

“Why I am Glad My Children Are in a Christian School”

Enough has been said about some of the negative aspects of public schools around the province. Let's instead **focus on the positive facets of the Christian school and its daily learning environment.**

1. The Christian school believes that a child's parents/guardians are the primary caregivers and educators of the child. As such, **the Christian school is a wholesome extension of what the parents do and say** at home.
2. The Christian school encourages all individuals and families to walk closely with the Lord Jesus Christ – at all times. Dualism is out – **basing everything we think, say, and do on Biblical truth is in.**
3. The Christian school student is surrounded, for the most part, by fellow believers and by staff who have dedicated their lives to serving Christ.
4. Choices – we all desire choices. At the Christian school, students get to choose from good options. Choosing from good options is a positive experience. At the Christian school, students follow BC Ministry of Education-prescribed learning outcomes, but do so from a **Biblical perspective**. That is the **key choice** within the Christian school environment! That is why schools such as Penticton Christian School exist. All other choices are of secondary importance. Of course, choices of programming are available as much as possible, all within a Biblical framework. The Christian school offers course options to meet students' needs in the higher grade levels while offering all aspects of the Ministry-prescribed core curriculum. Graduates of Christian schools have gone on to meaningful careers, serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the various marketplaces of life. PCS, while holding steadfastly to its Christian roots, mission, and vision, will continue to work toward a vast and complete array of academic and non-academic programming choices for its students.
5. When spending time with my children away from school, I often observe them engage in activities and behaviours learned at Christian school. They may sing wholesome Christian music on the way to and from school, family events, and church; play games learned at PCS; and engage in a conflict resolution process that is based on Biblical truth (okay, we are working on this! 😊). My wife and I can always refer to “how would God feel about this” and know that **the Christian school will honor and follow the same approach.**
6. Behaviour expectations – these are based on Biblical principles; “no ifs or buts”, no moral relativism (“but it makes me feel good”), and no hiding behind political correctness. The Christian school seeks to educate Christian *leaders* and *critical thinkers*, with a **solid foundation in both moral truth and Biblical wisdom.**

In conclusion, thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the Christian school and all it has to offer to you and your children. Never take it for granted. Focus on supporting Christian schools, both in Penticton and around the globe. May you continue to enjoy the blessing Penticton Christian School has been to so many families, now and in the past, and may you continue to work with PCS as we continue to serve our communities and, most of all, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
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