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ADMISSIONS GUIDE





StoneBridge is a classical Christian school established to restore the Christian character of the Republic. We serve Christian families, enabling each child to reach the fullest expression of his value in Christ through a biblical Principle Approach® education.

Our Unique Culture



Noel Thomason

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HEAD OF SCHOOL

To truly describe the culture of StoneBridge School, I believe no one says this better than our school's founder, Dr. Carole Adams:

"Our classroom methods and curriculum, governed by Principle Approach® philosophy of education, allow us the liberty and creative expression to satisfy the real needs of our students in a whole way. We see each child as an individual of infinite value, made in the image of God and worthy of our respect. We see children full, not empty, ready to be cultivated, inspired, consecrated and instructed – not stimulated, motivated, enculturated, or indoctrinated. We see the tutorial needs of students, that each one as an individual is entitled to his own learning style and instruction, that every child can be elevated to a worthy standard, and that our students need to be producing (not consuming) – expressing themselves in the arts, music, drama, and athletics, developing every talent, exercising their whole potential.

"Because we know that truth satisfies, we identify Biblical truth in every subject, giving our children the Bread of Life as a steady diet, not just crumbs and morsels. We show them the whole of God's purpose for man in history so that they can place themselves securely in the Kingdom of God, sure of where they stand, able to accept their position on the chain of Christianity, and envision the purpose of their personal lives." FACE Journal, vol. II, 1990

Eternal excellence through cultivating a Biblical worldview.

What makes StoneBridge School stand out amongst other local Christian schools? It is our unwavering commitment to our mission and an unsurpassed focus on discipleship. Elements of this are seen in how we develop principled thinking students, enabling them to cultivate a Biblical worldview. StoneBridge is resolute in its commitment to develop students who have a commanding presence for the Kingdom of God wherever He may place them.

Our students recognize they are commissioned and purposed to be image-bearers of Christ in every calling placed on them by God. For this reason, attending StoneBridge and supporting the mission with your time, money, and talents, is a commitment to something much larger than paying for a student's education. Tuition here is an investment in the Kingdom itself. As much as this sounds like an unsurmountable mission with an impossible goal, we not only believe it is possible for any committed student, we have many students who are living out this very vision.

With this said, we are humbled and thankful you are considering joining the StoneBridge mission.

Empowered in Christ. Equipped for life.

- We are a Biblical and classical school founded in 1980.
- We serve students from preschool through 12th grade with a total student body of more than 500.
- We are a college preparatory school: 99% of graduates attend college after graduation, including high caliber universities such as University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, College of William and Mary, West Point, Cornell, and Princeton.
- We are accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International and serve as a demonstration school for the Foundation of American Christian Education and the Principle Approach®.

Special Days, Events & Field Studies

Uniquely StoneBridge! Our special days and events are a rich heritage of traditions that sets SBS apart, enhances the educational process, and unites students, faculty and parents.



Lower School Special Days

Classrooms come alive with costumes, authentic foods, crafts, music, visual aids and more.

- **Preschool:** Noah's Ark Day
- **Pre-K:** Beatrix Potter Day
- **Kindergarten:** Pioneer Day
- **1st Grade:** Italy Day
- **2nd Grade:** Heidi Day
- **3rd Grade:** Bach Tea Day, Narnia Day
- **4th Grade:** Swiss Family Robinson Day
- **5th Grade:** Science Fair, Etiquette Luncheon, and Presidents Wax Museum

Constitution Day: A celebration of self-government and the country's foundation on faith, prayer, and trust in God. Students participate in a chapel service, watch a reenactment of the Constitution signing by the 5th grade, and sign their classroom constitutions.

Field Studies: Students in both Lower School and Upper School experience historical, scientific, and cultural opportunities at local establishments and beyond. Each grade takes at least one trip to enrich their academics and provide hands-on learning.

Schoolwide Special Days

Christian Heritage Day: A celebration of how God used specific individuals to bring about His purpose in American History. Students, faculty, and volunteers celebrate and remember the original purposes of the American holiday of Thanksgiving. This day is filled with demonstrations, games, story interpreters, hands on activities and delicious food! Upper School students have an opportunity to serve on this day as well.

Grandparents & Special Friends Day: Grandparents and family friends are integral members of the StoneBridge community. We celebrate them and their contribution to our students on this special day. Guests are invited to a chapel service and a special time in the classroom with their grandchildren and special friends.

Liberty Day: A candle lighting ceremony and pictorial slideshow are highlights of this moving chapel service, our annual tribute to the contributions of our U.S. military service members. This special service is followed by the Hall of Presidents, presented by our 5th grade students.

Spirit Week: Every day is themed to bring excitement and to join our community together in their love for SBS. A Pep Rally and other activities are planned this week. Spirit Days also happen throughout the school year to show support for our sports teams. Go Cavaliers!

STEM Day: A celebration of learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Volunteers from our SBS and Hampton Roads community share hands-on activities that relate to STEM careers. Homeroom classes also participate in group STEM challenges using steps of the scientific method.

Upper School Events, Projects, & Opportunities

Fall Retreat: A three-day retreat to experience adventure, fellowship, and spiritual renewal to kick off the school year held at Rockbridge Alum Springs, owned and operated by Young Life.

Student Prefects: Prefectships are servant-leadership positions open to high school students, with preference given to 11th and 12th graders.

Spiritual Emphasis Week: The Upper School community carves out extra time on the three days leading up to mid-winter break to refocus on the Lord through worship, prayer, Bible study, teaching, and small group discussion. It is always a time of renewal, growth, and excitement that sets the tone for the remainder of the school year!

Mentoring: Beginning in 6th grade, students begin their day with their mentoring group. Mentors are the Upper School faculty and staff who partner with parents to support students and foster academic, spiritual, and social success. They develop lasting relationships with students over the course of their time in middle and high school.

Student Life: Social Life prefects are in charge of planning fun social activities for their classmates throughout the entire year. They work together with administration to bring unity to our 6th-12th grades.

Key Club: Students have an opportunity to serve others as part of the Key Club organization.

Student Government: Provides students with the training and experience in our form of government. Students serve as elected class representatives by grade level. Student governors communicate and collaborate with peers, faculty, and administrators to represent the best interests of the student body.

National Honor Society: Eligible students can be inducted into the National Honor Society.

Special Literary and Public Speaking Projects:

- 8th Grade Speech
- 9th Grade English Literature Research Project
- 10th Grade Biography Portfolio Project
- 11th Grade Oration Project
- 12th Grade Thesis Paper & Defense

A Focus on Christian History

Students in both Lower School and Upper School travel to significant U.S. landmarks, including Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Richmond, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Boston to learn about our country's history and relate it to Biblical teachings.

These lessons culminate during the senior year with the European Christian History Tour, an experience taken through different countries overseas.

Students experience different cultures and cuisines, stay in hotels and hostels, and travel by trains, planes, and motor coaches.



StoneBridge Athletics

Our Philosophy

Our exceptional character and team building programs foster excellent physical training and sportsmanship. SBS Athletics core values are **character, confidence, cohesion and competition**. *Go Cavaliers!*

“StoneBridge Athletics endeavors to serve the Lord well by preparing our athletes to contend for His Kingdom. We understand the arena of play to be a microcosm of life where endurance through adversity, discipline to train, and perseverance to find victory when applied rightly will yield the character that produces victories in this life and in eternity. We enjoy the partnership with parents, staff, and faculty to bring this goal into reality.” ~Paul Martin, SBS Director of Athletics

Team Sports

Stonebridge offers a variety of sports for 6th-12th grades:

Fall: Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Football (coming 2026)

Winter: Basketball, Cheerleading, Indoor Track, Swimming & Diving

Spring: Girls Soccer, Golf, Track and Field, Baseball, Softball and Tennis

Special Awards

Arising from our guiding philosophy, we award our student-athletes with categories to include: **Leadership, Servanthood, Perseverance, Loyalty, Most Improved**. Because we value each participant's contribution, we don't use the Most Valuable Player category.

Facilities

Our facilities include a full court gymnasium with scoreboards, bleachers and concession, a weight room, a soccer field, access to a track field, and a playground.

Development

Junior Leagues: Open to the community, all boys and girls in Kindergarten-5th grade can participate in junior sports leagues. These training programs are designed for children to experience the benefits of sports and serve as a model of SBS Athletics values.



Summer Camps: Sports camps include advanced basketball, soccer, volleyball, and junior basketball.

Open Gym: During offseason, SBS provides opportunity for open workouts for basketball, soccer, and volleyball.



Conference

StoneBridge competes locally in the Metropolitan Athletic Conference (Metro), which includes the following schools:

- Atlantic Shores
- Broadwater Academy
- Denbigh Baptist
- Gateway Christian
- Greenbrier Christian
- Hampton Christian
- Portsmouth Christian

SBS also competes in the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) conference, which is state-wide.

Accomplishments

StoneBridge has won numerous conferences and state titles, both as teams and individuals. Please visit our website for a recent list.

Fine & Performing Arts

Fine and performing arts serve to strengthen students' skills and talents, as well as encourage individual creativity inspired by the Creator. An appreciation for the fine and performing arts is cultivated through electives in music, art, and drama.

Art

The SBS art program is designed to give students a life-long love for art and beauty as viewed through a Christian perspective. Courses include:

- Foundations of Color and Design
- Technique and Design Development
- Communication through the Visual Arts
- Advanced Art Theory and Applications
- Yearbook/Photography

Students also participate in the annual Art Show.

Drama

The drama department produces two or more productions each year, ranging from classical and contemporary plays, film, and musical theatre. Students learn about theatre primarily through hands-on experience in:

- Acting
- Musical theatre
- Theatre history
- Costuming
- Set design
- Stage management
- Technical theatre
- Scriptwriting/Film

Music

Chorus is offered with several school performance opportunities. The music department will work alongside our drama department to create amazing theatre productions as well. Upper School students can also be a part of the worship team that performs during US Chapel.

Private music lessons are also offered to enrolled families. Please inquire for more details.



College Prep



Developing Leaders of the Future...

Thesis & Oration Projects

Academic writing and oral presentation are distinct features of a StoneBridge education. By their junior year, students will complete a research paper and oral presentation in economics or government. Seniors are required to write a 20- to 25-page thesis and orally defend it before a panel of faculty and community leaders.

Senior Seminar

Bible courses are required throughout a student's StoneBridge School experience. The Senior Seminar is a year-long required course that helps future graduates take ownership of their spiritual formation and apply their Biblical understanding as they prepare for life beyond high school.

Leadership Project

Service is an integral part of what it means to be a Christian and a leader. Seniors are required to study leadership through volunteering or by observing a recognized leader. This hands-on experience culminates in a final leadership paper.

Academics

StoneBridge teaches students how to reason from Biblical principles in every area of life. Our curriculum employs elements of classical education, such as foreign languages, history, math and fine arts. We offer several AP and honors courses in science, math, history, literature, and psychology, as well as dual enrollment in English.



Colleges & Universities Attended by SBS Alumni

Adrian College
Asbury College
Aquinas College
Auburn University
Brown University
Cambridge University
Calvin College
Campbell University
Carson-Newman College
Cedarville University
Christopher Newport University
Clemson University
The College of William & Mary
Concordia College
Converse College
Cornell University
Covenant College

Duke University
East Carolina University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
Georgia Tech University
George Mason University
Grove City College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hillsdale College
High Point University
James Madison University
Liberty University
Longwood University
Louisiana State University
Meredith College
Norfolk State University
North Carolina State University

Old Dominion University
Princeton University
Syracuse University
University of Pennsylvania
University of South Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
U.S. Military Academy at West Point
U.S. Naval Academy
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Virginia Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Yale University

Portrait of a Graduate

A scholar is one who is teachable; one who is a disciple of the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ; one able to Biblically research and reason from the Word of God in all areas of life.

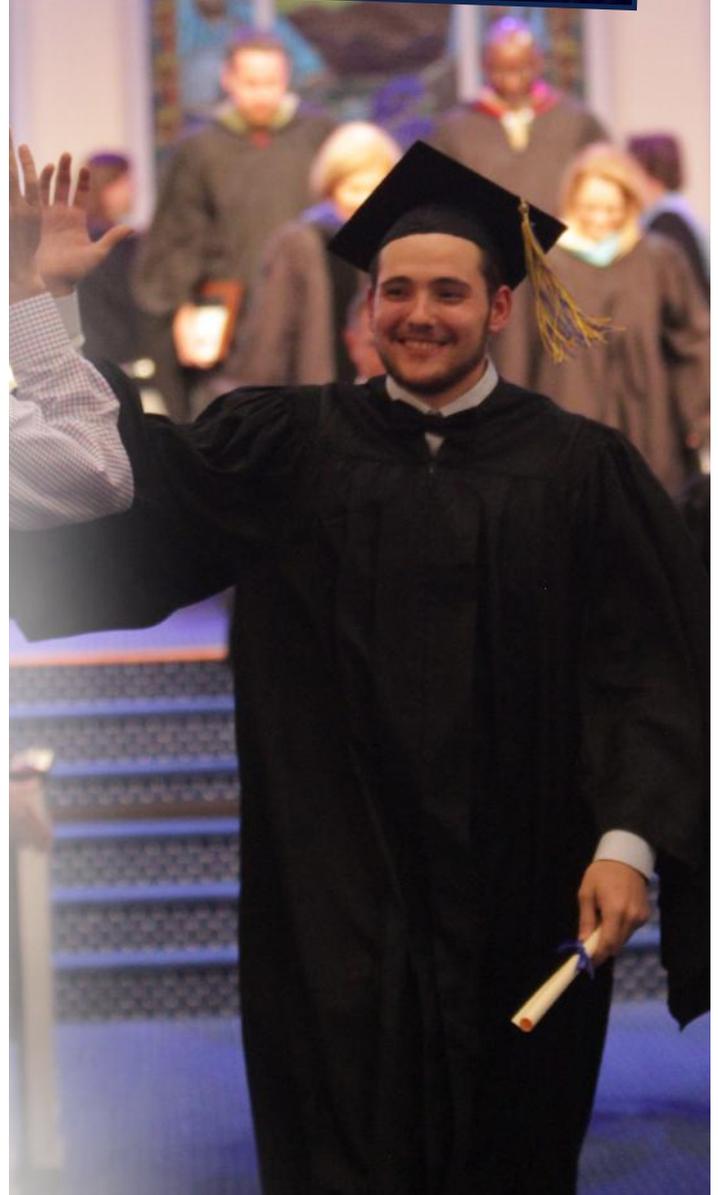
A servant is one who voluntarily serves in a spirit of love; one willing to make sacrifices for other's needs.

A steward is one entrusted with the care and management of his God-given internal property and the external property; one whose character and service is found trustworthy and reliable.

A statesman encompasses all of the qualities of a scholar, servant and steward. Additionally, a statesman is one who is able to lead his own generation by example in a spirit of selflessness as a representative of Christ locally, nationally, and internationally.

StoneBridge graduates are prepared to demonstrate the following:

- ✓ Academic preparation to pursue the life to which God has called them
- ✓ The ability to defend their faith and support a Biblical worldview
- ✓ A heart to serve as Jesus served his disciples
- ✓ Active involvement in a local church and community
- ✓ Thoughtfulness and consideration regarding their actions
- ✓ Ability to lead with courage and wisdom
- ✓ Service as an ambassador for Christ locally, nationally, and internationally



Admissions Requirements

We seek families who desire to develop a child's spiritual stature in accordance with Biblical principles, through academic excellence, Christian self-government, and servant leadership.



PLACEMENT TESTING

The goal of testing is to ensure proper placement. We want our students to be challenged but not frustrated. Testing will be scheduled after a complete application (including references and school records) is received.

- **Pre-K & Kindergarten:**
The one-and-a-half hour session recreates the classroom to provide an opportunity for observation and the administration of readiness tests.
- **1st through 12th Grades:**
The two-to-three hour testing session presents a variety of standard achievement tests based on the student's grade level. The student will provide a writing sample as well.

Learning Profile:

After testing is completed, a Learning Profile is prepared to summarize and interpret test results. The Learning Profile is reviewed with parents as part of the Final Parent Interview. (See Admissions Checklist).

The criteria for admitting any child begins with the family:

- ✓ Are the parents in agreement with the philosophy, Ethos, and Statement of Faith of StoneBridge School? (These can be found on the school's website.)
- ✓ Do the parents uphold the spirit and principles of a Christian home? This includes abiding by a Biblical living arrangement (i.e., cohabitation only occurs in the context of marriage between husband and wife.)
- ✓ Is the family actively involved, in-person, in a local church? Families new to the area must have prior involvement in a local church in their previous community.
- ✓ Are the parents committed to working with the school and teachers in accomplishing Biblical, spiritual, and educational goals for their child(ren)?
- ✓ Does the student display evidence of a teachable spirit, able to be disciplined by teachers and mentors?

Additional Requirements by Grade Level:

Preschool

- Family Pastoral Reference
- Fully potty-trained
- 3 years old by September 30

Pre-K-5th

- Family Pastoral Reference
- Teacher Recommendation

6th-8th

- Family Pastoral Reference
- Math Teacher Recommendation
- English Teacher Recommendation

9th-12th

- Family Pastoral Reference
- Student Pastoral Reference
- Personal Reference
- Math Teacher Recommendation
- English Teacher Recommendation
- Add'l Teacher Recommendation
- Student must have a relationship with Jesus Christ and desire to attend SBS.

Admissions Process

Admissions Checklist:

- 1. **Attend an Admissions Tour:** All new applicants are required to attend a monthly admissions tour. RSVP to reserve space at a time that best suits your needs. Private campus tours are available by appointment.

RSVP to the Director of Admissions at admissions@stonebridgeschool.com or (757) 488-2214.

- 2. **Submit an Online Application:** Applying is easy using our Online Application. Go to www.stonebridgeschool.com → Admissions → Online Application and follow the prompts.

- The **Record Release Form** should be submitted with the application for students transferring from another school. Homeschool students should provide copies of recent testing and course overviews.

- A copy of the student's most **recent report card** should also be submitted with the online application.

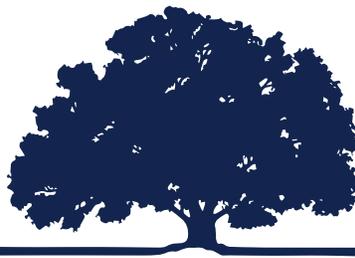
- For grades Pre-K through 12th there is a \$130 non-refundable fee due at the time of submission. *Preschool applications require a non-refundable \$50 fee.*

- 4. **Admissions Processing:** All new applicants are held for processing until our early re-enrollment deadline (mid-January) as the Admissions Committee determines final enrollment availability. To expedite the application process, we encourage you to notify the reference contacts you submitted via your online application (pastor, teachers, school).
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- 5. **Placement Testing:** Students applying for Pre-K through 12th grade proceed to testing unless references are incomplete or indicate that further communication between administration and parent/student is required. Testing is not required for preschool applicants. A non-refundable **\$130 testing fee** is due at the time of testing.
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- 6. **Final Parent Interview:** Both parents participate in a final meeting with administration. At this appointment, testing results will be reviewed for students applying for Pre-K through 12th grade and an **Enrollment Contract** may be offered to qualified applicants. For our Upper School applicants (grades 6th-12th), this appointment will also include a separate student interview with Upper School administration.

If a contract is offered, a Business Office representative will be present for any questions concerning your payment options. You will complete your online enrollment contract with the Director of Admissions.



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