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SANTIAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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OVERVIEW

SANTIAM CHRISTIAN BEGAN IN THE FALL OF 1979, WITH 55 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11 AT NEW LIFE CENTER IN ALBANY OREGON.



BACKGROUND

In 1980, SC moved to the Adair Village campus we occupy today. Fundraisers back in the day consisted of Newspaper drives, catching chickens, food booths, and the county fair.

In the summer of 1984, over 2,400 volumes were catalogued for our library as the state of Oregon evaluated accreditation for Santiam Christian Schools. All the hard work paid off, and SC was accredited by ACSI in the spring of 1985.

On November 14, 1985 Santiam petitioned the U.S. government for 12 buildings and 16.5 acres for the price of $1.00. On February 28, 1989, SC officially obtained ownership of the parcel of land.

SC continued to grow, and merged with Heritage school on July 1, 1990. At this point, the student body was 310 students and it became apparent that we would need more space. God provided for us then, and has continued to provide for us again and again throughout our history. We have been blessed to have a continually growing campus that now includes Elementary, Junior High, and High School buildings, 2 playgrounds, athletic fields and facilities, fine arts, music, and theater facilities, science, woodshop, agriculture, and culinary labs, greenhouses, and more.

We are honored to participate in welcoming international exchange students into our halls, and delight in getting to know them, and learning from them while they are here. Hundreds of our students have participated in 30+ missions trips from China, to the Dominican Republic, to Ukraine.

OUR MISSION



The primary purpose of Santiam Christian Schools shall be to assist Christian parents who adhere to our Statement of Faith in the training of their children by providing a Christ-centered, academic environment that encourages the development of a Christian worldview emphasizing academic excellence, Christian character, responsible citizenship, and service to others.

"EAGLES" CORE VALUES

E – Excellence

Do your best in everything you do to honor God.

"Work hard as if you were working for the Lord." — Colossians 3:23

A – Accountability

Take responsibility for your words, actions, and learning.

"Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." — Romans 14:12

G – Grace

Show kindness and forgiveness to others, just like Jesus does for you.

"Be kind and forgiving, just as God forgave you." — Ephesians 4:32

L – Leadership

Be a leader who serves others with humility and courage.

"Whoever wants to be great must be a servant." — Matthew 20:26

E – Endurance

Keep going when things get tough—God gives you strength.

"Run with perseverance the race God has set before you." — Hebrews 12:1

S – Service

Use your gifts to help others and make a difference.

"Use your gifts to serve others." — 1 Peter 4:10



OUR SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL * ELEMENTARY * JUNIOR HIGH * HIGH SCHOOL

At Santiam Christian Schools we believe that no student should have to leave personal potential at the doors of a Christian school. That's why our dedicated, certified staff works every day to ensure we deliver academic programs that integrate Biblical worldview with rigor and excellence. From the pre-schooler learning "Handwriting without Tears" to the senior studying AP Calculus, all students are taught with one goal in mind – to help them achieve their full potential in Christ.

PRESCHOOL AGES 3&4

Preschool is a readiness program encouraging mental, physical, social and spiritual development. The class focus is on a readiness for kindergarten in all activities.
Our mission is to develop young children with active and creative minds, a sense of understanding and compassion for others, and encourage their spiritual faith. We stress the total development of each child's spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical values.



ELEMENTARY

Santiam Christian Elementary combines a warm, caring environment with Christian educators dedicated to helping each child succeed. Our teachers gently guide student learning through focused instruction informed by brain-based research. The core academic classes in Reading, Language, Math, Science, History, and Bible provide a quality foundation. Class sizes offer opportunities for one-on-one instruction and allow teachers to build lasting relationships with each student.

Enrichment classes offer students a wide variety of hands-on activities and experiences. Science Lab allows students to perform science experiments, while music classes allow students to sing, create music, and move to the beat. 4th graders learn to play the ukulele, while 5th- and 6th-graders have the option of choir or band. Computer Labs, Art, and PE classes let students explore and learn while having fun.

SC Elementary provides a quality God-centered character education. Giving our students the foundation to succeed academically, socially and spiritually as they grow and mature throughout their childhood.

JUNIOR HIGH

Santiam Christian Junior High offers the best of both worlds – strong academics balanced and delivered by caring, Christian educators, right when your student is making the transition from elementary school to high school. SC junior high teachers understand these transition years are all part of God's plan in helping your student grow into the man or woman they will one day become.

From Discovery electives designed for students to explore their God-given talents to the core academic classes of Science, English, Math, Social Studies, and Bible, students have the opportunity to mature and progress in a safe and caring environment. Our Junior High is large enough to offer quality programs, yet small enough that individuals don't get lost in the transition. Your student will always be more than just a number at Santiam Christian Junior High!

At the Junior High level (7-8) it is our goal to provide a daily integration of the spiritual and academic areas. God and the Truth of His Word are viewed as foundational to all further investigation and study.

HIGH SCHOOL

Building on the foundations laid in the elementary and junior high programs, Santiam Christian High School provides a strong, sure academic foundation for our young adult graduates. Whether pursuing a college education, a place in the workforce, or service to country through a military option, SC coursework and community life equip our students for the next step!

With outstanding faculty and curriculum in every class, excellent core academics, and a generous number of electives to choose from, students at SC are well-prepared for whatever option they choose after high school. Best of all, they are not only equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed at the next level, but also provided with the opportunity to develop a foundation in wisdom and worldview that will serve them well throughout their adult lives.

From the freshman level through AP options, classes, and the community at SC, the approach to student learning emphasizes both the acquisition of knowledge and skills and the wisdom and ability to use that understanding well. Biblical principles and intentional character development are woven throughout the academic program and student life activities at SC. Students are challenged to invest well, learn much, pursue excellence, and live together with respect, compassion, and encouragement for all.

High academic and citizenship standards at SC encourage each student to be good stewards of his or her heart, mind, and whole person, so that we can honor God and live effective lives for Him and for His kingdom.





COVENANT SCHOOLS, LIKE SC, EMPHASIZE THE "THREE-CORDED" STRENGTH OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE FAMILY, SCHOOL, AND CHURCH AS THEY EQUIP THE NEXT GENERATION SPIRITUALLY, EDUCATIONALLY, AND MORALLY.

THOUGH ONE MAY BE OVERPOWERED, TWO CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES. A CORD OF THREE STRANDS IS NOT QUICKLY BROKEN.

ECCLESIASTES 4:12

CHRISTIAN VALUES PARTNERSHIP

At Santiam Christian, we are honored to partner with families who:

- embrace a biblical worldview and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- esteem Christian values and are committed to an intentional Christian education that nurtures faith, academic excellence, and character development.
- uphold traditional biblical and cultural values.
- work with us to equip our students with wisdom and integrity, preparing them to stand firm in their faith and reflect Christ's light in the world.

FAMILY-CHURCH-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

At Santiam Christian, we partner with families who:

- actively engaged in their local church.
- commit to SC membership responsibilities.
- are dedicated to biblical conflict resolution (Matt. 18).
- help us foster a community of integrity where gossip has no place, disagreements are handled with grace, and where we seek common ground as we find solutions.
- understand that no institution is perfect, but that all are doing their best, and that "goodwill to all" isn't just a cliché.

LEARNING AND CHARACTER PARTNERSHIP

At Santiam Christian, we partner with families who:

- prioritize education, uphold high academic and behavior expectations, and actively support teachers.
- have students who desire to be here.
- encourage study time while keeping learning above extracurriculars.
- help us cultivate a community of excellence in both academics and character.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

At Santiam Christian, we partner with families who:

- actively engage in our community, honor tuition commitments, and invest in our future.
- volunteer, participate in membership meetings, and support special giving opportunities.
- strengthen our mission and help build a thriving, faith-filled environment for today and tomorrow.

SANTIAM CHRISTIAN

Character, Leadership and Community.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for considering Santiam Christian for your precious ones.
Here at Santiam Christian, we are looking ahead to admissions for the coming school year. As many folks are exploring SC as a quality, Christian option for their students, you are welcome to go ahead and apply. Be sure to indicate the year that you're applying for as you begin the application. While an application is not a guarantee of enrollment, we do have a good understanding of the openings for next year and if all the enrollment boxes are checked we will gladly extend an acceptance offer.

Santiam Christian is not just a private school, but a distinctively Christian school. We are a great option for Christian families, who are not only looking for an alternative to public school, but who deeply value a Christian worldview as the bedrock for their student's education. If that feels like a good fit for your family, we hope you will go ahead and apply today.



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