

# ***Our History.....***

In 1973, a group of families from Grace Community Church (then known as "Evangelical Methodist Church") of Tyler saw a need for a community school that would serve the educational and spiritual needs of their children. With this in mind they committed themselves to establishing such a school.

Originally known as Christian Heritage School, the first year saw 60 students in grades two through twelve. Its original location was the current site of the Grace Lower Campus. In 1975, the school underwent a name change along with the church that supported it, and became Grace Community School.

Since that time, many families have chosen Grace Community School for their children. The school grew steadily during the formative years of the 1970s, but contracted from 12 grades to 8 in 1986. Since then, the school has experienced explosive growth, soaring to its current enrollment of 941. The school expanded to include what is currently the junior high in 1994. In 1996, the school added a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility that currently houses the high school and administration.

Grace has recently completed construction of a \$ 4.2 million Fine Arts Center and Athletic Complex, housing practice facilities for our band, choir, and orchestra programs, the 570-seat Burgess Auditorium, a weight room, and additional locker room and physical education facilities.

Grace Community School is currently a kindergarten through 12th grade, co-educational, college-preparatory day school with selective admissions. Grades K4 through 5 are located on the church campus at 3215 Old Jacksonville Road, while grades 6-12 are located at 3001 University Boulevard.