

MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

'Educating New York City children for lifelong service and leadership through knowing God and understanding His World for 35 Years'

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Dear Parents,

Manhattan Christian Academy educates urban children to know God and understand His world for lifelong service and leadership. Our pre-K to Grade 8 college preparatory program provides quality education preparing children to think, live and work in a God-honoring way.

MCA has had measurable success since its founding in 1976, offering hope for thousands of children and their families during its 35-year history. Nearly 100% of our students graduate high school, more than double the New York City graduation rate, and most continue to higher education. Enrollment has increased by 25% during the last five years.

The Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools and The Association of Christian Schools International have awarded MCA a full seven-year accreditation, something rare for an urban school like ours. This is in addition to the New York State Board of Regents accreditation in place since 1988.

MCA offers low tuitions, with a scholarship program for those with extreme need, and sibling discounts to all. In essence, everyone receives a scholarship as our tuitions are approximately half their actual value of \$8,500. To subsidize tuitions, our faculty and staff work for lower wages than their credentials would command elsewhere and our development office raises \$500,000 per year.

Please return the application form with \$35.00 for the testing fee for grades 1-8 to the school office. You will be contacted for a testing date. For preschoolers, submit a copy of the birth certificate and immunization card, along with the registration fee of \$325 to secure a seat. *All preschool children must be "potty trained"*.

Once your child is accepted, additional forms will be provided from the office or you may download and print them from www.mcanyc.org on the Internet. Please call if you have any questions. You can speak to our admissions director, Danielle Bonifas, at 212-567-5521.

We look forward to serving you and partnering with you in raising your children for lifelong service and leadership.

In His Service,

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PRINCIPAL



MCA CURRICULUM AND EXTRA ENHANCEMENTS FOR GRADES 1-8

The study of **Reading & Literature** is a primary focus of our instruction. We understand that true reading extends beyond decoding and fluency to comprehension and evaluation of the intended message of the text. Using *Foundations & Frameworks*, comprehension skills are taught in each grade using teacher modeling, quality literature, small group discussions, vocabulary instruction, and group presentations.

Intensive **Phonics** and **Handwriting** instruction are implemented in grades 1-4. **Grammar** and **Writing** are also a vital part of our Language Arts curriculum, equipping students to organize and share their ideas effectively.

The study of **Mathematics** is taught through fact drill practice, mental math, teacher instruction, and guided and independent practice. Grades 1-8 use the *Purposeful Design Mathematics* textbook from the Association of Christian Schools International. Emphasis is given to understanding both the procedures and the concepts of math. Math manipulatives are a regular part of daily instruction.

The study of **Bible** is foundational to our curriculum. Grades 1-6 use an integrative curriculum, *Building on the Rock*, which combines worldview training with Bible survey. The worldview study progresses through foundational wisdom, relationships of students with God, self, others, and the earth, to the character qualities demonstrated by someone with a biblical worldview. In grades 7-8, students apply their worldview training by examining current issues using *Bearers of the Light*.

The study of **Science** introduces students to a wide variety of science topics, including Physical, Life, and Earth Science in the middle school. Grades 6-8 have four days of classroom instruction and one day of double period lab. Students are encouraged to develop scientific habits of inquiry, investigation, hypothesis, experimenting, and recording results.

The study of **Social Studies/History** begins in the lower elementary (Grades 1-3) with the study of neighborhoods, communities, and an introduction to US History. New York State History is taught in Grade 4. World Geography is studied in Grades 5 (North America, Latin America, & Africa) and 6 (Ancient History, Europe, & Asia and the Pacific), and US History is studied in Grades 7 (Beginnings through Civil War) and 8 (Reconstruction through Present).

MCA offers **BrainSkills** for New MCA Students enrolling from Grade 3: a proven on-line training program which can strengthen mental skills to empower learning and create more effective brain power. BrainSkills training builds underlying processing skills to give children better tools to help them function far more effectively at school, at work, at play, or all three. Brain Skills has helped over 25,000 students greatly improve their cognitive skills. Although comparable cognitive development intervention can cost thousands of dollars, and on-line BrainSkills is sold for \$495 directly, *MCA includes BrainSkills in its tuition at no additional cost.* BrainSkills can be completed at home or in the MCA Computer Lab.



Additional Elements included in the MCA Education

- **Inter-scholastic academic competitions.** *“Meets” are held regionally sponsored by The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). MCA children travel to compete in Spelling, Oratory (Speech), Math, Geography and Art.*
- **Physical Education, and Interscholastic Sports.** *MCA has a Physical Education Director and coaches. Middle school sports are Volleyball in the Fall and Basketball in the Winter. MCA teams have won two league championships during the last twelve months. Additionally there is a basketball league which meets at the school for 8-13 year old boys and girls.*
- **Music, Art, & Computer classes.** *While many schools have eliminated these ‘extras’, MCA believes that they are essential to the complete development of the child. MCA employs teachers responsible for the instructional program in music, technology, and art for the lower and middle schools.*



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION!

MISSION STATEMENT

Manhattan Christian Academy educates urban children for lifelong service and leadership through knowing God and understanding His world for thirty five years.

VISION STATEMENT

MCA will be a model Christ-centered school with a Preschool through Grade 12 program that will meet the needs of NYC students and their families. A variety of spiritual, academic, social, cultural, and physical learning experiences that are challenging, relevant, and creative will make education productive, meaningful and attractive. All subject matter will be taught to our 1200 plus students from the Biblical perspective of creation, fall, and redemption.

Students will acquire wisdom, knowledge, and a Biblical worldview as evidenced by a lifestyle of character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship. We will be a school that values the primacy of the family, covenanting with them in the education of their children including gifted and special needs. Racially and economically diverse families from the Metropolitan New York Area will attend our school, with sensitivity to immigrant, poor, and single parent families.

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

The purpose of Christian education is to show the student the need for a personal saving relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and to nurture, admonish, and encourage the student to live in conformity with the revealed will of God through a life of service dedicated to and dependent upon God. The process of Christian education requires the natural integration and consistent application of God’s Word into every area of the school program. While parents bear the ultimate responsibility for the education of their children, they work in partnership with the Christ-centered school as an extension of and support to the home and church in teaching children spiritual and moral values and academic skills necessary to live lives of obedience and fruitfulness.



TUITION

- Preschool \$4,600.00
- Grades K-4th \$4,100.00
- Grades 5th-6th \$4,200.00
- Grades 7th-8th \$4,300.00

FEES Not Included in Tuition (non-refundable)

- Testing Fee (new student) \$ 35.00
- Re-enrollment \$ 295.00
- Registration fee for New Students \$ 325.00
- AM Care Program (7:00) \$ 1.50 per day
- Parent/Teacher Meeting/Orientation \$ 50.00 each meeting missed
- Lunch \$ 1.50 per day

FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH (.25),
YOU MUST QUALIFY WITH THE CITY PROGRAM

PAYMENT OPTIONS (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

1. 1 Payment on August 10, 2012 (1.5% discount granted for payment in full).
2. 3 Payments on August 10, 2012, December 10, 2012 and March 10, 2013
3. 10 Payments from August 10, 2012 to May 10, 2013.
4. 12 Payments from June 10, 2012 to May 10, 2013.

DISCOUNTS

- **PASTOR'S DISCOUNT**
Pastors' children may apply for a \$500.00 Tuition Discount.
- **FAMILY DISCOUNT**
A \$750.00 discount towards tuition will be granted to each additional sibling.

TUITION AID

- Tuition aid is available to students based on financial need & availability of funds
- The Tuition Aid Committee determines eligibility.
- Tuition aid form (obtained from the admissions office) with a copy of the parents' 1040 tax form, W2 and a \$20.00 fee needed for processing applications.
- Applications received before July 1st will be given preference.

CUOTAS

- Pre-escolar \$4,600.00
- Grados K-4to \$4,100.00
- Grados 5to-6to \$4,200.00
- Grado 7mo-8vo \$4,300.00

PRECIOS No incluido en sus cuotas (no-reembolsable)

- Examen para admisión (grados 1-8) \$ 35.00
- Registración \$ 295.00
- Matrícula para estudiantes nuevos \$ 325.00
- Programa de cuidado AM (7:00) \$ 1.50 por día
- Orientación/Reunión de padres y maestros \$ 50.00 por reunión no asistida
- Almuerzo \$ 1.50 por día

PARA ALMUERZO GRATIS OR REDUCIDO DEBE
CUALIFICAR CON EL PROGRAMA DE LA CIUDAD

OPCIONES DE PAGO

1. Pago adelantado - Un descuento de 1.5% al que pague la cuenta en su totalidad para el 10 de agosto.
2. Tres pagos que se vencen el 10 de agosto y diciembre del 2012 y 10 de marzo del 2013
3. Diez pagos desde el 10 de agosto del 2012 hasta el 10 de mayo del 2013
4. Doce pagos desde el 10 de junio del 2012 hasta el 10 de mayo del 2013

DESCUENTOS

- **DESCUENTO PASTORAL**
Un descuento de \$500.00 a los pastores.
- **DESCUENTO FAMILIAR**
Un descuento de \$750.00 en las cuotas serán dadas a cada hijo(a) adicional.

AYUDA FINANCIERA

- Ayuda financiera está disponible a los estudiantes elegible.
- El comité de ayuda financiera determina la elegibilidad.
- La aplicación para ayuda financiera se obtiene en la oficina escolar, se somete con una copia de las planillas de impuestos 1040, un W2 y un pago de \$20.00.
- Aplicaciones recibidas antes del 1ro de julio tendrán preferencia.