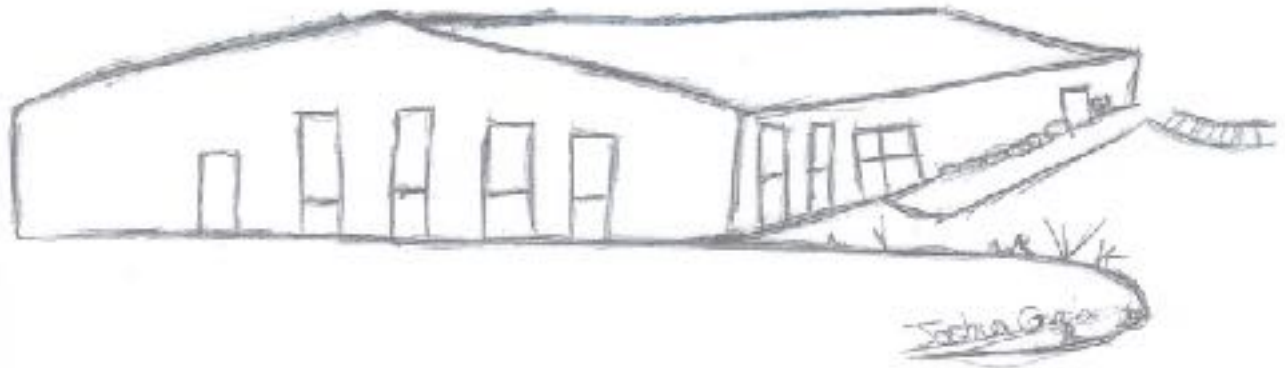


# *Bethel Christian Academy*

## Student Handbook



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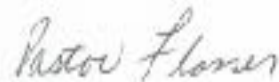
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Bethel Christian Academy exists primarily to assist Christian parents and guardians in fulfilling their responsibility to “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22: 6). BCA would like to be a part of encouraging your child to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. So we thank you, parents and guardians for the sacrifice you have made to send your child to this school.

The first ten minutes of each day is spent in Bible reading and prayer. Bible classes and Chapel services are held weekly in which students participate in singing praise to God, memorizing Scripture, and studying God’s Word.

We give God the glory for allowing us to have this school. Without His guidance, this school would be no different from any public school. It is with His help that we are able to offer Christian education to your child. We earnestly seek your prayers for our staff and students throughout this school year.

In Jesus Name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Flosser".

Pastor Buddy Flosser

## Attendance

Students of Bethel Christian Academy should arrive at school no later than 8:15 AM in order to be present for devotions. Persistent tardiness (seven or more in a nine week period) will result in a one day in-school suspension. In order for a tardy to be excused, a note from the parent/guardian must be given to the office listing an **unavoidable** problem resulting in the child's tardiness. The administration will then give the student permission to go to class.

Excessive absenteeism may result in a student's failure for the academic year. If a student misses 20 or more days throughout the year, he or she may fail for the year. In grades 9-12, if a student misses in excess of 20 days, full credit will not be given in all courses.

In case of absence, a parent/guardian must send in a note to the teacher on the day the student returns explaining the reason for the absence. If a student misses more than three consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.

## Church Attendance

It is **mandatory** that all students attending Bethel Christian Academy attend the church of their choice at least once a week. Chapel services, Bible classes, and Bible memory work is also **mandatory**. No exceptions will be made concerning these rules.

## School Schedule

School begins at 8:30 AM and dismisses at 2:30 PM. A student should not arrive prior to 8:00 AM and should be picked up by 2:30 PM unless he or she is serving detention or are in before or after school care. Students should be in the classroom by 8:15 AM to allow time to be prepared for devotions which begin at 8:30 AM. Wednesdays are half days (12:30 PM dismissal).

## School Calendar

Bethel Christian Academy academic year is separated into four marking periods. BCA's calendar is located online and may be accessed at:

<http://bethelhdg.com/bethel-christian-academy/>

## Grading Scale

Bethel Christian Academy uses the following grading scale.

A: 93-100

B: 88-92

C: 75-87

D: 70-74

E: 69 and below

## Bible

The Bible is the most important textbook in our school. All students are required to have a complete **King James Version** in school every day. Please make certain your student's Bible is in good condition.

## **Homework**

Bethel Christian Academy believes that homework is a necessary and integral part of a child's education. If students use their class time wisely, they will not have an excessive amount of work. Homework will be given throughout the week at the teacher's discretion. All homework slips and detention slips are to be signed by a parent or guardian.

## **Telephone Use**

Students may use the office phone in case of emergency. Students are permitted to bring cell phones to school; however, the cell phone must be placed in his/her locker during the school day. Texting and making phone calls on cell phones is not permitted during school hours; cell phones are not permitted in the learning center. Use of a cell phone in school will result in demerits, and continued use will result in a detention or suspension. Bethel Christian Academy is not responsible for any lost or stolen cell phones.

## **Fire Drills**

Fire drills will be held at various times during the school year. Directions for egress are posted in each classroom. When the alarm sounds, students are to exit the building according to the designated route in a quiet and orderly manner.

## **Inclement Weather**

If Harford County Public Schools have a delayed opening or close due to snow or other weather conditions, Bethel Christian Academy will follow suit. On days that Harford County Public Schools are not in session, but Bethel Christian Academy is any school related

announcements will be made via email. Please provide a current email address to the school.

## **Transportation**

There is no bus service offered at Bethel Christian Academy; however, BCA will try to assist parents with carpool arrangements whenever possible. Parents are to drop off and pick up their children in the hallway or parking lot. Please do not enter the classroom.

## **Snack and Lunch**

Snack time is provided to students on a daily basis. Students are encouraged to bring healthful snacks. Students must bring a lunch every day. Hot lunch is offered on Thursday and Friday for \$3.00. Soda and snack lunches will not be permitted. Soda may be purchased at the school.

## **Automobiles**

High school students who have an automobile and drive must drive on and off the grounds in a slow, safe manner. Cars are to be locked, and students are not to get in them until they are ready to leave school. Other students may not sit in a parked car with a student driver or leave the school grounds with them unless a note signed by both sets of parents is on file in the office.

## Dress Code

### Girls

1. Girls in kindergarten should wear a black, navy, or khaki jumper or skirt with a solid colored polo shirt. Girls in grades 1-12: black, navy, or khaki skirt with a solid colored polo shirt.  
  
\*\*All skirts or jumpers must come to the bottom of the knee and above the ankle.
2. Girls must wear socks, nylons, or tights every day. Socks should be white, navy, or black and must match. Tights and nylons should be conservative in nature.
3. Girls should wear any casual or flat-heeled shoes for the regular school day. Tennis shoes may be worn for PE only. Boots are permitted if there is snow or ice on the ground. Sandals, flip flops, or shoes without backs are not permitted.
4. Hair must be kept clean and neat at all times. No usual or extreme haircuts, styles, or colors are permitted. The school reserves the right to deem what is extreme.
5. No make-up or jewelry may be worn with the exception of one ring and a watch. No body piercing will be permitted.
6. Any color button down sweater or pullover may be worn. Jackets and hoodies may not be worn in the classroom.



## Dress Code

### Boys

1. Boys must wear black, navy, or khaki pants and any solid colored polo shirt. Pants must be worn with a belt at the waist.
2. Boys must wear socks, every day. Socks should be white, navy, or black and must match.
3. Boys should wear any dress or dress casual shoes for the regular school day. Tennis shoes or shoes that closely resemble tennis shoes may not be worn during the regular school day. Tennis shoes may be worn for PE only. Boots are permitted if there is snow or ice on the ground. Sandals, flip flops, or shoes without backs are not permitted.
7. Hair must be kept clean and neat at all times. All hair must be cut above the ears and collar. All haircuts must be conservative. No usual or extreme haircuts, styles, or colors are permitted. The school reserves the right to deem what is extreme.
4. Boys must be clean-shaven at all times.
5. No jewelry may be worn with the exception of one ring and a watch. No body piercing will be permitted.
6. Any color button down sweater or pullover may be worn. Jackets and hoodies may not be worn in the classroom.

### Signature Page

I have read the Bethel Christian Academy Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year. I pledge to do my best to follow the rules as stated in the handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ (student name—please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ (student signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

I have read the Bethel Christian Academy Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year. I pledge to encourage my child(ren) to follow the rules as stated in the handbook.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent name—please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\*Updated February 28, 2017 (HF)