



# Culture of Star of Bethlehem School

**Star of Bethlehem is a place where....**

**The love of Jesus is the focus of all that we do.**

- 1 John 4:19 – “We love because he first loved us.”
- John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

## We are Christ centered

This is evidenced by:

- Everyone and everything is God focused as we bring God’s Word to others.
- God’s Word is integrated throughout our daily schedule
- Our halls, walls, classrooms and overall school décor evaporates Jesus.
- We have a common goal as we focus our eyes on Jesus.
- We are faithful as we treasure the word, study the word, obey the word, and share the word.

**Star of Bethlehem is a place where....**

**We give God glory in everything that we do.**

- Matthew 25:45 – “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

## We are glorifying God

This is evidenced by:

- Weekly chapel worship, Sunday worship, and glorifying our Lord in all things.
- Halls and walls evaporating Jesus and celebrating student work and abilities.
- Students, faculty, staff, and parents serving as positive role models.
- Everyone using their God-given gifts in God pleasing ways at school and in the community (academics, drama, creativity, music, sports, spiritual gifts, in the building, on field trips, in student work and throughout student behavior).
- Respect given to the school, grounds, and materials as they are gifts from God.

**Star of Bethlehem is a place where....**

**We are united as brothers and sisters in Christ.**

- 1 Corinthians 12:27 – “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.”

### **We are a Family**

This is evidenced by:

- Teachers and students treat each other with love in their words and actions with a constant willingness to help each other.
- We worship together in church, chapel, and in our everyday lives.
- Action is taken out of love, care, and concern for others (praying, cards, activities, gifts).
- School camaraderie is demonstrated through R and R time, school picnic, recess, and overall hallway atmosphere.
- An atmosphere that is welcoming as all staff greet all that they pass by with a word or a friendly face and students greet all teachers and adults that they pass.
- Parents, students, faculty and staff have ownership of our school.
- Teachers loving, guiding, mentoring, and holding accountable all students as they also connect with them on a personal level.

**Star of Bethlehem is a place where....**

**Everyone who enters sees the love of Jesus through us.**

- Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
- John 13:34 – “Love one another. As I have loved you.
- Galatians 5:22-23 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

### **We are Caring**

This is evidenced by:

- The school family builds each other up as they encourage, support, forgive, and praise each other.
- Communication is positive and constructive and filled with respect to others, to teachers, to leaders, to the school environment - Obey humbly, listen carefully, and speak kindly.
- There is a service attitude as all are helpful to others when there is a need or not.
- Discipline is done out of love as we battle the sinful nature out of love for God.
- Politeness is demonstrated through words such as please and thank you, excuse me, and actions such as opening doors for others and letting others first.
- Many and various ways to compliment students and the positives with students are acknowledged and communicated to parents.

**Star of Bethlehem is a place where....**

**We keep God's children safe.**

- Psalm 91:11 – “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**We are Safe**

This is evidenced by:

- Our facility is welcoming and well kept as it is clean and organized.
- Anyone who is unknown to the faculty and staff is greeted, welcomed, and asked what brings them to Star. All visitors wear a visitor badge.
- The school family practices and is prepared for different warnings and emergencies through our crisis management plans and the use of our Go-Bags.
- Allergy awareness procedures are in place and active.
- Faculty and staff are CPR/First Aid/AED certified.
- The school is connected with local law enforcement and emergency responders.
- Our facility is secured through locked doors and camera surveillance.

**Star of Bethlehem is a place where....**

**We use our God-given abilities to improve in all areas.**

- 1 Corinthians 10:31 - So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

**We are continually striving for excellence.**

This is evidenced by:

- The school strives to be forward thinking in education, technology, and procedures to drive learning to the maximum potential.
- Students are engaged in learning with ownership of it.
- We are hardworking as we go above and beyond what is expected.
- Our halls and walls give a glimpse into the education by looking purposeful and excellent.
- Staff continues to develop themselves professionally.
- The curriculum is standards based.
- Every student and teacher pursues their fullest potential.
- Leadership is modeled and encouraged.
- Children are taught to be respectful and responsible.

**We are STAR! ☺**