

# Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Brings Tradition of Academic, Spiritual and Athletic Excellence to East Cobb Families



▲ Jim Callis, Headmaster

Founded in 1998, East Cobb's Mt. Bethel Christian Academy has maintained a reputation for excellence for more than a decade. With the addition of Jim R. Callis as head of school in July 2011, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is poised to realize its potential as a world-class institution.

An educator for more than 20 years, Callis came to MBCA from St. Paul Christian Academy in Nashville.

"I do this because it's what God called me to do, and there's not a day that I'm not reminded of that," said Callis. "I couldn't be

happy doing anything else."

But Callis emphasizes that continuing the success of MBCA is not a one-man show. He credits the members of the Board and the exemplary staff for maintaining the highest standards of academic, athletic and spiritual excellence to prepare students for success in the area's most competitive public, private and applicant-only programs.

More than 480 students are enrolled in grades K-8 at MBCA, which admits students of average to above-average ability. One of the greatest advantages of a Mt. Bethel education is small class size – kindergarten classes have only 18 students, grades 1-5 up to 20 and grades six through eight no more than 18. In addition to a classroom teacher, students in K-5 have the added benefit of a full-time teaching assistant in each classroom.

All teachers are certified and average 14 years of teaching experience. The majority hold a master's degree or higher.

"The role models we have for our children are unsurpassed," said Callis, adding that since a teacher is with students eight hours a day over a 170 day school year, they have an immeasurable influence on a child's development.

Callis and his staff strive to challenge students while preparing them comprehensively for the realities of the world they will inherit. One of the hallmarks of a Mt. Bethel education is the integration of technology into the classroom curriculum. In addition to ActivBoards, SmartBoards, and student response systems, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy boasts 8 Mac labs, including iMac, iPad, iPod Touch, and MacBooks.

"We strive to prepare children well academically and spiritually, but we'd be remiss if we didn't also prepare them to leverage technology in the most appropriate and effective ways," Callis said.

"Choosing Mt. Bethel means that a child will be afforded every advantage and every opportunity to reach their fullest



▲ Students working on the computers are: Clifford Shepherd, Laney Brooks, Ellen Williams, Bailey Yeager, Kaitlin Miniutti, and Stephen Tonge. In the row behind, Nick Couch.

potential. Partly because of our investment in technology, but more importantly because of our investment in people."

As a non-denominational faith-based school, MBCA offers a Christ-centered approach that is evident in many areas such as the servant leadership requirement for students. A championship sports program is an important part of the middle school experience and MBCA fields teams in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball. The teams compete in the North Atlanta Metro League and were three time recipients of the NAML cup for the best overall sports program.

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy operates on a rolling admission basis. Students must complete admissions testing prior to acceptance. Tours for parents of prospective students are offered every Wednesday at 10am. Parent-only open houses for the 2011-12 school year will be held on November 9, January 18 and January 26 at 10am.

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is located at 4385 Lower Roswell Road in East Cobb, adjacent to Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Rhea Adkins, Director of Admission, at 770-971-0245 or visit them online at [www.mtbethelchristian.org](http://www.mtbethelchristian.org).



▲ Soccer player Ben Albizzati

## Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Open Houses

November 9 • January 18 • January 26  
10am

While the public schools in East Cobb County do a good job of providing a quality education, many East Cobb parents seek out "a better fit" for their junior scholars. Finding a quality private school can be a daunting task. As a first step, take a look at our sixth annual list of private schools. Many of these schools will be hosting Open Houses this month, and quite a few have registration deadlines in January or February. So if you are considering private education, now is the time to investigate your options.

### Atlanta Academy, The

2000 Holcomb Woods Parkway  
Roswell 30076  
678-461-6102  
www.atlantaacademy.com  
**Tuition:** \$7,400-\$12,400  
**Grades:** 18mos-8  
**Students:** 220  
**Head of School:**  
Angela Naples

### Atlanta International School

2890 North Fulton Drive  
Atlanta 30305  
404-841-3840  
www.aischool.org  
**Tuition:** \$18,092--\$20,640  
**Grades:** 4K-12  
**Students:** 1,000  
**Headmaster:** Kevin Glass

### Atlanta Girls' School

3254 Northside Parkway NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-845-0900  
www.atlantagirlsschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$19,200  
**Grades:** 6-12  
**Students:** 220  
**Head of School:**  
Pinney L. Allen

### Blessed Trinity Catholic High School

11320 Woodstock Road  
Roswell 30075  
678-277-9083  
www.btatholic.org  
**Tuition:** \$10,950  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**Students:** 960  
**Principal:** Frank Moore

### Brandon Hall School

1701 Brandon Hall Drive  
Atlanta 30350  
770-394-8177  
www.brandonhall.org  
**Tuition:** \$25,000-\$47,000  
**Grades:** 5-12  
**Students:** 140  
**Headmaster:**  
Dr. John L. Singleton

### Casa Montessori

150 Powers Ferry Road  
Marietta 30067  
770-973-2731  
www.casamontessori.com  
**Tuition:** \$7,800-\$10,100  
**Grades:** PreK-6  
**Students:** 160  
**Directors:** Florence &  
Suzanne Johnson

### Chrysalis Experiential Academy

10 Mansell Court East, Suite 500  
Roswell 30076  
770-649-7077  
www.chrysalisexp.org  
**Tuition:** 17,000-\$20,000  
**Grades:** 6-12  
**Students:** 60  
**Director:** Richard Becker

### Cottage School, The

700 Grimes Bridge Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-641-8688  
www.cottageschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$22,950  
**Grades:** 6-12  
**Students:** 150  
**Director:** Jacque Digieso

### Creative Career Academy

2108 Briarcliff Road  
Atlanta 30329  
770-354-6535  
www.creativecareeracademy.com  
**Tuition:** \$4,500 - \$12,000  
depending on grade level  
**Grades:** K - 12  
**Students:** 8 full time and 24  
part time students  
**Head of School:** Jessica Henley

### Cumberland Academy of Georgia

650 Mt. Vernon Highway NE  
Atlanta 30328  
404-835-9000  
www.cumberlandacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$19,900  
**Grades:** 4-12  
**Students:** 62  
**Principal:** Don Sasso

### Davis Academy

8105 Roberts Drive  
Atlanta 30350  
770-671-0085  
www.davisacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$14,000-\$17,000  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 630  
**Head of School:** Amy Shafron



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## East Cobb Christian School

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www.eccs.org  
**Tuition:** \$4,000-\$7,000  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 130  
**Principal:** Teresa Staley

## East Cobb Prep

3875 Shallowford Road  
Marietta 30062  
770-649-0415  
www.eastcobbprep.com  
**Tuition:** \$10,244-\$11,960  
**Grades:** Infants-PreK  
**Students:** 150  
**Principal:** Erin Fleishman

## Eastside Christian School

2450 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta 30068  
770-971-2332  
www.eastsidechristianschool.com  
**Tuition:** \$4,868-\$6,710  
**Grades:** K5-8  
**Students:** 331  
**Head of School:**  
Judith Cripps

## Eaton Academy

1000 Old Roswell Lakes  
Parkway  
Roswell 30076  
770-645-2673  
www.EatonAcademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$17,900-\$18,900  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 100  
**President:**  
Bridget Eaton-Partalis

## Epstein School, The

335 Colewood Way NW  
Sandy Springs 30328  
404-250-5600  
www.epsteinatlanta.org  
**Tuition:** \$5,995-\$17,880  
**Grades:** 18mos-8  
**Students:** 600  
**Head of School:** Stan Beiner

## Faith Lutheran School

2111 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta 30068  
770-973-8921  
www.faimarietta.com/  
school  
**Tuition:** \$3,500-\$6,675  
**Grades:** 2 yrs-8  
**Students:** 230  
**Principal:** Jack D. Hibbs

## Fellowship Christian School

10965 Woodstock Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-641-6816  
www.fellowshipchristianschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$3,090-\$12,717  
**Grades:** K4-12  
**Students:** 753  
**Headmaster:** Bob Burris

## Greenfield Hebrew Academy

5200 Northland Drive NE  
Atlanta 30342  
404-843-9900  
www.ghacademy.org  
**Tuition:** Call for info  
**Grades:** Infants-8  
**Students:** 364  
**Head of School:** Rabbi Lee  
Buckman

## Harvest Baptist School

3460 Kellogg Creed Road  
Acworth 30102  
770-974-9091  
www.harvestbaptistschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$2,700-4,100  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 80  
**Principal:** Mr. Jamie Smithey

## Heiskell School, The

3260 Northside Drive NW  
Atlanta 30305  
404-262-2233  
www.heiskell.net  
**Tuition:** \$4,355-\$11,475  
**Grades:** Preschool-8  
**Students:** 275  
**Director:** Cyndie Heiskell

## High Meadows School

1055 Willeo Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-993-2940  
www.highmeadows.org  
**Tuition:** \$5,065-\$15,505  
**Grades:** Preschool-8  
**Students:** 400  
**Head of School:**  
Jay Underwood

## Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

805 Mount Vernon Highway NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-255-4026  
www.hies.org  
**Tuition:** \$10,500-\$20,510  
**Grades:** Preschool-12  
**Students:** 1,390  
**Head of School:**  
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Atlanta 30327 (Preschool)  
678-904-2811  
www.holyspiritprep.org  
**Tuition:** \$4,996-\$18,671  
**Grades:** PreK2-12  
**Students:** 734  
**President:** Gareth N. Genner

**Howard School, The**

1192 Foster Street  
Atlanta 30318  
404-377-7436  
www.howardschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$24,000-\$25,750  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 230  
**Head of School:** Marifred Cilella

**Lovett School, The**

4075 Paces Ferry Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-262-3032  
www.lovett.org  
**Tuition:** \$18,470-\$22,020  
**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 1,589  
**Headmaster:**  
William S. Peebles IV

**Lyndon Academy**

485 Toonigh Road  
Woodstock 30188  
770-926-0166  
www.lyndonacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$7,000-\$12,750  
**Grades:** PreK-5  
**Students:** 80  
**Headmaster:** Linda Murdock

**Marist School**

3790 Ashford Dunwoody  
Road NE,  
Atlanta 30319  
770-457-7201  
www.marist.com  
**Tuition:** \$15,850  
**Grades:** 7-12  
**Students:** 1,080  
**Principal:**  
Rev. Joel Konzen, S.M.

**Mill Springs Academy**

13660 New Providence Road  
Alpharetta 30004  
770-360-1336  
www.millsprings.org  
**Tuition:** \$20,069  
**Grades:** 1-12  
**Students:** 305  
**Headmaster:**  
Robert W. Moore

**Mount Paran Christian School**

1275 Stanley Road  
Kennesaw 30152  
770-578-0182  
www.mtparanschool.com  
**Tuition:** \$2,857-\$14,660  
**Grades:** PreK3-12  
**Students:** 1,207  
**Headmaster:** Dr. David Tilley

**Mount Vernon Presbyterian School**

471 Mt. Vernon Highway NE (PreK-6)  
510 Mt. Vernon Highway NE (7-12)  
Atlanta 30328  
404-252-3448  
www.mvpschool.com  
**Tuition:** \$8,760-\$16,430  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 775  
**Head of School:**  
Dr. J. Brett Jacobsen

**Mt. Bethel Christian Academy**

4385 Lower Roswell Road  
Marietta 30068  
770-971-0245  
www.mtbethelchristian.org  
**Tuition:** \$9,015-\$10,800  
**Grades:** PreK-8  
**Students:** 486  
**Head of School:**  
Jim R. Callis

**North Cobb Christian School**

4500 Lakeview Drive  
Kennesaw 30144  
770-975-0252  
www.ncchristian.org  
**Tuition:** \$3,285-\$10,995  
**Grades:** K3-12  
**Students:** 780  
**Head of School:**  
Todd Clingman

**Omega Private Academy**

2960 Shallowford Road  
Marietta 30066  
www.omegaprivateacademy.com  
**Tuition:** \$984/month  
**Grades:** Pre-K - 12  
**Students:** 15  
**Head of School:**  
Kathy Keeton

**Pace Academy**

966 W. Paces Ferry Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-262-1345  
www.paceacademy.org  
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**Grades:** K-12  
**Students:** 1,040  
**Head of School:**  
Frederick Assaf

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Marietta 30066  
770-973-5588  
www.pathwaysacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$17,000  
**Grades:** 1-6  
**Students:** 25  
**Principal:** Tina Pierson

## Porter Academy

200 Cox Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-594-1313  
www.porteracademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$18,000  
**Grades:** PreK-8  
**Students:** 60  
**Principal:** Barbara Ramer

## Queen of Angels Catholic School

11340 Woodstock Road  
Roswell 30075  
770-518-1804  
www.qaschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$6,900  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 504  
**Principal:** Kathy Wood

## Riverside Military Academy

2001 Riverside Drive  
Gainesville 30501  
770-532-6251  
www.riversidemilitary.com  
**Tuition:** \$17,150-\$28,600  
**Grades:** 7-12  
**Students:** 347  
**Academic Dean:**  
Jim Robison, Ph.D.

## Schenck School, The

282 Mt. Paran Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-252-2591  
www.schenck.org  
**Tuition:** \$24,835-\$26,280  
**Grades:** K-6  
**Students:** 250  
**Head of School:**  
Gena W. Calloway

## Shiloh Hills Christian School

260 Hawkins Store Road  
Kennesaw 30144  
770-926-7729  
www.shilohhills.com  
**Tuition:** \$4,325-\$7,345  
**Grades:** PreK3-12  
**Students:** 270  
**Principal:** John D. Ward

## Shreiner Academy

1340 Terrell Mill Road  
Marietta 30067  
770-953-1340  
www.shreiner.com  
**Tuition:** N/A  
**Grades:** 2K-8  
**Students:** 200  
**Head of School:**  
Sarah Walker

## Sophia Academy

2880 Dresden Drive  
Atlanta 30341  
404-303-8722  
www.sophiaacademy.org  
**Tuition:** \$20,200  
**Grades:** K-9  
**Students:** 100  
**Director:**  
Marie S. Corrigan

## Early Start for Dream Jobs



▲ Jessica Henley

In one classroom, several students are engaged in 3D computer modeling. Next door, future chefs are concocting French pastries. And down the hall, designers are creating a jacket for a class project. Where do you find all of these classes under one roof?

Jessica Henley, creator and founder of Henley's Haven Workshops for Kids and Creative Career Academy, describes her workshops and school as mini art institutes where students can explore their career interests at an early age. She began offering animation classes in 2008 with eight students in attendance. During this past summer, 270 students passed through her doors, gaining knowledge in a host of different disciplines.

The Henley's Haven Workshops for Kids, which currently offers classes each Saturday and during the summer months, is located in Roswell. Here students grades K-12 can sign up for 1½ hour classes for 15 week semesters on Saturdays. During the summer, classes are offered on a weekly basis. Some of the subjects include animation and video game design, app development and web design, fashion design, photography, and digital filmmaking.

The success of Henley's Haven Workshops has led her to start a full-time accredited private school for K-12 located on Briarcliff Rd. in Atlanta. Beginning in August 2011, this nontraditional school called Creative Career Academy allows for the same academic curriculum that students receive in public school. However, Henley's students pick a "major" in school and can start their life skills training at an early age. Some of the courses offered are animation, video game design, digital filmmaking, IT/computer science, fashion design, culinary arts, acting, and interior design. Because the school schedule has specific days for academic and career courses, students who are home schooled can attend the days when career classes are taught.

Henley's Haven Workshops for Kids is located at 770 Old Roswell Rd., Suite B-2500, Roswell, GA 30076. For more information or to schedule a Saturday class for the upcoming 2012 semester, visit [www.henleyworkshops.com](http://www.henleyworkshops.com) or call 678/602-3675. Creative Career Academy is located at 2108 Briarcliff Rd., Atlanta, GA 30329. For more information, visit [www.creativecareeracademy.com](http://www.creativecareeracademy.com) or call 770/354-6535.

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**Tuition:** \$9,500-\$16,500  
**Grades:** PreK-8  
**Students:** 500  
**Admissions:** Ellen Brown

**St. Francis High School**  
 13440 Cogburn Road  
 Alpharetta 30004  
 678-339-9989  
 www.saintfrancisschools.com  
**Tuition:** \$16,500-\$17,250  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**Students:** 300  
**Admissions:** Brandon Bryan

**St. Joseph Catholic School**  
 81 Lacy Street  
 Marietta 30060  
 770-428-3328  
 www.stjosephschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$5,791-\$7,528  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 490  
**Principal:** Patricia Allen

**St. Jude The Apostle School**  
 7171 Glenridge Drive NE  
 Atlanta 30328  
 770-394-2880  
 www.saintjude.net  
**Tuition:** \$6,656-\$7,975  
**Grades:** K-8  
**Students:** 523  
**Principal:** Zia Davis

**St. Martin's Episcopal School**  
 3110-A Ashford Dunwoody  
 Road  
 Atlanta 30319  
 404-237-4260  
 www.stmartinschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$10,500-\$16,000  
**Grades:** PreK3-8  
**Students:** 575  
**Headmaster:**  
 Rev. Dr. James E. Hamner

**Swift School, The**  
 300 Grimes Bridge Road  
 Roswell 30075  
 678-205-4988  
 www.theswiftschool.org  
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**Grades:** 1-7  
**Students:** 166  
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**Grades:** 3yrs-6  
**Students:** 650  
**Principal:**  
Stephen G. Kennedy

## Walker School, The

700 Cobb Parkway North  
Marietta 30062  
678-581-6921  
www.thewalkerschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$10,040-\$17,950  
**Grades:** PreK-12  
**Students:** 1,046  
**Head of School:** Jack Hall

## Weber School, The

6751 Roswell Road  
Atlanta 30328  
404-917-2500  
www.weberschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$20,880  
**Grades:** 9-12  
**Students:** 225  
**Head of School:** Sim Pearl

## Westminster Schools, The

1424 West Paces Ferry Road NW  
Atlanta 30327  
404-355-8673  
www.westminster.net  
**Tuition:** \$18,375-\$21,315  
**Grades:** Pre1st-12  
**Students:** 1,855  
**Principal:** William Clarkson IV

## Whitefield Academy

1 Whitefield Drive  
Mableton 30126  
678-305-3000  
www.whitefieldacademy.com  
**Tuition:** \$9,400-\$18,750  
**Grades:** PreK4-12  
**Students:** 646  
**Headmaster:**  
Dr. John H. Lindsell

## Wood Acres School, The

1772 Johnson Ferry Road  
Marietta 30062  
770-971-1880  
www.woodacresschool.org  
**Tuition:** \$3,000-\$9,000  
**Grades:** Preschool-7  
**Students:** 450  
**Head of School:**  
Judy Thigpen

# Fellowship Fits Families



▲ Dr. Burris, his wife, Jennifer, and his daughters Emily, (right) and Sophie (left) walking the Fellowship campus.



▲ Dr. Bob Burris

While Fellowship celebrates 25 years of partnering with Christian parents to provide their children a distinctly Christian college-preparatory education, preparing for the next 25 years will be a priority for Fellowship's fourth headmaster, Dr. Bob Burris.

"I am blessed to join an already exceptional school where both the faculty and families are united in wanting the school to grow," extolls Dr. Burris. "Over the next 18-24 months, we will take time to revisit and update the school's strategic plan, update the school's technology, and capitalize on the resource opportunities that will enable us to expand both the school's fiscal plan and program opportunities. I look forward to working obediently to fulfill God's vision for Fellowship."

Academically, our 2011 Senior class posted area-leading SAT average scores of 1682. Artistically, our students discover, refine, and sharpen their talent through the passionate guidance of our experienced Art Department faculty. Athletically, 83 percent of our students competed on GHSA sanctioned teams last year. Spiritually, our students are taught from a biblical worldview perspective and live their faith through community service programs, weekly chapel services, and individual projects designed to deepen their faith in Christ.

Your family is invited to find your place at Fellowship by visiting us Thursdays at 10 a.m. for a tour or by attending our November 8th (Elementary) and November 9 (Middle & High school) Open House events.

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MSA parent  
Barbara Talbott

## Open House

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

9/14/2011	1/25/2012
10/19/2011	2/08/2012
11/09/2011	3/14/2012
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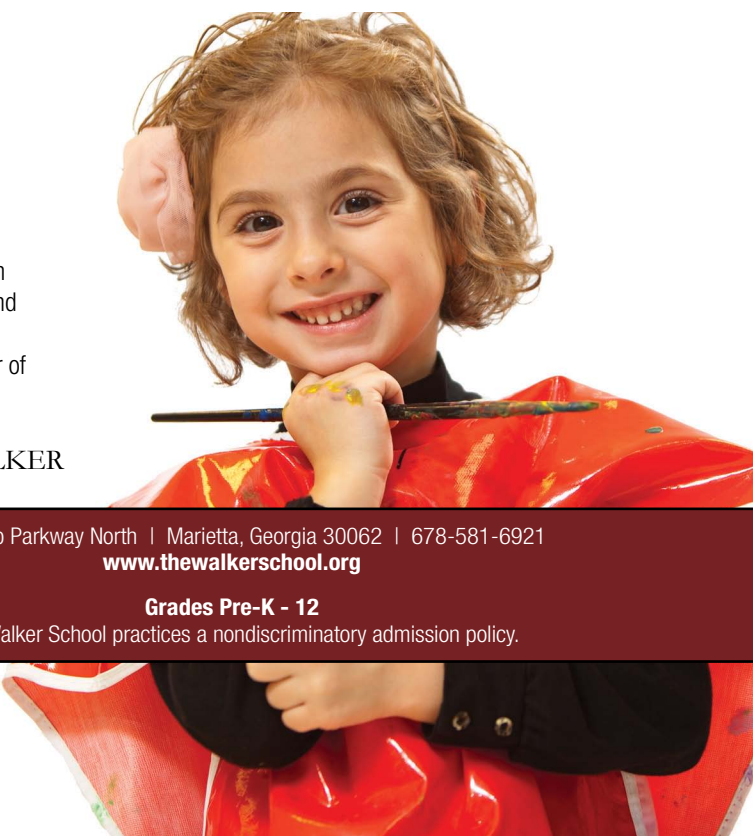
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