



SAN RAMON VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Nurturing the heart, mind, body & soul for the glory of God.

CONFIDENTIAL BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Full name: _____

Date of Application: _____ Date available: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: Days (_____) _____ Evenings (_____) _____

Email: _____

U.S. Citizen: _____ yes _____ no If not a U.S. citizen, please state your nationality: _____

B. CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

1. Please attach a 1-2 page testimony telling of your salvation and current personal walk with God.
2. School Board members must be members of CPC. Are you a member of CPC? _____ For how long? _____
3. What is your ministry involvement in CPC?
4. Describe your routine of personal Bible study and prayer:

C. CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

1. Why do you want to serve on the SRVCA Board?

2. What do you believe the primary responsibility of a Christian school board to be?

3. What training and/or experiences have you had that could assist you in participating on the Board?

4. Please state what you consider the primary function of a Christian day school to be and what its distinctive Educational practices should be:

5. Would you be willing and able to participate in special training opportunities related to the proper functioning on the Board?

6. If you have school-age children, are they enrolled at SRVCA? Why or why not?

7. What would you like to see changed most about SRVCA?

8. Please summarize any additional information regarding your candidacy for this position you wish to share:

E. SRVCA STATEMENT OF FAITH

Please carefully read the SRVCA Statement of Faith and indicate below your degree of support.

_____ **I fully support the Statement as written without mental reservations.**

Signature: _____

_____ **I support the Statement except for the area(s) listed and explained on a separate paper. The exceptions represent either disagreements or items for which I have do not yet have an understanding.**

Signature: _____

Preamble

As a Christian school, we are committed to more than academic excellence. We are committed to nurturing the spiritual formation of our students through intentional Christian discipleship that is guided by Scripture and focused on Jesus Christ. We pursue this endeavor in close partnership with both the ministries of the Church and the ministry of parents raising their children to know the Lord. As a shepherding school, we seek to serve specifically those families in our San Ramon Valley that share our commitment to Christ and share our mission to raise kids to know God and fulfill His purposes. The following are the foundational beliefs upon which our school is built:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21).
- We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
- We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:38); His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His vicarious and atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
- We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28-29).
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18)

Standards for Marriage, Gender and Sexuality

- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of God's intention for us as His creation.
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur

only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cr 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage.

- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.)
- We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of SRVCA as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to SRVCA members and the community, it is imperative that all parents, students, employees and volunteers of SRVCA agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14 – 16; 1Thess 5:22.)
- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1Cor 6:9-11.)
- We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of SRVCA.

Standards for Community Life

As a community seeking to live out our faith, we affirm individually and collectively a commitment to life that:

- Pursues peace within our community of students, parents and staff by refraining from all forms of gossip, seeking to build one another up, graciously overlooking minor offenses, and pursuing relational reconciliation whenever personal offenses need to be addressed. (Matt 5:23-24; Matt 18:15; Prov 16:28)
- Respects all family members in an atmosphere of love, forgiveness, and grace and so avoids any kind of abuse of children, spouses, and /or parents; (Col 3:21; Eph 6:4; Matt 7:12; 1 Jn3:18)
- Confirms God's intention for humanity where we are created distinctly male and female and in so doing agree that all members of the community, whether staff, students, parents or volunteers, agree to dress in conformance with one's biological sex and use only the restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities conforming with one's biological sex; (1Thess 4:3-7; Deut 22:5)
- Upholds the standard of truth in all things, whether academic, volunteer or paid work and rejects dishonest activities such as cheating, plagiarizing, stealing, and showing disrespect for authority. (er 7:23; Deut 5:29; Eph 4:28; 1Jn 2:5).

Failure to comply with these standards in whole or in any part may result, at the discretion of the school administration, in the enforcement of disciplinary action up to and including expulsion or dismissal.

Philosophy and Purpose

The philosophy of SRVCA is founded on the principle that God is the single and eternal source of life and truth as presented in the Bible. Since God created and sustains all things through His Son, Jesus Christ, the universe and all life are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him. Mankind holds a unique place in all creation, having been made in God's image. We are different from all other creation, with the unique capacity to know and respond to God personally and voluntarily.

However, we are all sinners by nature and choice and cannot, in this condition, know or honor God. We can do this only by being born again through receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and being filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's will, which is the ultimate purpose of our lives.

We see the entire process of Christian education as a means used by the Holy Spirit to bring our students into fellowship with God, to develop in them a Christian worldview, to train them in Godly living and to provide them with opportunities for academic excellence. Our goal is to equip our students to fulfill God's purposes for their lives, personally and vocationally. We teach the Bible to our students so that they may understand God and their own nature and role as being created in God's image. We seek to help students develop a relationship with God that integrates every part of their lives: spiritually, mentally and socially. We encourage our students to see all truth as God's truth and to integrate it with and interpret it by God's Word, the Bible. We approach each student as an individual with unique abilities and personality, and we seek to equip students to live and work with others at home, in the church, and in a changing secular society. We hope for our students to experience ongoing formative interactions with parents, teachers and other members of the school community who are devoted to Christ and affirming a Godly perspective on life.

The authority of such an education comes both from God's command that children be taught to love Him and place Him first in their lives, and from the fact that parents are responsible for the total education and training of their children

(Provers 22:6). The Christian Academy partners with the parents and the church in offering this education and discipleship.

F. APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that the facts set forth in this initial application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that discovery of falsification of any statement or a significant omission of fact may prevent me from being selected, or if selected, may subject me to immediate dismissal regardless of the time elapsed before discovery.

I certify that I have carefully read and do understand the above statements.

Signature of Applicant

Date