JSerra Catholic High School

DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON

JSerra is an independent Roman Catholic high school that encourages students to pursue personal and professional excellence in life. Guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church, JSerra works in partnership with committed parents and inspirational teachers to form the faith, intellect, and character of their young men and women with a Christ-centered, sacrament-based learning environment.

CORE VALUES
JSerra strives to form students who are:

Academic Achievers demonstrating a higher order of thinking skills; solve problems creatively and analytically; utilize the appropriate technology to support learning.

Lifelong Learners who manage and direct their own learning; value and pursue postsecondary education; establish personal priorities and achievable goals; develop an appreciation of varying world views.

Responsible Christian Citizens who demonstrate knowledge of the Catholic Church; perform Christian service in their community; practice respect of self, others, and community.

Collaborative Workers who use effective leadership and interpersonal skills to foster, develop, and maintain relationships within a diverse setting.

CAMPUS LIFE
Founded in 2003, JSerra has established itself within South Orange County as an exceptional academic institution. Each year at JSerra, new clubs are formed, athletic teams become stronger, and dedicated staff and faculty look for new ways to innovate the learning process.

JSerra also offers innovative and highly successful Magnet programs. The Medical Magnet Program partners with Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital, the Business Magnet Program works with the Paul Merage School of Business at UCI, the Pre-Law Magnet Program partners with Chapman University professors, and JSerra’s Engineering Magnet Program utilizes the Project Lead The Way curriculum.

Through these programs and more, JSerra students are formed in faith, intellect, and character. Come learn more about joining the JSerra family!

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For prospective students and their parents

Thursday, January 15, 2015
at 6:30 pm in the JSerra Pavilion

Join us with the whole family to learn about our programs of distinction, exceptional academics and athletics.

Have your questions answered about JSerra’s:

College Preparatory Curriculum
Magnet Programs (Business/Engineering/Law/Medical)
Award Winning Artists-In-Residence Program (Fine Arts)
Outstanding Extracurricular Programs
Financial Aid Available

We hope to see you there!

JSerra.org
Nurture with care. Teach with creativity. Embrace life. Treasure faith. These are the guiding principles that shape St. Anne School in Laguna Niguel. St. Anne School is a positive, nurturing, independent Catholic school where children are guided toward intelligent, responsible adulthood through creative teaching, a culture of caring, and a commitment to fully developing each student in mind, body, and spirit.

St. Anne School awakens a passion for learning in students with stimulating, engaging, and rigorous academics. It is an intimate learning environment with ideal student/teacher ratios, where each student receives personal attention. The school uses the latest, proven teaching methods, curricula, and technology—combining techniques that make learning fun with a sweeping range of academic studies. St. Anne School students become curious, confident, and well-prepared for a life of learning and leadership.

St. Anne School sparks each student’s imagination and interests with a diverse offering of enriching activities. At St. Anne School, students develop their talents through a wealth of extracurricular and scholastic activities. They can play sports, learn new skills, and travel to fascinating places. They can even put their imaginations to work solving actual world problems. There’s something to engage every inquisitive mind both in and outside the classroom. St. Anne believes children who explore their interests are more comfortable with themselves and the world around them. Children who are well-rounded become adults who are well-informed. Ultimately they are more successful in life. For St. Anne School, that’s the purpose of education.

Founded in 1992, St. Anne School is a National Blue Ribbon School and is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA), the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). St. Anne School offers 2, 3, and 5 day preschool options, full day kindergarten, and extended daycare.

From preschool to 8th grade, your child will develop a love of learning that can lead to a lifetime of accomplishment.
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH SCHOOL

EMPOWERING TODAY’S CHILDREN TO PROMOTE TOMORROW’S LEADERS

Our Lady of Fatima Parish School is a 21st Century learning community founded in 1965 that has educated students in South Orange County for nearly 50 years. Nestled among the rolling hills of San Clemente with a view of the Pacific, the school is fully accredited and staffed by an outstanding team of credentialed, nurturing, and dedicated professionals. The campus offers a welcoming learning environment for all students that is centered on the value of “family.” OLF is a dynamic, technology-driven institution of learning that prides itself on academic rigor and high student expectations that “empowers today’s children to promote tomorrow’s leaders.” The school’s strong community service program ensures that OLF students value their faith-filled Catholic education.

OLF’s students are committed learners who demonstrate excellence in academic expectations, technology acquisition, and service to their community. With a cross-curricular and cross-cultural approach to instruction, OLF offers each student differentiated opportunities to explore, investigate, and demonstrate understanding by means of a hands-on approach to learning that includes integrated technology. By complementing the academic rigor with the offering of innovative electives, the OLF faith-filled student gains a love for life-long learning, becomes an effective communicator and a globally responsible citizen. Students have received local and regional awards from various competitions such as the OC Science Fair, Chapman University Holocaust Art, Writing, Poetry, and Film Contest, Jr. High Academic Decathlon, Catholic Math League, OC Catholic Charities Contest, and the OC Young Author’s Faire.

OLF’s Early Education Center has been enhanced by the addition of a transitional kindergarten; the first year of a two-year academic kindergarten program that is specifically designed to give four-year-olds and young fives the “gift of time” to develop socially, emotionally, and cognitively.

Save the Date!
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
+ Applications for 2015-2016
+ All School Science Fair
+ Student-Led Campus Tours
+ Transitional Kindergarten
+ Kindergarten - 8th Grade
+ Faith-Filled, Family-Oriented
+ Small Class Sizes
+ Technology Driven Learning
+ 1:1 iPad Integration
+ TK - 8th Community Service Projects
+ Spanish, Art & Music Programs
+ Schoolwide Field Studies
+ Athletic & After School Programs
+ After School Care

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Sixteen-year-old filmmaker Joshua Ovalle was winning all kinds of awards for his work. But at his local high school, he struggled tremendously. Josh suffers from attention deficit disorder (ADD). While he has great aspirations, he was, as he puts it, “lost in school.” Now, after less than a year at Halstrom Academy, everything is different.

“I’m proud of my GPA,” says Josh. “I have completely turned my grades around. I’m learning things better now... quicker; I’m getting A’s, and I’m more confident about everything. Also, my mind can’t wander off, as much as it may want to. Before Halstrom, I felt that getting into a high caliber University was not going to happen, but now, that’s definitely a possibility.”

Flexible class scheduling is also an enormous benefit to many Halstrom students, including Josh, who puts a lot of energy into his filmmaking. “In order to do a decent production, it takes a lot of time to put together a script, a storyboard, set up a production schedule, arrange a crew and cast, shoot, and then edit. The great thing about Halstrom is that I can customize my schedule which opens up time for me. I was able to complete my last short film while taking summer school. The flexibility of scheduling has also made it possible for me to go to film festivals I’ve been invited to attend in New York and Los Angeles,” says Josh.

“I think sometimes parents accept the traditional school model even when their kids aren’t doing well in school because they don’t know there are other options,” says Josh’s father, Wernher. “Parents shouldn’t accept having a ‘C’ student because the traditional school system can’t meet their needs. Parents need to know there are alternatives that are designed to help kids succeed. Halstrom Academy is one of those great alternatives.”
St. Edward the Confessor Parish School shares in the mission of the Church to communicate the Gospel message, to build the Catholic Christian community and to serve others less fortunate. The School assists and complements parents as the primary educators of their children in the formation of Catholic standards and values. Through a holistic approach that emphasizes an excellent education, St. Edward the Confessor Parish School strives to develop students spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally. Each child is a unique individual of God, and the School embraces student body diversity.

St. Edward the Confessor Parish School is committed to providing a challenging academic program to develop excellence in all students. Students receive a wide range of educational experiences through the core curriculum program, including math, science, social studies and language arts, integrated with Catholic Identity and the use of technology and enhanced by art, music, Spanish and physical education classes.

The School staffs qualified, credentialed teachers, enlists cooperative parent involvement and utilizes academic support systems. St. Edward the Confessor Parish School incorporates a love for God and integrates Catholic Identity within the learning process, all within a caring and safe environment. Social justice, global awareness and proclaiming the Gospel message are the main priorities.

UNIQUE COMPONENTS
- 1:9 Instructor-to-student ratio in Preschool
- 1:12 Instructor-to-student ratio in TYKE and Kindergarten
- 1:18 Instructor-to-student ratio in Grades 1-5
- 1:25 Instructor-to-student ratio in Middle School
- The School serves as the largest parish school in the Diocese of Orange.
- Enrichment programs offered in Piano, Italian, Art, Chess, Culinary Kids, FAST: Functional Ability Speed Training, Table Tennis, Lego Brain Builders, Science, Scouts, Cherubs Choir, Choristers, Mandarin
- Prayer Partner Mentoring Program
- Battle of the Books/Lift Off to Literacy/Journalism
- Student Support Service Program
- Parochial Athletic League Sports Program
- Multi-platform technology integration throughout all grade levels

ACREDITATIONS
- Accredited by Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
- Named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education in 2005.
- California State Academic Decathlon Champions 2007, 2008 and 2013

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ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR PARISH SCHOOL

Open House • January 25, 2015 • 8:45AM – 10:30AM
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At Our Savior’s Lutheran School, class sizes are small so children have room to grow. With individualized attention, students don’t get lost. The highly educated, credentialed teaching staff guides students to academic excellence by focusing on creating a Christian learning environment that balances the heart, mind and spirit. With that foundation of personal and academic strength, Our Savior’s Lutheran School alumni are able to pursue their dreams.

The teachers, administrators and staff at Our Savior’s celebrate and honor the diversity of gifts, abilities and backgrounds each child contributes to the school community. All faiths are welcome.

- Average Class Size is 17
- Nurturing Christian Environment
- Excellent Standardized Test Scores Compared nationally OSLS 3rd – 5th scores in the 90th percentile
- Fully Accredited
- Dynamic Physical Education, Spanish, Computer, and Music classes
- Fully Credentialed Teachers
- Affordable Tuition
- Extended Day Care Program
- Digital Library
- 2-1 student to device ratio in grades K-4, 1-1 ratio in grade 5
- Full-Day Kindergarten through 5th Grade
- Preschool for 3’s and 4’s & 5-day PreK

When children feel loved, they LOVE to LEARN. Our Savior’s Lutheran Preschool is the premier preschool in South Orange County. Our Savior’s children thrive academically and socially through a child centered, developmentally appropriate curriculum in a loving, nurturing, hands-on environment.

Our Savior’s Lutheran Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2015/16 school year. Classes fill up quickly so contact Our Savior’s right away or visit the website for more information.
Santa Margarita Catholic High School offers a well-rounded, college-preparatory education developing students who are people of faith, skilled lifelong learners, healthy individuals and involved citizens of our world.

Santa Margarita’s academic tracks are tailored to meet the needs of varied learners. The school offers 19 AP courses, an Interdisciplinary program caters to hands-on learners and the school’s Auxiliary Studies Program provides students with specialized learning needs the opportunity to reach their full potential. Santa Margarita also has the distinction of being the only Catholic high school in the county to offer the rigorous International Baccalaureate program. Preparing our students for college and beyond, the school’s One-to-One Tablet PC program puts a tablet in the hands of every student and teacher providing an immersive educational experience.

Faith development and extracurricular activities are an integral part of a Santa Margarita education. All-school masses, campus ministry fellowship gatherings, retreats and daily prayer provide students with the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God and one another. Home of the Eagles, the school’s competitive athletic program emphasizes character building. A thriving, award-winning arts program includes more than 60 visual and performing art courses. With more than 70 campus clubs and activities, students are encouraged to explore their passions.

Santa Margarita’s 42-acre campus is nestled against the picturesque Saddleback Valley Mountains. The recently modernized library media center provides a collaborative learning environment or quiet place to study. Fall 2011 marked the opening of the Academic Services Center housing ten “smart classrooms” equipped with innovative technology; a 3,700 square-foot Digital Media Studio, home to the student news show Eagle TV; and counseling and academic offices. SMCHS also recently opened the Eagle Athletic Center which features a first-class 5,822 square-foot weight room. The school’s aquatics center opened in 2007 complete with an Olympic-sized pool.

**Enrollment:** 1,733

**Financial Assistance:** One in five students receives tuition assistance

**Bus Service:** Serving Orange County

**Religious Leadership:** Campus chaplain and proud partner with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart

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**Winter Open House**

**January 20, 2015**

7pm

**SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

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A college-prep education emphasizing the total person

- Academics for every type of learner
- One-to-One Tablet PC program
- Faith-based education
- Character-building Christian service program
- Orange County’s only Catholic IB World High School
- Ranked #1 Catholic high school in Orange County by The Washington Post

**Class of 2014:** $33.2 million in scholarship offers; 91% attend a four-year university

**53 CIF championships, 133 league champions and 8 state championships since 1987**

**2014 M.A.C.Y. award for Best Musical; 60 arts courses available**
While the United States continues to remain stagnant in the global innovation race, St. John’s Episcopal School in Rancho Santa Margarita launched a groundbreaking science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) program this year.

Hailed by many leading thinkers as the most effective preparation for success in higher education and the workplace, STEAM enables students to address the importance of 21st century skills: communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. STEAM combines all of the analytical and technical merits of STEM and adds the human element of the arts to create a wonderful balance for a variety of learners. Studies have shown that the arts play a crucial role in the development of the young brain, stimulating and developing imagination and critical thinking.

To enhance its STEAM program, St. John’s expanded its course offerings school-wide. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Launch empowers students in grades K-4 to become problem solvers by teaching students to use structured approaches like the engineering design process, employ critical thinking, and practice habits of mind. PLTW Automation and Robotics, for grades 5-8, introduces students to robotics and engineering and challenges them in the areas of mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. A new and improved technology program, called Beyond Technology, strengthens technology skills and supports STEAM integration for all students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

The entire school also benefited from enhancements to the music program, including the addition of Music Together in Early Childhood, Orff Schulwerk in Elementary, and expanded instrumental and choral music in the Middle Division. Middle Division students now also have the opportunity to take Dance as an elective and participate in St. John’s first concert band, and all 6th and 7th grade students participate in a new Dramatic Arts course designed to expose students to a variety of artistic mediums.
Saint Catherine of Siena Parish School is rooted in a rich 57-year history based on unparalleled academic excellence for grades K-8, as well as a newly introduced Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program for students turning four years old by September 1.

With the highest accreditation from WASC and WCEA, the school provides a comprehensive faith-based education within an inspiring, safe environment. Academically skilled teachers provide a nurturing environment that facilitates the growth of the school’s students as faith-filled lifelong learners, effective communicators, and responsible citizens.

A full spectrum of sports, music, theater and fine arts programs are offered to foster athletic, creative and musical interests. Saint Catherine of Siena has also been named a Frieda Belinfante Class Act school – the Pacific Symphony’s flagship youth education program.

Graduates of Saint Catherine of Siena stand out in the crowd. They are distinctive in their self-understanding, confidence, personal commitment to a life of integrity and service, and a strong, active faith in God. The Saint Catherine of Siena experience changes the world, one child at a time, and is an exceptional community of choice for those families who are looking for the unique blend of education, faith and preparation for life. That is truly the Saint Catherine of Siena difference.

Saint Catherine of Siena invites you to "Come and See." Meet the parents, the students, the faculty, and enjoy the experience. The school’s educational philosophy is rooted in relationships that transform lives, and the administration and faculty look forward to meeting you as you take the next steps toward becoming part of the school community that is not just a school, but a life-long way of living.

This year Saint Catherine of Siena is hosting an Open House on on January 29 at 5:30 p.m., the same evening as its community wide Pasta Dinner hosted by the 6th grade class. Bring your child to look at the school, meet the teachers and sit down with the families. There isn’t a better time for prospective families to “Come and See” Saint Catherine of Siena Parish School.

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Educating the Next Generation of Decision Makers

57 Years of Spiritual and Academic Excellence
Educating the Whole Child Body – Mind – Spirit
Brand New Full Day Transitional Kindergarten Program
Full Day Kindergarten – 8th Grade
Apple iPad Learning Program
Highest WCEA/WASC Accreditation
Full Sports (P.A.L.), Fine Arts, Music, Theater, Clubs and After School Programs

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Please join us for our Open House & Pasta Dinner on January 29, 2015
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SERRA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVING CHRIST’S CHILDREN

CHARISM
Inspiring a deep faith, innovative mind, and caring heart through Christ…Siempre Adelante.

SERRA CATHOLIC’S ACADEMIC PROGRAM
Serra Catholic School provides a Catholic faith-based education in a Christ-centered environment for students in Grades Preschool to Eight. Our qualified, credentialed teachers use many strategies to meet the diverse learning needs of all students, including high achievers and those requiring individualized assistance. Core curricular programs align with the Common Core Standards and a 1:1 iPad Program was fully implemented in the 2014-2015 school year for all students in Grades K through Eight. Serra Catholic School provides technological resources to our students for the purpose of supporting the educational experience and mission of the school. In providing these resources, Serra Catholic School promotes educational excellence by facilitating creative thinking, research, communication, and collaboration to meet the unique learning needs of every student. Our academic program was recognized for significant accomplishments and critical goals in the February 2014 Report of Findings by the WCEA visiting accreditation team.

CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT, SPECIAL PROGRAMS & CLUBS
• Student Council and Campus Ministry
• Leadership for Social Justice Program (Grades 5-8)
• Choirs and Handbells (Elementary and Middle School)
• CJSF (California Junior Scholastic Federation)
• SerraVision Broadcast & Crew
• Spring Musical
• After School Activities & Sports Programs

ACCREDITATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
• WCEA/WASC
• National Blue Ribbon School 2008
• National Catholic Math League – 2014 Division 1 Champions (Grades 3 and 4)

For information on enrollment, please contact Shirley Merchant, Admissions Director, ext. 123 or smerchant@serraschool.org. For general information, please contact Cindy Kennedy, Communications Manager, (949) 888-1990, ext. 209 or c Kennedy@serraschool.org.

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MAIN CAMPUS
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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
SERRA CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
AT HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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“Always About the Needs of Children…”

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 25th
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Serra Catholic School
Celebrating 20 Years of Serving Christ’s Children
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January 25th
Serra Catholic Preschool
Open House
9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
1600 Corporate Drive • Ladera Ranch
Call (949)546-8890 for more information

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Aliso Viejo Christian School was established in 1999 as a ministry of Lutheran Church of the Cross with a mission to be a “Christ-centered, Bible-based environment which provides academic excellence and nurtures students to become lifelong learners who know Jesus Christ and share His Word, His grace, and His love with all people.”

AVCS is dedicated to be a school where educational excellence is provided with a curriculum that supports the academic needs of 21st century learners in Junior Kindergarten through Eighth grade. With the completion of the gym/event center classrooms, students have opportunities for enhanced visual and performing arts as well as an exciting sports program. A diversified foreign language option program is provided to develop global citizenry of the students. Technology is integrated throughout grade levels with an emphasis on maximizing student learning while providing expanding usage, stability, and security.

With the Expected Schoolwide Learning Outcomes for the students of spiritually growing individuals, academically strong individuals, healthy individuals, and Christ-like individuals, AVCS strives to be an educational community that partners with parents and its students. Aliso Viejo Christian School is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International, and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37

Aliso Viejo Christian School
JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE

• Differentiated Instruction to Challenge All Learners
• Curriculum Exceeds CA Core Standards
• Interscholastic & Intramural Sports
• Music, Computer Lab, Rosetta Stone Program, Drama, Accelerated Reader Program

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for the 2015/2016 School Year

Aliso Viejo Christian School
A Ministry of Lutheran Church of the Cross
1 Orion, Aliso Viejo
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Lutheran Church of the Cross and Christian Preschool
2431 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods
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Mission Basilica School embraces a rich heritage tracing back to the founding of Mission San Juan Capistrano by Father Junipero Serra in 1776. The school honors Father Serra’s mission of preparing every student for a life of leadership rooted in Catholic values. The beautiful campus, uniquely located in the historical setting of the grounds of Mission San Juan Capistrano, has a student body of 260 in grades Pre-K to 8th. Mission Basilica School is a WCEA/WASC accredited, National Blue Ribbon school, staffed with highly skilled and credentialed teachers. Mission Basilica School continues to foster Faith Formation and Academic Excellence through its highly acclaimed programs.

FAITH
- Strong Catholic Identity
- Christ-centered learning environment
- Weekly Mass in the Basilica
- Ongoing Christian Service
- Spiritual Retreats

ACADEMICS
- New TK Program Begins Fall 2015
- Accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association
- National Blue Ribbon School
- Rigorous Academic Curriculum aligned to the State Standards
- High Test Scores on High School Placement Exams
- Differentiated Instruction
- Student-centered classrooms with small group instruction
- 1-to-1 iPad Program
- Technology and Science Labs
- Fitness, Sports and Health Education
- Rich Fine Arts Program
- Spanish Language Program
- After School Clubs and Extracurricular Programs
- Extended Day Care

Please Join Us
Open House
Sunday, January 25th
10:00am - Noon

MISSION BASILICA SCHOOL
Pre K through 8th Grade

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Temple Beth El’s acclaimed Early Childhood Center has been enlightening children for 14 illustrious years. The school has forged a strong reputation within the local community for its loving, experienced and long-term staff who instruct in both their Center and in their Full Inclusion Program.

With a planned average of only 110 children per school year, Temple Beth El is able to maintain its exceptional hands-on approach to the “early education” years of child development. Temple Beth El offers a multitude of classes including a Parent Participation Program (Mom & Me) for 7 months – 2 years, preschool for 2 and 3-year-olds, a Pre-K program as well as a full-day Kindergarten.

Each year, Temple Beth El has been able to provide children with varying special needs in a traditional classroom setting. For example, a child in need of a support facilitator would be welcomed and immersed in the program.

The faculty regularly meets with school preparedness coordinators within the community, so that they are aware and up-to-date on the skills each child needs to successfully transcend to their formal elementary school or other educational program.

Temple Beth El’s philosophy uses developmentally-appropriate curriculum with academics being taught through active participation. Pre-K students prepare for Kindergarten by utilizing the “Ready for School/Handwriting Without Tears” course. Temple Beth El has been successful with this fun, experiential syllabus for this age group.

The Temple Beth El facility is clean, bright and cheerful and has large, playground-facing windows in each room. The school goes the extra mile to help create not just a vivid and cheerful atmosphere, but a splendid learning environment.

Check the Temple Beth El website at tbesoc.org in February for registration forms and to learn all about programs being offered. Registration will begin in March 2015. The school welcomes prospective families to schedule a tour of Temple Beth El in January and February. You can contact the admissions office at (949) 362-3999 ext. 317 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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PROVIDING TOP QUALITY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STAGES OF LIFE
Founded in 1997 with a goal of providing a fundamentally solid foundation to help guide and instruct young people, Saddleback Valley Christian Schools has long been a place where students come to learn, lead, and grow in their young lives.

The wonderful teaching staff is made up of credentialed and highly trained educators who have a passion for their students and the learning process. SVCS is dedicated to utilizing the latest technologies and teaching techniques and is committed to maintaining small class sizes to maximize student achievement. Service is a valuable component of the SVCS experience. Many students participate and lead local, regional and even worldwide missions trips. The knowledge and personal relationships with Christ that these young people bring to the communities they serve are often matched by what they learn and teach us upon their return.

Athletics play a large part in the lives of the school community. SVCS offers 17 CIF sanctioned sports and three club sports at the high school level, as well as several sports at the junior high and elementary levels. Warrior teams have won five CIF championships, over 100 league titles, four Parochial Athletic League titles, and have had four Academic All-Americans since its inception. SVCS student-athletes have gone on to be accepted to NCAA Division I universities such as Northwestern, Cornell, UCLA, Pepperdine, Mississippi State and the University of Arkansas.

SVCS is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is an independent Christ-centered college preparatory day school for preschool through 12th grade. The school offers a full spectrum of UC approved courses as well as unique Music, Drama and Dance programs, honors and AP classes, and a specialized Academic Learning Assistance Program.

See why SVCS is different.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHTS
Monday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
Call 949.443.4050 for more information.

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Grace Classical Academy is Orange County’s first classical Christian school. Founded in 2003, Grace Classical Academy is an inviting, family-oriented school centrally located in Laguna Niguel serving students and their parents in Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Students are mentored by well-trained faculty in classes averaging ten students in size using time-tested curricula and research-based teaching methods for the purpose of:

- **Teaching** the foundational facts of each subject;
- **Developing** logical thinking patterns;
- **Understanding** the interrelationships among ideas;
- **Generating original ideas** based on this understanding; and
- **Articulating** original ideas using reasoned, meaningful, and beautiful language.

The ultimate goal is to train students to use these skills for the glory of God and in service to mankind as productive members of their communities.

Grace Classical Academy offers a wide range of courses such as phonics-based reading in the early grades, and, throughout all grades, Mathematics, Science, literature-based history, Bible, English Grammar, Latin, P.E., Art, and Music.

From an early age, special emphasis is placed on mathematics instruction using methods developed in Singapore that teaches students the concrete and abstract nature of numbers and real-life problem solving. Additionally, instruction in English Grammar begins in 1st Grade helping students in developmentally-appropriate ways engage with the structure of their own language. Both approaches to the study of math and language provide the foundation for the development of logical thinking that undergirds the study of the other disciplines.

Additionally, students are taught to evaluate their ideas and actions through a Christian Worldview with the goal of maturing their minds and hearts to inform each other so that all of their lives will reflect a sensitivity to the call to serve and love God and their fellow man.

Grace Classical Academy is currently completing a new classroom and administration building. They invite interested families to contact the admissions director to arrange a tour.

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