



WELCOME TO OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL SESSION – 2016-17

Upcoming Dates

August

- Thurs, 11** – Enrollment Interview (7:00 pm)
Fri, 12 –MVCA International Host Family Orientation (7pm)
Mon, 15 – Mentor Monday (8:00am-4:00pm)
Tues, 16 - Rise to the Standard Workshop (8:00am-4:00pm)
17-23 - Teacher In-Service work days (9:00am-3:00pm)
Fri, 19 - International Student Orientation (7:00pm)
Mon, 22 -Meet the Teacher and Orientation Night (6:30pm)
Wed, 24- SCHOOL BEGINS- 8:15am secondary; 8:45am elementary
Thurs, 25 -SGO Beach Wear Day
Sat, 27 -Back2School Bash (1:00-4:00pm)
Wed, 31 - K-12 Chapel – (1:00pm)

September

- Thurs, 1** -International Student Orientation (7:00pm)
Fri 2 -OUT AT NOON –CCMV Winning at Winchester
Fri-Sun, 2-4 -Winning at Winchester Preaching Rally
Sun, 4 -CCMV Pig Roast Family Picnic, noon in pavilion
Mon, 5 - NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Welcome Info – 25th Anniversary Year

Welcome to the 25th Anniversary Year of Mountain View Christian Academy! What an exciting milestone this is for our school family! We are looking forward to celebrating God's goodness together this year as we reminisce about the past and look to the future! We are so happy to have each of you a part of the MVCA family! God has been moving in mighty ways through our faculty, our students, and our alumni! Currently, we will be welcoming 22 new students and 3 new faculty members this year! We are still praying for 25 new students, so keep sharing the MVCA DIFFERENCE with others! Please plan to be at our Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, August 22, and help us kick off the celebrations for our 25th anniversary! There are many ways to plug in and get involved at Mountain View and we hope you will all be a part, but please mark your calendars for the following development events designed to be special 25th anniversary events:

Saturday, August 27 – Back2School Bash – Don't miss this time of carnival fun, games, food, and fellowship! Plan now to be here from 1:00 – 4:00 pm to help us kick off the new year with a BANG! Enjoy inflatables, a petting zoo, magicians, and more!

Friday - Sunday, October 14-16– Fall Faith Festival Weekend – This celebratory event will take us on a journey through the decades as we fellowship together and hear from key people who have been instrumental in the school's planning and development. We will kick things off with a Grandparents' luncheon on Friday, special Builder's Reception on Saturday, and 25th Anniversary Highlight of our students past and present on Sunday.

Friday, March 10 – 25th Anniversary Open House Gala - As we wrap up Open House week, we plan to bring back a silent and live auction for our 25th anniversary. Start thinking now of a special article, antique, service, or handcrafted or homemade item that you could donate and be ready to come out for this exciting MVCA event!

Friday, May 26 – Alumni and School Wide Picnic – We will enjoy a good, old fashioned family picnic and games on the grounds the day after our high school graduation and welcome graduates, alumni, family and friends to join in. This will be in place of the picnic we have traditionally done on the last day of school after field day. Instead we will have a noon dismissal on the last day of school after our field day events.

So, thanks again for being a part of the MVCA school family! We do look forward to sharing together as we celebrate all that the Lord has done over the past 25 years and look forward to 25 more!



Mountain View Christian Academy Meet the Teacher and Orientation Night

Monday, August 22
6:30-8:30 pm

Meet the Teacher and Orientation Night

The energy is already building among our faculty members for the start of the year and we look forward to our Meet the Teacher and Orientation Night where we can welcome our returning families and greet new families. There are many new, refined, and exciting things for this year and we will try to highlight those at this event. **Mark your calendars for Monday, August 22, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Here is what to expect:

6:30-7:00 pm – All families and faculty will meet in the auditorium for our MVCA Back to School traditions and to learn what's new for the 2016-17 school year. Please be prompt so as not to miss a thing!

7:00-7:30 pm – New families and all 7th graders will remain in the auditorium for additional information to help with a smooth transition to MVCA or to going down to the Northwest Campus. Returning families will go at this time to the classrooms to meet with the teachers and pick up classroom schedules and information. Secondary student will also get locker assignments.

7:30-8:00 pm – New families and all 7th graders will go to the classrooms to meet with the teachers and pick up classroom schedules and information. New secondary students will get their locker assignments. Returning families will go to the gymnasium where there will be a Resource Fair with information and sign up tables for everything for PTF to Sports to Clubs to PE uniforms for purchase. Please go around, ask questions, and find ways to get involved. Administration and PTF and SGO officers will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will also be served.

8:00-8:30 pm – New families will have the opportunity to explore the Resource Fair. Returning families are encouraged to mingle and meet our new folks.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!



2016-2017 - Annual Theme

Know Your Path

Psalm 16:11 – *“You make known to me the paths of life.”*

Each year we choose an annual theme to direct our chapel topics and set the spiritual tone for our school year. For our 25th year, we are excited to focus on an annual theme of **Know Your Path**. Over the 25 years, we have seen so clearly God's hand in the development of Mountain View Christian Academy. We have dreamed and planned and implemented ideas, but He has provided for our needs and determined our path and direction. We want to always know HIS path and have Him lead and guide us. Upon researching the Scriptures, we can see many passages that shape us to know His path and how He can direct our individual paths, if we choose to allow Him. The following subthemes will be explored this year under the broader annual theme of **Know Your Path**.

- September – Introduce theme – **Know Your Path** (Psalm 16: 11)
- October - **Examine My Path** (Proverbs 5:21)
- November – **Teach Me Your Path** (Psalm 25:4-5)
- December – **Make My Path Straight** (Proverbs 3:6; Hebrews 12:13)
- January – **Light My Path** (Psalm 119:105)
- February – **Watch My Path** (Job 13:27; Job 33:11; Proverbs 4:25-27)
- March – **Guide My Path** (Luke 1:79)
- April – **Know My Path** (Acts 2:28)
- May – Wrap up theme – **Know Your Path** (Psalm 16:9-11)

Chapel services are held every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

New Faculty / New Responsibilities

Mr. Jason Speirs – We are so happy to welcome Mr. Speirs to our faculty as a secondary mathematics teacher! Mr. Speirs comes to us with experience as an accountant and will bring the application of upper level math to life for our secondary students. He also plans to get involved as a coach in our sports programs and with our Bible Bowl quiz program. We are eager to welcome him here from the great state of Michigan.

Mrs. Tammy Frye – Mrs. Frye is returning to the Mountain View secondary science classroom after taking some time off to get married, travel the world (they lived in Germany, then Virginia Beach), start a family, and be a wife, mother, and home school teacher. Mrs. Frye’s background is in Science, and she has also continued her education at the master’s level in curriculum and instruction. She will bring her conscientious spirit and work ethic to our classrooms and we are thankful God has brought her back to MVCA.

Mrs. Rachael Mengel – Although a new faculty face, Mrs. Mengel is not new to MVCA. She has been involved as a parent for several years and is loved by all of the students and teachers. She will join Mrs. Walker as a teacher’s aide, assisting with lunch and recess. She will also substitute when needed and if enrollment warrants, act as a secondary teacher aide. She, too, will join the coaching staff working with our girls’ volleyball program.

Mrs. Christine Sealock – Again, not new to MVCA, but assuming new responsibilities, Mrs. Sealock will be acting as an assistant administrator and will be coordinating the transportation for all events and assisting in the office with planning and promotion. We look forward to her assistance.

Mrs. Cindy Hollenden – Mrs. Hollenden has substituted in our classrooms for the past couple of years and has done individual tutoring. She joined our staff midway through last year in a daily tutorial capacity and will be returning this year to do the same, so I just wanted all of you to know that information.

We are so blessed with an amazingly talented and dedicated faculty team. Will you take time right now to thank God for each of them and ask Him to prepare each one of our team for a great school year?



*“Every student
when he is fully
trained is like his
teacher”
Luke 6:40*

Career Day – March 21

Every year we put together a career day for our secondary students and invite guest speakers from various career fields to come and speak about their respective careers. This year we are looking to have 25 different speakers come and share! **We would love to have you, our parents, be the ones to come in and share your expertise!** We are blessed to have a wide array of careers represented by our parent constituency. Please consider coming in for an hour at some point on **Tuesday, March 21**, to speak about your career. There will be a sign up sheet in the gym at the Resource Fair on Meet the Teacher Night, August 22. You can also contact Mrs. Trudy Keiter or Mrs. Christine Sealock. They will be coordinating this event for our students.

A Plan for Continuous Improvement – What's New and Revised?

At Mountain View, we work hard to create a climate for continuous change and improvement. Many of these changes and revisions have come out of our annual SWOT analysis of strengths and weaknesses. There are a few new or updated procedures for some of our services. Please look through this carefully to ensure that you understand some of the changes.

Before Care/Early Birds – Price will go up to \$2.50 daily. For elementary students - Mrs. Carla Dhom will provide care daily from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. in room 19 and then in the gym from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. There is no charge after 8:15 a.m. Any elementary student needing care prior to 7:30 a.m. can be dropped off in the NW Campus at 7:15 a.m. For secondary students –Mrs. Trudy Keiter will continue to be in the NW Campus from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. There is no charge after 8:00 a.m.

Parent Pick Up – Students must either be picked up by a parent from the office or through the parent pick up line as outlined in the back to school document attached. All students will be called at 3:20 p.m.– those for pick up from the office first and then all others dismissed to the gym. The following procedures will be followed:

- No electronic devices for elementary. Secondary can use devices for important messaging, not for pleasure.
- Those going to Hang Time will go straight to Ms. Judy Burkey's room.
- Those staying for sports will go to the cafeteria to meet their coach or the athletic director.
- Students are to report to the gym directly and follow dismissal procedures. **Students are not permitted to get picked up on the hill or in the parking lot.**

After Care/Hang Time – All students will be charged \$5.00 per day regardless of the time they are picked up.

- Miss Tammi Cooke will oversee the program and work daily until 5:30 p.m. Ms. Judy Burkey will work daily, as needed.
- Students will be separated by age between the two after care supervisors unless or until numbers do not warrant two groups.
- Students here for sports without a coach to oversee them will be sent to Hang Time and charged for the service. This will also be clarified in the Sports Handbook.

Learning Center Services –Our goal is for all of our students to find success academically. Some may need challenged and provided with extra resources and others may need drill and reinforcement. We stand ready to help all of our students to rise to their full academic potential. Mrs. Carol Morgan, our Learning Center Coordinator, will continue to oversee all services provided for our students with identified learning needs. Individual tutors, teachers, teacher's aides, and National Honor Society members will assist as available and assigned under her oversight.

- Mrs. Carol Morgan will provide elementary support Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30 -8:15 a.m.
- Mrs. Carol Morgan will provide secondary support during 7th and 8th periods and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:20-4:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Cindy Hollenden will tutor students daily between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
- Mrs. Luci Walker, one of our teacher's aides, is available prior to 10:45 a.m. daily to read tests orally to elementary students and work independently with them.
- Mrs. Rachael Mengel, one of our teacher's aides, is available to read tests orally to secondary students and work independently with them during study hall time, if needed.
- Mrs. Dawn Higgins will provide after school accountability from 3:20–3:40 p.m. daily for secondary students.
- Students in the National Honor Society and student aides will be assigned to other students to offer tutorial services, as appropriate.

Lunch – Mrs. Denise Burgamy will work daily and be responsible for everything in the kitchen. She will prepare daily menus with limited selections.

- Mrs. Denise Burgamy has updated her Safe Food Handling certificate this summer.
- The lunch menu will be limited and will repeat every 2 weeks – i.e. every 1st and 3rd Monday – grilled cheese and soup, every 2nd and 4th Monday – chicken nuggets and fries, etc.
- Lunches will be ordered as small or large and students in any grade can order either size. Small lunches will cost \$3.50 and large \$5.00. There will be no ala carte items except for drinks.

Field Trips – Field trips will be scheduled at the beginning of the year and evaluated against the budget so that students, teachers, and parents can plan on the following rotation of field trips. Field trips are planned to correlate with curriculum goals and objectives. Elementary students have 2 scheduled per year; secondary students have one scheduled, but also have the 2 secondary leadership retreats annually.

- **K-2 grade** will travel together in the fall to one of the area farms, in the spring to the Aquarium, Zoo, or Safari Park, alternating each year, and 1st-2nd grade will schedule alternating free DC trips to the American History Museum or the Monuments.
- **3rd-4th grade** will travel together in the fall to Jamestown or Abram's Delight, Stonewall Jackson, and Washington's Headquarters and in the spring to Monticello or the Smithsonians, alternating each year.
- **5th-6th grade** will travel together in the fall to the Discovery Museum or Luray Caverns and in the spring to the Air and Space Museum or the American History Museum, alternating each year. They will also plan a geocaching trip.
- **7th-8th grade** will travel together to the Frontier Culture Museum or the Tabernacle, alternating each year.
- **9th – 10th grade** will travel together to DC and visit the monuments and Smithsonian following a program entitled Finding God in DC. 9th graders will tour the Air and Space Museum and 10th graders will tour the Holocaust Museum.
- **11th – 12th grade** will travel together to the Newseum or the Spy Museum, alternating each year.

Transportation - Mrs. Christine Sealock will be partnering with Mr. Paul Walker in the scheduling of all vehicles and drivers for all school, church, and day care activities. Mr. Paul Walker will continue with the responsibility of overseeing the maintenance on the vehicles, but Mrs. Sealock will coordinate with the in house schedules for assigning the vehicles and drivers for all events.

I Stand With God – One of our 2012 graduates, Jordan McMullen, has started a ministry to encourage people to pray fervently and without ceasing for our country. Go to <http://www.istandwithgod.net/> to sign up for FREE daily devotional and prayer thoughts.

GOD, GRADES, GAME!

Sports – God, Grades, Game! That's the motto of our MVCA Conquerors sport teams! See athletic director, Mrs. Heather Harbin, for a full schedule of practices and games for all of our sport teams. There will be a table set up in the Resource Fair. We offer cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, baseball, track and field, and flag football. Everyone can find a way to connect in our sports program. Students in 5th -12th grades can play competitively, but there are some opportunities throughout the year for younger students to get involved as well.

PARTNER WITH US!

Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) – We have the most amazing parent constituency anywhere! Our Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) has been very instrumental in so many ways to support our program! Please plan to stop by the PTF table in the gym at the Resource Fair on Meet the Teacher Night to sign up for ways that you can be involved in your child's education. The first PTF meeting is September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Officers will be elected that night and yearly events planned. Please plan now to attend.

IT'S A PARTY!

Everyone is going all out for our 25th year anniversary! Under Mr. Andy Fahey's awesome administration, many fun events and surprises are being planned to celebrate MVCA's quarter of a century! There will be something every 25th day of school and our incredible Student Government Organization (SGO) has planned something for the 25th of every month when we are in school on the 25th. So our first SGO event is the second day of school, August 25th, and we invite you to come to school in Beach Wear! Now..... we don't mean to break out the bikinis and speedos – please don't! But, do plan to wear a beach shirt or cover up, your sunglasses, hats, flip flops – anything to set the tone for a beach party day of school. And watch the ECHO for information about each upcoming event!

Winning at Winchester/Church of Christ at Mountain View – MVCA operates under the auspices of the Church of Christ at Mountain View (CCMV). There are activities for all ages at every Sunday and Wednesday service. We would love to have you come and worship with us on the mountain. In addition, the children and youth ministries are very active and both directors are very involved with our school family and will keep you informed of activities that are happening. A big family event that is just around the corner is Winning at Winchester. Labor Day weekend is a blast at CCMV with outdoor preaching, concerts, children’s programs, a pig roast and more! See the information in the Back to School documents for more information and mark your calendars now to attend. You will be blessed!

Professional Development Events – Every year, our faculty begins the year with two professional development days and we love to invite our parent constituency. If you are interested in working as a substitute or consistent parent volunteer or if you just want to know more about the mission, vision, philosophies (educational and discipline), and policies and procedures of our program, you are welcome to attend either of these events.

Mentor Monday – On Monday, August 15, from 8:00 am–4:00 pm , we will review mission, vision, philosophy, statement of faith, philosophy of discipline, classroom management techniques, lesson planning, assessment, and the use of RenWeb. This is geared toward new faculty and substitutes, but is open to all. This is a free training.

Rise to the Standard Event – On Tuesday, August 16, from 8:00 am–4:00 pm, we have a workshop type professional development day. We invite all of the local private schools to participate and to be workshop presenters. This year we have workshops covering many topics, including STEM activities, classroom management, spiritual formation, assessment, learning differences in students, character development, safety and crisis management strategies, and using technology and math games to enhance learning. This event is \$10 per person and includes lunch and a Continuing Education Certificate which is good toward recertification for teaching professionals.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR!

Back to School Documents – As is our custom, you are receiving all the information you need about this year’s school session and more in this mailing. In addition to the newsletter, you will find attached three back to school packets with faculty lists, school supply lists, schedules, requests for class choices, events calendars, and much, much more! PLEASE print out these documents, post the calendars or mark the events on your calendars, return the forms for class choices, and keep this information to be able to go back to over the year to answer questions that you may have. We have tried to be very thorough and we do our very best to adhere to the dates set aside so that you can adequately plan ahead of time for all of the special programs, meetings, and events in which you will want to be involved.

Thank you for allowing us the awesome privilege of partnering with you in the education of your amazing children!

CCMV NEWS

We invite you to come worship with us anytime. We have scheduled classes for infants to adults at every service.

Sundays – 9:00 & 10:30 am & 6:00 pm– Worship Services
Sunday School at both times

Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Meal- 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study/ Prayer Meeting

The Church of Christ at Mountain View is a non-denominational body of believers seeking to restore the truths of New Testament Christianity.
