

# Jubal Cottage School Handbook

## 2018-2019

### VISION

Our goal is to exalt Christ by helping to equip students with the tools necessary for a lifetime of: meaningful artistic and academic pursuits of excellence; glorifying worship and service to God; vibrant ministry to others.

### MISSION

Our mission is to encourage and enhance the efforts of home educating families in Niagara by providing training with a focus on timeless values, depth of character, rich language and by expressing truth, beauty and goodness through various creative arts, enrichment learning and service opportunities within a supportive community. Our music and drama selections are thematically and historically linked by year, and are based on classic literature.

Jubal Cottage School seeks to:

1. Teach all disciplines as part of an integrated whole with the Scriptures at the centre.
2. Nurture students to love and serve God with all their minds, hearts, and talents, even as they serve others.
3. Provide a clear example of Christian life through our teachers, administrators, student body, and families.

### Jubal KEYS:

Christ-Centred

Excellence

Servant-Leadership

Teachability

Accountability

Honour, Respect, and Care for one another

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The following statements are the basic tenets of Christianity that will be reflected in our courses. This statement of faith will be adhered to by our Teachers, Administrators, and Leadership Team.

We believe the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, inerrant in the original writings, infallible, and the final authority in faith and life.

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe the God we serve is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, and the source of all truth. He is holy, righteous, just, good, loving, and full of grace and mercy.

We believe that man was divinely created in the image of God, that he sinned – becoming guilty before God – resulting in total depravity; thereby incurring physical and spiritual death.

We believe in the true deity and full humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe in His eternal existence with the Father in pre-incarnate glory, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His mediatorial ministry, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone. Those who believe in Him are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God. The Fruit of the Spirit and obedience to the Word of God, are the evidences of a true and lively faith.

We believe in the absolute and essential deity and personality of the Holy Spirit who convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment; who regenerates, indwells, sanctifies, illuminates and comforts those who believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe in the resurrection: those who have exercised faith in Christ to eternal life; those who have rejected Christ to eternal punishment and separation from Him.

## STUDENT RULES & CONDUCT

Jubal Cottage School has three basic rules of conduct that all students are required to obey. Students recognize that they are to be held responsible for their conduct, both in action and attitude, by their parents, teachers, and Leadership Team of Jubal Cottage School.

### **Honour God**

Students are expected to give God reverence during class participation. Joking, speech, or behaviour that trivializes or exhibits disrespect towards God is not permitted. It is expected that students will work diligently, participate in class activities, and concentrate on their work.

### **Honour Others**

Students are expected to observe Christian standards of behaviour and conduct. Students must speak honestly, respect their peers and teachers. Students are expected to treat one another kindly and inclusively. Teasing, criticizing, name-calling, and “rough-house” playing are not permitted. Public displays of affection (boy/girl relationships) are not allowed. Jokes and teasing on this subject are also not permitted. Prompt and cheerful obedience is expected. Students accept responsibility to complete any home work assignments or practice requirements in a timely manner.

### **Honour God’s Property**

Students are expected to treat all class materials and facilities with respect and care. In order to avoid litter and distraction, chewing gum and candy, and electronic musical devices or games are not permitted. We ask that students not bring your phones, tablets, etc. to classes. Running is not allowed in the church building. Students are expected to be aware of and avoid off-limit areas of facilities we rent, and to remain on the property at all times.

## DISCIPLINE POLICY

We will seek to provide a nurturing community where students are encouraged and challenged to exemplify Christian behaviour. It is very important that our children feel safe and secure in a loving and warm environment. We are not well-equipped to handle on-going, high-maintenance behaviour.

In the event a student does not adhere to the Rules & Conduct, or engages in actions that jeopardize the safety and well-being of students, Jubal staff, and volunteers, they will be dealt with firmly and expediently with the following steps:

1. Discipline within class (including reminders or removal from active class participation)
2. Phone call home
3. Participation in class only with parent being present
4. While we would seek to align with your family values wherever possible, and will work with parents to attempt to address problems mutually; we do reserve the right to deny a student participation in Jubal based on their behaviour.

## SICK POLICY

To guard the health of all participants at Jubal, students, parents and teachers are asked to follow these guidelines:

1. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer often, particularly after: sneezing, coughing, blowing one's nose, using the bathroom, playing games with contact with others, or before and after eating.
2. Avoid touching your face or eyes as much as possible.
3. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your elbow. Used tissues are to be thrown out in garbage containers right away.
4. Stay home if you are sick, notably if you have one of the following:
  - fever
  - cough and one or more of the following symptoms: sore throat, muscle aches, joint pain, or weakness/lethargy
  - green nasal discharge

Please use your common sense!

5. If a student is seen to be sick or becomes sick at Jubal, we will remove them from class to sit with one of the leadership team, and ask parents to take them home as soon as is convenient.

## DRESS CODE

A dress code will be implemented at Jubal in the interest of creating an atmosphere of artistic and academic professionalism, orderliness of the students, and high standard of conduct.

### Girls

Shirts—polos or turtlenecks; simple and neat t-shirts with proper sleeves; modest round necklines, no offensive language or pictures

Pants—casual, capris \*\*blue jeans must be clean and tidy, NO midriff showing at any time

Skirts—worn at the knee or below, or worn with shorts underneath, long skirts with modest slits

Shorts—dress shorts worn at the knee or below

No ball caps worn indoors, Modest jewellery

### Boys

Shirts—polos or turtlenecks; simple and neat t-shirts; proper sleeves, no offensive language or pictures

Pants—casual, \*\*blue jeans must be clean and tidy

Shorts—dress shorts worn at the knee or below

No ball caps or hats worn indoors

### All

Please have separate indoor footwear for winter/spring weather. To play in the gym you will need non-marking soles. Shoes are occasionally removed during class participation, so socks are important!

Hair should be kept neat and clean, and out of the face

## OUR NAME

**Jubal:** We draw inspiration from Jubal, the father of those who play musical instruments. (Genesis 4:21)

**Cottage School:** The very term "cottage school" is a rather obscure one. Here are our impressions: "one-room" model, nurturing community, mentoring relationships, parental involvement, focused intent, Charlotte Mason-inspired.

Unlike most "co-ops," Jubal has leadership teams, core values, set curricula and courses, a dress code, stability and focus from year to year. It is in this "spirit" that we apply the term, "Cottage School," while incorporating the beauty of scheduling flexibility within a "co-operative" effort.

# Jubal Cottage School 2018- 2019 Waiver Form Participant / Parent Waiver Agreement for

\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (student's name)

1. I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Jubal Cottage School 2018- 2019 Handbook including the statement of faith and the various policies affecting participation at Jubal.
2. I hereby confirm that I am committed to upholding the statement of faith, vision, and mission of Jubal Cottage School.
3. I promise to be an encouragement to all members and agree to share responsibilities, helping out when and wherever possible.
4. I commit my child(ren) or any child(ren) under my guardianship, to follow the policies of Jubal Cottage School and do hereby agree to abide by all policies. I agree, for my family, that we will respect and honour all Leadership Team and Teacher decisions pertaining to my child(ren)'s involvement at Jubal Cottage School.
5. I hereby waive and release Jubal Cottage School and Redeemer Bible Church, its officials, members, employees and agents from any and all liability, including any claim, action or cause of action of any nature, for injury or damage that I , or a member of my family or my guests may suffer, including but not limited to any injury or damage resulting from the action or inaction of anyone associated with Jubal Cottage School and Redeemer Church or from the action or inaction of Jubal Cottage School and Redeemer Church, its officials, members or representatives, employees and agents, whether arising from negligence, even gross negligence or any other reason or cause whatsoever , and I expressly assume the risk of any damage or injury while attending any lesson, class, rehearsal, performance or function of any kind which is offered or sanctioned by Jubal Cottage School.
6. I further undertake and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Jubal Cottage School and Redeemer Bible Church, its officials, members, representatives or employees from all third party claims, costs, actions or causes of action which may arise at any time as a consequence of any acts or omissions of myself , my family members or any other person accompanying me or my family or my guest . I further understand that I am responsible for the behaviour of my child(ren) before, during and after all rehearsals and other Jubal Cottage School events.
7. I understand that Jubal Cottage School reserves the right to refuse any participant application without explanation and that Jubal Cottage School may terminate any membership in accordance with the Student Rules of Conduct, Dress Code, Discipline and Communication policies as found in the 2018- 2019 Handbook of Jubal Cottage School.

I acknowledge I have read, understand and agree with the terms and provisions of the attached waiver and do freely and voluntarily affix my signature hereto in witness of, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I, the student, agree to abide by the policies and procedures set out in the 2018- 2019 Handbook of Jubal Cottage School.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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