

EVERGREEN CLASSICAL COMMUNITY HANDBOOK

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This Handbook is an overview of our Dryden Community. It will answer most FAQ's and be a helpful resource throughout the year.

LOCATION

Dryden Baptist Church 138
Virgil Road
Dryden, NY
13053

LEADERSHIP

Directors:

Stephanie Betts
Elisa Jacobsen

Grammar Tutors:

Lindsey Niswender
Janelle Young

Fundamentals

Tutor:

Tensu Hathorn

Tuesday Class Schedules

Time	Grammar & Fundamentals
9:00 AM - 9:25 AM	Opening Assembly
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	New Grammar
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Presentations
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Hands-On Science / Fine Arts
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Review
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Fundamentals Class/Afternoon Childcare

Climb 1 Class Schedule

Grammar	Science	Geography	Start Math	LUNCH	Finish Math	Literature	Philosophy
9:15 AM	10:10 AM	11:05 AM	11:55 AM	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	1:40 PM	2:35 PM

ETIQUETTE

- ✓ **ARRIVE** on-time, every time!
- ✓ **SUPERVISE** your children at all times
- ✓ **STAY HOME** if you or your child has been sick in the past 24 hours
- ✓ **PARTICIPATE** in community & class activities
- ✓ **LEND** a hand to your tutor
- ✓ **HONOR God** in words and deeds
- ✓ **RESPECT** the church grounds and property

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

Colossians 3::23

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Please uphold the Matthew 18 principle for resolving all conflict.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his faults, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses."

Matthew 18:16

1

OUR

MISSION

To know God and to make Him known.

2

OUR MODEL

To enable parents to equip their children with a Christ-centered worldview and the classical "tools of learning" in order to impact the world for God's glory.

3

OUR

METHOD

Grammar
Dialectic
Rhetoric

"Through wisdom a house is built; and by understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Proverbs 24:3

Community Policies

CAMPUS RESPECT

We strive for our campus to be a safe place for our children to learn in a **Christ-centered** group environment. As we accept the Word of God as our standard, we also recognize that we are Christians from different denominations and family histories. A sin is a violation against the Word of God, but all families differ in their individual **convictions**. We would ask for mutual respect for each other's families in these gray areas. **We should practice giving grace and showing love to one another.**

ILLNESS

Fever (>99°F), vomiting, diarrhea, rash, severe cough, sore throat or other contagious symptoms **within 24 hours** before class, please **stay home** and rest. If your child will miss ECC, please call, text, or email the director in advance.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We primarily follow the Dryden school district, but take into account where all families are commuting from. If Dryden closes for snow/ weather, we will as well. Cancellations will be sent **via BAND** by 7:00 AM.

LUNCH TIME

Families may eat lunch in the gym or picnic outside. Parents are **solely responsible** for their child's whereabouts & behavior during lunch. If the weather is poor, bring games for children to play indoors. Please talk with your children about lunchtime behavior expectations. Please have children leave electronic devices at home.

LUNCH CLEANING DUTIES

Each family should help with cleanup. This includes **wiping down tables and chairs, vacuuming and removing trash. See FULL cleaning schedule.**

PARENTS ON CAMPUS

Parents of G&F students must remain on campus at all times. Please choose a stand-in parent and communicate with your director if you need to miss any part of a community day.

PARENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Parents are required to **actively** participate in Grammar. Please help your tutors in any way needed. **Please limit side conversations during class; they can be very distracting for others.**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices should be limited on campus and used for two reasons: to aid the tutor and for emergency purposes. **If a call must be taken**, please step into the hall. We so appreciate your cooperation! Student cellphone usage is not permitted during class and is discouraged during community day.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is ultimately dependent upon the parent of each student. Prompt and cheerful obedience is expected in all situations. If a student is **continually** disruptive, the tutor/director will discuss with parent how to address the issue.

MORNING & AFTERNOON

CHILDCARE

Parents are responsible for arranging childcare. If any young child is on campus who is not officially enrolled, the tutors are not expected to include them in class learning activities or responsible for providing extra supplies.

Roles

PARENT

The student's primary teacher who is fully responsible for their student's education. Class time with the tutor is designed to help the parent determine the best way to approach their child's education at home.

TUTOR

A lead learner who provides weekly academic support to the parents by facilitating and modeling the classical method.

DIRECTOR

The lead support for tutors and parents ensuring the community runs smoothly and operates within the mission, vision and statement of faith for ECC.

Things to Remember

WHAT TO BRING

PARENTS:

Grammar Guide & Pen
Fundamentals Materials
Lunch for your family

STUDENTS:

A bag containing:
Labeled Drink & Snack
Prepared Presentation
Tin Whistle (weeks 7-12)
Climb 1 - Completed Weekly Work

COMMUNICATION

WEEKLY UPDATES:

Your director will send out **weekly** updates, including reminders for the coming week.

COMMUNITY DAY CLEANING SCHEDULE

Grammar **CLASSROOMS:** @ 12:10 or after lunch

1. Wipe down tables and Vacuum floors
2. Return tables & chairs to original position, close/lock all windows
3. Empty garbage and make sure there's a new bag, can combine with other classrooms if not full. Leave full bags in the hallway.
4. Spot check room for any other messes

DURING LUNCH HOUR/FUNDAMENTALS:

1. Families work together to tidy main bathrooms.
2. Vacuum lobby and hallways.

AFTER FUNDAMENTALS & MASTERPOINT CLASSES:

1. Wipe down tables and Vacuum floors
2. Return tables & chairs to original position
3. Empty garbage and make sure there's a new bag, can combine with other classrooms if not full. Full bags in the hallway go to the dumpster.
4. Clean up Gym / Nursery / Kitchen
5. Check all exterior doors and windows are locked.
6. Clean Family Bathroom and Gym bathrooms.
7. Lights off.

EVERGREEN '25 - '26 Calendar

Fall Semester:

August 26	Orientation @ DBC
September 2	Community Day - Week 1
September 9	Community Day - Week 2
September 16	Community Day - Week 3 - Group Photo
September 23	Community Day - Week 4
September 30	Community Day - Week 5
October 7	FALL BREAK - NO ECC
October 14	Community Day - Week 6 - Picture Day
October 21	Community Day - Week 7
October 28	Community Day - Week 8 - Harvest Party
November 4	Community Day - Week 9
November 11	Community Day - Week 10
November 18	Community Day - Week 11
November 25	THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO ECC
December 2	Community Day - Week 12
December 9	Community Day - Week 13 - Christmas Party

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*SNOW/MAKE-UP DATES: When the church is available we will meet the Thursday of the same week.

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Spring Semester:

January 6	Community Day - Week 14
January 13	Community Day - Week 15
January 20	Community Day - Week 16
January 27	Community Day - Week 17
February 3	Community Day - Week 18
February 10	Community Day - Week 19
February 17	FEBRUARY BREAK/Presidents Day - NO ECC
February 24	Community Day - Week 20 - Open House
March 3	Community Day - Week 21 - Group Photo
March 10	Community Day - Week 22
March 17	Community Day - Week 23
March 24	Community Day - Week 24
March 31	EASTER BREAK - NO ECC
April 7	Community Day - Week 25
April 14	Community Day - Week 26
April 21	Community Day - Week 27
April 28	Community Day - Week 28/Last day of Grammar & Fundamentals - Community Potluck
May 5	Make-up/Snow Day
May 12 - May 26	Climb 1 Classes in Session
May 16	End of Year Celebration -Grammar & Fundamentals

EVERGREEN CLASSICAL COMMUNITY PARENT CONTRACT

Please read and agree to the following expectations to ensure that you and your child(ren) have a successful experience at Evergreen Classical Community:

1. I (We) understand that I (we) am (are) fully responsible for my (our) child(ren)'s education and that the Evergreen Classical Community Grammar/Fundamentals/Masterpoint programs will enhance that education.
2. I (We) understand that I (we) am (are) fully responsible for my (our) child(ren)'s grade and yearly testing/assessments to the state. ECC does not grade or test.
3. I (We) understand that I (we) am (are) the primary teacher(s) of my (our) child(ren). I (We) will ensure that my (our) child completes weekly work in the program guide to the best of his or her ability and as directed by me (us). I (we) will inform the Director/Tutor of any adjustments to the work I (we) require that vary from the program guide.
4. I (We) affirm that I (we) have read and understand the ECC Handbook in its entirety and will enforce all policies and class expectations.
5. I (We) affirm that I (we) have read and understand the tuition, fees, deadlines, and schedules. I (We) agree to pay all fees on time and purchase all necessary materials **before** the start of classes.
6. I (We) further understand that the supply fee, building fee, and registration fees are non-refundable. Tuition may be partially refunded.
7. I (We) commit to helping my tutor and community in the classroom/church building with set-up and clean-up as needed.
8. I (We) commit to ensuring my child(ren) maintains regular attendance and arrives for class on time.
9. I (We) commit to the prompt pick-up of my child(ren); Masterpoint program child(ren) ONLY. ***Grammar and Fundamentals program child(ren)'s parent or guardian must be present at all times.***
10. I (We) commit to personally supervising my children who are not enrolled unless they are being supervised in the nursery.
11. I (We) will keep communication lines open with my child(ren) and tutor(s) by reading all emails sent to me or my children from ECC's Handbook.
12. I (We) agree to comply with the discipline procedures and electronics guidelines outlined in the ECC's Handbook/by-laws.
13. In the event my child does not follow the expectations outlined in the ECC Handbook and ECC by-laws, and after meeting with the tutor and directors, and the problem persists, I (we) will accept the consequences that result from my child(ren)'s actions.
14. I (We) commit to praying for my child(ren), and their success at ECC.
15. I (We) affirm that I have read and understand ECC's Statement of Faith as the guiding belief for the community.

By signing below, I (We) acknowledge that I (we) have read the parent requirements above.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

EVERGREEN CLASSICAL COMMUNITY STUDENT CONTRACT

Please read and agree to the following expectations to ensure that you have a successful experience at Evergreen Classical Community:

As the **CHILD(REN)**, I (we) recognize the privilege to participate and enjoy the weekly program meetings. I (we) commit myself (ourselves) to the following:

1. Participating appropriately in class
2. Respecting the Directors, Tutors, peers, and other families in the community with my words and actions
3. Working on weekly program work to the best of my ability
4. Adhering to the expectations outlined in the ECC Handbook and Section 3C of the by-laws

Student Signature

Date

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