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Orillia Christian School Membership Application

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord"

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Our Mission

Orillia Christian School supports Christian families in educating to equip the mind, heart and body of children through Christ-centred curriculum and teaching for service in the world.

Our Vision

Orillia Christian School enhances excellence in Christ-centred education for students through strong leadership, improved facilities and solid community relationships.



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All individuals desiring to apply for membership in the Orillia Christian School are required to:

- Agree with and support the mission and vision of Orillia Christian School as stated in the Constitution (Article 2 & Article 2.1).
- Agree with and support the Statement of Core Family Values.
- Have read **the entire** membership application.
- Have attained the legal age of eighteen.
- Have meet with the principal or an admissions committee member to review the privileges and requirements of membership.
- Agree to pay the annual membership fee as determined by the Board, due September 1, annually.
- Understand that failure to demonstrate or comply with any of the above could result in having my membership revoked.
- Agree to serve in a volunteer area according to your gifts and talents.

The Orillia Christian School Board of Directors will give final approval of your membership.



Article 2 of the Orillia Christian School Constitution

Basis:

The supreme standard of the Orillia Christian School Society for elementary education shall be the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which we believe to be the Word of God. The government of the Orillia Christian School Society is autonomous under God. It is not an ecclesiastical body, nor is it subject to any ecclesiastical organisation. However, believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people certain basic principles intensely relevant to education, in obedience thereto, the Orillia Christian School confesses, and is thereto bound by the following principles:

1 – Life:

That since human life in its entirety is religion; God summons men to serve Him everywhere and requires that we educate our children in the fear of the Lord.

2 - Bible:

We believe the Bible to be the complete Word of God: that the 66 books, as originally written comprising the Old and New Testaments, were verbally inspired by the Spirit of God and were entirely free from error: that the Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice and the only true basis of Christian unity.

3 – Creation:

That since God, Who has created all things by His Word and Spirit, constantly revealed His wisdom and power in the cosmos and exercises His dominion everywhere, we can rightly understand the world only in its relation to the Triune God. We believe in the doctrine of creation as revealed in the book of Genesis and other Scriptures, and reject the theory of evolution.

4 – God:

We believe in one God, Creator of all, holy, sovereign, eternal, co-existing in three equal persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This only living and true God has revealed Himself in the Holy Scriptures.

5 – Christ:

We believe in the absolute and essential deity of Jesus Christ, in His eternal existence with the Father in the pre-incarnate glory, in His virgin birth, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, triumphant ascension, mediatorial ministry and personal, bodily return.



6 – **The Holy Spirit:**

We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, who convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgement, who regenerates, sanctifies, illuminates and comforts those who believe in Jesus Christ.

7 - **Man:**

We believe that man, having been created as God's image bearer, was given the task of exercising dominion over creation in obedient and loving service to God, glorifying Him in thought, word and deed, and to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law for creation and mankind.

8 – **Sin:**

We believe that man, by disobeying God's command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, wilfully turned against God, forsaking the task that God had assigned him. Man estranged himself from God and brought God's curse upon himself and creation. As a result, fallen man has become blind to the true meaning of life and misuses and represses the knowledge of God which confronts him in creation and in the Scriptures.

9 – **Salvation:**

We believe that salvation is by the sovereign, electing grace of God: that by the appointment of the Father, Christ voluntarily suffered a vicarious expiatory death: that justification is by faith alone in the all-sufficient sacrifice and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that those whom God has effectually called shall be divinely preserved and finally perfected in the image of the Lord.

10 – **The Kingdom of God:**

That the kingdom of God established the rule of Jesus Christ over all things and makes education and science possible and meaningful. Since we must subject every thought in obedience to Christ, we therefore reject every attempt to withdraw any aspect of life from the divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

11 – **Purpose of Education:**

We believe that the purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide children to commit their heart to Christ the Truth, to attain to understanding, wisdom and righteousness, and to perform his competent and responsible service of the Lord.

12 – **Parents and Children:**

We believe that God has given to parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. These children, needing direction, correction and instruction, should receive Christ-centred education.



13 – **The Teacher:**

We believe that the teacher, as a servant of God, in exercising his calling as educator of the student, is accountable to the parents through the school board.

14 – **The Christian School:**

We believe that the school is an educational institution established and directed by an association of Christian believers, and possesses the freedom to function in education in total and voluntary submission to Christ.

15 – **Christian Unity:**

We believe that, based on the directives of I Corinthians 13 and Romans 14, and because of the unique nature of the school as being non-denominational in character: for that reason, doctrinal views which may be divisive (e.g. baptism - by water or Spirit, speaking in tongues) are to be neither promoted nor practised within the Society at any level.

16 – **Christian Behaviour:**

We believe that the Christian life should be an inner attitude and outward demonstration of total commitment to God. Such a Spirit-filled life is characterised by loving God with all one's being and loving one's neighbour as oneself, including one's willingness to set aside one's personal freedoms for the sake of those weaker in the faith. The fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of this life, against which there is no law. This spiritual life is also in complete conformity with the Scripture.

ARTICLE 2.1

Marriage:

The Society shall consider God's plan for marriage the union between one man and one woman. Recognizing that breakdowns in God's plan occasionally take place, we strive to uphold God's ideal. God's plan does not sanction or approve of same sex unions.

STATEMENT OF CORE FAMILY VALUES

All members of the board, administration and staff of Orillia Christian School believe that the Bible is the Word of God and without error in all its teachings. Because of our understanding of the Old and New Testaments, our school teaches these Core Family Values:

- That it is unacceptable for Christians to teach hatred against any group or individual.
- That human life begins at conception and that an unborn child at any stage of development is fully human and should be treated as such.
- That extramarital sexual intimacy, heterosexual or homosexual, is morally wrong.
- That marriage is an exclusively heterosexual institution involving one man and one woman.
- That God created each human being with a biological gender



The Goals of Christian Education:

The Primary goal of the Christian day school consists in helping each student to grow into an independent person so that each can serve God according to His word, is able and willing to employ all talents to the honour of God for the well-being of fellow creatures in every area of life:

This general goal is specified into several main goals, which will guide each student to:

1. Develop a deeper commitment to love God,
2. Mature as a Christian person in relation to self, others, and the environment,
3. Discover and develop particular gifts and talents,
4. Develop abilities of perception and judgment in moral and ethical matters,
5. Follow the norms for good health and physical fitness,
6. Acquire competencies for responsible living as an adult; especially the sensitivity and skill necessary for effective communication,
7. Develop an awareness of oneself as a learner able to adapt knowledge, skills and attitudes to the ordinary tasks of life,
8. Develop the knowledge and understanding necessary to fulfil one's calling effectively in modern society,
9. Train and discipline those skills and attitudes necessary for satisfaction and productivity in the world of work and/or advanced levels of schooling,
10. Acquire appreciation for the customs, habits, and beliefs of other faith communities, ethnic groups, and cultures.



Society Membership Policy

Membership:

Since the School is not only the responsibility of Christian parents, but also the Christian community as a whole, we encourage all Christians to become actively involved in the school by becoming members of the our School Society and promoting Christian education to the broader community.

Purpose:

Membership helps enhance the community character of Christian education. Membership supports the vision, mission, and purpose of the school society. Membership focuses on a commitment to a cause rather than participation in an institution. Membership engages the community in the life of the society and the school.

Membership Application Process

1. Applicants will complete the required paperwork.
2. If the applicants are new parents requesting enrolment for child(ren), they will meet with the principal as outlined in the admissions procedure and receive a phone call from a member of the admissions committee.
3. If the applicant is a new member interested in being involved in the school, they will meet with the principal or an admissions committee member to review the privileges and requirements of membership.
4. The membership application will be brought to the Board for approval.
5. Application forms will be kept on file in the school office for the purpose of renewing memberships annually.

Membership Requirements:

1. Abide by the Constitution of the Orillia Christian School Society and the Core Family Values;
2. Complete the Society Membership Form
3. Be available to participate in volunteer opportunities by serving on committees and/or board.
4. Pay the required membership fee.

Membership Privileges:

1. Voting privileges at Membership Meetings
2. Participation in Society activities
3. Eligibility for service on the Board
4. Eligibility for service on committees
5. Right to send children to the school, upon approval by the Admissions Committee and the Board.
6. Regular communication about the activities of the school and Society



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Membership Dues:

Membership dues are payable on or before September 1st annually at a rate of \$75.00 per member.

Termination of Membership:

Membership may be revoked by the Board for non-payment or indebtedness by the member(s) to the school or for reason of any act found not to be in conformity with the Constitution. A member wishing to resign from the membership must do so in writing to the Board. Resigning members are responsible for financial obligations incurred.



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APPLICATION FOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Applicant 1

Applicant (1) Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone # _____
E-Mail: _____

PERSONAL

Describe below when you recognized Jesus Christ as your Saviour and how this relationship has affected your life.
(Use back of page if necessary).

What do you believe the Bible teaches us about God? What place does the Bible have in your life?

Where do you attend church?

Past/ present church
involvement?

How often do you
attend?

Pastor's Name:

PERSONAL REFERENCES: List 2 references – Please note that your signature gives the Admissions
Committee permission to contact these references

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone: _____

Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Phone: _____

Signed: Applicant (1)

Date:

Signature of Board Chair: _____ Date: _____



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Cheque must be attached to application.

APPLICATION FOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Applicant 2

Applicant (2) Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
E-Mail: _____

PERSONAL

Describe below when you recognized Jesus Christ as your Saviour and how this relationship has affected your life. (Use back of page if necessary).

What do you believe the Bible teaches us about God? What place does the Bible have in your life?

Where do you attend church? _____ How often do you attend? _____
Past/ present church involvement? _____ Pastor's Name: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES: List 2 references – Please note that your signature gives the Admissions Committee permission to contact these references

Name: _____ Name: _____
Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Signed: Applicant (2)

Date:

Signature of Board Chair:: _____

Date: _____



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Volunteer Form

Applicant 1
Name _____

Applicant 2
Name _____

As members of the Orillia Christian School Society, we agree to serve in a volunteer area on one or more of the following committees and participate in fundraising endeavours: (It is mandatory that at least one member of a family serve on a committee.) **Note:** The principal or the Admissions Committee member will share with you the “job description” for each committee to help you select the committee that will best suit your skills and talents.

Applicant (1)	Committees	Applicant (2)
_____	Building & Maintenance	_____
_____	Admissions & Membership	_____
_____	Communications & Promotions	_____
_____	Finance Committee	_____
_____	Human Resources	_____
_____	Sub- Committee of Human Resources:	_____
_____	Contract Partnership	_____
_____	Program Committee	_____
_____	Sub-committees of Program Committee:	_____
_____	Library	_____
_____	Computers	_____
	Fundraising	
_____	Grocery Vouchers	_____
_____	Golf Tournament	_____
_____	Garage Sale/Fun Fair	_____
_____	Dinner/Drive	_____
_____	Fishing Derby	_____
_____	Barrie Colts	_____
_____	Misc. Fundraiser (varies with each school year)	_____



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Volunteering with Students

Other volunteer opportunities within the school involve working with students.

The Orillia Christian School values volunteerism in the academic setting of the school because we believe that as a community, we share the gifts God has entrusted to us there by enhancing the learning environment and the school community. We recognize that it is beneficial for the students, staff, parents and the Christian community to incorporate volunteers into the classroom, and on class trips. Volunteering also allows parents and other community members to be involved and contribute their talents to assisting the program of the school.

We welcome volunteers in the following areas:

- Classroom Assistance - Approval by principal and classroom teacher
- Driving students for field trips or sports events
- Extra curricular activities (music, sports, yard duty support etc)

Upon confirmation of membership approval and your child's enrolment you will receive a volunteer information package.