



THE INVITATION

The Habersham School is seeking a Head of School to lead a mission-driven, Pre-K through 12th grade Christian Classical School serving families of Savannah, Georgia. The Head of School partners with Habersham's leadership team, families and the school community to achieve Habersham's mission, "Partnering with God as His servants in seeking the restoration of His image in our students through education."



The Habersham School exists to provide Savannah families an education grounded in the orthodox Christian faith and the classical tradition that equips students to thoughtfully pursue moral beauty and eternal purpose in the modern world. This means developing an acute awareness of what high character looks like in the life of the individual and how this translates to the benefit of all who surround us. High character in our citizens leads to societal flourishing.

The Habersham School operates between two campuses in the city of Savannah, Georgia. As the oldest city in Georgia, Savannah boasts historical charm with city squares and cobblestone streets as well as significant growth over the last 20 years. Our Upper School is held in Habersham Hall, located in the landmark historic district of Savannah. Our Lower and Middle Schools are located in the historic Gould Cottage in midtown Savannah.

The Board of Directors of Habersham invites you to consider this opportunity to build on our foundation of strong values, rigorous academic and extracurricular programs and community-minded perspective to lead our profound community through inspiring our faculty, students and families to develop, excel, and advance our unified mission.



THE OPPORTUNITY

The next Head of School of The Habersham School will have an opportunity to build on our foundation by:

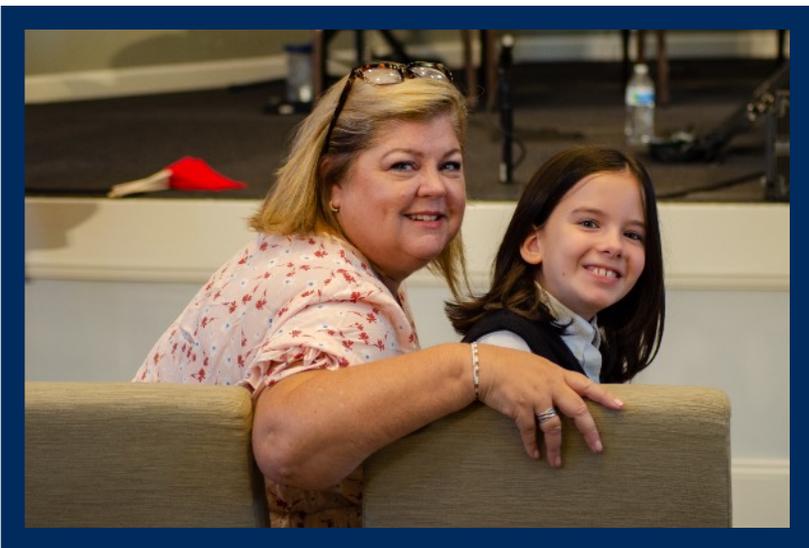
- Cultivating a school culture that is grounded in our Christian and classical values, academically rigorous, and focused on relationships within our community.
- Creating development and leadership opportunities for faculty and staff while maintaining high expectations of program delivery.
- Growing enrollment at a calculated pace to create a deeper positive impact in Savannah while also creating opportunities for further development of our facilities and expand financial aid opportunities.
- Ensuring exceptional academic and extra-curricular programming that will enhance the value of a Habersham education.



THE POSITION

The next Head of School will champion and lead a dedicated faculty and supportive school community to achieve the purpose, mission, strategic priorities, and goals of the school. Evidence of success will be ensuring excellence with regard to:

- A Thriving Community through continual healthy enrollment growth and organizational development that enhance the daily fulfillment of Habersham's mission.
- Student Opportunities that support the development of well-rounded graduates who thrive academically, athletically, artistically, and spiritually.
- Fund Development for the future growth and maintenance of Habersham. Of particular importance is securing a facility which accommodates the entire school (PK-12) and supports the school's mission and programs.



QUALIFICATIONS & DESIRED ATTRIBUTES

The next Head of School will be:

- Experienced in both teaching and school leadership positions.
- A recruiter and developer of quality faculty and leaders.
- Capable of initiating or substantially expanding donor bases and the dollars raised through fund development.
- Adept at engaging the Board of Directors to be an effective ally.
- Able to mobilize various stakeholders to achieve challenging goals.
- A strategic leader who can guide the school to think and execute beyond day-to-day and towards key priorities.
- Experienced with accreditation processes and procedures.
- Outstanding, wise and relentless in communicating effectively with all constituencies of the school, including faculty, staff, students, families, donors, the Board of Directors, community, etc.
- Adept at operational execution.
 - Efficient: Moves people and priorities quickly to conclusion.
 - Follow-through: Gets it done right on time; no excuses.
 - Attention to detail: Ensures very high professionalism and excellence.



The ideal candidate will be someone who embodies the following core values and character traits:

- A deep conviction of orthodox and historic Christian beliefs with a track record of living out that faith.
- Impeccable integrity.
- Highly relational.
- Values exceptional teamwork.
- Models and demands high standards of excellence.
- Inspires enthusiasm.
- Models and values intellectual pursuits.
- Adaptable and encourages adaptability in others.
- Proactive- leads rather than reacts.
- Attentive and compassionate listener.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Plato, in his seminal work *The Republic*, summarized what he believed was the root of the long-term success or failure of a given society by saying this: “Our cities are what they are, because our citizens are who they are.”

With this insight in mind, The Habersham School has developed a school culture and course of study that is built to graduate citizens who know how to ask meaningful and probing questions while wrestling through real-life complexities to implement real-life solutions to societal challenges. In short, the school seeks to cultivate mature and responsible citizens.

Habersham is fully accredited with excellence by the Georgia Accrediting Commission as well as a member of the Georgia Association of Private & Parochial Schools and the Society for Classical Learning.

Established in 2012, we are a non-denominational, Christ-centered and classical school serving Pre-K through 12th grade with more than 190 students and growing. Habersham Hall houses our Upper School in downtown Savannah. The historic building is a beautiful setting with updated classrooms, offices, and an expansive courtyard. Upper School students often use nearby city squares as outdoor classrooms. Gould Cottage, located in the midtown Ardsley Park neighborhood, houses our Lower and Middle Schools and is another historic building with character and charm. Lower and Middle School teachers use the shaded front lawn as well as the adjacent city park as outdoor learning spaces.

Habersham’s House System provides students with rich traditions and hands-on leadership opportunities that foster friendship, service, hospitality, and competition. More than a character-building program, the House System is the embodiment of community at The Habersham School. Beyond social cliques and grade level confines, it unites students of all kinds- artists and scientists, thinkers and doers, athletes and thespians- granting students from throughout the school the opportunity to work alongside one another.



ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

A liberal arts education is central to Habersham’s mission of “seeking the restoration of God’s image in our students.” First conceived by the ancient Greeks and then fully fleshed out in the Middle Ages, the liberal arts tradition is more than subjects to be mastered. Rather, the seven liberal arts, when properly grounded in a formative early education and motivated by a desire to love the things that God loves, are tried and true ways of developing the moral and intellectual virtue necessary for seeking true wisdom.

The **Early Education** program at Habersham offers a nurturing, Christ-centered curriculum. Pre-K and Kindergarten classes learn by participating in hands-on experiences from a curriculum that covers early literacy, handwriting, math, science, history, and the Bible.



The Lower School provides a strong foundation for students to grow and thrive. Learning centers around “Living Books”, oral narration, and hands-on experiences. Lower school teachers use many sources and a variety of methods and activities to ensure high-quality learning in a Christ-centered classroom.

The **Middle School** at Habersham specifically meets the needs of early adolescent students. As a critical time in a child’s development, Habersham provides an environment focused on acceptance, value, and purpose. Academic subjects are integrated and infused with the Christian faith, and students are shepherded in their development of wisdom and virtue.



The **Upper School** at Habersham strives to prepare students for living wisely and virtuously in their college years and beyond. By employing teachers who care about the students and their success, Habersham helps students prepare for college academically and through a deeper connection with Christ. With guidance, young adults develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. By creating an intense and engaging learning atmosphere, students are challenged but also loved, helping them grow in wisdom and virtue.



The mission of The Habersham School can also be expressed as “equipping students to pursue moral beauty and eternal purpose in the modern world.” Grounded in piety and governed by theology, the Christian classical liberal arts tradition aids our students in the pursuit of moral beauty and eternal purpose unifying their knowledge



in God, who is the creator and sustainer of all things, and directing their knowledge to its true and proper end, worshipping and serving Christ. It is our desire that in pursuing such an education, our students will graduate as thoughtfully engaged, culturally aware, and community minded disciples of Christ who demonstrate a life well lived by integrating faith and practice.

To learn more about our academic program visit <https://thehabershamschool.org/academics/>



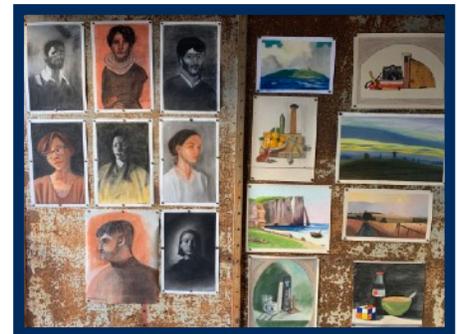
FINE ARTS

At the foundation of the Liberal Arts are gymnastic and music, which shape us to be receptive to the acquisition of both moral and intellectual virtues. As students learn to be artists, they engage in gymnastic by training the body in various skills essential to visual art, drama, and music. For example, the hand must learn to draw a straight



line, the voice to match pitch, the face to clearly portray an idea. Similar to a sport or other course of study, the intellectual virtues of discipline, self-control, and perseverance are developed within the pursuit of these skills. In turn, reception of moral virtue is sought in music, the turning of the soul towards truth and goodness. In the fine arts, inspiration through observation and creation are the means of this redirection of the soul. As students study master

works of visual art, music, and drama they are confronted by the splendor of harmony and truth. This experience fuels a desire to create art of similar quality in response. These two experiences of inspiration and creation begin a cycle of sustained wonder and love for that which is true and good.



Fine arts are continuously woven into a Habersham education. Rather than relegating the arts to a talented few, we require all students to take foundational courses in each fine art. A distinctive feature of the Fine Arts education at Habersham is that we exceed the expectation for students to simply

create art and learn basic skills and methods. In addition to understanding foundational concepts and techniques, we seek for students to be well-versed in the history and traditions of Visual Art, Music, and Drama.

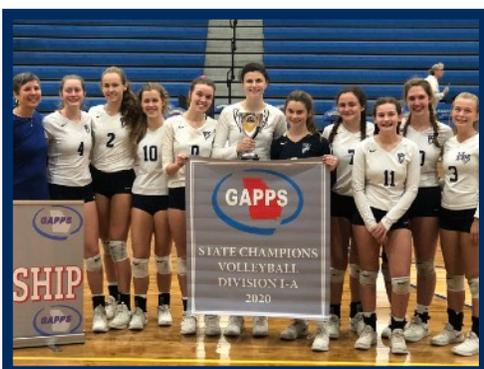
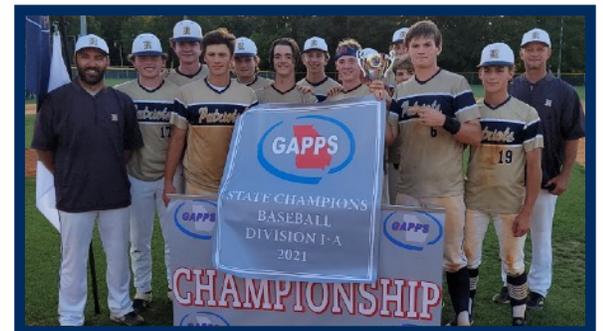


Students are offered opportunities to display their artistic skills publicly through our annual Visual Arts Show, Service of Lessons & Carols, and All-School Musical. These events also serve to enrich the school community as we enjoy together the richness and diversity of God and His gift of beauty.

ATHLETICS

The Habersham School's athletics programs afford student-athletes an opportunity to enrich and extend their Habersham experience. Throughout seasons of competition, under the leadership of our coaches, student-athletes have access to unique opportunities for relational, spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth. Athletic participation promotes leadership, physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, responsibility, and accountability.

In less than ten years, Habersham has produced eleven State Championships (Volleyball- 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020; Swimming- 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; Tennis- 2021; Baseball- 2021) and multiple All-State and All-Region awards from players and coaches, all at the GAPPS level.



JV and Varsity offerings include Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Baseball, Soccer, Tennis, and Golf. Middle school offerings include Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, and Tennis, and students compete locally with other Savannah private schools.

THE COMMUNITY OF SAVANNAH, GA

Established in 1733 on the Savannah River, Savannah is the oldest city in Georgia and one of the South's most popular tourist destinations. Savannah's downtown historic district features cobblestone streets, stately architecture, and a picturesque waterfront. The city was originally designed with twenty-four garden squares, which are surrounded by churches, businesses, museums, and homes. Upscale shopping, renown dining, rooftop views and local theater make evenings downtown a treat for tourists and locals alike. Weekends are filled with outdoor festivals, live music, and cultural events. Outdoor recreation is enjoyed throughout the coastal city, and the beautiful beaches of Tybee Island are just 20 minutes from downtown.

Savannah's robust economy is driven by various industries including the Georgia Ports, manufacturing, healthcare, film, tourism, and the military. The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport is served by ten airlines, which provide daily flights



to destinations across the country. Several universities have made Savannah their home, including the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), which has further established the city's thriving arts community. Sports enthusiasts are very proud of the champion Savannah Bananas baseball team and are looking forward to welcoming a professional hockey team in the fall of 2022.

THE PROCESS OF CANDIDACY:

The Habersham School is currently accepting applications for the Head of School position for the 2022-2023 school year. Although applications are welcome until a Head of School is selected, candidates should submit materials by January 1, 2022 to ensure full consideration. The new Head of School is expected to begin work in the summer of 2022.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Mrs. Casey Reeves at creeves@thehabershamschool.org with CVs and questions.

RESOURCE LINKS:

The Habersham School <https://thehabershamschool.org/>

School mission and vision <https://thehabershamschool.org/about/#mission>

Statement of Faith <https://thehabershamschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Statement-of-Faith.pdf>

Academic Cornerstones <https://thehabershamschool.org/academics/#portrait>

Savannah, Georgia <https://www.savannah.com/>

