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GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in Nazarene Christian School. We are a private, nonprofit, Christian Preschool and Elementary School. We strive for a safe, secure learning environment in preschool and academic excellence and growth of the whole student in our Elementary School. At the same time, our primary purpose, as a ministry of Asheville First Church of the Nazarene, is to spread the Gospel, and the good news that God loves us.

In all of our programs, we try to provide a safe, quality environment where growth and learning can take place to their fullest, and where each child and adult is shown love and respect. As you read this literature, we hope that you will find your place in our child education and care program.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything else that we as a school or church can do to help you, please feel free to contact us.

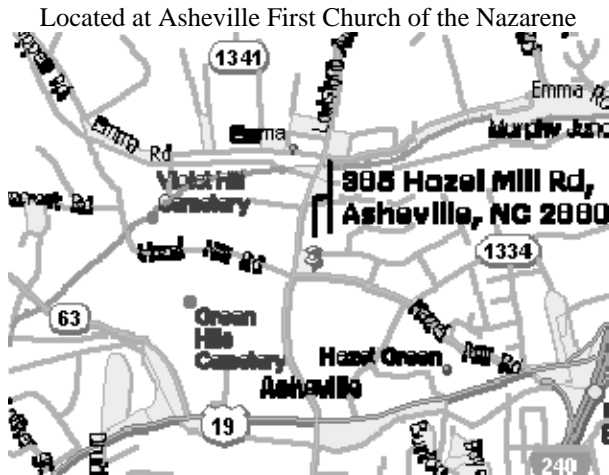
Rev. James L. Stewart
Senior Pastor
School Board Chairman

Mrs. Peggy Neighbors
School Administrator

Our Preschool is open Monday through Friday from 6:30am until 5:30pm.

CONTACTING NAZARENE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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To Worship with us at Asheville First Church of the Nazarene:

Sunday School (Bible Study)	9:30AM
Morning Worship	10:35AM
Evening Worship	6:00PM
Wednesday Service	6:30PM

Wednesday services offer: Family Dinner, Caravan (a Christian Scouting Program for boys and girls ages 4 through 6th grade), Women's and Men's Bible Studies, a Prayer and Praise Service and other activities for children through adults. Also, special activities are offered throughout the week. Please call the church or school office for details.

Our church in Asheville was founded in 1946. It was originally located downtown on Ann Street. In 1972 we moved to our present location, a beautiful facility on the corner of Hazel Mill and Louisiana in West Asheville. We began our Preschool ministry in September of 1974 and the Elementary School in the fall of 1983.

We want Asheville First to be a vital part of Christ's work in this community. And we are involved in many areas of ministry, both local and international. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to come join us as we serve Christ at Asheville First.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool program at Nazarene Christian School has been in continuous existence since September of 1974. We currently serve children from age two (and toilet trained) through age five going into kindergarten.

Our teachers encourage learning through safe exploration and examination, and experimental learning, which is more of a "hands-on" approach. We use a variety of methods, including dramatic play, indoor and outdoor activity play, directed and open conversations and interaction, stories and manipulative play, mental exercises, music, computers, art and other creative media. Each child will be encouraged and prompted to become the most that they may be, based on their unique gifts and abilities.

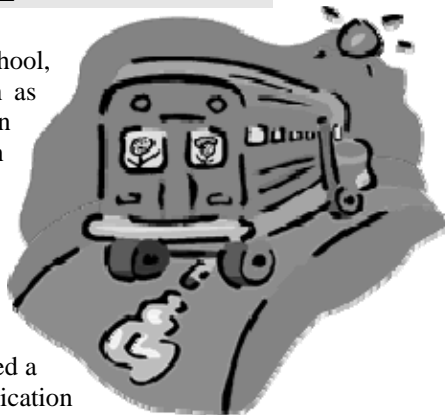
Our teachers are qualified to lead in these areas and undergo additional training and enrichment each year. They spend time with the children in their play and interacting with them. We constantly strive to maintain and improve our standards for the faculty and facilities, knowing that everything we can do to improve the school will improve how the children are cared for. Please feel free to call for an appointment.



OTHER PROGRAMS SCHOOL CARE

We offer care before and after school, both for our students and for others (such as Emma and Erwin schools) whose buses can make a stop here. Each day we will have an afternoon snack and a group event, as well as some option time.

Our goals are the physical, emotional and social growth of the student in a Christian atmosphere. For new students, as with our other programs, we need a short interview before beginning the application process.



RATES FOR NCS STUDENTS

Before Care - \$2.00/day
6:30 AM - 7:30 AM

After Care - \$1.50/half hour
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

SUMMER AND SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS

We also hold full-day care for those days when school is not in session, both in the summer and during Christmas and School Breaks. Each week is planned according to a scheduled theme, with field trips, contests and other activities working together to provide a fun experience for your child(ren).

RATES FOR NCS STUDENTS

Breaks During the School Year
(Holidays, Teacher Work Days, Etc)
\$15.00/day including lunch and snacks

Summer Camp
\$120.00/week all inclusive or
\$32/day plus the cost of any field trips attended

ASHEVILLE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

As a church, we believe:

- 1) In One God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 2) That the Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all the truth necessary to faith and Christian living.
- 3) That man is born with a fallen nature, and is, therefore, inclined to evil and that continually.
- 4) That the final impenitent is hopelessly and eternally lost.
- 5) That the atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race. That whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.
- 6) That believers are to be sanctified, wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 7) That the Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.
- 8) That our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

MISSION STATEMENT

To work with the home and church to provide a strong foundation spiritually, academically, and physically in a loving nurturing environment, in preparation for continued success as exemplary Christian citizens.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We have a complete Elementary School Program. We educate Kindergarten through Sixth Grade students using the A-Beka curriculum. A-Beka is an advanced, Christ-centered, and an individualized curriculum, which emphasizes individual effort and basic skill building for the Elementary years.

This includes strong work in phonics, reading, and math. We believe that if children have an early start, they are better equipped for learning later. Besides our standard course work, we also teach Computer Science, Music, Art, Physical Education, and Spanish.

Our children consistently score above their peers in standardized tests and later work. We take pride in providing quality education with Christian values and direction.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Elementary School	8:30am – 3:00pm
Before School	6:30am – 8:30am
After School	3:00pm – 5:30pm

FACILITIES

In our Educational unit, we have our Elementary School classrooms, a library, a full gym, stage area, and a kitchen, music room, and cafeteria. The church sanctuary serves for chapel each week and for special events. We have a large play set for the elementary children, grassy play areas, covered shelter, and a large parking lot which can be closed off for events.

We are very grateful to the members of Asheville First Church of the Nazarene for providing these wonderful facilities. The use of the building is provided for use by the school as a ministry of the church at no cost to you.

REGISTRATION

To begin at NCS make an appointment with the school administrator. We require an interview before any applications, both to acquaint you with our programs and facilities, and to make sure that our goals and methods are compatible with yours as parents. If we all wish, you complete registration forms and pay registration and program fees. Tuition may be paid in person Friday afternoons, or in the provided envelopes that are in our white, wall-mounted payment box, located downstairs just inside the school door.

PARENT AND FRIEND PARTICIPATION

We welcome your input as parents or friends in many areas:

1. You are welcome to visit our school. Lunch and playtime are great, and we would be glad to have you watch your child learning, with a little advance notice for the teacher. Just call.
2. We often need parents to go with us on field trips or to provide help for other special events. We will ask for this help, then you just let us know if you would be available.
3. We can use volunteer assistance in the classrooms. Examples include: leading reading and other groups, assisting children with seat work, sitting with children during rest time, and simply being with them. If you think you might be interested in this, please call the office.

ELEMENTARY TUITION, FEES AND POLICIES

Elementary Pre-Registration Fees

\$85.00 if Registered before May 31
\$110.00 if Registered after June 1

Returning Students Pre-Registration

\$70.00 if Registered by May 1
\$85.00 if Registered from May 2 – June 1
\$100.00 if Registered after June 1

Registration (Book Fees) Fees – Due July 15

\$150.00 Kindergarten
\$210.00 First Grade Thru Sixth Grade
\$250.00 Seventh and Eight Grades

Registration is graduated to provide as much information as possible for planning before the year starts. Book fees are for both the workbooks which you purchase, and textbook rental, which are reused each year.

School Tuition Rates

\$3300.00	If Paid by First Day of school
\$336.00	10 months – beginning 8/1
\$279.00	12 months -- beginning 6/1
\$90.00	41 weeks – beginning 8/25

(Second Child Discount – 10%)

Payments

\$10.00 Late Fee (for each week late)
\$25.00 Return Check Fee**

NOTE: Tuition and fees are due the week BEFORE the period your tuition is for. All weekly payments for the first week of school should be in by the week before school begins. If payments are not in on time, there WILL be a late charge added. Bad payment can lead to holding your child's academic records. **Any person having two (2) returned checks in any 12-month period will be required to pay by cash, money order or certified check.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Complete Lunch Per Day	\$1.75 (incl. Drink & Dessert)
Milk	\$.40
Dessert	\$.40
Adults	\$2.00

CHAPEL

We have student chapel every Friday morning. Some services will be planned by the students or staff, and others will have special speakers or guests. You are welcome to join us on Friday mornings. Because it is a special time, we encourage all boys to wear long pants and all girls to wear dresses or skirts.



SNACKS

Each child is encouraged to bring a morning snack. Some foods suggested are: fresh fruit, vegetables, raisins, dried fruit, juice boxes, crackers, packaged crackers, cheese, fruit bars, rice cakes, yogurt and fruit cups. We would encourage you not to send non-nutritious items such as candy, chips, carbonated drinks and candy bars.

LUNCH

Nazarene Christian School has an excellent hot lunch program which provides students with a nutritious meal at very reasonable costs. Students may bring their own lunch, but it should be nutritious and not junk food. We cannot be responsible for refrigerating and/or heating items brought from home. Milk, juice and dessert items may be purchased separately as well.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have a variety of events scheduled throughout the year for parents, students and the community. These include: Spirit Days, Fall Festival, the Food for the Needy Drive, Field Day, and our Christmas Program, etc. Please check your calendar for details and call us if you would like to help in planning or carrying out one of these community-building times.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Regular attendance is essential for successful class work. Absences may be excused for the following reasons:

1. Verified illness of the student
2. Death in immediate family, or
3. Verified medical, dental or optometric appointments.

If absences are anticipated, the teacher should be notified in advance. If a student has been absent, upon the return to class, the parent must write a note explaining the reason for the absence. Students are expected to make up necessary work caused by the absence. Teachers should be contacted for assignments missed. No student will be allowed to pass to the next grade if he or she misses more than 25 days.

TARDINESS

All Students should be in their room by 8:30am or they will be counted tardy. Five tardies equal one unexcused absence.

VISITORS AND CONFERENCES

All visitors must check in with the receptionist. Parent visitations are encouraged, but arrangements should be made with the teacher. Telephone conferences with teachers are welcome between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. If you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher please call or send a note to the teacher requesting the conference and she will set up a time convenient for both of you. Only under extreme emergencies are teachers to be called at home.

MEDICATION AND ACCIDENT GUIDELINES

If your child is taking medication and should need it during school hours, we must have written permission to administer any medication to your child (including non-prescription medication such as aspirin). Instruction must be written concerning the amount of the dosage to be given and time to be administered. All medication must be given to the teacher. Make sure your child's name is on the medication.

In case of sickness or an accident to a student, parents will be contacted immediately. If the parents cannot be reached, the next person on the emergency form will be notified. This makes it imperative that we always have an up-to-date telephone number. If the accident is serious enough that a child needs medical care immediately, he or she will be taken to the hospital and the parents will be notified to meet us there.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

All children are required to have an immunization record on file within 30 days after the opening of school. The following immunizations are required by North Carolina:

1. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP) - 5 doses:** 3 doses by age seven months and two booster doses, one between 12-19 months and the second booster dose on or after the 4th birthday and prior to enrolling in school.
2. **Polio (OPV or IPV)** – three doses of trivalent type by age 2 years and a booster dose of trivalent type on or after the 4th birthday; or one dose of each of these monovalent types by age two years and a dose of trivalent type after the 4th birthday and prior to enrolling in school.
3. **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)** – one dose of live attenuated vaccine between 12-14 months of age and another dose on or after the 4th birthday and prior to enrolling in school.
4. **The Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)** – three doses of HbOC or two doses of PRP-OMP by age seven months and a booster dose of any type between 12 and 16 months of age.
5. **Hepatitis B** – three (3) doses: one dose by age three months, second dose by age five months and a third dose by age 19 months. Persons born before July 1, 1994 are not required to receive the hepatitis B vaccine.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The following Radio and TV stations will announce our school's closing due to weather conditions: WLOS TV, WFGW, WMIT, WISE, WWNC, and WKJV.

We will provide child care to those needing this service unless announced otherwise.

CELL PHONE POLICY

During school hours and during Before and After Care, cell phones and all electronic communication devices must be turned off and remain in student's book bags.

DISCIPLINE

We believe that discipline is a vital part of social life and school success. Elementary children not only need to behave, but are developing ways of thinking which influence both positive and negative attitudes. Proper discipline focuses not only on behavior, but on building character in a Godly way. We are providing academic instruction, and we want our teachers' time to be spent teaching, not dealing with the behavioral problems of students. Because of our curriculum and class structure, our students need self-discipline to succeed here, and we work to strengthen that. Parents and students are both expected to cooperate as fully as possible.

We attempt to reinforce positive behavior as much as possible, in a variety of ways. Negative behavioral problems are handled without shame or embarrassment, and with the love we attempt to show in every area. Some methods we have found effective include: time out, putting one's head on the desk, being placed in another class room, and contacting parents.

As a last resort, corporal punishment may be used. If so, this will be done by the administrator with two other faculty members present. Parents will be contacted when corporal punishment is deemed necessary.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Students enrolling at Nazarene Christian School will be introduced to a Christian learning environment. We believe students should be taught to express themselves by using a good, clean choice of vocabulary and showing respect to others. Inappropriate language, disrespect to adults, etc., will not be condoned at Nazarene Christian School. Such actions by students will result in parents being contacted for first offense, and two-day suspension for a second offense. These consequences will be dispensed at the discretion of the school administrator.

STUDENT DRESS

We do not require uniforms for our students. However, all students are asked to keep their hair neat, clean and out of their eyes. Clothing must be neat, clean and modest. No halter tops, tight clothes, or short skirts are allowed for girls. Boys should not wear half-shirts or muscle shirts. Shorts and/or skirts must be no more than 2" above the knee. Clothing or articles with questionable images or messages must not be worn. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the student being sent home until he/she can return properly attired.