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Dear Parents:

Thank you for inquiring about our home school program. We are delighted that we can offer some outstanding opportunities. Enclosed you will find detailed information about our program and application forms. Please complete one registration form per child, make copies as needed for other children. Mail this along with your class registration fee(s) to Tupelo Christian Preparatory School as soon as possible to hold a spot for your child in the waiting pool. Please feel free to contact our Homeschool Coordinator, Pam Crippin for more information. 662-523-8998 or email at [homeschool@tcpsteachers.com](mailto:homeschool@tcpsteachers.com).

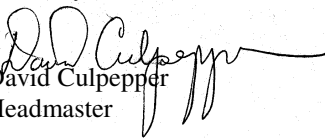
The home school One-Day program for children ages 5 to 10 years old will meet one day a week from 8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. beginning **August 23**. Monday and Tuesday meeting days were offered last year due to high enrollment and registration response will determine if both days are offered again this year. Students will have the option of attending the achievement testing in April. The One-day program offers enrichment classes such as Chapel, Music, Art, Physical Education, Computer, Library, as well as "Show & Tell". We would like to keep the class size to approx. 15 students. Students are able to check out library books each week as well as participate in special reading programs. The computer program offered has been self paced and geared toward computer literacy. During the 09/10 year, the students were able to perform at several functions as a hand bell choir. Also, the group adopted a child from the Children's Mansion and did odd jobs to provide for his needs. The Homeschool coordinator will facilitate computer class and "show & tell". The students are able to socialize on the playground on nice days and group discussions vary weekly. Hot lunches are available through our cafeteria as are drinks for those bringing lunches from home.

Tupelo Christian Preparatory School classes begin on August 10. Homeschool students at the Junior High or High School level may enroll in up to three classes if space is available. Each student at this level would need to investigate the course offerings. Each schedule would be individualized in this way. Please contact us for more detailed information for these offerings.

If there is enough interest, we may consider offering after hours classes for Tupelo Christian Preparatory School and Homeschool families. We will also consider after hours academic classes for Homeschool students in the event our regular classes reach capacity, and we have at least six students for a class. Classes will meet two-afternoons per week. Please complete and return the enclosed Interest Survey.

Let us love your child while we provide him/her with sound, quality enrichment well grounded in the principles of God.

Sincerely,

  
David Culpepper  
Headmaster

*Tupelo Christian Preparatory School...*

*Leading students, in partnership with Christian families, to know Christ and make Him known  
Through rigorous academics, challenging athletics, stimulating arts, and servant-hood activities*

## **POLICIES FOR HOME SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**Hours:** Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students may be dropped off **NO** earlier than 8:50 a.m. and promptness is encouraged. Students may be picked up at the classroom door no later than 2:15 p.m.

### **DRESS CODE**

Our dress code lets others know that we honor God with our appearance.

1 Samuel 7 “But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’” (NAS)

### *CONSEQUENCES*

Our expectation is that all parents will ensure that their child comply with the intent and the details of our dress code. Students not in compliance will experience the following consequences:

1. Verbal correction to student.
2. Note to parent with specific violation
3. Call to parent to bring proper dress code items and this may be the first consequence for extreme violations.

### **SHIRTS:**

- 1 Must have sleeves.
- 2 No writing.
- 3 Any solid color, no neon, understated insignia allowed.
- 4 Shirts or dress blouses may also be white, red pinstripe or blue pinstripe.
- 5 All shirts must be long enough to tuck in and must be tucked in.
- 6 No more than one button from the top may be unfastened
- 7 Collars must be fold over collars. (No t-shirt styled or banded edges.)
- 8 Acceptable collars are:
  - Turtleneck
  - Polo-styles
  - Button down
  - Tab
  - Peter pan variations/GIRLS ONLY (red or blue piping is allowed along edge of dress blouse collars)

#### SWEATERS, HOODIES, AND JACKETS:

- 1 Removed in Class.
- 2 Hoodies with TCPS logo only
- 3 No shirts worn unbuttoned as jackets.

#### SWEATERS AND VESTS:

- 1 Must be worn over a dress code shirt.
- 2 Any solid color, no neon.

#### JUMPERS, BUBBLE SUITS, CULOTTES, SKIRTS/GIRLS ONLY:

- 3 Solid colors of red, navy, khaki, or school plaid.
- 4 No more than 3" above the knee.
- 5 No immodestly tight fits.

#### SHORTS AND PANTS:

- 1 Twill, broadcloth, poplin, or corduroy fabric.
- 2 No denim.
- 3 No cargo pants. (NO sewn on pockets on the front or side.)
- 4 No sweatpants, wind suits or warm-up pants.
  - o Solid colors
- 5 Shorts no more than 3" above the knee.

#### BELT:

- 1 If a garment is designed for a belt, a belt must be worn.
- 2 Belts may be black, brown, khaki, or navy in color and NOT decorative

#### SOCKS:

- 3 Must be worn (or stockings for girls).
- 4 Any solid color, no neon.

#### SHOES:

- 1 Athletic shoes must be predominantly black or gray or school colors (red, white, or navy)
- 2 For safety reasons, no open toed shoes or cowboy boots.
- 3 No heels or soles greater than 2" for safety reasons.
- 4 Shoes with open backs are permitted (Birkenstocks, for example) in the high school only

#### HAIR AND EARRINGS:

- 1 No outrageous hair designs (multi-colored, spiked, etc.).
- 2 As it naturally falls, hair must not touch the collar or eyebrows and be no longer than the middle of the ear on the side.

- 3 Hair must be neat, moderate, and in good taste. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colors are permitted.
- 4 The face must be clean shaven. Side-burns should not go below the earlobe.
- 5 Anyone found not to be in compliance will be given written notification to be signed by the parents. If the note is not returned the next day, acknowledging parent notification, a phone call will be made to the parents. The student will have until the following Monday morning to get a haircut that is in compliance with the stated policy.
- 6 No piercings for females other than ears.
- 7 No earrings or other piercing for boys.
- 8 No distracting or unsafe jewelry.
- 9 No visible tattoos.

## **CHAPEL**

In chapel, we say the pledges to the flags and the Bible. Please work at home to help your child learn the pledges.

### **PLEDGES:**

#### **US Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### **Christian Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.

#### **Bible**

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path, and will hide its words in my heart that I may not sin against God.

### **MEMORY VERSES:**

Each week a memory verse will be assigned. The student is responsible for quoting it individually to the teacher and as a group in chapel. This is a very important element of our program and every student is required to participate.

## **DISCIPLINE**

The discipline policy of the school is intended to establish a classroom environment toward learning. Discipline is training that develops self-control and character, as well as an attitude of submission to authority.

TCPS discipline policies include instruction, correction, punishment and reward. All of these

elements are biblical principles. A balance between punishment and reward is essential.

Classroom rules:

1. Listen when the teacher is talking.
2. Follow directions the first time given.
3. Stay in seat unless you have permission to get up.
4. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
5. Raise hand to ask or answer questions.
6. Use quiet voices in the classroom.
7. When walking in the hallway, stay in line, keep hands to yourself, use quiet voice and walk.

**SUPPLIES**

Students will pay a \$10 art supply fee which will cover art supplies for the year  
A cover or apron would be beneficial for student – as we will paint weekly.

## Tupelo Christian Preparatory Homeschool Umbrella Program 2010/2011 School Year

### **Purpose:**

Tupelo Christian Preparatory School Christian School, in harmony with its mission, vision, philosophy and core values, offers services to accommodate Christian Homeschool students and encourage them to become (when they cease Home schooling) Tupelo Christian Preparatory School students. These services include record keeping, academics, arts, athletics and other TCPS experiences.

### **Availability:**

First priority for class space is given to Tupelo Christian Preparatory School day students. All Tupelo Christian Preparatory School classes in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are available to Homeschool students only as space permits.

### **Student Standards:**

All Homeschool students are held to the same standards as Tupelo Christian Preparatory School students as outlined in the Tupelo Christian Preparatory School student handbook, including, but not limited to, behavior, attendance, passing grades and Christian testimony. Any failing student is subject to probation or withdrawal from the class. TCPS dress code is required to be followed for all students whenever on campus.

### **Enrollment:**

Full application is due along with tuition **a minimum of two weeks prior** to the start of classes. Students will not be able to begin class until required paperwork and fees are received. **Class limit:** Home school students may only take up to three classes in any given semester including academics and electives.

### **Programs and Services:**

One-Day Program	5 years old – 10 years old	Maximum age is 10 by August 15
TCPS classes	7 <sup>th</sup> grade – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Maximum age is 18 by August 15
Record keeping	Kindergarten – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Maximum age is 18 by August 15
Testing	Kindergarten – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Maximum age is 18 by August 15
Other services	Kindergarten – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Maximum age is 18 by August 15

### **One-Day Program:**

The One-day Homeschool program is for 5-10 year olds. This program offers enrichment classes. Full application is due along with tuition **a minimum of two weeks prior** to the start of classes. Students will not be able to begin class until required paperwork and fees are received.

### **Tupelo Christian Preparatory School Classes:**

Homeschool students in grades 7-12 may enroll in up to three classes if space is available. Full application is due along with tuition **a minimum of two weeks prior** to the start of classes. Students will not be able to begin class until required paperwork and fees are received. **Class limit:** TCPS allows three (3) classes for credit under the Homeschool program including academics and electives. Chapel attendance and homeroom class is required for Homeschool students who are enrolled in a class where the homeroom/chapel time is embedded in that class period.

### *Record Keeping:*

#### **Transcripts:**

Tupelo Christian Preparatory Homeschool Umbrella Program will compile your grades for you on a transcript form to be used for transferring your student to a school or for college entrance purposes. “Tupelo Christian Preparatory Homeschool Umbrella Program” along with your student's name will be printed on the transcript. Across the bottom of the transcript will be written “This does not indicate participation in Tupelo Christian Preparatory School, but offers a record compilation service for the student”. Classes taken at TCPS will be denoted.

### **Testing:**

#### **Testing:**

*Stanford Achievement* tests will be available at Tupelo Christian Preparatory School each spring for a fee. PSAT/SAT and PLAN/ACT information is available in our guidance counselor's office.

### **Other Services:**

**Homeschool Seniors** may rent our facility for their own ceremony and reception through the TCPS Office.

**Cap/gown, ring, invitations or announcements:** The official Tupelo Christian Preparatory School ring, announcements and diploma are for Tupelo Christian Preparatory School students only, however you may select your own accessories to reflect your personal tastes and interests from supplier of your choice.

#### **Diploma:**

A high school diploma (with cover) is available only to Homeschool students who have received a transcript from the Tupelo Christian Preparatory Homeschool Umbrella program. “Tupelo Christian Preparatory Homeschool Umbrella Program” and the student's name will be printed on

the diploma. Please notify Tupelo Christian Preparatory School **by September 15th** for ordering purposes.

## **Arts:**

Homeschool students may enroll in any arts classes and will be allowed to participate in plays, concerts and displays related to that class. Full application is due along with tuition **a minimum of two weeks prior** to the start of classes. Students will not be able to begin class until required paperwork and fees are received. **Class limit:** TCPS allows three **(3) classes** for credit under the Homeschool program including academics and electives. Any parts assigned or displays are at the teachers' discretion.

## **RESERVED FOR TUPELO CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

The following list is not exhaustive. These are some of the activities that are reserved exclusively for Tupelo Christian Preparatory School Students:

### **Overnight trips**

**Letters** (Academic, Arts, and Athletic)

### **Prom**

### **Senior Dinner**

### **Baccalaureate activities**

### **Graduation**

**Valedictorian/Salutatorian/Class Ranking:** for Tupelo Christian Preparatory School students that have been a Tupelo Christian Preparatory School student for their full and complete junior and senior years.

## **TRANSFER TO TUPELO CHRISTIAN PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

**Transfer students from Homeschool to Tupelo Christian Preparatory School** – To receive credit toward graduation for the high school courses taken at home, the student must pass every subject in each grading period in their first full semester at TCPS. Once this semester is successfully completed, the student will be given credit toward his/her graduation requirements for the high school courses he/she completed and passed in Homeschool. The student must have completed the following credits for the following classification:

**20 credits to become a senior**

**13 credits to become a junior**

**7 credits to become a sophomore**