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Definers of defining moments.

What will yours be?



Welcome to Maranatha!

Maranatha Christian Academy is positioned to go well beyond the ordinary, identifying opportunities that explore possibilities and establish purpose in our students, staff, and parents. Our unwavering vision, relentless pursuit of improvement, and dedication to our mission serves as inspiration to continue to set and then re-set the bar in education.

In our fast-paced world, change is inevitable. At Maranatha, we adapt, or better yet, get out in front of change, resulting in a truly innovative school and, in turn, learning experience. We inspire students to be Spirit-driven leaders who are courageous changemakers for kingdom building. Our Christian faith is at the core of Maranatha. We celebrate our Creator's unique design of each student, seeking to personalize education so students can discover and develop their gifts.

I am honored that you value your children's education enough to explore not only what is best, but what is right. By experiencing our community of learning at Maranatha, your students will be prepared for life's next chapter as they grow into courageous changemakers, empathetic problem solvers, impactful innovators, curious explorers, Spirit-driven leaders, and gracious community builders.

I look forward to collaborating with you as we develop the co-creators of tomorrow.

Serving Him together,

Deb Larson Head of School

The future looks inspired.

Beyond books and screens, brains and grades, Maranatha is a place dedicated to faith, academic excellence, leadership, and everything in-between. There's no other school quite like it—we promise. But don't take our word for it, we invite you in to see for yourself.

When you enter, you will immediately sense an unmistakable difference. A welcoming vibe that begins with a morning greeting and handshake from the Head of School, principals, and administrators at the front door and ends with teachers inviting students to their classrooms after school. It is the kind of education that opens hearts and expands minds. Where innovation is not just a buzz word, but a direction that guides our first, third, and last step. Here, curiosity is applauded, discovery is championed, and ultimately world-changers are made.



Our mission.

We are an influential school of collaborators, innovators, and explorers grounded in Christian faith, empowering co-creators of tomorrow.

Our culture in action.

Maranatha is not just a school, it's a community with a heartbeat and soul. Each student and staff member breathe life into and contribute to what makes up the culture of the school. Together we commit to become:

Spirit-Driven Leaders
Courageous Changemakers
Empathic Problem Solvers
Impactful Innovators
Curious Explorers
Gracious Community Builders

\$6.4M

Hard work pays off at Maranatha.

Over the last three years, the senior class has been offered an average of \$6,424,763 with an average class size of 59 students.

A-list

Maranatha students are pursued by the finest academic institutions in the United States. Our students have been accepted at:

Harvard University
Duke University
Brown University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Carleton College
Georgetown University
Northeastern University
Johns Hopkins University
Northwestern University (IL)
The United States Naval Academy
The United States Military Academy at West Point
Rensselear Polytechnic Institute
University of Minnesota—MS/MD Program
Washington University in St. Louis

90/5/5

90% College / 5% Missions / 5% Military or Work

Accredited

Maranatha is accredited by both Cognia and the International Christian Accrediting Association. During the latest accreditation in 2021, Maranatha was named as a "Flagship School."

Well Prepared

Our faculty boasts an impressive 32% with Advanced Degrees.

Paying It Forward

The past three years, Maranatha students have:

- Packed/delivered 115,000 meals to local food shelters
- Worked a collective average of over
 12,000 service hours each year
- Participated in missions trips (Average 30 students/year)

Play Hard

Over 30 varsity sports either on campus or through cooperatives.

Finding yourself. Being with others.

While everyone else keeps fighting to be more alike, look more alike, think more alike, we're proud to be ourselves. We are a true representative of our community and the world God created. One where everyone has a voice, a place, and more importantly is valued.

Student life at Maranatha is vibrant and varied, including clubs that will challenge students physically by trekking the Superior Hiking Trail, artistically through expression and exploration in thespian and art clubs, and spiritually by worshiping and praying in Friday Fellowship. Students have opportunities to connect at dances, powder puff football, progressive dinner, and other friend-finding activities. Even our littlest learners build community with bubble parties, moms' tea, and classroom parties.





What does your reflection look like?

In everything we do and say, we want it to be a true reflection of who we are, what we believe and what we will never stop standing for. We embody this by teaching our students to lead with empathy through service projects, beginning in Pre-k and continuing through to graduation. The Share Christmas event gathers 1,000s of toys for our local community, and over the last few years, we have packed over 215,000 meals to be delivered to local food shelves, providing real, practical solutions for the battle against hunger in our community. Upper school students have the opportunity to serve a local orphanage, church, and the people of Zacatecas, Mexico through our annual missions trip.

It is also reflected in our weekly chapels where students worship together, in conversations between students in halls and the coffee shop, and in the classroom where teachers and students challenge each other to grow spiritually.

Win twice for an audience of one.

At Maranatha, learning doesn't stop when the school day is over. For our students that participate in athletics, the field, court, diamond, mat, and rink serve as another place where life lessons are cultivated. Our athletes strive to win twice for an audience of one. Of course, we want to win on the scoreboard, but also to embody dedication, team effort, and graciousness, all while honoring our biggest fan—God.







Caring Competing.





Joining a club or activity at Maranatha is a great way to meet other students, develop leadership, and fuel our students' passions. The possibilities include:

- National Honor Society
- National Junior Honor Society
- Middle School Student Council
- High School Student Council
- Spanish Club
- Daily Bread
- Friday Fellowship
- Hearts for Humanity
- Middle School Book Club
- High School Book Club
- Middle School Gaming Club
- Thespian Club

- Ceramics Club
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Poetry Club
- Carving Club
- Black History Club
- Israel Club
- Culture Club
- Adventures Club
- First Lego League (Competitive Robotics) Grades 5–8
- First Tech Challenge (Competitive Robotics) Grades 9–12
- Theater (Fall and Spring production)

Not seeing a club or activity that interests you? At Maranatha, students are encouraged to cultivate their interests and collaborate to start new clubs and activities.

Express yourself.

God's creative nature can be seen everywhere you look, and we celebrate His work daily. Whether you are a baritone or bassist, a painter or sculptor, an actor or set designer, we encourage students to unlock their artistic side and realize that we all are creators. Beginning in Pre-k, where art is a purposeful part of our curriculum, and throughout the Maranatha experience with classes such as Graphic Design, Hiptronics, Choir, and Band, we have a place for you to express yourself in and outside of the classroom.

Our dedication to the arts and our belief that each student has a gift to share can be seen at Experience Maranatha, a Pre-k through Grade 12 festival celebrating the arts. Family, friends, and students enjoy the day-long event complete with visual art displays, theater performances, band and choir concerts, and even lunch at one of the many food trucks present.





No such thing as a small idea.

Houston, we have a problem—but that's great, we love solving problems! Our robotics program begins with our youngest learners working with Beebots and Botley robots. As our little programmers and engineers progress, so does the complexity of the robots and challenges they need to solve all the way through to high school. In this space, failure is not final, but rather a step in the journey toward progress and success.

This fail-forward perspective has contributed to our Robotics teams accomplishing great things, earning State Championships and appearances in the World Robotics tournament.



Challenging the Status Quo Since 1978