



IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PROVIDING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR OVER 170 YEARS!

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
Isaiah 60:1**



WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Immanuel Christian Academy!

Immanuel Christian Academy (ICA) is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and has been providing quality Christian education for 170 years!

Our first day school class was taught back in 1852, before the congregation was formed and before the church had been built. The church was constructed in 1858 and since the beginning, the congregation has been cheerfully and faithfully supporting the school, always looking forward to meeting new families and seeing new faces.

Our program begins with a full day Pre-K program and continues through the Eighth Grade. We offer Extended Care for full day students from 7am-6pm and offer many after school activities, and athletics.

We are blessed with an outstanding and highly qualified faculty. All our teachers are certified by the Illinois State Board of Education. Here, forgiveness and love are taught and practiced. Our Christ-centered instruction makes a difference!

MISSION & VISION

The mission of Immanuel Christian Academy is to prepare and equip children spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically for spirit-filled outreach in the community and the world.

At ICA, we envision an environment where teachers and families work together to promote sound values, solid academics and positive public witness of the gospel. ICA respects each family as the primary care givers to their children and responsible for their spiritual growth. We support each family by instilling Christian values through the daily instruction of God's word and Christ-centered action.

Our mission extends to Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike as we seek to know Christ better.

HISTORY

Immanuel Christian Academy has a very interesting history dating back 170 years.

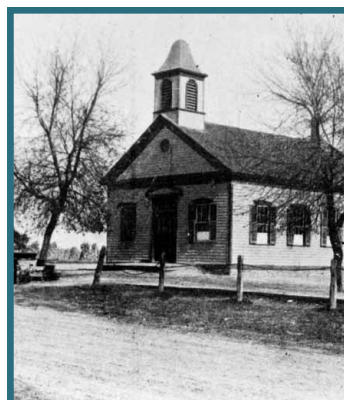
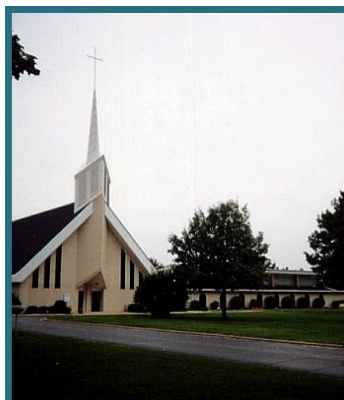
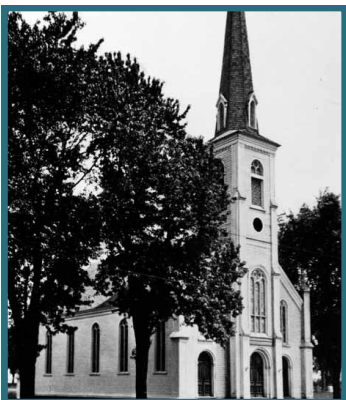
In 1852, fifteen students began taking a few classes out of the home of a teacher. Later that year, a school was built, six years later the congregation was formed and a second school building was constructed.

By the early 1900's, Immanuel had grown to a congregation of 125 families, became a voting member in the Missouri Synod, dedicated a cemetery and instituted English services which had previously been in German.

By the 1950's the congregation approved the building of a modern school and later that year, dedicated the building.

Over the next fifty years, the original church building burned down and a new church was constructed adjacent to the current school. The original schoolhouse was moved across the street and now sits in the Westchester Prairie. The original school house is the center for the [Save the Prairie Project](#) and is utilized for lectures, tours, exhibits and gatherings. The second school building (Old School House) still sits in the original location on Cermak and is the center for Immanuel's Old Schoolhouse Community Garden.

Today Immanuel Lutheran Church and Immanuel Christian Academy are connected by more than beams and a prayer garden. The school flourishes due to the dedication of Immanuel's congregation. Their time, talents and donations aid in the successful education and rich spiritual growth of Immanuel's children.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Spiritual Life of Immanuel Christian Academy (ICA) revolves around two fundamental truths. First, that the Bible is God's true and inspired Holy Word. Second, that salvation is available to all who confess and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. These central truths are emphasized daily in our classrooms and shared among students and teachers.

Each morning, classes begin with a time of devotion and prayer. On Wednesdays, the whole student body assembles in the Sanctuary for a weekly chapel service. Time is set aside each day for religious instruction. This instruction covers basic beliefs and values that reflect Biblical Christianity. The basis of this teaching is based on material provided by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. However, we recognize and respect the beliefs and practices followed by other Biblical Christian Churches and denominations. Our goal is to educate students who will be mature, confident Biblical Christians who will carry their faith and values into all phases of their lives, being good witnesses for Jesus Christ.

The Day School Choir of ICA is invited to sing periodically for the Sunday Worship Service of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Parents and families are welcome to join the congregation in worship on that Sunday and at all services held by Immanuel Lutheran Church. Families who do not have a current church home are welcome to consider becoming members at Immanuel. The Pastor is available to discuss this with anyone who is interested.

Immanuel Christian Academy is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church and receives significant financial and volunteer support from members of the congregation.

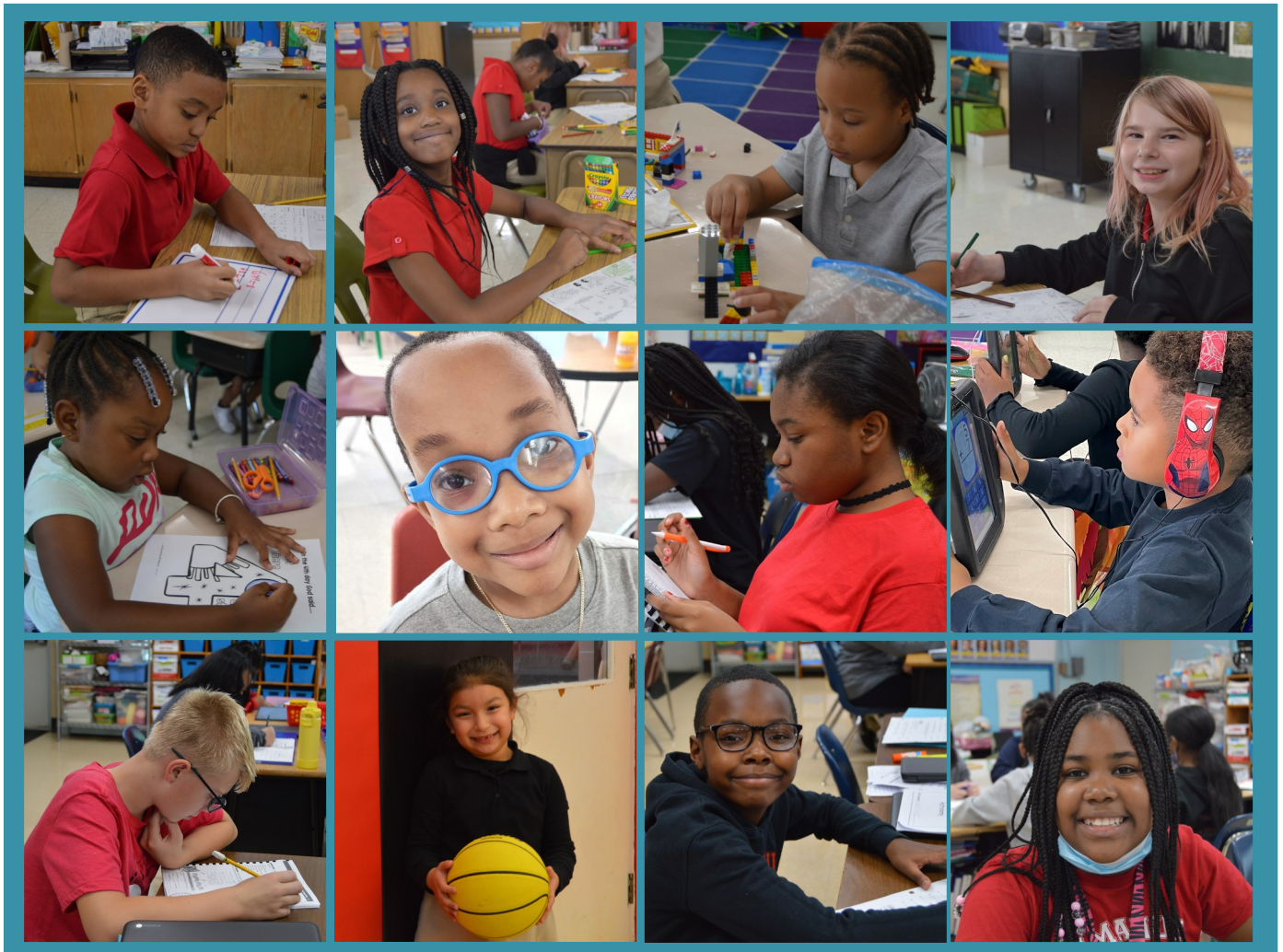


ACADEMICS

Our mission to prepare and equip children is achieved through our everyday curriculum which centers on Christ and learning about God's creation. Our course of study includes Language Arts - Reading, Writing & Grammar, Math, Science & Health, Social Studies, Computer Technology, Music & Band, Spanish, Art, and Physical Education. Our teachers and varied curriculum offers students the opportunity to:

**Learn • Think • Problem Solve • Create
Innovate • Communicate • Collaborate**

This is accomplished as the faculty strives to help each child reach their highest potential through differentiated instruction, which meets the needs of children at individual levels.



Students are given Map Tests three times a year. Map testing not only charts a student's individual growth throughout the year, but assists teachers in improving curriculum to better suit the needs of each child.

Our students receive Computer Tech, Spanish, Art and Life Skills. Music is incorporated throughout the week with Music Class, Choir and Walther's optional band program.

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It's like every day I see my family members. We also talk about Jesus every day. - 5th Grade Student

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Fine Arts:

Choir

Piano provided by Mrs. E.

Band provided by Walther

Fine Arts Fest

Christmas Concert

Spring Musical



Athletics:

Boys & Girls Volleyball

Boys & Girls Basketball

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Boys & Girls Track



ACTIVITIES



Special Events:

Open House
Lutheran Schools Week
Grandparents Day
In-House Roller Skating
Black History Month Program
Outdoor Education



Field Trips:

Feed My Starving Children
Phil's Friends
Farms
Brookfield Zoo
Plays and Musicals
Something different every year!



PTL Sponsored Events:

Family Game Night
Fundraisers
Fall Party / Christmas Party
Christmas Store
End of Year Celebration



FACILITIES

Immanuel's Church and school are situated on 12 acres of privately owned land. Every square foot of the land is available to and assists in the instruction of the students here at Immanuel Christian Academy (ICA).

Immanuel Christian Academy has seven classrooms in the main building. All classrooms are full of natural light, have air conditioning, first aid kits and all rooms have dual exits. Our PreK and Kindergarten classrooms also have bathrooms.

Immanuel has a library that is accessible to students at all times. Inside the library is a classroom utilized for art projects, science experiments and break out sessions.

There is a spacious lunch room, as well as two onsite kitchens which are used for special events.

Our gymnasium is home to many Immanuel Cardinal Basketball and Volleyball games and is utilized for recess on inclement weather days and for our Physical Education program. We have a P.E. storage room stocked with sports equipment and manipulatives used for gross motor skills. We have a large theatrical stage located at the north end of our gym. The fully equipped stage is utilized annually for Parent Teacher League (PTL) events, a spring musical, Grandparent's Day and other school activities.

Students visit our Music Director's classroom or the Sanctuary for Music/Choir class.

Our Sanctuary is attached to the school building and ensures safe travel to our weekly chapel services and Choir/Music Class. Sunday Worship is at 9:30 a.m. every week unless otherwise noted for holiday services. All are welcome!

Our school office is inside the entrance to the main school building. Our Administrative Assistant is in the office from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily.

The beautiful grass fields and spacious playgrounds are utilized for recess, gym, extended care, PTL functions and other school & church activities. The Old Schoolhouse Community Garden is also available for classroom visits as part of the science curriculum or just for fun!

The buildings and grounds of Immanuel are maintained daily. The custodian, congregation and staff work together to provide students with a clean and safe environment in which to learn.

The facilities contribute substantially to the education of Immanuel students. Twelve acres provides ample space and various opportunities to learn about, explore and care for God's creation.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is very important to the staff at Immanuel Christian Academy. We reach out weekly to every family via our “Weekly Watch” newsletter. It is emailed every Friday or before the last day in a school week. It is also posted each week on our website. The Weekly Watch contains a weekly calendar, upcoming fundraisers, events and special reminders.

All members of our faculty have an Immanuel email address and a direct line with voice mail where they can be reached. Many of our teachers communicate directly through weekly classroom newsletters. The school/church calendar is updated regularly and can be found on our website www.icahillside.org. We also keep parents updated through social media outlets.

THE PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE

The Parent Teacher League strives to keep communication open between home and school through monthly meetings and events. The Mission of the PTL is to bring into closer relation the home, school, and church, so that parents and teachers may cooperate more effectively in the Christian training of children. All parents are encouraged to join the Parent Teacher League. The PTL communicates events and fundraisers through school emails, the Weekly Watch, Facebook and hard copy flyers.

Find out why it's great to be a Cardinal

This was our first year at Immanuel Christian and WE LOVED IT!! We prayed for a school that SHOWED God's LOVE AND COMPASSION and that's just what we received. I Thank God for ICA and we look forward to the future! - Kindergarten Parent

Everyone at Immanuel is so kind, from the students to the teachers. Every day when I'm at school I learn something new and have fun while I'm doing it. The teachers help me with my work so I know what to do. My favorite thing about Immanuel is the family-like environment and that everyone knows each other. - 5th Grade Student

This is our family's fifth year, the teachers and staff make it a point to show they care about any concerns of students or parents. - 4th Grade Parent

The students and staff are so loving and accepting. There are no popularity contests or competitions to fit in. At Immanuel there's always someone willing to be your friend. - 5th Grade Student

TUITION & FEES

Application Fee (non-refundable)

\$125 until March 31

\$200 after April 1

Tuition Rates	
One Child	\$5000
Two Children	\$8,500 - 15% discount
Three Children	\$11,250 - 25% discount
Four or more children - 30% discount	
Fees	
Preschool Service Fee	\$450
K-8 Student Service Fee	\$550
ChromeBook Fee (5th - 8th Grade)	\$200
New Student Application Fee	\$125
Re-Enrollment Fee	\$100
Blackbaud Tuition Annual Fee	\$43.00 per family
Blackbaud Tuition Late Fee	\$40.00
Blackbaud Application Fee	\$35.00
*Volunteer background check	\$16.95 per person
*Extended Care	Aftercare \$6.00 / Morning Care \$2.00
*Hot Lunch	\$ 5.50+ per lunch
*Athletic Fee	\$25- \$50 per sport

The Enrollment fee holds your child's placement for the next year barring no problems with late payments, non-sufficient funds, academic difficulties or discipline problems.

Tuition & Fees

The Student Service Fee is applied towards activity fees, field trips, library, technology fund, textbooks, workbooks, Room Parent/Teacher League dues, Jupiter Ed, yearbooks, MAP Testing, school t-shirt, cleaning and promotion fees. Chrome Book Fee is applied towards ChromeBook, ChromeBook maintenance and subscriptions.

***These programs / fees are optional and may increase each year.*

Each year the Day School Commission meets to review tuition and fees. Tuition and fees are subject to an increase of up to 5% annually.

Student fees and the first month's tuition are to be paid in full before the first day of school.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid will be awarded based on need, the student's grade point average, and payment history with Immanuel.

All families who wish to apply for aid must:

- Apply regardless of current year's financial aid status
- Be current with student fees and tuition
- Remain current with tuition
- Work with their children to ensure a 2.75 GPA or higher have completed their 15 hours of volunteer service by April 1st each year.
- Provide previous year's tax return or comparable documented proof of income
- Submit a letter of personal reference from your pastor or your employer

Scholarships are merit based and competitive. Families must complete an essay. Current scholarship holders must apply each year. Scholarships will not automatically roll over.

- Family must be current with student fees and tuition
- Family must remain current with tuition
- Student must have and maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher
- Student / Family must complete 15 hours of service by April 1st, each year.
- A recommendation from the student's teacher may be requested by the office.

To retain Financial Aid & Academic Scholarship

When families qualify for aid, the discount will be divided into 10 tuition credits and subtracted from the monthly tuition payment. Each family receiving aid will be reviewed prior to the start of each trimester. In order to receive aid in each subsequent trimester, families must:

- Remain current with student fees and tuition
- Work with their children to ensure a 2.75 GPA or higher (3.5 GPA for scholarship)
- Complete 2 service hours per month (all service hours to be completed by April)
- Attend at least one Sunday church service at Immanuel Lutheran Church with their child/ren

Regardless of current financial aid status, all families must apply for aid by April 1st each year for early review. To apply: visit: <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school/#!/login>

The maximum allowance for Financial Aid is \$500 per student / \$1000 per family.

The maximum allowance for Academic Scholarship is \$500 per student.

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Checklist for parents

Applications will not be accepted unless all necessary documents are received. Please use the checklist below.

If your child is entering Preschool:

- Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- Submit completed application including additional, necessary documentation.
- Submit enrollment fee of \$125 per application
- Submit a certified copy of your child's birth certificate. Student must be four years old by Sept. 1
- If applicable, submit a copy of progress report from current preschool
- Submit a family letter of recommendation from your Pastor. *Optional, but highly recommended.*
- Child must be fully potty trained**

If your child is entering Kindergarten:

- Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- Submit completed application including additional, necessary documentation.
- Submit enrollment fee of \$125 per application
- Submit a certified copy of your child's birth certificate. Student must be five years old by Sept. 1
- Submit a copy of progress report and letter of good standing from current school
- Submit a family letter of recommendation from your Pastor. *Optional, but highly recommended.*

If your child is entering 1st – 4th Grade

- Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- Submit completed application, including additional, necessary documentation
- Submit enrollment fee of \$125 per application
- Submit a certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- Submit "Letter of Good Standing" from your child's current school
- Submit a letter of recommendation from your child's current teacher. *Optional, but highly recommended.*
- Submit a family letter of recommendation from your Pastor. *Optional, but highly recommended.*

If your child is entering 5th – 8th grade

- Look over Immanuel's website, read our handbook and Student & Parent Rules of Conduct
- Submit completed application, including additional, necessary documentation
- Submit enrollment fee of \$125 per application
- Submit a certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- Submit "Letter of Good Standing" from your child's current school
- Submit a letter of recommendation from your child's current teacher
- Submit a family letter of recommendation from your Pastor . *Optional, but highly recommended.*

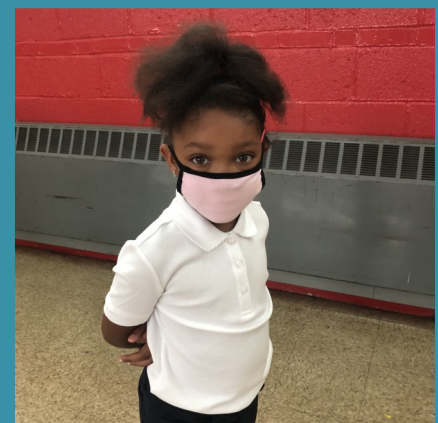
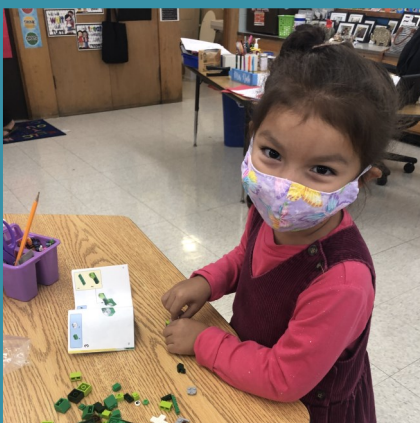
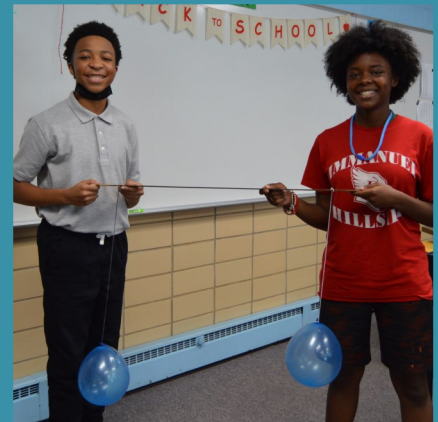
Pending receipt of completed application, fee and necessary documents, an interview may be requested by the Principal or Day School Commission. All transfer students, regardless of grade must sign a Records Release and provide letter of Good Standing from their current school.

Once accepted, students attend Immanuel on probationary status for the first trimester.

Immanuel will not accept transfer students after the 1st Trimester ends in November.

Immanuel is unable to accept students with an IEP / 504 Plan.

“Our daughters received a great CHRISTian education - faculty and staff trust the Lord and depend on His grace and guidance in their lives. It gave our kids a good foundation for the future.” Parent of Alumni



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