We hope you've had a chance to visit the school, meet some staff and students, and see exceptional learning in action! If not, contact Harry Meester, our Director of Recruitment and Advancement at 905-648-6655 x113, or hmeester@hdch.org. He would be happy to speak with you and show you around.

Please look over the details of the application process listed below. If you have any questions, give us a call.

- □ Complete and return the Application Package.
 - Application Form
 - Is your family new to HDCH? Then also include the following. (See notes below.)
 - □ Membership Application Form *
 - □ Post-dated deposit cheque **
 - Does the student currently attend a public or Catholic school? Then also include:
 - Consent for Transfer of Records
- Depending on your needs, you may need to connect with one or more of the following:
 - Our Principal, Nathan Siebenga to talk about a vision of Christian education for your child.
 - Our Student Services staff to ensure we have a program suitable for your child's learning.
 - Our Director of Finance, Sherry Osinga to answer any questions you might have about tuition and payment options.

Once we have received your application, a member of our staff will contact you about any further questions and/or an admission decision.

* About the Membership Application Form

Your form will be forwarded to the HDCH Board for consideration; you will be contacted once your application has been reviewed. Membership in the Hamilton Association for Christian Education allows you to participate fully at membership meetings and vote on school decisions. *Please note that membership and enrollment applications are considered separately.*

** About the Tuition Deposit

Families new to HDCH are required to pay a non-refundable \$500 deposit postdated for between January 1, 2016 and March 2, 2016. If applying after March 2, the deposit must be submitted along with your application. Cheques should be made out to HDCH. This deposit will be credited toward your 2016-2017 tuition.



An information file called the Ontario Student Record—containing report cards, an up-to-date transcript, and other material pertinent to the student's academic achievements—is maintained for each student enrolled in accordance with Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines.

PERSONAL INFO

Student Information			
Legal surname:		Given names:	
Name commonly used:		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	
Gender: ☐ female	□ male	Target Entry Grade:	
Home Phone:		_	
Home address (in Canada):			
City/Town:		Postal Code:	
or ☐ Homestay address to be de	termined		
Province of Birth:		First language (if not English):	
Country of Birth (if not Canada)		Entry date to Canada (mm/dd/yyyy):	
Status in Canada (check one):	☐ citizen	☐ native ancestry	□ permanent resident
	☐ student visa	□ other visa	☐ refugee
School address:		or a home school in September 2015?	
,	Omistian elementary school of	i a nome school in deptember 2013:	
Parent/Guardian Information			
Cell phone:			
Employer:		Business phone:	
Father Name:			
Home Phone if different from stude	ent's:		
Address if different from student's:			
		E-mail:	
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Guardian (if applicable) Name:			
Home Phone if different from student's:			
Address if different from student's:			
Cell phone: E-	E-mail:		
Employer: Br			
Please indicate if there are any special family arrangements of white	ich the school should be made aware:		
Church Affiliation			
Name of Church:	Denomination:		
Health Information			
Family Doctor:	Phone:		
Health Card Number & Letters:			
Does this condition require an epipen?			
Emergency Contact Person (After attempting to notify parents/guardian	ı):		
Relationship to Student:			
Assessment, extra academic support). No Yes Comment:			
Athletics Consent I give permission for my child to attend tryouts for any of the extracurricular s	sports teams. □ No □ Yes		
MEDIA CONSENT			
The Privacy Act (PIPEDA) requires us to have written consent before we car photographs or videos to be viewed by anyone who views the HDCH web sit publication would not occur. We give this consent voluntarily	te or reads HDCH literature, and that if consent were withheld, the		
Mother/Guardian signature	Date		
Father/Guardian signature	Date		

COMMITMENTS

Our Commitment

We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit and confess that our faith must find expression in all our thoughts and actions. We dedicate our work to the pursuit of character development through learning, recognizing that true transformation can be found only in Jesus Christ.

We regard every student as sacred before God, who calls every one of them to obey His Law, and out of concern for their development as citizens of His Kingdom we dedicate our efforts toward a wholesome growth of their God-given potential. It is important that we deal justly with all students and make professional judgments regarding their academic, physical, and emotional characteristics as required.

We acknowledge the God-given authority of the parents concerning the student's education. We consider it a privilege to teach the students according to a plan of learning for which the religious direction is determined and accepted mutually by the parents and by the staff. We promise to establish a relationship of mutual confidence with the parents and the students.

We believe that the Christian School is a cultural expression of the Christian community's faith commitment, and that it is our task as educators to make plain to students the relevance of God's Word in life's total experience.

We are committed to the growth and development of the Christian community, and desire a harmonious and communal submission in all areas of life to the power of God's Word. For this purpose, we shall seek guidance and justice in our relations with the students, the parents, the Board of the school and all others who support Christ-centred education.

On behalf of the HDCH Staff,

Nathan Siebenga Principal

Parents' Commitment

I agree that my child will be educated in a manner consistent with the beliefs and objectives of HDCH, which are summarized in the statement above: the Mission, the Vision, and the Foundational Statement.

I agree that my child will participate in and attend all compulsory courses and devotional activities as outlined in the Course Calendar and HDCH Handbook.

I agree to co-operate with the principal or delegate of HDCH in the appropriate program planning of my child. This includes consent for my child to participate in all educational excursions or trips conducted as part of the educational program.

I agree that upon enrolling my child, I will support my child in participating fully as part of HDCH's learning community.

I understand that HDCH staff will work to restore relationships and bring resolution when community is broken.

I acknowledge that the school reserves the right to enrol or de-enrol any student and/or family at any time during the school year, as it sees fit and without prior notice, for the well-being of the school community.

Mother/Guardian signature	Date	
Father/Guardian signature	Date	

Student's Commitment

I understand that at HDCH I will be educated in a manner consistent with its beliefs and objectives, which are summarized in the Mission, Vision, and Foundational Statement.

Date Received: _____ Received by: ______ Follow-up required by: _____ Approved by: _____ Date: _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Membership in the Hamilton Association for Christian Education Incorporated requires your agreement with the Foundational Statement below, acceptance of this application by the Board of Directors, and payment of the annual membership fee. Payment of one membership fee per family will give each parent/guardian, 18 years or older, full voting privileges (up to two memberships per family).

Foundational Statement

The by-laws of Hamilton District Christian High form the constitutional and organizational basis for our school. Article 2 of these bylaws states the theological basis for our organization. One phrase in this article, "as interpreted by the Reformed Creeds," can be understood in several different ways. The purpose of this document is to explain how HDCH interprets this phrase. This explanation also provides the raison d'être for the Christ-centred, Biblically-rooted educational program for the students of HDCH.

The basis of Hamilton District Christian High is the Triune God as revealed in the Bible. This infallible Word of God is interpreted from a Reformed biblical foundation where Jesus Christ is central to the Biblical story. In professing a Christ-centred foundation to education, HDCH asserts that the Triune God is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of each student, staff member, parent/guardian, and the school community. In fact all of life, including academics, is subject to His authority and is in need of His transformational love. For in Him, by Him and through Him are all things. (Colossians 1: 15-20). All of creation shouts of the magnificence of Jesus Christ. This is the core of the Reformed biblical foundation of HDCH.

Specifically, we affirm that every square inch of our Christian learning community is rooted in Scripture alone, trusting in Christ alone, built through God's grace alone, enacted by faith alone, and all for the Glory of God alone. To that end, HDCH believes:

- 1. That the Bible is the only true source of written divine revelation which alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behaviour must be measured. (2 Tim 3:16, Deut. 12:32, Belgic Confession Article 7)
- 2. That God also reveals Himself to us by the wonders of His created universe. (Romans 1:20, John 1:1-3, Belgic Confession Article 2)
- 3. That our salvation is accomplished by work of the historical Christ alone. His perfect life, death on the cross and glorious resurrection alone are sufficient for our salvation and restoration to God, the Father-Creator. (John 3:16, Romans 4:25, Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 45)
- 4. His redeeming work is also for all salvation and transformation of all creation. Our world belongs to God and Christ alone has saved it by His death and resurrection.(Deut. 10:14, Romans 8:18-25, Our World Belongs to God #7 &19
- 5. That in this salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by His grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life. (Romans 3:20-23, Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 62 and 63)

- 6. That our being made right and complete is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. There is nothing we can do in ourselves to obtain this release from sin. (1 John 5: 10-12, Ephesians 2: 8-9, Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 60 and 61)
- 7. That our salvation is for God's glory alone and that in thankfulness we joyfully live for His glory alone. (Ephesians 1: 11-12, 1 Chronicles 16:8-36, Westminster Confession Q & A 1)

Further, the HDCH Christian learning community believes that it exists as part of God's ongoing story where God alone is sovereign and King. This true historic story started with God's perfect creation. The story continues with the fall from perfection because of our disobedience to the Creator King. The bad news is that this disobedience affected all of creation with death and decay. This story then moves on to the good news as God provides the way out of death with new life found only in Jesus Christ. HDCH continues to live in and proclaim God's story as we wait for Jesus Christ to return. Therefore, when we study in the academics, express and create in the arts, play and participate in athletics, learn and work in the trades, or experience and enjoy the variety and complexity of people relationships, we do it not only in the context of today's culture, but more importantly in the context of God's biblical story. We must take every thought captive and make it obedient to Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5)

By affirming this truth we also acknowledge, that in and of ourselves we are not capable of redemption (Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 8). We need the total help of God in our lives. This divine intervention comes to us unconditionally. It is a free gift from God. (Ephesians 1:3-6) This is a mystery that is beyond our limited finite understanding of the Creator of this universe. We do know that Jesus loves the world He created and came to save all who believe and call on His name (John 3:16-17). While we realize that not all people will receive or want to accept this gift from God, we are commissioned by God and empowered by His Spirit to bring His story to those who have not yet heard. (Acts 1:8) At HDCH we do this both by our words and our actions. We do so only in the power of God - confident that once God decides to enact His good news of salvation, no individual will have the power to resist. (Act 13:48) Finally at HDCH, we take joy in the fact that once a person has received this gift of new life from God, it will never be taken away. God is faithful and true and can not go back on His word (Matt 24:24, John 6:39, Rom. 8:30). It is then God's preserving gift that challenges us at HDCH to persevere in God's story, living out Jesus' love to His fallen but redeemed creation (Matthew 28:18-20, Our World Belongs to God #32). Since He is faithful, it is incumbent for us to persist until He returns. This founding vision of the Reformed biblical story remains HDCH's vision today.

The following principles have been taken from the HDCH by-laws.

We believe that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the scriptures, has revealed to His people ordering principles intensely relevant to education, and demands that the whole Word of God empower an education, in which we profess that:

LIFE – Human life in its entirety is religious, since God created men and women to serve Him everywhere. This requires us to educate our children for His Service.

BIBLE – The Bible as the written Word of God is the Truth by which the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of God, ourselves and the world, and that the Bible is the infallible authority by which He directs and governs all our activities, including the education of our children.

CREATION – We can understand the world rightly only in its relation to God, because the world, in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration is the work of the Triune God, and the glorification of His name is the purpose of the Creation.

HUMANITY – We were created in the image of God to enjoy covenant fellowship with our Creator and to reflect the excellencies of our Maker, and we were instructed to exercise dominion over the world in loving obedience to God and to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law

SIN – Sin is disobedience of God's law through which each person became estranged from God and neighbour and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result, we have become corrupt in heart, blind to the true meaning of life, and repress the knowledge of God, which confronts us in creation and in Scripture.

JESUS CHRIST – Through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, there is renewal of our educational enterprise because He is the Redeemer, the Light, and the Way for human life in all its range and variety. Only through Him and the work of His Spirit are we guided in the truth and recommitted to our original calling.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD – The Kingdom of God is God's righteous and universal reign through Jesus Christ whose grace and power make education possible and meaningful. In obedience to Christ we submit in every area of life to His commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

PURPOSE OF EDUCATION – The purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide students to commit their heart to Christ who is the Truth, to attain to understanding, to gain wisdom, to practice righteousness, and to perform responsible service to the Lord in church, state and society.

PARENTS – God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Therefore, Christian parents should establish and maintain Christian schools.

THE STUDENT – The student as child, entrusted by God to parents, needs ordering, correction, and instruction. Children of the Christian home share in the promises and demands of the Gospel. Hence they ought to receive Christian education.

THE TEACHER – Christian teachers, both in obedience to God and in cooperation with parents, have a unique pedagogical responsibility while educating the child in the school.

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – The Christian school established and controlled by a society of Christian believers, in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, possesses the freedom to function in education in total and voluntary submission to Christ the King.

Please complete the following:

on. I / We agree to be bound by and ob ion. (Constitution available by request.	serve the bylaws, rules and regulati)	ions of the Society as outlined
PARENT/GUARDIAN SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	SIGNED AT
DATE	SI	GNATURE
PARENT/GUARDIAN SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	SIGNED AT
DATE		GNATURE

I/We declare agreement with the "Foundational Statement" and desire to be a member(s) of the above mentioned

In accordance with the guidelines for the Ontario Student Record, parental or guardian consent for the transfer of records to HDCH from a public or separate school is required by the Ministry of Education. If your child's last school of attendance is *public* or *separate*, please complete and sign this form. Thank you!

Student name:		
Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):		
Former school:		
Fax:	Phone:	
I give permission for the release of	's OSR student name	
to Hamilton Distr	ict Christian High.	
Parent/Guardian signature (if student is under 18 years)	Date	
Student signature (if 18 years or over)	Date	

2016-2017 Tuition Rates

These are the rates for the current school year, printed here for your information. Tuition rates for 2016-2017 are set by a membership vote at the spring Membership Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016. The new rates will be available at that time

- \$ 13 330 per year for families with students enrolled only at HDCH.
- Optional bursary of \$2,260 for families with children also enrolled in a private Christian elementary school or homeschool.
- Tuition bursary support is available. Contact Sherry Osinga for more information on how to apply.

Payment Schedule Options

Pre-Authorized Payment Plan This form is available from the Director of Finance.

Annually One payment for the full amount, due by September 1.

Quarterly Four equal payments dated September 1, November 1, February 1 and April 1.

Monthly Ten or Twelve equal payments dated the *first* of each month, starting

September 1.

Please note the following:

- Families new to HDCH are required to pay a non-refundable \$500 deposit postdated for between January 1, 2016 and March 1, 2016. If applying after March 1, the deposit must be submitted along with application. This deposit goes towards your total tuition.
- Included in the tuition fee is \$300 for the HDCH membership fee.
- Tuition fees cover school operating costs; they do not cover the costs of building expansions, capital improvements, or debt payments.
- Any personal information related to tuition is maintained for the purposes of HDCH only.
- Withdrawing your child from HDCH anytime during the school year does not relieve you of tuition still due. Tuition rebates are available on a limited basis as outlined in the Tuition Policy.

If you have any questions related to tuition, method of payment or payment options, our Director of Finance, Sherry Osinga, would love to talk with you! Contact her at 905.648.6655 x111 or sosinga@hdch.org.

HAMILTON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN HIGH



TUITION POLICY

Amount and Payment Terms

- Tuition is payable in full at the rate set by the Board and approved by the membership at the Spring membership meeting. The tuition amount is subject to change by the membership.
- HDCH has four tuition rates: standard, reduced for two partner school families reduced for some pastors, and international.
 - a) Families with children only at HDCH or children in another school system pay the standard tuition rate.
 - b) Families with children at a partner elementary school, or who home school, qualify for the reduced tuition rate.
 - c) For pastors in full time ministry whose after tax family income is less than \$40,000, the tuition rate is 30% less the standard tuition rate.
 - d) International students pay a per student international rate. When siblings are enrolled concurrently, the first sibling pays the full international rate and subsequent siblings each pay 75% of the standard international rate.
- 3. The following items are required to ensure student registration for the upcoming year:
 - a) Families enrolling at HDCH for the first time are required to pay a \$500 non-refundable deposit by March 1. This deposit is applied to tuition for the "upcoming year" (i.e. September through August).
 - b) A completed Tuition Payment Schedule form is due by June 1st.
 - c) Tuition Payment for the full amount via any combination of the following mechanisms is due by June 1st:
 - A Preauthorized Payment Form and a voided cheque,
 - A cheque or equivalent (e.g. bank draft),
 - or post-dated cheques.
- If the Tuition Payment Schedule form is not accompanied by payment as outlined above, student registration will not occur.
- 5. Payments in excess of any overdue tuition + tuition required for the upcoming year are treated as a donation and are therefore non-refundable.
- 6. Any payment returned NSF incurs a \$40 service charge.
- 7. It is the responsibility of tuition payers to inform the Finance Manager if they will be unable to meet the required tuition by the registration deadline. A satisfactory arrangement must be made at this time in order for registration to take place for the coming school year. This arrangement is to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Tuition Assistance

8. In exceptional circumstances, parents, guardians, or assignees that are responsible for the tuition of students to be registered at HDCH may have their tuition reduced by submitting a completed Tuition Assistance Application Form. To obtain this form and a copy of the Tuition Assistance Fund Policy, please contact the school office. Staff Bursary: Regular and probationary contract staff is eligible for a 50% reduction of tuition at HDCH when enrolling children at both a Christian elementary school and HDCH, or for a 15% reduction of tuition when enrolling children at HDCH only, prorated based on their percentage of full time employment.

Overdue Tuition

- 10. All overdue tuition must be paid in full to be registered for the upcoming year. In exceptional circumstances, authorized by the Finance Committee, arrangements can be made to pay tuition during the next academic year. These arrangements must be in writing and accompanied by payment via one of the mechanisms outlined above.
- 11. Tuition statements for unpaid tuition from previous years are distributed quarterly to parents, guardians, or assignees.
- 12. Please refer to "Tuition Arrears Collection Procedures" for detailed remedial procedures.

Tuition Refunds

- 13. Tuition refunds are allowed under the following circumstances:
 - a) 100% of all tuition paid is refunded if a student withdraws before classes start in September. If a student withdraws before classes start in February, 100% of the second semester's (i.e. February – June) tuition is refunded.
 - b) If a student withdraws after classes start, that semester's tuition is refunded as follows:

-	Weeks 1 & 2	90%
-	Weeks 3 & 4	75%
-	Weeks 5 & 6	50%
-	Weeks 7 & 8	25%
-	Weeks 9+	0%

If a student withdraws after classes start in September, the entire second semester's tuition is refunded.

International Students

- 14. Any student registered at HDCH on a Student Authorization shall be classified as an International Student. It is understood this excludes families who have applied for permanent or landed immigrant status and whose families are in the process of immigrating to Canada.
- 15. Payment must be received by the Finance Department at HDCH prior to an admissions letter being completed.
- 16. The tuition cost does not include: student fees, board and lodging, uniforms and transportation.
- 17. The tuition is ordinarily non-refundable in the event that a student withdraws at **any time** during the year.

Busing to and from HDCH is managed by committees in each of the following five areas. Please contact them directly for details on routes and fees.

Brantford

Brantford Christian School – Leanna Silver, Isilver@bcsbrantford.ca or 519-752-0433

*Late bus departs at 5:00 p.m. from HDCH, making stops along Book Road, Ancaster Fair Grounds (5:15 p.m.) and Hwy. 2

Burlington

Hamilton Christian Transportation Services - Cathy Hansen, cathy.hcts@gmail.com or 905-638-5638

*From Monday to Thursday, a late bus picks students up at 5:00 p.m., making stops at Walmart (Hwy. 5 near Hwy. 6 at 5:24) and Walmart (Fairview St. at 5:45)

Dundas

Providence Christian School (formerly Dundas Calvin Christian School) -office@providencecs.ca or 905-627-1411

Hamilton

Hamilton Calvin Christian School – Jim Hosmar – jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca or 905-388-2645 x227

Jarvis/Simcoe

Jarvis Community Christian School – Emily deRuiter – info@jdcs.ca or 519-587-4444

*Late bus departs at 5:02 p.m. from HDCH making stops at Argyle Street (by request) at 5:15, St. Mary's in Hagersville (5:35) and Jarvis Community Christian School (5:45)

Late Bussing

In order to encourage students in extra-curricular involvement, we provide late bus service to Brantford, Burlington and Jarvis. Buses run every Monday through Thursday for a couple of drop-off points in each area. This service is free to all students.

Public Transportation

Many HDCH students arrive daily on city buses. Our school is served by Routes 34 (Upper Paradise) and 44 (Rymal). Visit the Hamilton Street Railway Company website (http://www.hamilton.ca/CityServices/transit/) to see schedules and route maps.

HAMILTON DISTRICT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL WARDROBE INFORMATION

HDCH has a standard school wardrobe in order to promote a sense of school identity and community, foster an atmosphere of learning and a more inclusive environment, and most importantly to encourage modest clothing that reflects a Christian lifestyle.

Students are expected to observe all aspects of the dress code for all school days and school-related activities.

Wardrobe Basics:

- TOPS must include a McCarthy shirt. Shirt options include: long or short sleeved golf shirt, rugby shirt or blouse. Students may wear a McCarthy sweater or vest over their McCarthy shirt. Sweater options include: sweater vest, pull-over sweater or zip-up sweater. Students may wear a t-shirt under their McCarthy shirt for warmth or comfort. T-shirt options include: crew neck or v-neck, long or short sleeves or solid colour—no visible patterns or slogans.
- PANTS may be purchased from McCarthy or another store, provided they meet the colour, style and fabric specifications of McCarthy. Long pants or shorts must be solid navy or beige/tan in colour; no denim or stretch fabrics. They should be a relaxed or easy fit (neither tight or overly loose) that sit at or just below the waist. Shorts and capris should be knee length or just above the knee.
- ACCESSORIES may be worn to enhance your personal style. Accessory options include: jewellery, scarves, socks, belts, and
 hair ornaments provided they do not detract from, cover up, or change the uniform style and fit. Hats and headscarves should
 not be worn during school hours.

Occasionally administration allows special dress days. Student Council is responsible for requesting special dress days. Criteria for special dress days will be in the announcements before the date. Expectations for fit, lifestyle, and modesty will apply.

For more information see the HDCH Student Handbook. There you'll find a detailed overview of our dress code.

R. J. McCarthy Hamilton Store

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