

Harvest City Christian Academy is about learning for lifelong success



Harvest City Christian Academy is an interdenominational church school in partnership with Regina Public Schools. While maintaining its distinctive Christian character, Harvest City is supervised by the *Regina Public School Division* and utilizes the division's consultants, standardized testing program, professional development program, and other resources. In return, Harvest City provides for a Christian alternative to education within the public system.



Along with academics, sports, and the arts, Harvest City teaches goal-setting, discipline (yes, the “D” word), and good citizenship. The academy has a history dating back to 1977 and a proven track record—a host of godly, productive individuals in a variety of vocations, including doctors, pastors, policemen, professors, engineers, and accountants, to name a few. Oh yes, and teachers, lots of teachers.

All student's desks in grades 5 to 12 are equipped with individual computers connected to the church network and the internet. Students have daily access to these computers for word processing, research, and other educational activities. Yes, there are very definite restrictions on what they can access.

Harvest City Christian Academy is about children

At Harvest City we believe that a child is a precious gift from God whose life is to be molded by the care and example of loving parents and teachers. To ensure the safest and most consistent environment possible, teachers whose lives are exemplary and to whom teaching is a calling, not just a profession, are carefully selected from the Christian community. Many of our teachers have over 20 years of experience in Christian education.

Likewise, students are enrolled following an induction process that ensures that parents and students are suitable additions to the school community.

Harvest City Christian Academy is about families

Raising children is a parental responsibility. These are challenging times for the family. Harvest City is a ministry whose goal is to assist families of the Christian faith in the education of their children. We do not replace the home, but support it, as we reinforce the same values and beliefs that are being taught by Christian parents and guardians.

Harvest City Christian Academy is about community

Harvest City encourages the development of community, both within and without the church. Students have participated in many community activities over the years, ranging from neighbourhood cleanup campaigns to decorating windows in senior citizen homes. Recently, as a part of our “*Conspiracy of Kindness*” week, students handed out flowers to shoppers in the Northgate Mall, cookies to the neighbours, and water bottles to visiting basketball teams and fans. Every year, the academy puts on a top-notch Christmas program—bar none—complete with singing, dancing, drama, and humour, and invites the surrounding community.

Harvest City encourages parents to be involved in school-life, to build a relationship with their children's teachers and partner with them in the education of their children. Parent volunteers are a great blessing on field trips and special events. A monthly newsletter keeps parents abreast of school functions and classroom activities. Parents are also encouraged to be involved in the PTA and its activities.

Harvest City Christian Academy is about learning

Learning begins with God. It is important that children learn about the world from the perspective of the Creator. Harvest City utilizes Christian resources to teach the Provincial (CORE) Curriculum. Harvest City is a member of SAICS, a provincial church-school association that assists with Christian curriculum resources on the high school level.

Students receive provincial credits and transcripts for high school courses.

Harvest City Christian Academy is about missions

Harvest City teaches that “life is a mission”. We teach the students to show God's love to their neighbour and we give them a range of opportunities to do so—from handing out flowers at the mall to joining short term mission teams to the poor and needy of the nations of the world.

In recent years, academy students have been involved in missions in northern Saskatchewan and elsewhere in Canada, the U.S.A., Mexico, Europe, Africa, and the Marshall Islands. If you don't know where the Marshall Islands are—look it up on the map. You will be amazed!

Students are able to experience cultures from around the world at school as well. This year, we invited a group of Somoans to come and perform their traditional dances for us and share what God is doing in their land. Recently, they heard a missionary and a Marshalese pastor and his wife share about their islands and express gratitude for the youth team that went there this past summer. The world has never been so small.

Harvest City Christian Academy is about God

At Harvest City, students will have the opportunity to build a personal relationship with their God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, through Bible study, chapel, prayer, and godly counsel from qualified individuals.

At Harvest City, we believe the Bible is the Word of God. Students memorize Scripture on a regular basis and can take Bible courses for high school credit. They will be well-equipped to continue post-secondary studies at Harvest City's “Into His Harvest” Bible school or any other Bible school of their choice.

At Harvest City, we believe in prayer. We teach students to pray and believe God for answers because nothing is too hard for Him. At Harvest City, we see answers to prayer.

At Harvest City, we believe in miracles. Recently, a teacher from Harvest City testified how her 6 year old son had been scheduled for emergency surgery at a special hospital in Edmonton. A growth that had been surgically removed from his throat a year ago had grown back and was cutting off his air supply. Because of the nature of the surgery, it could not be done in Saskatchewan. Fortunately, the surgeon inspected his throat just before the anesthesiologist put him under and to his amazement there was no sign of the growth—praise the Lord!

“Whosoever will, may come”

These are Jesus' words to His community in His day. His offer still stands. No one will be rejected who is prepared to come and give themselves to the Lord and to his purposes.