

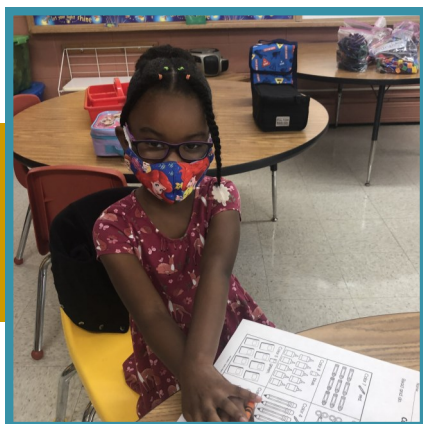


IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

STANDING OUT IN FAITH

for Christ, the community and one another

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7*



**Images without masks are of remote learners or taken prior to March 13, 2020.*

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Immanuel Christian Academy!

Immanuel Christian Academy (ICA) is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and has been providing quality Christian education for nearly 170 years!

Our first day school class was taught back in 1852, before the congregation was formed and before the church had been built. The church was constructed in 1858 and since the beginning, the congregation has been cheerfully and faithfully supporting the school, always looking forward to meeting new families and seeing new faces.

Our program begins with a full day Preschool Program and continues through the Eighth Grade. We offer Extended Care for full day students from 7am-6pm and offer many other school activities, clubs and athletics.

We are blessed with an outstanding and highly qualified faculty. All our teachers are certified by the Illinois State Board of Education. Here, forgiveness and love are taught and practiced. Our Christ-centered instruction makes a difference!

MISSION & VISION

The mission of Immanuel Christian Academy is to prepare and equip children spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically for spirit - filled outreach in the community and the world.

At ICA, we envision an environment where teachers and families work together to promote sound values, solid academics and positive public witness of the gospel. ICA respects each family as the primary care givers to their children and responsible for their spiritual growth. We support each family by instilling Christian values through the daily instruction of God's word and Christ-centered action.

Our mission extends to Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike as we seek to know Christ better.

HISTORY

Immanuel Christian Academy has a very interesting history dating back 169 years.

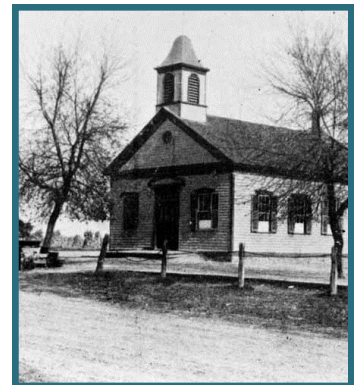
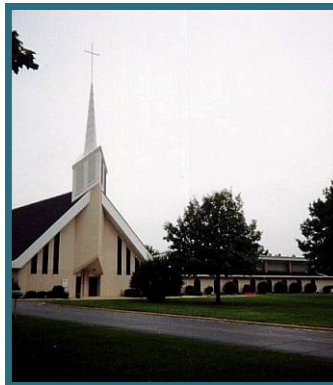
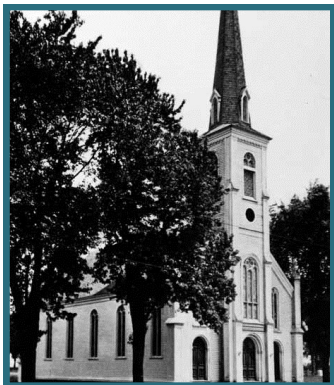
In 1852, fifteen students began taking a few classes out of the home of a teacher. Later that year, a school was built, six years later the congregation was formed and a second school building was constructed.

By the early 1900's, Immanuel had grown to a congregation of 125 families, became a voting member in the Missouri Synod, dedicated a cemetery and instituted English services which had previously been in German.

By the 1950's the congregation approved the building of a modern school and later that year, dedicated the building.

Over the next fifty years, the original church building burned down and a new church was constructed adjacent to the current school. The original school building was moved across the street and now sits in the Prairie of Westchester. The original school house is the center for the [Save the Prairie Project](#) and is utilized for lectures, tours, exhibits and gatherings. The second school building (Old School House) still sits in the original location on Cermak and is used for youth group functions, special church services, faculty celebrations. It is also the center for Immanuel's Old Schoolhouse Community Garden.

Today Immanuel Lutheran Church and Immanuel Christian Academy are connected by more than beams and a prayer garden. The school flourishes due to the dedication of Immanuel's congregation. Their time, talents and donations aid in the successful education and rich spiritual growth of Immanuel's children.



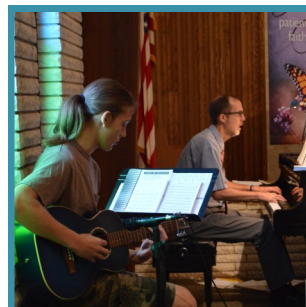
SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Spiritual Life of Immanuel Christian Academy (ICA) revolves around two fundamental truths. First, that the Bible is God's true and inspired Holy Word. Second, that salvation is available to all who confess and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. These central truths are emphasized daily in our classrooms and shared among students and teachers.

Each morning, classes begin with a time of devotion and prayer. On Wednesdays, the whole student body assembles in the Sanctuary for a weekly chapel service. Time is set aside each day for religious instruction. This instruction covers basic beliefs and values that reflect Biblical Christianity. The basis of this teaching is based on material provided by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. However, we recognize and respect the beliefs and practices followed by other Biblical Christian Churches and denominations. Our goal is to educate students who will be mature, confident Biblical Christians who will carry their faith and values into all phases of their lives, being good witnesses for Jesus Christ.

The Day School Choir of ICA is invited to sing periodically for the Sunday Worship Service of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Parents and families are welcome to join the congregation in worship on that Sunday and at all services held by Immanuel Lutheran Church. Families who do not have a current church home are welcome to consider becoming members at Immanuel. The Pastor is available to discuss this with anyone who is interested.

Immanuel Christian Academy is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and receives significant financial and volunteer support from the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

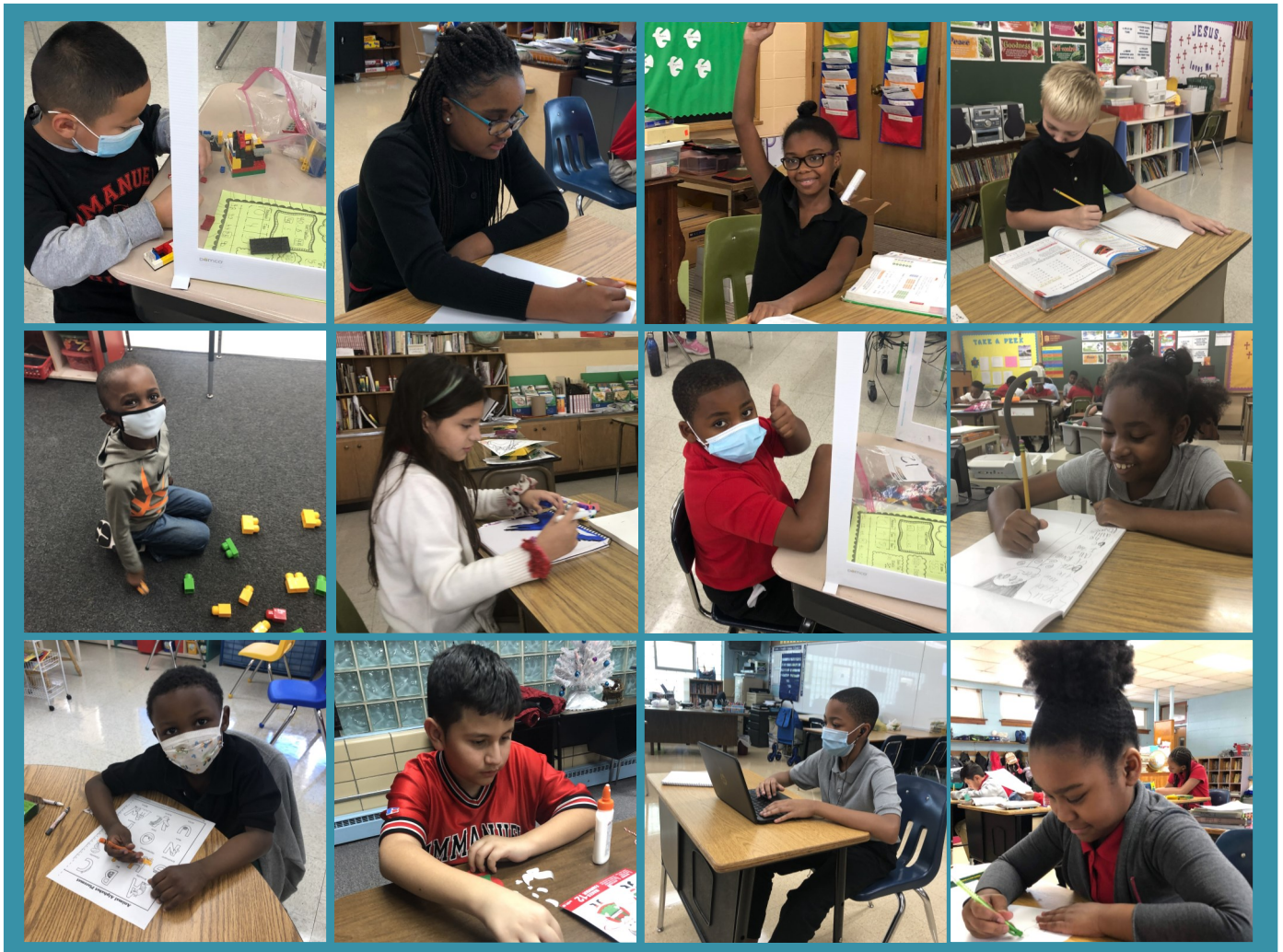


ACADEMICS

Our mission to prepare and equip children is achieved through our everyday curriculum which centers on Christ and learning about God's creation. Our course of study includes Language Arts - Reading, Writing & Grammar, Math, Science & Health, Social Studies, Computer Technology, Music & Band, Spanish, Art, and Physical Education. Our teachers and varied curriculum offers students the opportunity to:

**Learn • Think • Problem Solve • Create
Innovate • Communicate • Collaborate**

This is accomplished as the faculty strives to help each child reach their highest potential through differentiated instruction, which meets the needs of children at individual levels.



Students are given Map Tests three times year. Map testing not only charts a students individual growth throughout the year, but assists teachers in improving curriculum to better suit the needs of each child.

Our students receive Computer Tech, Spanish, Art and Life Skills. Music is incorporated throughout the week with Music Class, Choir and Walther's optional band program.

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It's like every day I see my family members. We also talk about Jesus every day. - 5th Grade Student

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Academics & Clubs:

Science Fair

Cultural Fair

Middle School Garden Curriculum

1st & 2nd Grade Math Club



Fine Arts:

Choir

Piano provided by Mrs. E.

Band provided by Walther

Fine Arts Fest

Christmas Concert

Spring Musical



Athletics:

Boys & Girls Volleyball

Boys & Girls Basketball

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Boys & Girls Track



Events listed occurred prior to March 2020 or were held virtually during the 2020 - 2021 school year

ACTIVITIES



Special Events:

Lutheran Schools Week
Grandparents Day
In-House Roller Skating
Black History Month Program
Field Day
Outdoor Education



Field Trips:

Feed My Starving Children
Phil's Friends
Farms
Brookfield Zoo
Plays and Musicals
Something different every year!



PTL Sponsored Events:

Open House
Family Game Night
Movie Nights
Christmas Party
Harvest Party
Christmas Store



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FACILITIES

Immanuel's Church and school are situated on 12 acres of privately owned land. Every square foot of the land is available to and assists in the instruction of the students here at Immanuel Christian Academy (ICA).

Immanuel Christian Academy has seven spacious classrooms in the main building. Each classroom has its own library and multiple computer stations. All classrooms are full of natural light, have air conditioning, first aid kits and all rooms have dual exits. Our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms also have bathrooms.

Immanuel has a library that is accessible to students at all times. Inside the library is a classroom utilized for art projects, science experiments and break out sessions.

There is a spacious lunch room, as well as two onsite kitchens which are used for special events.

Our gymnasium is home to many Immanuel Cardinal Basketball and Volleyball games and is utilized for recess on inclement weather days and for our Physical Education program. We have a P.E. storage room stocked with sports equipment and manipulatives used for gross motor skills. We have a large theatrical stage located at the north end of our gym. The fully equipped stage is utilized annually for Parent Teacher League (PTL) events, a spring musical, Grandparent's Day and other school activities.

Students visit our Music Director's classroom or the Sanctuary for Music/Choir class.

Our Sanctuary is attached to the school building and ensures safe travel to our weekly chapel services and Choir/Music Class. Sunday Worship is at 9:30 every week unless otherwise noted for holiday services. All are welcome!

Our school office is inside the entrance to the main school building. Our Administrative Assistant is in the office from 8:00am – 3:00pm daily.

The beautiful grass fields and spacious playgrounds are utilized for recess, gym, extended care, PTL functions and other school & church activities.

The buildings and grounds of Immanuel are maintained daily. The custodian, congregation and staff work together to provide students with a clean and safe environment in which to learn.

The facilities contribute substantially to the education of Immanuel students. Twelve acres provides ample space and various opportunities to learn about, explore and care for God's creation.

2020 Updates: *Multiple hand sanitizing stations were installed as well as circulating pumps to ensure water hot enough for proper hand washing. Social distancing markers are throughout the school hallways. Desk shields are in classrooms when three - six feet distancing can not be maintained. Water bottle filler utilized instead of water fountains.*

COMMUNICATION

Communication is very important to the staff at Immanuel Christian Academy. We reach out weekly to every family via our “Weekly Watch” newsletter. It is emailed every Friday or before the last day in a school week. It is also posted each week on the Immanuel Bulletin Board and on our website. The Weekly Watch lists all fundraisers, events and special reminders. In addition to the Weekly Watch, we also communicate through our website and social media platforms.

All members of our faculty have an Immanuel email address and a direct line with voice mail where they can be reached. Many of our teachers communicate directly through weekly classroom newsletters. The school/church calendar is updated regularly and can be found on our website www.icahillside.org. We also keep parents updated through social media outlets.

THE PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE

The Parent Teacher League strives to keep communication open between home and school through monthly meetings and events. The Mission of the PTL is to bring into closer relation the home, school, and church, so that parents and teachers may cooperate more effectively in the Christian training of children. All parents are encouraged to join the Parent Teacher League. The PTL communicates events and fundraisers through school emails, the Weekly Watch, Facebook and hard copy flyers.

Find out why it's great to be a Cardinal

This was our first year at Immanuel Christian and WE LOVED IT!! We prayed for a school that SHOWED God's LOVE AND COMPASSION and that's just what we received. I Thank God for ICA and we look forward to the future! - Kindergarten Parent

Everyone at Immanuel is so kind, from the students to the teachers. Every day when I'm at school I learn something new and have fun while I'm doing it. The teachers help me with my work so I know what to do. My favorite thing about Immanuel is the family-like environment and that everyone knows each other. - 5th Grade Student

This is our family's fourth year, the teachers and staff make it a point to show they care about any concerns of students or parents. - 4th Grade Parent

The students and staff are so loving and accepting. There are no popularity contests or competitions to fit in. At Immanuel there's always someone willing to be your friend. - 5th Grade Student

TUITION & FEES

Application Fee (non-refundable)

\$100 until March 31

\$150 until April 30

\$200 after May 31

Tuition Rates	
One Child	\$5000
Two Children	\$8,560 - 15% discount
Three Children	\$11,400 - 25% discount

**Tuition includes annual fee for Chromebook/tablet*

10 month payment plan - August through May

9 month payment plan September – May

Fees	
Preschool Service Fee	\$400
K-8 Student Service Fee	\$500
Application fee per student	\$100 per student before March 30
Re-Enrollment Fee	\$100 per family
Hot Lunch	\$4 per lunch
Athletic Fee	\$40 per sport
Smart Tuition	\$43.00
SmartAid Application Fee	\$35.00
Smart Tuition Late Fee	\$40.00
Volunteer background check	\$16.95 per person
Aftercare 3pm – 6pm	\$5.00 per hour
Morning Care 7am – 7:30am	Daily \$1.00 drop in rate

The student service fee is applied towards activity fees, day school field trips, library, tech fund, text books, workbooks, Jupiter Grades, Room Parent, Parent Teacher League dues, yearbook, t-shirt and promotion fees.

**Due to CoVid19 and ISBE/CDC recommendations, service may not be available*

Student service fee is to be paid in full by Summer Registration Day.

Student service fee is non-refundable after the first day of school.

All fees and first months tuition due before student is allowed to begin classes.

Application fee holds your child's placement for the next year barring no problems with late payments, non-sufficient funds, academic difficulties or discipline problems. It is non-refundable.

Financial aid is given out annually. Even if you received aid this year, you will need to apply again. You must do so by the dates given within this packet and apply via Smart Tuition's SmartAid. Financial Aid is given based by need and on a first come, first serve basis. Students must maintain a C+ grade average and tuition must remain current. For more information, [visit: smartaidforparents.com/#/login](http://smartaidforparents.com/#/login) or call Parent Support [800.360.8027](tel:800.360.8027).

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid will be given based on need, the student's grade point average, and payment history with Immanuel.

All families who wish to apply for aid must:

- Apply regardless of current year's financial aid status
- Be current with student fees and tuition
- Remain current with tuition
- Work with their children to ensure a 2.75 GPA or higher have completed their 15 hours of volunteer service by April 1st each year.
- Provide previous year's tax return or comparable documented proof of income
- Submit a letter of personal reference from your pastor or your employer

Scholarships are merit based and competitive. Families must complete an essay. Current scholarship holders must apply each year. Scholarships will not automatically roll over.

- Family must be current with student fees and tuition
- Family must remain current with tuition
- Student must have and maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher
- Student / Family must complete 15 hours of service by April 1st, each year.
- A recommendation from the student's teacher may be requested by the office.

To retain Financial Aid & Academic Scholarship

When families qualify for aid, the discount will be divided into 10 tuition credits and subtracted from the monthly tuition payment. Each family receiving aid will be reviewed prior to the start of each trimester. In order to receive aid in each subsequent trimester, families must:

- Remain current with student fees and tuition
- Work with their children to ensure a 2.75 GPA or higher (3.5 GPA for scholarship)
- Complete 2 service hours per month (all service hours to be completed by April)
- Attend at least one Sunday church service at Immanuel Lutheran Church with their child/ren

Regardless of current financial aid status, all families must apply for aid by April 1st each year for early review. To apply: visit: smartaidforparents.com/#/login

The maximum allowance for Financial Aid or Academic Scholarship is \$500 per student.

All fees and tuition must be current to re-enroll and to apply for aid.

If you are struggling at this time, please contact the Day School Commission to discuss options.

Checklist for parents

Applications will not be accepted unless all necessary documents are received. Please use the checklist below.

If your child is entering Preschool:

- ☐ Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and the Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- ☐ Submit **Completed** Application and Information Form, include any additional and necessary documentation
- ☐ Submit Enrollment Fee of \$100 per application
- ☐ Submit a COPY of your child's Birth Certificate - Child must be four years old by September 1
- ☐ Submit a Copy of Progress report from current preschool (if applicable)
- ☐ Submit a Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor – *Optional, but highly recommended*
- ☐ *Child must be fully potty trained*

If your child is entering Kindergarten:

- ☐ Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and the Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- ☐ Submit **Completed** Application and Information Form, including any additional and necessary documentation
- ☐ Submit Enrollment Fee of \$100 per application
- ☐ Submit a COPY of your child's Birth Certificate – Child must be five years old by September 1
- ☐ Submit copy of student's most recent report card.
- ☐ Submit Student Letter of Recommendation from your child's current school Principal
- ☐ Submit Family Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor – *Optional, but highly recommended*

If your child is entering 1st – 4th Grade

- ☐ Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and the Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- ☐ Submit **Completed** Application and Information Form, include any additional and necessary documentation
- ☐ Submit Enrollment Fee of \$100 per application
- ☐ Submit a COPY of your child's Birth Certificate
- ☐ Submit Student Letter of Recommendation from your child's current school Principal
- ☐ Submit Student Letter of Recommendation from your child's current Teacher *Optional, but highly recommended*
- ☐ Submit Family Letter of Recommendation from your Pastor - *Optional, but highly recommended*

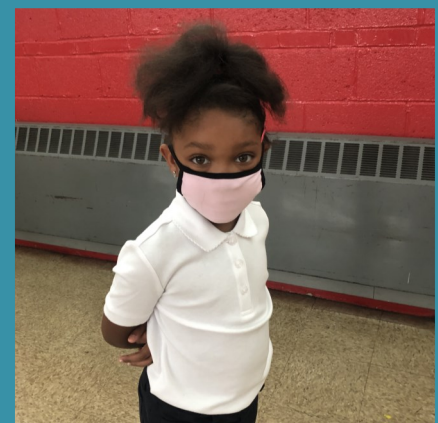
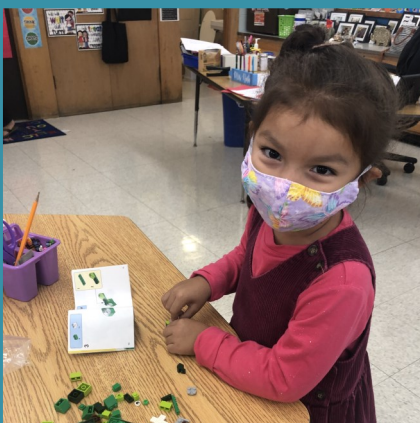
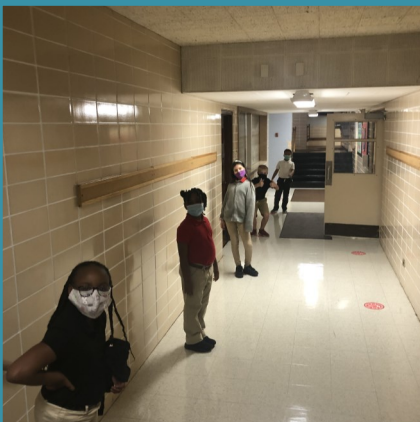
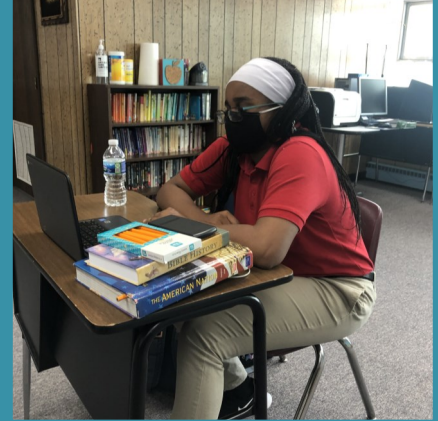
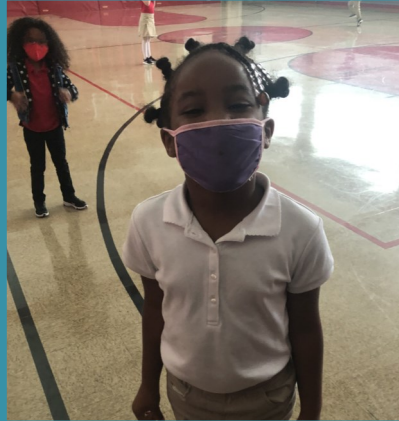
If your child is entering 5th – 8th grade

- ☐ Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and the Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- ☐ Submit **Completed** Application and Information Form, include any additional and necessary documentation
- ☐ Submit Enrollment Fee of \$100 per application
- ☐ Submit a COPY of your child's Birth Certificate
- ☐ Submit Student Letter of Recommendation from your child's current Principal
- ☐ Submit Student Letter of Recommendation from your child's current Teacher
- ☐ Submit Pastor's Family Letter of Recommendation - *Optional, but highly recommended*

Pending receipt of completed application, fee and necessary documents, an interview may be requested by the Principal or Day School Commission. All transfer students, regardless of grade must sign a Records Release and provide letter of "Good Standing" from their current school.

**Immanuel will not accept transfer students after the 1st Trimester ends in November.
Immanuel is unable to accept students with an IEP / 504 Plan.**

“Our daughters received a great CHRISTian education - faculty and staff trust the Lord and depend on His grace and guidance in their lives. It gave our kids a good foundation for the future.” Parent of Alumni



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