

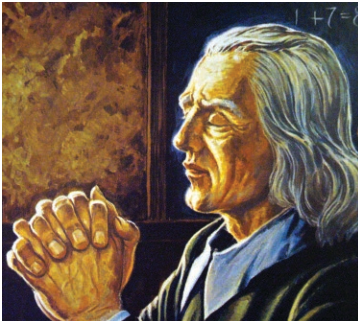


# DOCK

MENNONITE ACADEMY

*Learning for Lives of Purpose*

## WHY THE NAME DOCK? BECAUSE CHRISTOPHER DOCK WAS A PIONEER IN EDUCATION.



Christopher Dock was a compassionate, 18th Century Mennonite school teacher who pioneered a shift in the philosophy of teaching by combining academics and faith. He emphasized character building and discussion to encourage a higher standard of behavior just as Dock Mennonite Academy continues to do today.

## WHO WAS CHRISTOPHER DOCK? THE PIOUS SCHOOLMASTER OF SKIPPACK.

- Born in Germany in 1698, Christopher Dock came to America around 1714.
- In 1718, Dock began teaching at an elementary school for Mennonites in Skippack, and later in Germantown and Salford, PA.
- On the walls of Dock's classrooms were beautifully illustrated manuscripts, which served as models for penmanship. Small examples of the decorated "Fraktur" writing were given as rewards to good students.
- In 1750, Dock wrote *School Management*, one of the earliest essays on education in America.
- Dock wrote at least seven hymns, five of which are in the earliest American Mennonite hymnal.
- In 1771, Dock died on his knees in prayer, some say praying for his students. His grave marker is a simple stone located in the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church cemetery.



## WHY MENNONITE ACADEMY?

Mennonite Academy represents exceptional academics taught from a faith perspective, specifically a Mennonite one. These two words together are essential to our core values and educational philosophy. Academy, when paired with Mennonite, drives home a message of quality education. Mennonite also speaks to the notion of a supportive, caring community where students can thrive and develop their unique talents.

## TEACHING IN THE TRADITION OF CHRISTOPHER DOCK

Dock Mennonite Academy strives to carry out Christopher Dock's legacy in the following ways:

### > **Integration of Academics and Faith**

We practice a balanced integration of learning, faith, and service from early childhood through high school graduation.

### > **Community of Learners**

Our students learn and grow in a Christ-centered community comprised of faculty, staff, family and church.

### > **Participation**

From athletics to arts and music, our students are encouraged to get involved and can take an active and engaged role given the size of the school.

### > **Collaboration**

Among students and faculty, there is a strong emphasis on collaboration and learning to work through challenges as a team.



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