

Cresset Christian Academy

Profile

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School verse: *"They shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

Characteristics:

Cresset Christian Academy is dedicated to the purpose of reaching young men and women for Christ and training them to serve Him. The Academy is one of the ministries of Cresset Baptist Church and shares the same facilities. Since the Academy's beginning in 1975, it has grown from an enrollment of 60 students to the present student body of 310 students in preschool through grade twelve. Cresset offers a well-rounded Christian education for the youth of Durham, Orange, and Wake Counties. The high school is a discipleship model college preparatory program.

Staff:

There are forty members of the Cresset Christian Academy teaching/administrative staff. Each is a strong Christian, active in a local church. Each holds a teaching or administrative certificate through the Association of Christian Schools, International. At least 38% have graduate studies; over 26% have masters or higher degrees. Average years of experience: 10. Average years at Cresset: 6

Accreditation:

Cresset Christian Academy (elementary and secondary school) is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International through 2010 and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools through 2009.

Explanation of Transcript:

The class rank of students in grades 9-12 is determined using a 4.0 weighted scale. All courses are taught from a college-preparatory perspective, with some courses being labeled Honors due to advanced content and some labeled AP because they are intended to be preparation for Advanced Placement exams.

Courses:

Academic classes meet for 18 weeks, 5 periods per week, 95 minutes per period. One unit of credit represents one successfully completed academic course.

All students are required to take a Bible course each year. These strongly academic classes combine critical thinking skills, written composition, study of history and philosophy. In addition each high school student is required to complete 36 hours of community service annually.

			Grading Scale:		
			College		
			Prep	Honors	AP
94-100	A	Excellent	4.0	5.0	6.0
86-93	B	Very Good	3.0	4.0	5.0
77-85	C	Satisfactory	2.0	3.0	4.0
70-76	D	Passing	1.0	2.0	3.0
0-69	F	Failing	0	0	0

Minimum requirements for Graduation for Graduates 2008– 30 credits to include the following courses:

Bible	4	(or one course for each year of attendance at Cresset)
English	4	(each year, includes grammar, composition, literature)
Science	3	(Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, Anatomy & Physiology or Environmental Science)
Social Studies	3	(World History, U. S. History, Government and Economics)
Mathematics	4	(Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Advanced Math are the suggested 4)
Foreign Lang.	2	(French, Spanish, and Latin are available; 2 years of same foreign language required)
Health	1	
Electives	7	

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses:

Honors courses in academic courses are scheduled every year beginning 2002-03. *Although not available every year*, English, Spanish, U. S. History, Latin, Studio Art, Music Theory, Psychology and Calculus AB courses may be taught at the AP level. Students who can succeed in these courses can usually fit them into their schedule. Students are recommended by their teachers, approved by their parents, and accepted by their own decision.

Annual Testing Program:

- Grades 1-9 Stanford Achievement Tests
Grade 10 PLAN (a test of the ACT group, with career interest inventory)
Grade 11 PSAT required; SAT or ACT strongly recommended
Grade 12 SAT or ACT strongly recommended

Special Programs

- Chapel - a weekly opportunity for student worship, with active student leadership.
- Student Council - student leaders elected at large by student body to work with class officers. Members attend the annual ACSI Leadership Conference.
- Athletic Competition: Teams compete in soccer, cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, baseball, softball, track, tennis, swimming and golf.
- Academic Competition: Students participate in Creative Writing, Speech Contest, Bible Quiz, Spelling Bees, Math Olympics, Science Blitz, Music Festivals, and Art Festivals.
- National Beta Club – a service and academic honors group that recognizes student leaders
- Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Ensemble, and Handbell Choir represent the school in performances at home and away.
- Yearly drama productions such as *Man of La Mancha* and *Peter Pan* utilize the combined efforts of the band, choral and art departments.

Graduating Class of 2006	Graduating Class of 2007	Graduating Class 2008
Number 20	Number 37	Number 12
New SAT average of students accepted into 4 year colleges 1488	New SAT average 1500	SAT average 1513
Critical Reading 507(range410-690)	Critical Reading 505 (range 340-650)	Critical Reading 500 (range 390-720)
Math 502 (range 400-610)	Math 500 (range 390-650)	Math 534 (range 340-610)
Writing 479 (range390-600)	Writing 496 (range 370-700)	Writing 480 (range 400-600)
Acceptance into 4 year colleges 55%	Acceptance into 4 year colleges 90%	Acceptance into 4 year colleges 75%
Acceptance into community colleges 45%	Acceptance into community colleges or military 10%	Acceptance into community college 25%

Graduating Class of 2005

Number 28
SAT average total 1034
Verbal 518(range330– 700)
Math 508(range260 – 780)
College Entrance 100%

Graduating Class of 2004

Number 15
SAT averages total 1162
Verbal 567 (range 380-690)
Math 595 (range 410-680)
College Entrance 100%

Graduating Class of 2003

Number 18
SAT averages total 1126
Verbal 569 (range 400-690)
Math 566 (range 400-740)
College Entrance 100%

Graduates

Virtually 100% of each senior class pursue postsecondary education, with over 80% typically attending four-year institutions. Colleges they have attended include the following:

Alamance Community College	Gardner-Webb University	Southeast Baptist College
Appalachian State University	Georgetown University	Southern Adventist University
Art Institute of Charlotte	Georgia Institute of Technology	St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Art Institute of Chicago	Guilford College	Stanford University
Asheville-Buncombe Tech. Com. Col.	Hampton University	Taylor University
Atlantic Christian College	Harbarger Junior College	UNC-Asheville
Baptist College of Charleston	Harding University	UNC-Chapel Hill
Barton College	High Point University	UNC-Charlotte
Baylor University	Houghton College	UNC-Greensboro
Belmont University	Howard University	UNC-Pembroke
Birmingham-Southern College	IntraMed Institute	UNC-Wilmington
Bob Jones University	Lee University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Campbell University	Lees-McRae College	University of Georgia-Athens
Carson Newman College	Liberty University	University of Ireland-Maynooth
Cleveland Institute of Art	Louisburg College	University of Jean Moulin, University of Lyon, in Lyon, France
Columbia International University	Lynchburg College	University of Pennsylvania
Columbia Union College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Tennessee Knoxville
Converse College	Mercer University	United States Naval Academy
Danville Regional Medical Center	Meredith College	Valley Forge Military College
Davidson College	Montreat College	Vance-Granville Community College
Duke University	Mt. Olive College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Durham Technical Community College	Nashville Auto-Diesel College	Virginia Western Community College
East Carolina University	North Carolina A & T State University	Wake Forest University
East Coast Bible College	North Carolina Central University	Wake Technical Community College
Eastern College	North Carolina State University	Watts School of Nursing
Eastern State University	North Carolina Wesleyan College	Wesleyan College
Elim Bible Institute	Oral Roberts University	West Virginia Wesleyan
Elon University	Pensacola Christian College	Western Carolina University
Emmanuel College	Pfeiffer College	Wingate University
Emmaus Bible College	Piedmont Bible College	Winston-Salem State University
Emporia State University Kansas	Queens College	Wofford College
Florida State University	Samford University	
Freewill Baptist Bible College	Sand Hills Community College	

