



The Home Environment

Supporting Simi Valley Adventist School After Hours.



Most parents seek out private Christian schools for the following reasons:

Private Christian Schools

- *Create a safe environment*
- *Provide quality teachers that build loving relationships with each student*
- *Maintain small class sizes to generate low student to teacher ratios*
- *Expect academic excellence and high moral standards.*

At SVAS, we want to meet these goals. At our center, we strive to develop students who grow their abilities with God as the basis of their education. Serving God and seeking to live a life acceptable in His sight is the foundation of our school's existence. As we grow, we are asking families to invest their efforts in supporting the same environment we seek to establish at school.

At SVAS, we believe that parents should also model those character and spiritual elements that are the ultimate purpose of what we offer in our daily Christian education schedule. The following factors are essential for our parents to emphasize at home so that our students become a force for creating positive Christian actions and attitudes throughout the school day.

We at Simi Valley Adventist School have the following expectations from our parents:

1. Parents believe that the Bible is essential.

The inspired word of God serves as a foundation for our lives, and children should become familiar with Bible stories at a young age. SVAS has daily worship and Bible classes to impart these life-changing elements. The truths of the Bible become more accustomed to children as they continue to grow and learn from them daily. By reinforcing the Bible at home, students have a better understanding of their curriculum at school and a deeper level of meaning from God's word.

2. Parents understand that prayer is a crucial part of each child's life.

We pray throughout the day and encourage each family to make the act of praying a part of their family home life. Prayer is a path to a more personal relationship with God. It strengthens family relationships with one another. Families that continually pray for each other during challenging times and in good times, provide their children with a legacy of faith in God.

3. Parents share our moral foundations from the role model of Jesus Christ.

If your goal is to offer your child the same moral foundation that the Bible suggests, Christian education is the only choice. Moral and spiritual formation are essential components of Simi Valley Adventist School. Each child's home life should share in the philosophy of caring for one another, rather than conformity to the world's standards. We believe that a healthy, loving Christian home environment founded in the life of Jesus results in a successful life.

4. Parents who want to be their child's first role model.

While our teachers are remarkable role models, your child spends a significant portion of the day under their influence; parents are the most significant role models. Having parents who demonstrate Christian principles carry a lifelong effect. Our best opportunity to influence your child is our ability to reinforce your role model throughout their day.

5. Parents are teachers, too, and give each child individual attention.

SVAS strives daily to meet your child's individual needs in academic and emotional areas. It is a priority that parents look directly to each child to see where their emotional, social, and spiritual needs are daily. When teachers and parents work together, the student grows in an exponential measure. SVAS created the "No Homework" policy to help parents spend time with their children for family quality and one to one nurturing.

6. Parents who support positive peer pressure.

Having peers who have similar values helps complete a nurturing home and school environment. Parents should ensure that their child's friends reinforce positive habits, as well as positive attitudes. These friendships give children more freedom to encourage, support, and influence their friends at home and school to a positive culture. By supporting their choice of Christian friends, it demonstrates that it's okay and "cool" to be a Christian.

7. Parents who supply safe environments.

Each child's home should offer a safe avenue for students to express their ideas, explore new things, and, most importantly, be themselves. In addition to physical well-being, family time should offer a safe emotional and spiritual environment. SVAS does not tolerate bullying, and children must be nurtured in a caring environment every hour of the day.

Students spend more waking hours per week in school than anywhere else, making it the formative institution. Your child's education is an opportunity to instill a lifetime's worth of Christ-inspired principles and character traits. Parents can strengthen all the lessons learned at school. We desire your support of these essential elements at home. In doing so, you help create success not only in this world but in the world to come. May God continue to bless you and your family as you seek to develop your most precious resource, your God-given children.

