

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **1. Is JVCS connected with a church?**

We are an inter-denominational, incorporated school governed by a board which is elected by cooperative members.

## **2. How does JVCS differ from public schools?**

Educationally, we are able to teach each subject from a Christian worldview, based on the teachings of the Bible. We also desire to reinforce the Christian morals and ethics that are taught at home and church.

## **3. What are the school day hours?**

Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students begin school at 8:15 each day and are dismissed at 3:30. Early education students choose a three-day option of MWF, 8:15-10:15 or a four-day option of Mon-Thurs, 12:30-3:30.

## **4. How much is tuition?**

Tuition rates are based on the age of the student and how many children you have attending JVCS. A tuition rate chart is included in this packet.

## **5. Can I get financial aid?**

Yes. Financial aid is available on the basis of need. Contact our bookkeeper to apply.

## **6. What curriculum is used at JVCS and what is its focus?**

Curriculum in the elementary is from Abeka, Bob Jones, ACSI, and other Christian publishers. Our classes are taught from a Biblical worldview. Most curriculum is from Christian publishers, but even when it isn't, the teachers keep the focus on Biblical truths.

## **7. How often do the students attend chapel?**

Junior high and high school students meet in our auditorium for chapel every Friday morning. Elementary students attend chapel once each month. Student-led teams take turns leading worship. Community pastors and other guests speak to our students, challenging them in their walks with the Lord.

## **8. How many students are currently enrolled at JVCS?**

We currently have 220 students. The average class size is sixteen students, providing a teacher to student ratio of about 1:9.

## **9. What do you teach for the arts?**

Our music program of band and choir is well established and provides private lessons at no extra cost to students. We also have an active oral interpretation program for all ages and an award-winning drama program. In addition, we have student ministry opportunities, yearbook, National Honor Society, student council and a senior class play.

## **10. How about sports?**

JVCS offers soccer, cross-country, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, track, and golf.

## **11. Do you have to be religious to attend school at James Valley Christian?**

A personal relationship with Jesus Christ is something we desire for each student to have. In the Bible we see that God desires obedience to His Word, which is often seen as "religious," our focus will be on helping each student understand who Jesus Christ is, understand His love and accept His grace.

## **12. Are you accredited?**

Absolutely! From the day of its inception, founders insisted that JVCS be a fully accredited school. Every teacher is certified. We are also part of the Association of Christian Schools International.

## **13. How can we be involved in our child's education?**

Parents are involved in their child's education long before they enter a classroom. The best way for a parent to be involved is by living and teaching godly morals and absolutes, a respect for authority beginning with God, and a love for learning. Involvement, once the child is in school, comes through prayer, volunteer work, classroom projects, field trips, and regular contact with the child's teachers.