

McCALLIE

— HONOR TRUTH DUTY —





On the following pages, we hope to give you a sense of McCallie and what it would be like to be part of our school community. McCallie is located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, which we consider a great asset. There is so much for boys to do in and around Chattanooga, like taking excursions to the climbing wall, Aquarium, Riverwalk, or perhaps a downtown restaurant, or taking advantage of the hiking trails, kayaking, and rock climbing locations less than an hour away.

McCallie, however, is so much more than a place. It is a transformative journey that is meaningful and unparalleled. McCallie is a community woven together through shared values and experiences. Our motto – man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever – inspires us. It reminds us that we are a part of a story bigger than ourselves, that we have duties and responsibilities to God and to others, and that there is joy, peace, and purpose in loving God and one another.

The ideals of honor, truth, and duty are a foundation and way of life for students and faculty alike. Commitment to hard work, integrity, and care for one another give each student a sense of belonging and connects them as brothers to one another. These ideals remind us to do the right and honorable thing. Our common purpose is not simply or primarily to be smart or successful, but to make a positive difference in the world.

McCallie boys develop lifelong relationships with their teachers, coaches, dorm faculty, and advisors who guide and mentor them through the ups and downs of adolescence. Faculty serve as role models who are ready to support students as they are finding their way and to challenge them to grow beyond what they ever expected they could be or do. When boys falter, which they will, our faculty are there to help them reflect and learn from their mistakes.

McCallie provides boys a truly transformative environment and learning experience. We hope you want to learn more and that you make plans to visit. When you do, we know you will see for yourself that McCallie boys become men of exceptional character, strong intellect, and a service-minded spirit.

On McCallie and Onward McCallie,

A. Lee Burns III '87
Head of School

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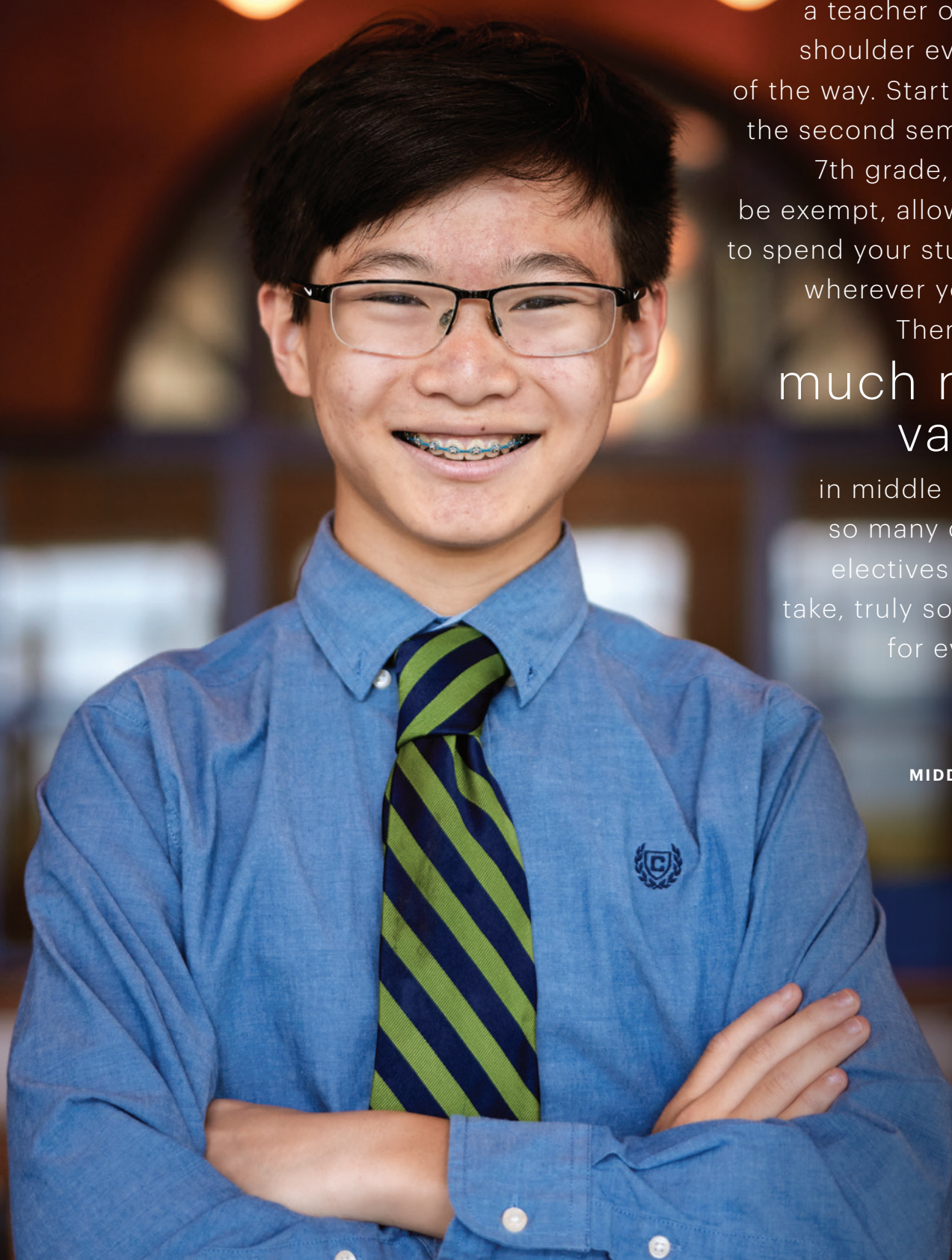
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Middle School was way different than my old elementary school. There wasn't a teacher over your shoulder every step of the way. Starting from the second semester of 7th grade, you can be exempt, allowing you to spend your study halls wherever you want.

There is also
**much more
variety**

in middle school – so many different electives you can take, truly something for everyone.

**ANTHONY,
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT**



Boys Thrive at McCallie

McCallie is a safe place for boys to learn who they are, what they value, and what they want to be in life.

Our understanding of boys brings out the best in them and helps them reach their potential in a holistic and well-rounded way. Boys are encouraged to be authentic, to try new things, participate fully in school life, and enjoy all that McCallie has to offer. Boys work hard but they also learn to value the wellness and balance that play and laughter create. Over their time at McCallie, boys learn how to put their best selves forward.



Boys Develop Character, Faith and a Vision for Manhood

We are as intentional about fostering a boy's character and spiritual development as we are his academic and physical growth.

Through chapel talks, Bible classes, and community service here and abroad, boys are challenged and encouraged to reflect on their purpose and vision in life, how they can love and serve God and others, and how to live out our ideals of Honor, Truth, and Duty. Regardless of a particular boy's faith tradition or background, he will experience the love and power of community built on McCallie's Christian foundation and principles.





Life at McCallie is Full of Excitement

From game days to coordinate activities, from musical and theatrical performances to Duck Day, life at McCallie is never dull.

Boys bring their energetic selves to playing their sport, performing on stage, or playing in the orchestra or band. They also compete hard in dormitory intramurals throughout the year. Whatever a boy's pursuit, the expectation is that he pursue it with passion and to its highest possible level.

Fun Traditions Abound

Some have funny names.
Most need explaining.

4TH MEAL

KEO KIO

QUACK! QUACK!

FRIDAY SHIRTS

SPIRITUALS





Our Community is Warm, Friendly, Supportive, and Interconnected

We will meet your son where he is, know him, love him, respect him, and support him as he finds his way.

Relationships students develop with teachers, coaches, advisors, dorm parents, friends, and mentors are transformative. It is through these relationships that trust is built, and it is trust that enables a boy to be authentic and open himself up to learning. Through relationships boys develop a deep sense of belonging. They feel at home in the community.



DORM FACULTY OPEN THEIR APARTMENTS AND SHARE THEIR FAMILIES WITH BOARDING STUDENTS.





We Help Boys Grow and Mature

Giving boys space to figure things out while making sure they don't go too far afield is the role that faculty play in helping boys develop their own problem-solving tool kits.

During high school years, boys are ready for more independence and responsibility. Boarding students develop a strong sense of self-confidence that allows them to enter into new situations and circumstances with a more relaxed and positive mindset. Learning to handle the mundane and ordinary tasks of self-management proves to himself and others that he can succeed on his own. Each boarding student's knowledge of his own competence leads to self-confidence, which leads to his engaging in new opportunities to develop more skills and more confidence. It becomes a virtuous cycle of success.



MCCALLIE FACULTY SERVE AS GUIDES AND MENTORS WHO SUPPORT EACH BOY'S JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE.

Boys Develop Exceptional Relationship Skills

Relationship skills are essential to success in the classroom, dorms, on the field, and in their social life.

Communicating clearly, listening actively, cooperating, resisting social pressures, advocating for himself, recognizing others' needs, negotiating conflict constructively, and seeking or offering help when needed are just a few of the skills needed to manage living with a roommate, working on a group project, playing on a team, or dating.



DAILY LIFE IS FULL OF INTERACTIONS, EACH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH OTHERS.

Boys Learn to Interact with and Respect Girls

McCallie's Coordinate Program

provides opportunities for the girls at Girls Preparatory School (GPS) and the boys at McCallie to interact. Coordinate program events include sports, community service, plays, orchestra, academic opportunities, dances, concerts, trips, and more.



McCallie Teachers are Trained to Teach Boys

Boys can learn in ways not possible in a co-ed environment.

Because boys learn in specific ways, McCallie tailors everything we do to make their learning exciting, engaging, relevant, direct, collaborative, and hands-on. Matching what we do to the science of how boys learn creates a positive and effective learning environment.

Boys need movement and energy.

Building movement into high energy and hands-on classrooms keeps boys stimulated and engaged.

Boys work hard for those they respect and those who respect them.

This reciprocal and meaningful relationship is the essential success factor for learning built for boys.

Boys are pragmatic.

They want to learn about things that interest them. They need to know what they are learning is useful and that the effort learning it takes is worth it.



TORNADO TERM, OR T-TERM AS WE CALL IT, IS LEARNING THAT GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. THIS 10-DAY PERIOD OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING LETS BOYS EXPLORE TOPICS THAT BREAK THE MOLD OF THE TRADITIONAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM.



Welcome to



Chattanooga!

Many boarding schools are located in remote areas with few places for students to enjoy; McCallie is located in the vibrant city of Chattanooga. Campus is 10 minutes from downtown and 5 minutes from the restaurant area of Southside. Chattanooga offers opportunities for internships, community service, and other endeavors that enrich the McCallie student experience.





Relationships with Teachers Allow Boys to Fully Engage in Learning

McCallie's all-boys environment fosters boys' abilities to take appropriate risks in their learning.

McCallie boys have relationships with their teachers that go beyond the classroom. Their teachers are role models who guide them on their journey to manhood. Thus, all learning starts from a firm foundation of trust. Boys can set anxieties aside in the classroom and fully engage in the iterative process of learning. Boys learn to try out new ideas. They learn others can help make their ideas stronger. They understand that making mistakes is part of the learning process so they focus on learning from the feedback their peers and teachers offer. All of these skills are foundational to academic success and each boy's healthy development as a person.



MCCALLIE FACULTY HELP SHAPE BOYS INTO SUCCESSFUL MEN.
THEY PUSH THEM TO DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY
VALUE, AND TO DEVELOP THE DESIRE AND DISCIPLINE TO
PRESENT THEIR BEST SELVES.

Each Boy is Challenged to Find His Own Path

Whatever a boy's pursuit, the expectation is that he pursue it with passion and to its highest possible level.

McCallie is a safe place for exploring, trying new things, and being adventurous. There are dozens of clubs, activities, sports teams, intramurals, casts in plays, orchestra, ensembles, pep band, and other small groups at McCallie. There are new things to discover like robotics, eSports, scientific research, sculpture, graphic design, film, handbells, playwriting, rock climbing, mountain biking, drone racing, and more.



NOT BEING ACTIVE IS NOT AN OPTION. DRONE RACING IS ONE OF THE NEWEST AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS.



Boys are Challenged to Excel Outside the Classroom

Athletics provide a proving ground for the development of grit and perseverance.

With 17 varsity sports and an abundance of extracurricular activities, every boy can have a team experience and learn lessons of hard work, goal setting, competition, and physical fitness. Our culture of excellence permeates every activity and pushes each boy to be his best and to cheer one another on in a high-spirited and enthusiastic community.







At McCallie We Want What is Best for Your Son

Parents can focus on supporting and loving their sons, witnessing and complimenting his growth, and celebrating his accomplishments.

McCallie strives to be a trusted partner, guide, and mentor for parents. Our goal is not to replace or supersede parents in any way. As your trusted partner, we will leverage the experience we have that comes from decades of teaching, supporting, and preparing all kinds of boys. We aim to build a strong relationship with a boy's family for his benefit. We take on the chore reminders, homework battles, and other points of friction common in relationships with teenage boys. The deciding factor in all the recommendations we share and decisions we make is what is best for boys. McCallie is an invaluable resource and companion for both you and your son as he grows into the man he is meant to be.



HEAD OF SCHOOL LEE BURNS '87 TALKS WITH STUDENTS.

McCallie Prepares Boys to Be Successful at What's Next

Every year McCallie sends boys to the most selective and prestigious schools in the country.

There is no typical search nor standard college selection process because the needs of each boy and family are unique. The goal is for each boy to articulate his desires and goals for the next step in his education and for our College Counseling Office to help him find the college or university that is the best fit for him.



MCCALLIE SENIORS GATHER FOR THEIR COLLEGE CHOICE PHOTO



At McCallie Your Son Can Be Anything

McCallie comes along at a time when a boy needs support, companions, and resources. McCallie will guide and mentor him on his journey to manhood.

There is not just one way for a boy to be at McCallie. There are many academic, extracurricular, and social interests a boy can discover and invest himself in. There are boys from all over the world that he will get to know. His time at McCallie is a journey of discovering who he is, what he values, and how he can become the best version of himself. McCallie will give him myriad opportunities to learn what he likes and what he is good at, to extend beyond limits he thinks he has, and to involve himself in the community and kinship others have to offer. Because of the wide range of academic pursuits, sports, clubs, and afternoon activities as well as the diverse and interesting qualities of the faculty and student body, a boy can truly be anything. And, he will walk his path with enthusiasm, diligence, and integrity. He can be anything, and his anything will be amazing!

It's his journey and his experiences at McCallie that will make it truly life-changing.



The Impact McCallie Has On Its Students Is Lifelong

Parents can focus on supporting and loving their sons, witnessing and complimenting his growth, and celebrating his accomplishments.

After graduating, a young man leaves McCallie for his next adventures. What he learns, however, is that McCallie never leaves him. McCallie remains a companion and resource to him for the rest of his life. His curiosity and ability to learn, the values he lives by, and the relationships and lifelong friends he cherishes come from his time at McCallie. New McCallie graduates join a long line of men who came before them. McCallie's shared history creates an immediate sense of connection and belonging that we call the McCallie brotherhood. As men they come to fully understand the sacrifices their parents made to send them to McCallie, and many, in turn, send their sons to McCallie. McCallie is a foundation as well as a resource for life.



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Class of 1969



Thank you for considering McCallie School as a partner in your son's growth, learning, and discovery journey. Choosing a school is one of the most important decisions a family can make—and at McCallie, we understand the weight and hope behind that choice.

For more than a century, McCallie has been a community devoted to developing boys of character, intellect, faith, and service. What sets McCallie apart is not just our beautiful campus on Missionary Ridge or our exceptional academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs. It is our unwavering commitment to the formation of the whole boy—mind, body, and spirit.

Our mission is grounded in strong relationships. McCallie faculty and staff are more than teachers and coaches—they are mentors and role models who know and support each boy individually. Within our halls, boys are challenged to think critically, lead courageously, and serve compassionately. They are inspired to take ownership of their learning and lives, preparing them for college and a life of purpose and integrity.

At McCallie, character matters. Honor, truth, and duty are not just words etched into stone; they are lived out daily in the classroom, on the playing fields, in our dormitories, and in service to others. We know that boys grow best in a community of trust, respect, and high expectations—and that they thrive when they are known and valued.

Whether you are considering day or boarding, seventh grade or senior year, know that at McCallie, your son will be challenged, supported, and inspired to become the best version of himself. We are proud of our legacy, but even more excited about the boys who will write the next chapter of our story.

We look forward to welcoming your family to McCallie and to walking with you as you explore all that this remarkable school has to offer.

Warm regards,

Brian J. Burrage
Dean of Enrollment Management



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