

# WHAT MAKES GCHS

# Unique?

## OUR TEACHERS

One of the main areas that makes Gilbert Christian High School unique is our teachers. Our teachers want to partner with you to help raise your child in a way that would honor and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. You will find that our teachers will go the extra mile, strive to be involved in student's lives outside the classroom, and can be counted on to be mentors/role models to your child. Most of our teachers have their master's degrees and/or higher education.

## ACADEMICS

Gilbert Christian High School's is a college preparatory school and our role in academics is to prepare our students for the transition to their college experience. We stress the Biblical perspective and a Christian Worldview in all our classes. Our curriculum was chosen to help best prepare our students for their next level of academic pursuits. We offer smaller classroom sizes and average 19.5 students per class. We feel the smaller class size gives each student a better learning environment and more individualized instruction. Last year our senior class was offered 8.3 million dollars in scholarships within our 68 students. Also, we offer "Z" hour every day from 2:30-3:15 where teachers are required to be in their classrooms, and they are available to help tutor, answer questions, or provide a quiet place for students to study. There are no school sponsored activities during "Z" hour.

## Spiritual Life

### LUMINA

The purpose of Lumina is to impact many lives for Christ, directly through community ministry, or indirectly through prayer and support of a community ministry. Students leave campus six times per year (1/2 day on Fridays) to do Community Service working with local churches, tutoring on the Agritopia elementary campus, Feed My Starving Children, local public elementary schools, and clean-up projects in the community.

### SMALL GROUPS

Every student in our school is put in a small group by grade and gender between 8-12 students. The groups are led by teachers and volunteer parents. The purpose of the small groups is for our students to discover the joy that comes through community ministry and to provide spiritual and social mentoring to each student. This mentor is alongside the student through the four years of their HS journey.

### CHAPELS

These services are coordinated by our Bible Department who work together with our principals to provide an awesome chapel experience every other week throughout the school year. Chapels incorporate drama, technology, student led worship teams, and amazing speakers to bring a fresh and exciting message.

### MENTORING

The program was created to bring the Real to Relational while utilizing the spiritually mature faculty, leadership, and coaches God has brought to our campus. Mentoring Theme-UNCOMMEN for the guys and LEADher for the girls. Currently we have over 50 students who are being mentored on campus by our staff.

### FRESHMAN RETREAT

Each year the entire freshmen class participates in a two-day retreat in August. The retreat is off-campus and includes events where students participate in team building activities, dramas, skits, small group breakout sessions, testimonies, worship, and amazing retreat speakers.

### BIBLE CLASS

All of our students are enrolled in a Bible class each year. Students start their freshmen year taking Old Testament, sophomore year New Testament, junior year Systematic Theology (integration of Old and New Testaments helping students make their faith personal, and seniors finish with Apologetics (students learn to live out and defend their faith).



## LEADERSHIP

STUCO (Student-Council)-We have over 30 students involved in student council. STUCO also hosts the Homecoming Dance, Sadies Dance, Prom, School Olympics, and they are at the forefront for our community service projects.

Student Leadership Institute (new for 2019-20)-Gilbert Christian Leadership Institute (GCLi) is a fast paced Leadership Training Program that will prepare students for all future leadership opportunities. It will reveal their strengths as a leader and how to develop them further. Students will have hands on training through service opportunities, guest speakers, leadership books and conversations with peers

National Honor Society-All NHS students are expected to uphold the Four Pillars of NHS: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. All of our students who apply and are accepted into NHS are heavily involved in local, state, and national community service projects.

## ATHLETICS

The Mission of Athletics at Gilbert Christian High School strives to promote Christ by competing at the highest level to the glory of God. Our Christian coaches and staff develop young men and women of character, foster positive school spirit, and create future opportunities for our alumni. We acknowledge that student-athletes, coaches, parents, fans, and administration all have important roles to play to ensure that we please God and represent Him well to a fallen world that needs to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Gilbert Christian High School competes in the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA). We offer competitive programs in both men's and women's sports for the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Our men's and women's volleyball (including beach) and softball programs are growing. Our soccer, baseball, basketball, football, tennis, track, cross country, spiritline, and golf programs have all had recent post-season success. Many of our athletes receive regional and state accolades every year. GCS has had alumni competing in a variety of collegiate sports around the country including athletes on scholarship to Division 1 programs. We have a full-time athletic trainer and support our athletes with off-season conditioning and skills development.

## FINE ARTS

Students are able to participate and use their gifts and talents in a wide variety of areas. This year we offer: choir, theater arts, worship teams, keyboarding, guitar, dance, and strings. We have had many students who have qualified for events at the state and national level. Once a year, the choir takes an out of state trip to perform and in the 2017-2018 school year the Concert Choir performed at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York.

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## ELECTIVES

- Dance
- Coding
- Robotics
- Illustration
- Yearbook
- Theatre
- Drumline
- Lifetime Sports
- Strength Training
- Beginning Band
- 12th Grade Internship
- Intro to Art, 2, 3
- Creative Design, 2
- Beginning/Adv Guitar
- Concert Choir
- High School Chorale
- Worship Team
- Video Production
- Chamber Orchestra
- Beginning/Adv Keyboard
- Life Applications
- GC Leadership Institute
- Independent Study PE/Music
- Body Fit – Advanced Fitness
- Sports Medicine 1, 2
- Speech & Debate
- Student Council (Elected to Office)
- Spanish 3, 4, 5 (Dual Enrollment)
- Forensic Science



## MISCELLANEOUS

### **KNIGHT PRIDE PROGRAM**

The program is designed to recognize, honor, and reward those students who go above and beyond in their church, community, and within the activities of our school. The program focuses on the positive attitude and activities of our students. Teachers nominate students on a daily basis and our goal is to "catch" kids doing the right thing.

### **CLUBS/ACTIVITIES**

NHS, Robotics, Drama, Spanish, Yearbook, Bible Study, Student Led Prayer Groups, Washington DC Trip, Europe Trip, Mission Trips to Mexico and South America.

### **SENIOR TRIP/RETREAT**

The three-day trip is the capstone event for our senior class. The trip includes visits to California beaches, special events at Disneyland, and a spiritual send off from GCHS.

### **BACCALAUREATE**

Most memorable and intimate personal event at GCHS. At this event every senior is blessed by a staff member of their choice.

