

# CHRISTIAN UNIFIED *SCHOOLS*



## Christian High School Boarding Home

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## **Boarding School Introduction:**

Founded in 1965, Christian Unified Schools is dedicated to the total and balanced educational needs of its students in full cooperation with the family's cares and needs. The Christian High School Boarding Home began in July 2009. It is for High School age male students and is located in the Madison House, 1/8 of mile from the main campus.

The faculty, staff and House Parents of Christian High School's Boarding Program greatly care about each student, providing them with a Christ-centered, drug-free, loving and authority-honoring atmosphere. The students learn the Scriptural basis for living a moral lifestyle that shows honor to parents, family, and God. International students at Christian High School have all of the opportunities of American students. International students can be involved in elective courses, student organizations and activities, and school sports.

## **Christian Unified Mission Statement:**

Recognizing the preeminence of Christ, partnering with parents, Christian Unified Schools of San Diego teaches students to think, learn, and live from a Biblical worldview by integrating God and His Word as the primary source of knowledge and Truth.

## **Boarding Philosophy**

Christian Unified views each child as a unique creation of God and seek to aid the student to develop his gifts and abilities to his highest potential based on a proper understanding and acceptance of himself and how God has made him.

The House Parents model a godly, spirit-filled life before the students, recognizing their responsibility to teach and guide the students in accordance with God's Word, seeking to develop a God-consciousness and a consistent Christian philosophy in each student. Rules and discipline are designed to promote self-discipline by leading the student to respect and revere God and all God-constituted authority. Boarding life emanates an atmosphere that encourages and stimulates good interpersonal relationships and acceptance of others.

## **2009/10 Boarding Calendar**

August 12	Boarding Home Opens
Dec 19 – Jan 2	Boarding Home Closed for Christmas Break
May 31	Boarding Home Closed for Summer Break

*Please call the office for boarding needs during Christmas or Summer Breaks.*

## **2009/10 Boarding Fee**

Room and Board:     \$11,000

## **Goals of the Boarding School Program**

1. The Boarding Home operates under the school's Christ-centered, college-prep philosophy.
2. The Boarding staff seeks to provide a caring, happy, and trusting environment where students can grow and mature in a healthy, wholesome atmosphere.
3. The Boarding staff will work in partnership with the parents, considering their values, cultural background, and beliefs, and seeking their input and advice concerning their child's development as much as possible.
4. The Boarding staff will seek to model a godly, spirit-filled life before the students.
5. The Boarding staff recognizes their responsibility to teach and guide the students in accordance with God's Word, seeking to develop a God-consciousness and consistent Christian philosophy in each student.
6. Boarding staff will create and maintain an atmosphere that will encourage and stimulate good interpersonal relationships and acceptance of others.
7. Boarding staff will view each child as a unique creation of God.
8. Boarding staff will seek to aid the student to develop his gifts and abilities to his highest potential based on a proper understanding and acceptance of himself as God made him.
9. Boarding staff will work as a team including teachers, administrators, and parents.

## **Parents**

In order to serve the students entrusted to our care, it is crucial that we be able to count on parental support of the school's rules and regulations. It is a disservice to give students "mixed" or conflicting messages on matters of principle, conduct, responsibility or fundamental values. We presume parents believe in our basic philosophy and the values of our mission statement as outline in this handbook and also in the structure in which we implement those values for the general benefit of the school community. Our rules are made for the benefit of all, so we expect understanding on the part of parents who do not agree with each of our decisions.

Parents must respect the school calendar and their children's school obligations. For example, parents are expected to cooperate to insure that their children leave and return from weekends and vacations on time and that class time is not used for non-emergency appointments.

If parent/guardians refuse to cooperate with school staff, policies, regulations, or programs, they reduce significantly the school's ability to serve their own or other students. In such cases, after reasonable effort to gain parental cooperation, the Principal of school may recommend a withdrawal of the student from the Boarding Home and/or the school.

In the case of separated or divorced parents, the resident life staff will communicate with whoever maintains legal guardianship of the student, as per official court documents.

## **Requirements for Clothing and Personal Effects**

### NEED TO BRING

- Toiletries, bath soap, deodorant, etc.
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- Laundry bag/basket
- School Uniforms (Purchased through Educational Outfitters - see “Dress Code” in Parent/Student Handbook)
- Clothing (See “After-School Dress Code in this Handbook)
- Alarm Clock
- School supplies (paper, pens, pencils, etc.)
- Bible

### PERMITTED TO BRING

- Blow dryer
- Personal audio equipment (must have headphones)
- Reading lamp, non-halogen
- Surge protector
- Sports equipment
- Cell phone
- Computer (laptop)
- USB flash drive
- Printer
- Bicycle

*Please consider marking all items with permanent markers before coming to school.*

### NOT PERMITTED TO BRING

- Hot pot, hot plate, coffee maker, or other cooking equipment
- Tobacco, tobacco products, matches, lighters
- Pornographic materials, printed, video, audio or any material stored on student’s hard drive
- Iron without automatic shut-off
- Television
- Alcohol and non-prescribed drugs
- Motorcycle, Mopeds or Scooter
- Idols or non-Christian religious items
- Pirated music and movies
- Electric blanket
- Weapons

## **Life in the Boarding Home**

The routines of the Boarding Home are designed to give the students the time and the discipline to achieve their academic potential. This structure is essential to foster a healthy community as well as protect the students' physical safety. It also allows the students to develop self-reliance and personal responsibility as they are given opportunities to exercise good judgment in managing personal time.

### **Weekly Schedule**

**(All times subject to change by House Parents as needed)**

#### **Monday through Friday**

6:15 am	Wake-up
6:45-7:00 am	House chores
7:00 am	Breakfast
7:40 am	School starts
2:45 pm	School ends
3:30 pm	Check-in with House Parent or report to Athletic practice
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Study Hall (with 30 minute break)
9:30 – 10:15 pm	Free time
10:00 pm	Students in own room
10:15 pm	Get ready for lights out
10:30 pm	Lights Out
11:30 pm	Late Lights out—with prior approval from House Parents

#### **Friday Night**

10:30 pm	All students in own room
11:00 pm	Lights Out

#### **Saturday**

8:00 am	Breakfast
12:00 pm	Lunch
6:00 pm	Dinner
10:30 pm	All students in own room
11:00 pm	Lights Out

#### **Sunday**

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 or 10:45 am	Church service
1:00 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	All students must be back in house from weekend
6:30-9:30 pm	Study Hall
9:30 pm	Free Time
10:30 pm	Lights Out

## **General Conduct**

- Because this is a Christian school, appropriate language, dress, and behavior are required at all times.
- As members of the CHS community, students are expected to uphold the good name of the school, even when they are not directly under the school's supervision.
- CHS students are expected to display good manners to each other and to faculty, staff, House Parents, and visitors. As a gesture of courtesy and respect, students are asked to address faculty/staff members appropriately as "Mr.," "Mrs.," "Miss", or "Ms."
- All students are expected to respect school property because school property is for the collective benefit of the entire school community. Consequently, everyone is expected to report vandalism, damages, etc. so that necessary repairs can be made.

## **After School Dress code for Students**

The following dress guidelines are to be observed after school hours and on weekends:

- Properly fitted jeans without rips, tears or patches
- Shorts with at least a 6" inseam
- T-shirts, not undershirts, may be worn.
- Boys must wear a shirt in the Boarding House, on campus, or on the athletic fields/gym.
- Students may not wear clothing which advertises tobacco, alcoholic beverages, the drug culture, lifestyles or sentiments associated with social or spiritual rebellion, the occult, non-Christian music groups, or which has slogans with ungodly or double meanings.
- All clothing must fit properly and not be too tight or too baggy.
- All clothing must be modest and appropriate at all times. The house parent is the proper authority to consult regarding proper clothing.

## **Rules for Rooms and Roommates**

An important goal of the educational experience of Boarding students at CHS is learning to live with others and their differences. All Boarding students will have at least one roommate and room assignments will be made by the House Parents. In such situations, it is important to be sensitive, cooperative, and flexible in resolving differences. The school realizes that sharing a room may be a first experience for some students, so we want to do whatever we can to help make relationships work out. In general, we have found that students who are patient and understanding work out their own differences and come to value the friendships that develop. Room assignments will be changed every semester.

- The Boarding Home is considered a private home for students living there. Students may not return to the house during the school day just as day students cannot return to their homes during the day.

- Guests must have their host present in the room they are visiting.
- Privacy is to be respected and no student should enter another room without permission from all inhabitants of the room.
- If you have another student in your room, and your roommate is not present, you are responsible for your roommate's possessions.
- Boarding students are provided with a room furnished with a bed, mattress, desk, chair and closet.
- Each student is responsible to keep his room neat and clean. This means that clothes must not be left on the floor and must be kept in closets and dressers; there shall be a general neat and tidy appearance to the room. The beds need to be made every morning before the student goes to class. Music, computers, and lights need to be turned off when the student is not in the room.
- Students may bring personal articles to decorate their rooms. However, decorations must reflect good taste and the moral values of the School. Decorations may not be hung on the exterior of room doors. Posters and objects that are sexually provocative or depict nudity, suggest the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, anti-social behavior or which are deemed incompatible with the mission of CHS will be confiscated and not returned. Candles, incense or other combustibles are not allowed in rooms at any time.
- Students are allowed to bring radios and stereos with small speakers to school. This equipment is to be used in a fashion considerate of others. Televisions are not allowed. No music should be so loud that it can be heard outside the room when the door is closed or disturb one's roommate. Inappropriate music is not permitted.
- For security reasons, money, passports and other valuables should be secured in the safe provided by the House Parents. Neither the school nor the school's insurance company will assume responsibility for the loss, damage, or security of money, personal belonging or other valuables.
- No pets are allowed by students anywhere on campus. This includes fish and birds.
- Cooking, in ANY form, is NOT allowed in rooms.
- Tobacco, tobacco products, matches and lighters are not allowed on or off CHS campus, and the presence of such items will lead to disciplinary action and all items will be confiscated and not returned.
- Student inflicted damage will be charged to students. If it is not possible to determine who is responsible, all occupants of the room may bear a percentage of the cost of repairs.
- Students of the opposite gender are not allowed into student's rooms at any time.

## **Room Searches**

Student rooms are subject to search at any time. Upon evidence and/or suspicion of reasonable cause that a violation of CHS's philosophy, standards of conduct, and statement of faith exists, House Parents will conduct a surprise search of student rooms with or without the student present.

## **Photos and Videos**

Videotaping or the use of cameras and cell phone cameras must respect the privacy of others. Permission for videotaping or photography must be given by the House Parents. Failure to adhere to this policy will mean confiscation and possible disciplinary action.

## **Media Standards**

Media that is not consistent with Christian living is not to be brought onto campus. PG-13 and R rated movies are not permitted in the house. Inappropriate music is not permitted.

Doors must remain open when students are watching videos, DVDs, etc. in their rooms. Students must use discretion and House Parents have the right to administer discipline when students have violated the policy.

## **Internet**

Internet access on campus is both through “wireless” technology and wired. All access to the internet via the school’s server is controlled and monitored by the school and requires signature of parent, guardian and student on the schools Acceptable Use Agreement. Hours of operation of the wireless internet are at the sole discretion of the school.

## **Personal Computers**

Having a computer on campus is a privilege that may be lost if it is abused in any way. All computer screens must face the room door. Poor academic performance may result in the confiscation of a student’s computer until grades improve. Students may log on to only one computer at a time. Students must not share their user name or passwords with other students. Both the student who shares and the student who utilizes someone else’s password and user name will receive consequences. Computer games and movies are a privilege. Computers may only be used for study purposes during study hall. Students are expected to turn off their computers at lights out.

## **Technology Violations and Restrictions**

(Includes Laptops, PSP, PDA, iPod., etc.)

A technology violation will result from the following: any inappropriate content or lyrics which do not comply with CHS’s Christian philosophy, standards of conduct, and statement of faith, unauthorized use of technology during school hours, after lights out or misusing technology during study hall.

Technology is subject to search at anytime. Upon evidence and/or suspicion of reasonable cause that a violation of Christian High School’s philosophy, standards of conduct, and statement of faith exists, staff will conduct a search of technology with or without the student present.

## **English-speaking rules**

International students are here to learn the usual subjects, but they are also here to learn English. This is not possible without study. It is also not possible without speaking English and hearing it spoken by others. Therefore, the following rules are in place in order to promote maximum exposure to English.

- When two or more languages are possible in a group of people, English must be spoken, such as during sports activities, while on trips in vehicles. This is a courtesy to all in the group as well as an opportunity to exercise one's skills in English for our international students.
- Non-English books are permitted so long as the subject matter does not break other rules in this handbook. These books can be comic books, non-English-language texts of assigned readings in classes or magazines so long as they conform to the mission of the School.
- English must be spoken in common areas such as house study lounge, house kitchen and outside areas surrounding the house.

In no way are these rules to be construed as a denial of ethnic or cultural identity. We value the diversity that international students bring to our school and to our country. However, we believe that parents of international students want more for their students than a place to learn subjects that they could have easily learned in their own countries.

## **Laundry**

It is the student's responsibility to see that his personal laundry is done at least once per week. School laundry facilities (free of charge) may be used at the time designated for the student by the House Parents. Students are responsible for their own clothes.

## **Church Services**

Christian High School is a Christian School and maintains an atmosphere consistent with Christian values. All resident students on campus for the weekend are required to attend church service at a time and place determined by the House Parents.

## **House Jobs**

Because the House is a community each student must do their part to help maintain order. Students are assigned "chores" by the House Parents. "Chores" involve light cleaning and maintaining an orderly house.

## **Study Hall and Expectations**

Study hall is scheduled Sunday through Thursday. It is important to note that although there is a designated study hall period, a student may study outside the allotted time. In some cases, it is necessary to study outside the designated times if a student wishes to maintain his grade, especially during exam periods. Any student not involved in athletics has over 2 hours in the afternoon after school and before dinner to do additional studying. Study hall is primarily a time for individual study; therefore during study hall students are

to be silent. Wandering the house, asking questions of other students, cleaning one's room, talking on cell phones, playing music without headphones, etc. will not be tolerated and will result in consequences.

## **Room Checks**

Each student is expected to maintain daily order in their rooms i.e. - make their beds, pick up clothes, empty their trash, pick up the stuff off the floor, turn the light off, turn the heat off, unplug appliances. The House Parents will perform regular and surprise room inspections. Saturday can be a larger cleaning day when vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning desks, etc. is done.

## **Late Lights**

Individual late study will be allowed on the following basis:

- Before lights out is announced, you must state your need and the reasons for late study.
- Late study is a privilege and is at the sole discretion of the House Parents.
- The late light period is extended one hour after normal lights out.
- You must prepare for bed before late study begins. Late study is not to be used for showering or preparing for bed. This must be completed before Late Lights begins

## **Day Students and Resident Students together**

In order to take advantage of the opportunity to make friends among the students of other countries, resident students are encouraged to make friends among the day students and to plan events with them both on and off campus. Barriers among nations are broken down by friendships among members of these countries so do not hesitate to say yes when you are invited to a day student's home. Also, feel free to invite students into the house with you. However, permission must be obtained from House Parents.

There are many intrinsic rewards that come from cross-cultural relationships. This program is designed to encourage the formation not only of new friends, but also expanded knowledge of different cultures and perspectives.

## **Sports at Christian High School**

Sports are an important part of life here at CHS and all students are encouraged to participate. The following sports are offered at CHS:

- Football
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Track
- Golf
- Tennis
- Swim

- Wrestling
- Volleyball

## Discipline

Any discussion of discipline must begin with self-discipline. The teachings of *Paul*, found in *Galatians 5*, regarding the Spirit-controlled life, and the teaching in *James 3* regarding how we speak and the importance of self-control, guide our actions. The school's educational process is based upon the personal integrity of students and their willingness to practice self-control. It is crucial that friendships at our school include the willingness to confront each other in love, and thus be encouragers of each other's growth in this way.

A system of discipline stresses the responsibility each resident has toward him/herself and others. CHS students are expected to manifest self-discipline and self-direction. Discipline in the resident program is designed to foster respect for the person, feelings, and property of self and others. Maturity, character, and Christian values are encouraged and developed by accepting the consequence of inappropriate behavior. The principal manner of accomplishing these goals is to hold each student accountable for his/her actions, and by enforcing a well-established and published code of acceptable behavior.

Supervision of the Boarding students, after school and on weekends, is the immediate responsibility of the House Parents and the support staff. Conduct issues during the school day and at school-sponsored events is the responsibility of the School Administration.

The school also assumes that as long as a student is officially connected with the school, he is an "ambassador" of CHS, and therefore, may be subject to sanctions, including expulsion, if his behavior is deemed contrary to the spirit and expectations of what it means to be a responsible representative for the school.

Students in the same room or group where rules are being violated, who could absent themselves voluntarily, share the same responsibility for the act and its consequences.

Progression of consequences for not following rules:

- Warning
- Demerits – may lead to loss of privileges, extra chores in the dorm, extra study time, or extra English study
- Referral – visit to the CHS Vice Principal or Principal
- Grounding – students may be restricted to campus, House or room depending on the rule violation
- Probation – at the discretion of the School Administration
- Suspension - at the discretion of the School Administration
- Expulsion - at the discretion of the School Administration

It is possible for a student's behavior to warrant an immediate consequence such as suspension or expulsion. This may mean sending a student home, at the parent's expense, at the first reasonable opportunity. House Parents and school administration

have the right to exercise discipline as they see best fit for the students needs. Please see Student Handbook for a more complete policy description.

### **Health and Safety**

- Students with illnesses which have a lengthy convalescent period will be sent to their parent/guardian home until they are well enough to resume school.
- By enrolling your child in school you grant resident staff members the permission to dispense common remedies, such as: Tylenol, Advil, cold tablets, cough syrup, antacids, allergy medication or other over-the-counter medications. Please inform the House Parents if your child is allergic to any medications.

### **Insurance Requirement**

Boarding students must show proof of insurance with the following coverage: Major Medical, Prescription Drug Plan, Doctor Visits for non life threatening issues (normal sick calls). International students must purchased insurance through Christian Unified Schools.