



# Spring Vale Academy

Spring Vale Academy is a high school affiliated with the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day). It is licensed as a boarding school by the State of Michigan. The teachers are certified or permitted by the Michigan Department of Education.

For over 60 years, Spring Vale Academy (SVA) has been ministering to youth, meeting their spiritual and educational needs, and preparing them for lives of commitment and service to God. Today Spring Vale Academy is living in that great legacy left by its founders. Our goal, everyday, is to be faithful to that heritage and to continue to build upon that foundation.

Our purpose at Spring Vale Academy is to teach students to pattern their lives after Christ, directing them in their gifts, developing leadership skills and cultivating biblical values in their hearts.

The entire SVA team realizes their God-given responsibility to care for the students and recognize

their influential role in shaping the character of each. Their earnest desire is to have a significant impact academically, socially, and spiritually on each and every young person who spends time on the Spring Vale campus.

The Bible is fundamentally important to all that transpires at Spring Vale. It provides the best light for life in this world and the only hope for life in the eternal world to come. The teachings of the Bible, especially the gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ, are held in the highest regard.

Spring Vale is committed to providing the best possible education for each student. A low student/staff ratio allows for individualized attention that can help maximize the talents of each student and prepare them for college. A wide variety of extra-curricular activities and programs allow for social and personal development. Formal and informal times of Bible study,



worship, and praise provide a climate for spiritual growth.

Many of the SVA team members live on campus helping to provide a family atmosphere where the learning environment continues after school hours. The SVA team is committed to doing their utmost to equip students for life in the twenty-first century and for life eternal.

## *Mission Statement*

**The mission of Spring Vale Academy is to disciple young people to Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, preparing them to be Christian leaders and workers, and to prepare them socially, academically, and psychologically for further education and the responsibilities and relationships of adult life.**

# Academics

Spring Vale is firmly committed to academic excellence, providing a quality academic education for our students. We are committed to providing a school setting that is conducive to learning, with teachers providing a place where students can learn and grow, as well as providing the extra care and assistance to help students succeed.

Spring Vale graduates are prepared for enrollment in most major colleges and universities with our students typically scoring above average on standardized tests. In order to promote a successful post-secondary educational or career experience, SVA offers academic and career advising, helping students match their gifts and abilities to a successful career path.

## Virtual Courses/Dual Enrollment

Spring Vale Academy students will have the opportunity to enroll in a variety of classes including self-guided, AP, or dual enrollment college classes in addition to traditional face to face courses. Regardless of where you are in high school, these classes could be right for you. These classes can help prepare you for college and even assist you in completing college sooner. If you are interested in any of these classes, please contact the office for further information.

## CLEP Examinations

Upon completion of certain traditional, face to face classes at SVA, you may be eligible to take a college credit exam and receive credit that you can apply toward your college degree.



## Courses of Study

The following courses are offered at Spring Vale Academy. Some courses, however, are taught on alternate years; others are taught only if there is sufficient interest. Approximately thirty courses are taught each year. AP and Dual Enrollment courses will receive Honors Credit. Each student is required to take a minimum of 5 courses per year.

### Science

Biology	Earth Science
Chemistry	Physics
Anatomy & Physiology	

### Mathematics

Pre-Algebra *	Algebra I *
Geometry*	Algebra II *
Trigonometry **	AP Calculus I **
AP Calculus II **	

### Social Studies

World History/Geography	U.S. History/Geography
Government (1 semester)	Life Skills
Understanding the Times	Economics

### English

English I	English II
English III	English IV

### Physical Education

P.E./Health

### Foreign Language

Spanish I	Spanish II
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### Applied Arts

Choir	SOUND
Speech/Drama	ACTION
Journalism/Yearbook	

### Business/Computers

Computer I: Keyboard & Intro to Applications  
Computer II: PC Hardware & Adv. Applications

### Bible

Old Testament Survey	New Testament Survey
Biblical Interpretation	Bible Doctrines

\*Students are required to have their own basic scientific calculator

\*\*Students are required to have their own graphing calculators; TI 82 recommended minimum

# Graduation Requirements

A diploma is granted upon satisfactory completion of 22 credits (units) of high school work, with specific credits required in each academic area as listed below. Each credit, unless otherwise stated, represents two semesters of study. Credits for courses satisfactorily completed at other schools will be transferred. Home school students will receive credit for the classes they have completed on a Pass/Fail basis.

*We recommend that students or their parents contact the college(s) of their choice to ensure meeting entrance requirements.*

General Requirements			
English	4	Mathematics *	4
Science **	3	Social Studies ***	3
Foreign Languages	1	Physical Education/Health	1
Online Experience	1	Applied Arts	1
Understanding The Times	1/2 credit prior to graduation		
Bible	1/2 credit during each semester of attendance		
Work Study	1/4 credit during each semester of attendance		
Life Skills	1/2 credit during each semester of Junior year attendance		

To participate in graduation exercises, a senior must have fulfilled all academic, work study, disciplinary, and financial requirements, or have made satisfactory arrangements to do so.

\* *Mathematics courses must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, as well as a math course during their senior year.*  
 \*\* *Science courses must include Biology and Chemistry or Physics, and one additional science elective.*  
 \*\*\* *Social Studies courses must include World History, US History, Government (1/2 credit), and Economics (1/2 credit).*



# Admissions

## Policy of Non-Discrimination

Spring Vale Academy admits students of any race, color, gender, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Spring Vale Academy is closely affiliated with the Church of God 7<sup>th</sup> Day. Because of this relationship, the majority of its students share this denominational affiliation, this is not however, a requirement for admission. Acceptance is subject to academic and character requirements as well as available space. Admission to Spring Vale Academy is a privilege, and as such, may be withheld or withdrawn at the discretion of the school administration.

## Admission Requirements

Spring Vale Academy admits students who:

- 1) Have satisfactorily completed the eighth grade or above, or have administrative approval after evaluation of student's readiness to successfully complete high school work.
- 2) Have a current physical examination certified by a licensed physician dated on or after July 15, 2010 prior to arriving at Spring Vale.
- 3) Have submitted official transcripts of all secondary work or other proof of satisfactory completion of course work.
- 4) Have a high regard for Christian moral values, are willing to commit themselves to the school's academic, social and spiritual programs, and are willing to comply with the school's standards and policies.

**\*Acceptance contingent on administrative approval from the Director and Business Manager.**

## New Students

An application submitted before July 1 will have their application fee waived (December 1 for the spring semester). See page 16 for the schedule of fees after July 1. Applications submitted after July without the fee will not be processed. A copy of birth certificate and social security card will be required with application.

## Returning Students

A Re-enrollment Application must be submitted along with the appropriate registration fee. See Page 16 for the schedule of fees.

## Late Applications

Late applications will be reviewed, and students may be admitted at any time during the fall and spring semesters at the discretion of the administration.

## To Apply

Mail the completed application packet and fee to:

### Spring Vale Academy

4150 South M-52  
Owosso, MI 48867-9224  
Phone (989) 725-2391  
FAX (989) 729-6408

### Find Us Online At

<http://www.springvale.us>



# *Post-Admission Requirements*

The following documentation must be filed with the office upon acceptance to Spring Vale Academy. *Admission or continued participation is contingent upon receipt of these records.*

## *Student Identification*

All students must have a government issued picture ID and birth certificate. Optional trips to Canada now require a passport.

## *Medical Release Forms*

A medical release form for each student is required to be on file with the school. This form will automatically be sent to all parents. It must be completed, signed, **notarized**, and returned to the school **before** the student arrives on campus. It is **essential** that the medical release form be on file in case the student requires medical treatment.

## *Health History Forms*

In order to help staff members make medical decisions, we require a health history form be kept on file at the school. Health history forms will be kept confidential and will only be accessed by essential staff members.

## *Health Insurance Cards*

Although health insurance is not required for students, we request that students with health insurance send copies of their insurance cards to the school. This helps us to ensure health insurance requirements are met in case the student needs to seek medical treatment while at Spring Vale.

## *Immunization Records*

Students must have the following immunizations before they are allowed to attend school: DTP, DT or Td (4 doses); polio (3 doses); measles, mumps, rubella (2 doses); hepatitis B (3 doses); varicella shot or record of having chicken pox. If it has been 10 years since the last dose of DTP, a booster dose of Td is required. Before starting school we must have on file an immunization record for each student or a signed waiver if immunizations are against your religious beliefs. These records may already be on file at your child's current school. Immunizations should be obtained through your family physician or local health department. Please mail the records directly to the school.

## *ICHAT Background Check*

Spring Vale students are involved in the maintenance and upkeep of the campus through our work study program. In these roles, the students are considered to be employees by the State of Michigan and the Department of Education. To satisfy state requirements, all students must submit to an ICHAT criminal background check. Parents need not make arrangements for these checks as they will be conducted by Spring Vale. For more information on the ICHAT background checks you may visit <http://apps.michigan.gov/ichat/home.aspx>.



# *SVA Campus Life*

## *Housing*

As a boarding school, Spring Vale provides housing to our students either in the boys' or girls' dorm. Each dorm is supervised by a competent and caring team who promote an atmosphere where students can be safe physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The dorms provide an environment that is conducive to our students growth and development.

## *Medical Expenses*

If a medical need arises, the dorm staff will work cooperatively with the parents to coordinate appropriate medical treatment. Whenever possible, SVA will arrange to have medical services billed directly to medical insurance. If this is not possible, the medical services will be billed directly to the parents. Please note that some providers may require co-payments or co-insurance paid at the time of service. For this reason, we encourage parents to leave a medical deposit on file with the school. Please check with your insurance company for out-of-state coverage for your child.

## *Phone Usage*

Spring Vale encourages regular communication between students and their families. Students are welcome to have cellular phones while at Spring Vale to make communication easier for families.

Each day, students may use their personal cell phones after school hours from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Cell phones may not have internet access and must also comply with Spring Vale's music

policy. Cell phones must be turned in each night to the dean, and may be inspected at any time.

For students without cell phones, parents may call students during the same hours via the dorm phones. **Except for emergencies, parents are asked not to call during school hours or during evening dorm worship time.** Students are not permitted to make or receive calls after lights out (10:00 PM) unless it is an emergency or arrangements are made ahead of time with the dean. You may contact the boys' dean at (989) 413-5819 or the girls' dean at (989) 413-5817.

Boys' dorm student phone  
(989) 729-7967

Girls' dorm student phone  
(989) 723-9098

## *Spending Money*

Spending money may be sent in the form of a money order, which is preferred, or a personal check made out to the student. Personal checks for less than \$50 may be cashed at the school office. Spending money for students should not be included with payments to the school.

We highly encourage opening a bank account with an ATM/debit card for your student. ATM/debit cards allow parents to deposit money as needed, while students can withdraw funds as needed. The ATM/debit cards also provide additional safety for funds as they are not accessible to other students. Students with cash are encouraged to leave most of their money with their dean withdrawing small amounts as needed.

## *Off-Campus Opportunities*

Every other Wednesday after school, students have the opportunity to go to town. During this time students are free to visit various stores, shops, and fast food places in Owosso. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in scheduled off-campus activities including Saturday night activities, away games, etc.

Students are allowed to spend up to two overnight, off campus visits per full month or one visit per partial month to an approved home or location. While this limitation does not apply to students going to their own homes, we encourage parents to contact the deans and the school office to ensure that their student has his or her academic and work/study responsibilities in order.





## Personal Property

Spring Vale does its best to provide a safe and secure environment; however, the school cannot assume responsibility for personal items. Students may bring a locking trunk to protect personal items. The student however, must agree to open the locking trunk at the request of SVA staff. SVA will not be responsible for items not under the direct care and supervision of the staff.

Room searches or searches of a student's personal property (i.e. cell phones, computers, etc.) may be conducted when there is reason to believe a student has items that are prohibited by law or school policy. Searches will attempt to respect the student's right to privacy, dignity, and freedom from harassment. Every effort will be taken to prevent damage to personal belongings. ***Prohibited items will be confiscated and sent home or returned to the student at the end of the school year.***

## What to Bring

Twin bed sheets and blankets (required)	Pillow
Twin bed mattress cover (required)	Iron
Athletic shoes and equipment	Towels & toiletries
Wind-up/ battery alarm clock	Blow dryer, curling iron
Sleeping bag (Fall Retreats)	Physical Ed. Clothes
Winter clothing (zero degree temps)	Musical instrument
Dress clothes for worship services	Flashlight
Raincoat, umbrella	Bible
Trunk that can be locked (optional)	Long underwear

All clothing and other items should be clearly marked with the student's name. The school is not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen.

## What NOT to Bring

Radios/Walkmans/TVs/Comm. Devices	Candles, incense
Cassette/CD/MP3 recorders or players	Pets
Inappropriate reading materials	Heating or cooking devices
Firecrackers and fireworks	Microwaves, fridge, blender
Weapons, including knives	Magazine Subscriptions
Controlled substances or intoxicants	
Clothing, make-up, and jewelry not according to the Standard of Dress.	

**CDs, DVDs, MP3 players and audio or video tapes, which may be played on the dorm players, must be in keeping with positive Christian values and are subject to dean's approval.**

# Visiting Spring Vale Academy

Parents, alumni, and prospective students and families are encouraged to visit the campus. Please contact the school office or the deans to arrange for a visit prior to arrival. Upon arrival on campus, all visitors, including alumni, are to check in at the school office or with one of the deans.

## Location and Directions

Spring Vale Academy is between Lansing and Flint, seven miles north of Perry and five miles south of Owosso on Highway 52. The campus is situated on the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy. 52 and Bennington Rd. It can be entered from either Hwy. 52 or Bennington Rd. Entrances are about 500 feet from the intersection.

### From Chicago (4 to 5 hrs.):

Take I-94 east to Battle Creek; go north on I-69, around Lansing; continue east on I-69 to exit 105 (Hwy. 52 for Perry and Owosso). Go north (left) on Hwy. 52 for approximately seven miles, crossing Miller Rd., Grand River Rd. (blinking light), Brewer Rd., and Garrison Rd. to Bennington Rd.

### From Detroit (1 1/2 hours):

Take I-96 west to exit 122 (Hwy. 52 to Webberville); go north (right) on Hwy. 52, following it carefully as it turns west for a short distance on Hwy. 43 then back north. Follow Hwy. 52 north through Perry and across I-69. Continue north on Hwy. 52 for approximately seven miles, crossing Miller Rd., Grand River Rd. (blinking light), Brewer Rd., and Garrison Rd. to Bennington Rd.

### From Flint or Saginaw (1 hour):

Take Hwy. 52 or Hwy. 21 to Owosso. Go south from Owosso on Hwy. 52 for approximately five miles, crossing Morrice Rd., Delaney Rd., and Hibbard Rd. to Bennington Rd.



# Student Transportation

## General Guidelines

We encourage parents to make transportation arrangements so that students arrive on campus the day dorms open before each semester and depart on the night of or the day following the last day of classes. We provide free transportation from the airports, as well as train or bus stations, to students arriving or departing on these days. **We request that flight times are scheduled no earlier than 8 a.m. and no later than 10 p.m.** At the end of the school year, return flights should be scheduled in accordance with the following: Late-afternoon or evening on Sunday of graduation or on Monday.

Parents are encouraged to notify the school of arrival and departure information at least **14 days** in advance. Please provide the date, time, airline, flight number, and location. We strongly urge parents to check with the school office before making transportation plans for the student. Please avoid scheduling arrival and departure times during the Sabbath, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

## Bus and Train

Bus service is available directly to Owosso through Flint and Lansing. There is also train service into Durand, Michigan, which is located about 15 miles from the school. Trips outside of our normal travel days will result in the following charges:

*Owosso* \$10

*Durand* \$15

## Air Travel

Students may fly into one of the following four airports: Flint, Lansing, Detroit Metro, and Grand Rapids, listed in order of our preference. We request that when possible, students fly from Flint or Lansing, as flights leaving from Detroit Metro or Grand Rapids requires leaving campus at least 4 hours before the scheduled flight time to accommodate travel time plus two hours for check-in and security passage. For students arriving or leaving on days other than our normal travel days, the following charges will apply for each trip to the airport:

*Lansing* \$35

*Flint* \$35

*Detroit Metro* \$100

*Grand Rapids* \$100



## Early Arrivals and Late Departures

In the event that students do need to arrive early, you will need to make arrangements for their transportation and lodging, as deans may not be on campus until the weekend that dorms open (SVA can assist in these arrangements if needed). If students must remain after the end of the semester, the following policies are in effect:

1. Students must be accountable to the school's staff and abide by the school's standard of conduct and policies.
2. Students will be required to participate in the school's work-study program for which credit will be applied to the student's account.
3. The student's account will be charged \$20 per day for room and board.



# Standard of Dress

The way we dress has important implications for behavior, performance, and our Christian witness. Spring Vale's standard of dress is governed by four main principles: 1) Modesty, 2) Respectfulness, 3) Morality, and 4) Neatness. While not every element of Spring Vale's dress code implies a biblical mandate, it is important that a consistent standard of dress be upheld so that the staff and students have clearly identifiable boundaries. In submitting an application, a student affirms his or her willingness to abide by the school policies and standard of dress, not only in letter, but in spirit as well.

Students are encouraged to dress modestly and in a Christian manner. This information is meant to be a guide to help you with purchasing the appropriate clothing for your son or daughter and provide a general knowledge of Spring Vale's standard. It is not meant to cover every form of clothing or the latest popular fashions. If you have any questions, please call the school for clarification.

## General Standards

### Hair

- Guys hair should be off the collar, out of the eyes, with at least half of the ear showing.
- Tails, designs, unusual shaving patterns or shaved heads are unacceptable.
- Facial hair is not allowed, and guys are to be clean shaven at all times.
- Sideburns may extend to the bottom of the ear.
- Color must be a natural hair color, and changes in hair color are only allowed with written permission from a parent or guardian.

### Make-up

- Girls may wear subtle, natural looking make-up only, with colors being close to their natural color.
- Fingernail polish may be light pastel colors only.

### Jewelry

- Guys may not have piercings or wear earrings.
- For girls, a limited amount of jewelry is acceptable such as one bracelet, necklace, one ring per hand, and one pair of earrings no larger than 1 inch in diameter. Body piercings are not allowed.

### Dress

- All clothing is to be neat and in good condition, without holes, fringes, patches, etc.
- Girls' dresses or tops may be sleeveless, as long as shoulders are covered.

- Skirts/dresses must come to at least the top of the knee. Slits in skirts or dresses may not come above the top of the knee.
- Tight clothing is not appropriate.
- Necklines must be modest and provide adequate coverage in any position (special care should be exercised in the selection of scooped-neck or similar style shirts). A good rule of thumb is for shirts to expose no more than two inches below the collar bone.
- Pants must be worn at the waist, not sagging.
- Shoes with laces must always be tied.
- Undergarments, including underwear, boxers, etc. may not be exposed.
- Clothing portraying drug or alcohol use, secular music groups, or any other inappropriate message will not be allowed.
- Hats are not to be worn during school, or in the cafeteria or chapel(except for women who choose to wear them for religious reasons).



## School Dress

All school dress clothing must be in good condition without tears, holes or excessive wear.

### Shirts

Polo style shirts may be worn in any solid color and must be tucked in or extend 4 to 10 inches below pants waistline. During the colder months, a solid color sweater may be worn over the polo shirt, or a solid color long sleeve shirt may be worn under the polo shirt.

### Pants

Dockers style pants, corduroys or denim jeans of solid color may be worn. Pants must be worn at the waist (no low-rise or hip-hugger style pants). Girls may wear solid color skirts as well.

### Shoes

Shoes must enclose the entire foot. Sandals, slippers, flip-flops, etc. are not acceptable. Shoes with laces must be tied.

### Jackets

Each student will be issued a school jacket at the beginning of the school year. These jackets are considered acceptable school dress and may be worn during classes. No other jackets or sweatshirts or may be worn in school.

### Physical Education

All students enrolled in a PE course will need to wear gym shorts or athletic pants, with a solid color, non-white t-shirt and a pair of clean tennis shoes with non-marking soles.

## Recreation Dress

Dress for recreation should comply with all general guidelines with these additional allowances:

Casual shoes such as sneakers or sandals

Sweat suits, t-shirts

Guys may wear tank tops that fit snugly at arm hole (not undershirts)

Bib overalls, cargo, or painter's pants

Sleeveless shirts (must cover the shoulders and fit snugly at arm hole)

Denim jeans, shorts (no shorter than 4" above knee)

Pants and shorts may not have writing, handprints or other designs that draw attention to the seat.

## Sabbath Worship Dress

### Guys

Dress slacks with belt

Dress shirt with a tie

Dress shoes

### Girls

Skirts or dresses

Dressy sweater or blouse

Dress shoes (no flip-flops, slippers, house-shoes etc.)

\*\*\*For certain occasions, girls may be allowed to wear slacks in lieu of skirts and guys may not be required to wear ties.



# *Standards of Conduct*

## *Computer Use Policy*

There are tremendous educational benefits to computer and internet use. Learning to use them effectively and responsibly is important for the continued academic and spiritual success of our students. Spring Vale has three computer labs, one in the school and one in each of the dorms. All computer labs are equipped with student internet access. While a wealth of helpful and wholesome information is available on the internet, risks are also inherent with its use. In an effort to safeguard our students, we utilize an internet filter and accountability program offered through Covenant Eyes.

Covenant Eyes provides a web site rating and filtering system to block sites which are not appropriate for viewing. Additionally, through Covenant Eyes, there is an accountability program which monitors, and reports student internet activities to a staff accountability partner. This system not only provides protection, but also the opportunity to teach and train young people to make wise choices regarding their internet use. For additional information about Covenant Eyes please go to [www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com) or call 877-479-1119.

Internet access is a privilege and with it comes certain responsibilities.

1. Students are responsible for following Christian standards of behavior on the internet, just as they are anywhere else.
2. The following are not permitted:
  - Sending or viewing offensive or obscene messages or pictures.
  - Harassing, insulting or attacking others.
3. Violation of these policies may result in loss of internet privilege as well as other disciplinary action.

- Violating copyright laws, or plagiarism.
- Using or attempting to use proxy servers or other web sites to go around the fire-wall or Covenant Eyes.
- Using another's password
- Accessing chat rooms, sites sponsoring personal web pages such as MySpace, or sites for sharing pictures or video clips such as YouTube or Metacafe.

## *Damages to School Property*

In the unlikely event that a student damages or destroys property due to carelessness or willful abuse, his/her account may be assessed to cover all or part of the cost of repair or replacement. Damages to dormitory rooms are considered to be the responsibility of the occupants of the room unless they notify the dean immediately upon discovering the damages, and the dean concludes that someone other than the occupants was likely responsible.

## *Disciplinary Action*

SVA is committed to our students success both now and in the future. Spring Vale Academy's disciplinary program is designed to teach students acceptable and appropriate behavior and support the rules of the Academy. Disciplinary actions are normally assigned on an individual basis after consideration of the nature of the infraction, the student's attitude about the infraction, and the

number of infractions logged throughout the school year.

Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, counseling times with the campus pastor or other staff, parental contact, detention, Community Service time, loss of campus privileges, or restricted activity.

Additionally, if at any time the school administration feels that a student is demonstrating a lack of cooperation, showing little regard for the school's values, or is adversely affecting the spiritual or academic growth of other students by his or her behavior, the student may be dismissed, asked to withdraw, or not be allowed to return for the next semester.

## *School Breaks*

Spring Vale students have three scheduled breaks during the school year. The Winter break is nearly four weeks long, during which time the dorms will be closed and students enjoy time at home with family and friends. Thanksgiving break and Spring break each involve three days away from school. Students are certainly free to go home during these times as well. If students are unable to go home during either of these breaks, SVA will make arrangements for them to stay and enjoy the break with a local church family. These arrangements will be made according to Spring Vale's approved home and approved driver policies. For more information on these policies, you may contact the school office.

# *Extra-Curricular Activities*

An important part of our training program is participation in extracurricular activities. Working closely with parents and staff to ensure balance, students are encouraged to participate in a range of activities. A few of these activities are outlined below.

## *Athletics*

Spring Vale fields several athletic teams engaging in interscholastic competition each year. Spring Vale is in the unique position to offer these athletic programs without the conflict of games or practices on the Sabbath, unlike most other school athletic programs.

Currently, we offer the following athletic programs: basketball, (boys and girls), volleyball (girls), soccer (boys), and cheerleading (girls).

### **Athletic Eligibility**

Academic achievement is a high priority at Spring Vale and determines eligibility for athletic participation. A student with a grade average less than a C-, or an F in any class, will be restricted from participating in certain extra-curricular activities, including interscholastic sports.

- All students with any grade below a C- must prove eligibility to attend away games and/or play in any game.
- Ineligible students may still attend all practices and home games, but may not play in any game.
- Academic lab takes precedence over any other activity including athletics.

Academic restrictions will be in effect Monday through Sunday.

## *Student Government*

Spring Vale offers multiple opportunities for students to participate in student government roles. The Student Senate is composed of representatives from each class and serves the entire student body as their collective representative, as well as planning social activities throughout the year. Additionally, the Junior and Senior classes elect their own class officers who represent their individual classes and plan class activities throughout the school year. Students may run for class offices and/or the Student Senate at the beginning of each school year.

## *Outreach and Service*

As a school whose mission is to disciple young people to Christ, Spring Vale is very pleased to have an active youth group with the Church of God (7th Day). Through the FYC, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities focused on the five areas of the church: worship, discipleship, fellowship, evangelism, and service.

Additionally, in connection with the local church in Owosso, students have the opportunity to be involved in volunteer and outreach activities, on campus and in the community. Students interested in music or drama are welcome to participate in bringing specials during Friday or Sabbath services, as well as participating in worship teams.

## *Student Publications*

Spring Vale sponsors several publications each year. These include the *Torch*, the school newsletter, and the annual yearbook.

## *SOUND*

**SOUND** is a small group of students with the gift of outstanding musical ability who model Christian character in their daily lives. Each summer, they take their talents off campus to minister to church groups throughout the country, as well as to promote Spring Vale Academy to other young people.

Participation in this group is a unique privilege and is determined through an audition process.

## *ACTION*

**ACTION** is a group of students who promote a Christian lifestyle through drama. Together with **SOUND**, they take their talents off campus each summer. Participation in this select group is a unique privilege also determined by audition.



# *Academic Policies*

For detailed information on expectations of Spring Vale Academy students, please refer to the “Policies and Standards of Conduct of SVA Students” document, available in the dorms and the office.

## *Academic Expectations*

In keeping with Spring Vale’s focus on academic excellence and a desire to monitor each student’s achievement, the academic progress of each student is evaluated after the second week of each semester and each week thereafter. Students with a C- or below in any class will be placed on Academic Probation and be required to participate in academic labs, where they can receive individualized instruction and the help they need to succeed academically.

Parents with web access can monitor their student’s academic progress through a web-based tool called Blackboard Academic Suite. Through this resource, parents will be able to access grades 24 hours a day, seven days a week, viewing the grades for each assignment and seeing a cumulative grade for the current quarter. Parents without web access will receive academic notices by postal mail.

## *Attendance*

Regular class attendance is vital to success at SVA. Occasions may arise where a student will need to miss class for a planned activity. These absences must be arranged with the school office in advance, and the student will need to complete a Pre-arranged Absence Form. Dorm students who are ill or have an unplanned absence, must have their Dean provide an explanation to the school office.

Day students who are ill or absent must have a parent contact the school office at (989)725-2391 or send a written note to the office. More than 5 days of absence per course during a semester, with fractions of days included, may result in no credit being given for the semester. Excessive unexcused absences may result in dismissal from school. Students with unexcused absences may not be allowed to make up academic work, and each unexcused absence will result in an automatic lowering of the final grade for that marking period.

Unexcused absences and tardies will result in a detention, assigned activity time or other disciplinary action. Three or more instances of tardiness per class may result in a reduction of the final grade.

## *Report Cards*

At the end of each quarter, report cards are sent to the parents, and a copy given to each student.

## *Dropping or adding classes*

Students may drop or add a class to their schedule within the first two weeks of each semester without academic penalty. Schedule changes require the approval of the principal. If a class is dropped after the first two weeks, the student will receive a zero. If the student retakes the dropped class, the subsequent grade will replace the zero.

## *Academic Honors*

SVA wishes to honor and reward students with exceptional academic performance. At the end of each quarter, students who achieve an academic grade point

average (GPA) of 3.5 or better (out of 4.0) for a quarter are placed on the Honor Roll. Students receiving a 3.0 or better GPA receive an honorable mention.

SVA also wishes to recognize students with excellent conduct in all aspects of student life. Students receiving a combined citizenship and academic grade of 3.5 or higher are distinguished as members of the Honors Club for that quarter. To Honor these students, two trips are planned near the end of each year exclusively for Honors Club students. Students who have received Honors Club distinction for a minimum of one quarter are invited to participate in the Short Honors Club Trip. Students who have received Honors Club distinction two quarters can elect to participate in the Short or Long Honors Trip, and a student receiving Honors Club distinction for three quarters is invited to participate in both.

## *Parental Consultations*

Spring Vale Academy wishes to partner with parents to ensure success for all students. SVA team members will consult with parents regularly regarding their student’s academics and conduct, as well as other aspects of student life. All staff, including teachers, deans, and administrators, welcome phone calls from parents regarding any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year. Additionally, visits and consultations are welcomed and may be pre-arranged through the school office.

# Financial Information

Spring Vale Academy's goal is to provide a quality spiritual and academic education at the lowest cost possible. Most families experience a substantial reduction in their out of pocket expenses by taking advantage of the following resources.

## Financial Assistance

In an effort to make the Spring Vale experience a reality for as many students as possible, SVA offers several discounts, as well as merit-based scholarships and need-based grants. A student may receive only one discount. A student who is eligible for multiple discounts will receive the single highest discount for which they are eligible. The student may receive a scholarship or grant in addition to a tuition discount.

### Tuition Aid Grant

Spring Vale Academy offers tuition assistance grants funded by the generous donations of those who support a Christian education and believe in SVA. These grants are awarded as funds are available and are based on financial need. To insure proper disbursement of funds, SVA has partnered with FACTS Tuition & Grant Assessment to collect applications. For more information, see the Financial Aid Packet in the back of the SVA folder.

### Work/Study Program

Preparing students for the responsibilities of adult life is a vital part of our mission at Spring Vale Academy. One of the tools we use to develop responsibility in the students is the Work/Study Program. This program provides students with the opportunity to learn responsibility, as well as practical skills, helping to prepare them for employment. Each student at SVA is assigned one or more regular tasks which they are expected to complete regularly. A minimum of 3.75 hours of work a week is required of each student. Additionally, students will receive 1/4 credit toward graduation requirements for each semester.

### Earning Financial Credit

The Work/Study program also helps to keep tuition affordable, reducing tuition approximately \$2,000 each year. For hours worked in excess of the individual's expected work pace, students receive tuition credit at the rate of current minimum wage. Students who work over and above the work pace requirement may receive a monthly paycheck for their work of up to \$100 per month. Any amount exceeding \$100 will be applied to the student's account. If tuition and fees are not current, compensation will be applied to the student's account. Student's wages are not taken into consideration when arranging payments with parents at the beginning of the year.

### Work Study Aid Program

The Work Study Aid Program is designed to help families afford a Spring Vale education by matching the amount of money a student is able to earn towards their tuition through campus employment. For more information see the Financial Aid Packet in the back of the SVA folder or visit the website at <http://www.springvale.us> and choose "Admissions" and "Work-Study".

## Scholarships

God has given every individual special gifts and talents that are unique to them. Spring Vale Academy strives to recognize these gifts and encourage students to develop the talents God has given them. To help accomplish this, Spring Vale Academy offers opportunities for merit-based scholarships to all students. These scholarships are based on past performance and present participation. For more information see the Financial Aid Packet in the back of the SVA folder or visit the website at <http://www.springvale.us> and choose "Admissions" and "Scholarships".

### Direct Sponsorship

Spring Vale Academy encourages families to seek direct sponsors to assist with tuition. Relatives, friends, and churches may help parents financially as they partner with SVA in the teaching and training their young people. For more information see the Financial Aid Packet in the back of the SVA folder.

### Multi-Student Discount

Spring Vale Academy understands the financial commitment that is associated with sending multiple students. To help these families, a tuition discount is available for multiple students.

Second Student	15% off
Third Student	25% off
Fourth or more Students	35% each

### NYC Discount

Spring Vale Academy and the National Faithful Youth Challengers (NYFC) of the General Conference seek to work together to disciple young people to Jesus Christ. In an effort to promote this cooperation, SVA offers a discount of \$150 off the student's tuition for the first year the student attends after they have registered with the NYFC.

### Ministerial Discount

Spring Vale Academy wants to recognize the work of those who are in service to God. In an effort to show appreciation and help with the financial burden of sending a student, Spring Vale offers the following discounts to those working in the ministry who meet certain criteria. For more information on these criteria, please contact the school office.

Full Time Pastor	20%
Full Time Ministry Worker	15%
Part Time Pastor	10%
Part Time Ministry Worker	5%



### *Tuition*

Boarding Students	\$9,300 (annually)
	\$4,650 (semester)
Day Students	\$4,228 (annually)
	\$2,114 (semester)

Tuition will be invoiced to parents based on payment plans, by year, semester, or month. Statements will be sent monthly to show payments, sponsorships, and financial aid that has been received, as well as any additional charges that have been incurred. The tuition fee covers usual charges associated with attending school such as retreats, yearbook, computers, etc., as well as room and board for boarding students. Some costs, however, do not apply to every student such as test fees, certain class fees, seminar fees, medical expenses, uniforms, etc. **Certain curriculum, including dual enrollment, AP courses, or CLEP testing, may require additional course, book, or testing fees.** These additional charges will be communicated on the monthly statements.

### *Schedule of Fees*

<b>Registration Fee</b> (non-refundable; non-transferable)	
Before July 1 (1st Sem.)/Dec. 1 (2nd Sem.)	<b>Waived</b>
After July 1 (1st Sem.)/Dec. 1 (2nd Sem.)	<b>\$20</b>
After Aug. 1 (1st Sem.)/Dec. 15 (2nd Sem.)	<b>\$40</b>

**Check-out Deposit** (Due on arrival) **\$50**

The check-out deposit is held until the end of the year. Before each student departs, textbooks must be returned and a checkout form signed by each teacher. Any damages to school property that have not previously been billed to the student's account will be deducted from the check out deposit. The remaining deposit is refunded to the student's account when the check out form is turned in to the office.

### *Late Enrollment and Early Withdrawal*

To receive a copy of the Late Enrollment and Early

Withdrawal Policy, please contact the school office.

### *Payment Options*

#### **Annual Payment**

The Annual Payment option is for parents who choose to pay for their student's tuition before the start of the school year. To show appreciation, SVA extends a discount of 5% off the tuition for the year.

#### **Semester Payment**

The Semester Payment option allows parents to receive a discount each semester when payment for the full semester is received before the start of the semester. Parents choosing this option will receive a 2.5% tuition discount for the semester.

#### **Monthly Payments**

For those who need to budget payments over the course of the year, SVA offers a monthly payment plan. A series of nine payments-August through April-will be made via credit card or automatic withdrawal.

### *Family Responsibility*

In an attempt to make a Spring Vale education affordable for everyone, SVA uses discounts, scholarships, and grants to help ease the financial burden on parents. Occasionally, scholarship or grant qualifications are not met or sponsors do not maintain their pledges. When this occurs, the financial responsibility belongs to the parents.

In order to ensure payment on accounts, returning students must have all tuition and fees from the previous year paid in full prior to returning to Spring Vale Academy. If a student leaves SVA with an unpaid balance, transcripts and/or diplomas will not be released until satisfactory financial arrangements have been made. Parents of Seniors should plan to take care of all tuition and fees before graduation to ensure their student's participation in graduation ceremonies. Please help us as we work to provide for the spiritual and educational needs of this next generation of young people. Balances outstanding three months after a student has left SVA will be assessed a financial charge of