PINECASTLE
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
One Family. One Purpose.

2013-2014
MIDDLE SCHOOL - ACADEMIC PROFILE

ADMINISTRATION:

School Principal: Brenda Oliver, M.Ed.
Athletic Director: Mark Ritchhart
Guidance Director: Patricia Thomas, M.Ed.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Pine Castle Christian Academy is to prepare the next generation, one student at a time, to impact the world for Christ.

COMMUNITY: The greater Orlando area is located in the heart of central Florida with a population of over two million people. In addition to the world-famous Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and Sea World theme parks, Orlando is also home to numerous colleges and universities, professional athletic teams, as well as world-renowned medical and aerospace institutions.

ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS: The Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Pine Castle also maintains memberships in the Southern Association of College Admission Counseling, the College Board, the Central Florida Consortium of Private School Counselors, and the Florida High School Athletic Association.

STUDENT BODY:

Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade	192
Middle School	60

CALENDAR: 36 weeks; 2 semesters, 4-term grading system; seven 50-minute class periods

SCHOOL HOURS: The school day begins at 7:38am and ends at 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FACULTY: 10 full & part-time teachers; 20% with advanced degrees

ACTIVITIES: Interscholastic athletic teams: volleyball, boys & girls basketball, softball, baseball, cross country and soccer. Other opportunities include National Junior Honor Society, Jazz Band, Duke TIP, and Drama.

COURSE OFFERINGS: 5 core courses: Math; Science; Bible, English (Grammar & Literature), Social Studies.
2 Enrichment/ Fine Arts classes. Qualifying 8th grade students may take Algebra I Honors for a high school credit. Qualifying 7th & 8th grade students may be placed in Math and English Honors classes.

ENRICHMENT / FINE ARTS CLASSES: Art, Band, Choir, P.E., Intro to Spanish, Computer. Weekly chapel & Mentor groups.

GRADING:

Letter	Number	Points	Honors	AP	DE
A	90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.0
B	80-89	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.0
C	70-79	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.0
D	60-69	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
F	0-59	0	0	0	0

TESTING: All students 1st – 9th grade take the Stanford Achievement Test in the spring. Additionally, the OTIS Lennon test is administered in the odd numbered grades in the spring. Qualifying 6th & 7th grade students who score in the 95th% on the national norms of a standardized achievement, aptitude or mental ability test in an approved subtest category qualify for the Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP).

PCCA RECORD OF MEDIAN GRADE EQUIVALENT SAT SCORES 2012-2013
(Score = grade.month For example: 9.8 = 9th grade, eighth month)

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
Total Reading	8.6	9.9	10.5	11.0
Total Mathematics	8.8	10.2	11.1	11.2
Language	8.7	10.5	12.7	12.4
Spelling	7.4	8.6	9.8	10.3
Science	9.9	10.3	9.6	10.5
Social Science	7.7	8.8	10.9	10.0
Listening	9.1	10.6	9.7	N/A
Thinking Skills	8.4	10.7	10.2	12.0
Basic Battery	8.9	10.4	10.1	11.3
Complete Battery	8.8	10.6	10.1	11.5

MINIMUM HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Class of 2013: 26 credits are required for graduation and standard college-prep diploma. Honors and High Honors Diploma options are available. Dual Enrollment classes taken both fulfill the high school diploma requirement and earn college credit.

English	4 credits	Bible	4 credits	Fine/Practical Art	1 credit
Mathematics	4 credits	Foreign Lang	2 credits	Electives	3 credits
Science	3 credits	Physical Ed.	1 credit		
History	3 credits	Computer	1 credit		

COLLEGE CHOICES: In the class of 2013, **100%** of our graduates were accepted to college, and 48% qualified for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. The classes of 2005-2013, upon graduation, enrolled in the following colleges and universities: Adventist University of Health Services, Arizona State University, Assumption College, Auburn University, Averett University, Beloit College, Bethany College, Carson-Newman College, Cedarville University, Clearwater Christian College, Eckerd College, Embry Riddle, Emmanuel College, Flagler College, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida College of Natural Health, Florida School of the Arts, Florida Southern College, Florida State University, Full Sail University, Gardner-Webb University, The George Washington University, Grove City College, Handong University, Hofstra University, Indiana University, King College, LaGrange College, Lake Sumter State College, Lees-McRae College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Lesley University, Liberty University, Methodist University, Minot State University, Newberry College, North Greenville College, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Purdue University, Ringling College of Art and Design, Rollins College, Saint Olaf College, Salve Regina University, Santa Fe College, Seminole State College, Stetson University, Southeastern University, Tallahassee Community College, Trine University, Trinity College, University of Alabama, University of California Los Angeles, University of Central Florida, University of Florida, University of Miami, University of Miami Oxford, University of Mississippi, University of North Florida, University of Oregon, University of South Florida, University of Texas, University of West Florida, University of Washington, Valencia College, Wheaton College.