to practice their fine and large motor skills through indoor play.

To Register Your Child at SEC

Please complete the Preschool Registration Form and Parent Assessment Form that were included in the SEC brochure. The Preschool Registration Form is also available on our website. *Return your completed registration form to the Highland Christian School office along with your child's immunization record and the \$40.00 registration fee to secure your child's place in our program.*

Preschool classes begin on the Tuesday after Labor Day and run through the 3rd week of May. The Sonshine Enrichment Center will be closed during major school breaks.

It is a blessing to serve our Lord by teaching your children about the world He created. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in this process as they begin their educational journey.



About Highland Christian School

Our History

Highland Christian School was organized in 1909 by a group of Christian parents who were committed to providing their children with a Reformed Christian education. Continual growth created consistent building and faculty changes. After several years, land was purchased on Ridge Road and the first section of our present structure was erected. Today, our structure consists of **Sonshine Enrichment Center**, gymnasium, band and music room, art room, regular classrooms, offices, a new computerized library, computer lab, soccer field, and playgrounds.

Our Programs (K-8)

Highland Christian School is a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade institution. Our preschool program is called "Sonshine Enrichment Center". We serve students 3 - 5 year olds.

Our kindergarten program offers two attendance options: full-day three days per week and full-day five days per week. Students for the kindergarten class must be 5 years old by September 1st. All children entering Highland Christian School are tested before they begin school.

The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and dismisses at 3:10 p.m. There are two class sections per grade. Class sizes range from approximately 16 to 24 students per class. Aides may be added based on best educational practice. We consider many factors when making these decisions.

Before and After Care is provided inside our school building. Services are provided on a pre-scheduled or drop-in basis. Morning services are available beginning at 6:30 a.m. After school services are provided until 6:00 p.m.

Bus service is available for students in kindergarten through eighth grade and for preschool siblings of K-8 students. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade have the option of morning and/or afternoon transportation. If you are interested in busing services for your preschool student, please contact the office for additional information.