



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in and inquiry about Calhoun Academy. The Board of Directors, faculty, staff, and I believe we can offer to your son/daughter a quality, well-rounded educational program in a safe, happy, and caring environment. Here we strive to instill in our students a life-long desire for and love of learning, along with a strong sense of personal responsibility for themselves and their actions, respect for others, and honor and moral character.

Kindergarten fees vary according to the level and the length of day. For all grades, new students are required to pay an application and/or building fund fee along with the 2015-2016 application.

For students entering grades seven through twelve, a recommended course page for next year is also included. Parents of students in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades please read the recommended course page thoroughly and pay close attention to the graduation requirements for both College Preparatory and Honors diplomas. Enrollment in some classes may be limited to students who enroll in classes first. Please note that students in the honors program of study are required to take the courses designated by the asterisk/bold print in addition to other academic classes and electives. Considering courses/credits previously earned, our guidance counselor, Ms. Patty Hair will need to discuss with you and your child a possible schedule of classes. In order for us to determine our course offerings, class size and availability, and faculty for next year, this tentative information should be returned with the contract.

After years of meticulous planning and preparation, we are embarking on a new era in technology at Calhoun Academy that will place our students in the front lines of technological preparedness and ensure greater exposure to opportunities for learning, growth, and college readiness. Every student in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be issued an Apple iPad Air to use in each class they take. These iPads will be integral tools for classwork, homework, and research because they will entirely take the place of outdated textbooks. The cost for yearly rental of these iPads, including all school-related fees, is estimated to be approximately \$250. There will be no additional book-related expenses required for your child; in fact, there will be no Book Day at all this year for these students! We want you to be able to budget for this because this fee will be due at the time of iPad issue and can't be incorporated into regular tuition payments. Students entering Kindergarten and Lower School will have a Book Day in August when they will be required to purchase books and/or pay book/supply/technology fees for the school year.

We continue in 2015-2016, as we have throughout the forty-five years of our history, to offer a quality educational program to the children entrusted to us but at a minimal cost to parents. The results of our academic programs speak for themselves. As in past years an average of 95% of our seniors go on to further their education. Of those who apply to colleges and universities, the acceptance rate is usually 100%. Students who desire to take advanced placement examinations normally score in the range that gives them college credit. Both lower and upper school students have benefited from our computers and programs in the two computer labs and the library. Our expanded holdings in the library provide lower and upper school students a wealth of information and enjoyment in all facets of the educational realm.

To help us reach the goal of producing happy, well-educated, responsible young men and women, along with classroom instruction, we incorporate athletics, extra-curricular activities and organizations, special programs, and social interactions. Even more importantly, we must depend upon your cooperation, involvement, and assistance. The challenge our task presents is too great for us to accomplish alone. It will require the concerted efforts of parents, teachers, coaches, and administrators. As we look forward to next year with its new and exciting promises, we believe that we can offer your child an educational program that will address his/her overall development - intellectual, mental, physical, emotional, and moral - and provide for that development and growth in an environment that is happy, caring, and safe. Together we can go forward, giving our children the very best life has to offer.

If you need additional information or if I can answer questions, please do not hesitate to call. If you would like to visit or revisit our school, please call and we will be happy to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,

Mims L. Taylor  
Headmaster