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Where Faith, Learning, and Character are Raised Together

When a group of ten educators and parents gathered to build a school, they began with a conviction to bring each decision before God first. That approach became the foundation of Safe Harbor Hybrid, a Christ-centered hybrid school serving Pre-K through 12th grade. From the outset, the school has been built on three pillars: spiritual formation, academic excellence, and character development, pursued as a unified effort.

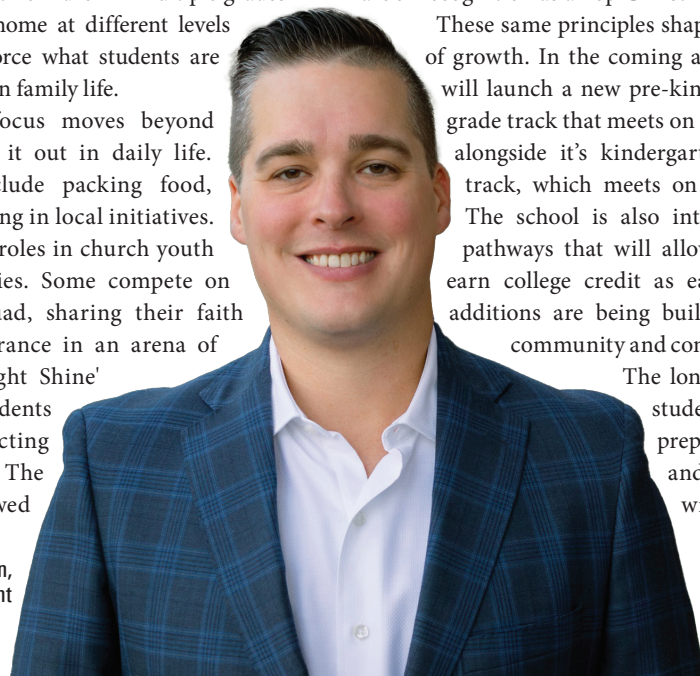
Safe Harbor operates on a hybrid model, with students on campus two days a week and parents leading education at home for the remainder. The ten founders, many of them seasoned educators who left traditional classrooms to homeschool their own children, shaped that structure from direct experience. Lesson plans bridge both settings, preparing students for campus discussion and hands-on work. One founding member leads worship for the host church, bringing the same theological grounding into the chapel.

“Spiritual formation, academic excellence, and character development are not three separate programs. It is one unified pursuit, and our students are the proof of what becomes possible when those pillars stand together,” says Mike O’Nan, President. The school’s structure, from curriculum design to daily routines, is intended to support that integration in practice.

Faith integration is present throughout the school year. Chapel meets twice monthly, with parents attending and contributing in meaningful ways. Students memorize a scripture passage each month and receive character awards tied to qualities reflected in their daily interactions. The K–5 Bible scope is aligned across grade levels, allowing families with children in multiple grades to study the same passages at home at different levels of depth. These practices reinforce what students are learning both at school and within family life.

For older students, the focus moves beyond learning about faith to living it out in daily life. Monthly service projects include packing food, visiting senior homes, and serving in local initiatives. Many students also take active roles in church youth groups and children’s ministries. Some compete on a local homeschool cheer squad, sharing their faith through integrity and perseverance in an arena of varied values. A ‘Let Your Light Shine’ day earlier this year asked students to identify a staff member reflecting Christ and give them a note. The encouragement that followed

Mike O’Nan,
President



extended into families, classrooms, and the broader school community.

Since parents are the primary educators on home days, Safe Harbor equips them with the structure to lead that responsibility well. Monthly lesson plans are published in advance, connecting home learning to upcoming campus sessions. Teachers send weekly personalized emails covering progress and upcoming material, and parent education events address reading and writing development. For ninth grade and above, a syllabus-based approach builds independence and prepares students for post-secondary study.

Class sizes average fourteen students, allowing teachers to understand how each student learns and where they need support. Classes combine across grade levels for Bible and electives, creating regular interaction between age groups. Over time, younger students naturally build relationships with older peers and begin looking to them for guidance and example.

A student-led initiative this year, the Lighthouse Leaders mentorship program was co-designed by a graduating senior and the campus director. It pairs students from fifth through twelfth grade with younger peers for monthly small-group discussions on scripture and character themes, with fifth through seventh graders serving as co-mentors and eighth through twelfth taking primary roles. In its first year, the program became a regular part of student life. The senior who helped launch it earned a full-ride university scholarship, her application essay centered on its impact. It is this kind of student development that earned Safe Harbor recognition as a Top Christ-Centered Hybrid School.

These same principles shape Safe Harbor’s next phase of growth. In the coming academic year, Safe Harbor will launch a new pre-kindergarten through fourth-grade track that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays, alongside its kindergarten through twelve grade track, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The school is also introducing dual enrollment pathways that will allow high school students to earn college credit as early as tenth grade. Both additions are being built to preserve the school’s community and consistency across every track.

The long-term goal is to graduate students who are academically prepared, grounded in faith, and equipped to think and act with discernment. **ED**



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