



# MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

THE MVCA DIFFERENCE

## 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

- Sept 1 - Meet the Teacher Night
- Sept 6 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
- Oct 10 - Fall Break/Columbus Day
- Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day/In Service
- Nov 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 22 – Jan 3 - Christmas Break
- Jan 3 – Teacher In Service
- Jan 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day Back in 2023
- Feb 20 - Winter Break
- March 17 – Teacher In Service
- April 7-16 - Easter Break
- May 5 - Apple Blossom Holiday
- May 29 - Memorial Day
- June 2 - High School Graduation
- June 6 - Kindergarten Graduation
- June 7 - Last Day of School

For more information about these dates or other activities at Mountain View Christian Academy, visit [mvca.ccmv.com](http://mvca.ccmv.com).

Looking forward to another stellar year! Thanks for your partnership!



## WELCOME TO OUR 2022-2023 SCHOOL SESSION



2022-2023...  
Here we come!

Wow! Last year we celebrated 30 years of Christ-centered, biblically based excellence in education here on the Mountain and we used it as a time of re-commitment and evaluation. We realized that **“We’ve Only Just Begun”** to do all that we dream and imagine for Mountain View Christian Academy.

This year as we enter our **31<sup>st</sup> year**, it seemed appropriate to follow last year’s theme with the theme of **“Moving Forward.”** That certainly encapsulates all that is happening here on the mountain as we have stepped into Phase One of our unveiled goals and dreams for the school, church, and all ministries. This summer has been a whirlwind of renovations and **moving forward** with our Modular Expansion.

We are racing the clock with some of the renovations, but God has assembled **Team Awesome** and we look forward to seeing all of the finished projects in just a very short time! **Keep those prayers going up!** And plan to join us for our work days! More details in this newsletter!

### Long Term Planning Goals and Dreams for the Church of Christ at Mountain View



Philippians 3:15 – **“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”**



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## Meet the Teacher and Orientation

Thursday, Sept 1, 2022

6:30-8:30 pm



6:30-7:00 – Opening in Auditorium  
7:00-7:30 – New Families Orientation/  
Returning Families Visit Classrooms



7:30-8:00 – New Families Visit Classrooms/  
Returning Families Visit Resource Fair  
8:00-8:30 – New families Visit Resource Fair/  
Returning Families Mingle

**School begins on Tuesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.**

We look forward to our **Meet the Teacher and Orientation Night** where we can share together as the MVCA school family. We are welcoming many new families, several new faculty members, and of course, many returning families.

**Mark your calendars for Thursday, Sept 1, 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 2022-23 school year**. Please be prompt so as not to miss a thing.

**7:00-7:30 pm** – **New families** will remain in the auditorium for an **orientation** to help with a smooth transition to MVCA. Mrs. Morgan will take the kindergartners to allow parents to hear needed information. **Returning families** will go at this time to the **classrooms** to meet with the teachers and review classroom schedules and information. Secondary students will also get locker assignments.

**7:30-8:00 pm** – **New families** will go to the **classrooms** to meet with the teachers and review 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 from PTF to Sports to Clubs to PE uniforms for purchase. Please go around, ask questions, and find ways to get involved. Administration and PTF members and SGO officers will be available to answer questions. **Snacks will also be served.**

**8:00-8:30 pm** – **New families** will have the opportunity to explore the **Resource Fair**. **Returning families** are asked to be conscientious and make room in the gym for the new families, but also to be sure to **mingle and welcome everyone**.

**We look forward to seeing all of you there!**

## EXPANSION AND RENOVATIONS

We have begun Phase One of our growth, expansion, and renovations plan that we unveiled last spring. You can [click here](#) for the full brochure outlining those goals.

We were blessed to receive a donation of 5 modular units and we still anticipate potentially 5 more over this upcoming school year! ***This will allow us to split some classes, reclaim the cafeteria, and have room for additional growth!*** Shout out to **Pine Knolls Construction** for the donation!

And like I said, we have had **TEAM AWESOME** with our site planning engineers, contractors, team to set up the modulares, volunteers, etc. I would love to name everyone, but please just thank God for the team! We are still finishing things up, so pray for the timing of everything, but...

Here is what you can expect when you return:

**A Newly Remodeled Kitchen** – Things look amazing for our lunch crew, booster club, and church families to use. We have about one more week of work in there and then can move in.

**Newly Remodeled Boys' Bathroom/Locker Room** – New floors, fixtures, toilets, and urinals were much needed in the bathroom in the main building. This project is scheduled to be completed in the next 2 weeks.

**Modular Expansion** – The units are on site and are scheduled to be set up and installed next week. It will be a whirlwind of activity this month cleaning and formatting the units, building decks and sidewalks, getting the teacher's moved in, etc, but we are trusting God and Team Awesome to meet these deadlines. Our goal is to get 3 of the units ready for fall – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and the Learning Center will be moving "down the hill."

**Reclaiming the Cafeteria** – Once the units are set and we are confident that we will be able to use them, we will take the wall out between the current 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms and open the cafeteria back up.

You can see that so much has been done over the summer, but there is still much to do! ***Please commit these projects to daily prayer! God is faithful and we are so grateful for the growth!***

## WELCOME NEW FACES/NEW ROLES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

*We are so blessed with a diverse faculty in age, education, experience, and personality that have come together with their strengths to create a highly qualified and competent team.* We have a history of longevity with faculty and a very positive rapport exists among our staff. We are eager to welcome some new faces to the team for the 2022-2023 school year. See the Back to School Documents for the full staff list.

We are happy to welcome **Erin Sullivan** and **Maddi Sulser** as our new **second grade team**. **Erin** will be the **second grade teacher**. She comes to us with a varied background and is well equipped to take on this task as she homeschooled her own children for a time and has done long term substituting in the public schools. She has a passion for teaching students to read and is eager to work with our second graders. **Maddi** is currently working toward earning her degree in Psychology through Liberty University, has worked in child care settings, and is looking forward to assisting Erin and loving our kids.

**Kim Walker**, a 2008 MVCA graduate, has served as support personnel with us for the past year and a half and we are eager to move her into a **co-teaching role** with Lindsey Sederstrom in **4<sup>th</sup> grade**. Kim's degree and experience in business and administration along with her experience here in our summer camp and through her school and church roles of ministering to children will be a great asset to our **4<sup>th</sup> grade class** this year. In addition, **Kim** will be **teaching Art classes** for all of our elementary students. Creativity and the fine arts are something that she has always loved and we look forward to her sharing this talent.

God has also led **Randi Bartley** to us as our **second 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher**. She and Melanie Jackson will be co-teaching our 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year. **Randi** just completed her teaching degree, yet has several years of experience teaching in child care centers and church. Her passion for the Lord and impacting students is obvious in all that she does. We are excited to welcome her to our faculty and look forward to the fresh ideas she will bring from her recent training.

In the secondary realm, **Rebekah Streich** will be joining our staff as our **English Teacher**. It amazes me to see God's hand each year. **Rebekah** and her family recently moved to our area from Ohio and she toured the school just as we were finding out that the other individual that we had hired for English was no longer going to be able to accept the position. Having taught high school English in public, Christian, and home school settings, **Rebekah's** energy for teaching Literature and Grammar and making English come to life for students is contagious. We can't wait for our students to experience her excitement.

**Aaron Burhoe** will also join the MVCA staff as a **Secondary and Learning Center Math Teacher**. With 16 years of experience teaching Math and working with special needs students and a desire to make math concrete and easy to understand with the use of manipulatives, **Aaron** is a perfect addition to our faculty. He will teach several **Algebra classes** at the secondary level and then will assist Cinthy Harner with some of our students who need one on one or small group math instruction in the **Learning Resource Center**.

And last, but certainly not least, **Jessica Diaz** will join our staff as a **Teacher Aide, primarily with the Learning Resource Center**. As a 2014 graduate of Mountain View Christian Academy, Jessie knows the school well and has a love for her alma mater and giving back to the place that helped shape her. She substituted last year and has been working in our summer camp program, as well, so this will be a smooth transition.

In addition, we do have some folks who will be returning in different capacities. **Tammy Sandretzky** will be moving to **5<sup>th</sup> grade** to work as a second classroom teacher alongside of Jeanna Wren with our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. **Christy Sellers** will be moving into the kitchen as our **cafeteria director** and manager. **Ena Cairns** will be our **first call substitute** and will share her expertise with all ages. **Jamin Gibson** will be taking a more active role alongside of Joy Grey with **Physical Education and Recess**.

So you can see that **God continues to move and work and provide** as we grow and add classes and re-arrange positions to move folks into their niches.



Erin Sullivan



Maddi Sulser



Kim Walker



Randi Bartley



Rebekah Streich



Aaron Burhoe



Jessica Diaz

## CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

As I shared in the Year End Newsletter, each year we conduct a thorough **SWOT analysis** with our staff and offer parent surveys to determine our strengths and weaknesses in light of opportunities and threats. From that assessment, we create our next year's **action plans** to promote a **culture of continuous growth and improvement**. Several revisions of current policies or new procedures will be put in place this year from our analysis.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR FACILITIES** – The safety of our students is always paramount in our planning and continual review. We are thrilled to share with you several things that have come out of our summer review.

- **Updated Crisis Management Plan** – We are excited to share with you the details of Standard Response Control (SRP.) On June 29 we hosted a meeting here on campus conducted by the Frederick County Sheriff Office. All of the other private/Christian school administrators were invited. We are all working together to adopt the same terminology so that the officers and all of us, including the public schools, can be on the same page if there ever were a major crisis. We have added the terminology to our existing Crisis Management Plan and will be sharing the SRP information at Back to School Night. If you want a sneak preview, go to [Home ♥ The "I Love U Guys" Foundation](#) to see the program.
- **Locked Doors and Security System** – For years we have been researching systems and working with the county and city officials on what would be the best way to maintain our front doors. We are still searching for that right system and hope to have one installed by the start of the school year, but regardless, we will be locking our front doors once school begins. Please be patient with us as we all adapt to waiting for someone to let you in if we do not have (or until we get) a buzzer/camera system in place.
- **Raptor Security System** - All visitors will be required to sign in **with a state issued ID** when they enter the building through our Raptor school security system. This will allow us to identify anyone who is in the building at all times and enhance our security of the facility as we strive to provide a safe and secure environment for our students.

**DRESS CODE** – Our dress code requires modesty, decency, and Christian testimony. A full student dress code can be found in our Discipline Standards and Student Code of Conduct. Here are some of the most commonly asked questions and modifications that have been made. **Students shall be modestly dressed wearing clothing that covers everything between the armpits and mid thigh.**

- Students should not draw undue attention to themselves.
- Gender appropriate dress is expected for all students.
- Dresses and skirts should be no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- Shorts should be mid-thigh or longer.
- Leggings can be worn that are not excessively tight or with any part that is see through.
  - K-5 - tops and dresses worn over the leggings should cover the buttocks
  - 6-12 - tops and dresses worn over the leggings should come to mid-thigh length.
- Jeans with holes are permitted as long as no skin is visible above mid-thigh.
- Tank tops may be worn with 3 finger width straps.
- No undergarments are to be shown at any time.
- Neckline of clothing must be higher than the crease of the armpit.
- Appropriate, non-disruptive, non-distracting hats may be worn in school buildings, but will be removed for prayer or specific events, if deemed appropriate.

**CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY** – K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students are not allowed to have electronic devices unless designated by their ISP or for use as a teacher-directed activity or reward.

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students may use electronic devices during breaks, at lunch, and in parent pick up.
- No music/headphones are permitted from the start of 1st period to the end of last period, except with an ISP.
- Electronic devices must be off or silenced during all classes unless being used for a teacher directed learning activity
- Students must gain permission from a faculty member in order to use an electronic device for a valid reason during restricted hours.
- Students may not share electronic devices unless permission has been granted for a teacher-directed activity or group work.
- Students are not to record video or take pictures of other students or faculty without consent and are not to post on social media during school hours and never without the consent of the person(s) involved.

## PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP (PTF)

**PARTNER WITH US!** We have the most amazing parent constituency anywhere! Our PTF has been very instrumental in so many ways to support our program.

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.

**Luci Walker**, our president, and **Pam Neff**, our vice president, are eager to meet you and help you connect.

A **Kick Off PTF meeting** is scheduled for **Mon, Sept 12, at 7:00 pm.**



## SPORTS

**GOD, GRADES, GAME** - That's the motto of our MVCA Conquerors sport teams! There will be a table set up in the Resource Fair for signs ups, practice schedules, etc.

**We offer several competitive sports;** this year, we plan to 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 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades can play competitively, but there are opportunities throughout the year for younger students to get involved as well.

## SAVE THE DATES...SAVE THE DATES...SAVE THE DATES

### Development Events

**Oct 22, 2022 – Color Walk (12 pm) –**

This will be a fundraising walk to raise money and pray for future growth at MVCA.

**Harvest Party (3 pm) –** Free event for community

**Oct 28, 2022 – Alumni Event**

**Feb 11, 2022 – Murder Mystery Dinner Theater/Silent Auction**

**March 18, 2023 – Conquerors Got Talent (7 pm)**

Funds raised from the Development events will go to the Growth, Expansion, and Renovation Fund.

### PTF Events

**Aug 26, 2022 – Back2School Bash at Sherando Pool (7-9 pm)**

**Sept 16, 2022 – Grandparents' Day**

**Sept 24, 2022 – Chili Cook Off**

**Nov 17, 2022 – Thanksgiving Luncheon/Christmas Bazaar**

**Dec 12-16, 2022 – Book Fair**

**Dec 15, 2022 – Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night**

**Jan 9, 2023 – Mac's Skating Rink**

**March 18, 2023 – Spaghetti Dinner (5 -7 pm)**

**May 20, 2023 – Family Sock Hop**

**June 7, 2023 – End of Year Picnic**

### SGO Events

**Sept 28, 2022 – See You at the Pole**

**Oct 21, 2022 – K-5 Movie Night (6:30 pm)**

**Nov 4, 2022 – Fall Costume Party (6:30 pm)**

**Dec 21, 2022 – Christmas Party**

**Jan 23-27, 2023 – Winter Spirit Week**

**Jan 28, 2023 – HS Winter Formal**

**March 10, 2023 – 6-12 Movie Night (6:30 pm)**

**April 28, 2023 – MS Spring Fling**

**May 15-19, 2023 – Spring Spirit Week**

**June 6, 2023 – Field Day**



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## YOU'RE INVITED

### CHURCH OF CHRIST AT MOUNTAIN VIEW WINNING AT WINCHESTER RALLY

*MVCA operates under the auspices of the Church of Christ at Mountain View (CCMV).* We would love to have you come and worship with us on the mountain. There are activities for all ages at every Sunday and Wednesday service. 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 our **Winning at Winchester Rally**. Labor Day weekend is a blast at CCMV with outdoor preaching, concerts, children's programs, 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!



### 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 & 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Worship Services

*Sunday School classes for all ages are offered at both am times.*

**Wednesdays** - 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study/  
Youth Group/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.

<https://www.ccmv.com/>



**WORK DAYS** - Plan to come out over the next two Saturdays, **Aug 13 and Aug 20**, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to help us move classrooms, paint, do yard work, clean... PRAY, and really, just do whatever needs to be done to be ready for the school session. Hope to see you here!

### Back2School Bash – Aug 26



- End the summer and kick off the school year with a **SPLASH!**
- Join us at Sherando Pool from 7-9 pm
- Meet new friends and rekindle relationships

**AUGUST  
8TH-12TH**

**BASKETBALL  
CAMP**

Church of Christ at Mountain View

1st - 4th Grade 9:15-10:45am  
5th - 8th Grade 11:00am - 12:30pm  
9th - 12th Grade 1:00pm - 3pm  
COST Before July 1 \$50, After July 1 \$75  
ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS WILL BE DISCOUNTED  
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## Vacation Bible School

CHURCH OF CHRIST AT  
MOUNTAIN VIEW  
AUGUST 10-12 FROM 6-8 PM

**GET INVOLVED** – Basketball Camp starts next week (see above for times and details or call the office.)  
**Vacation Bible School** is also next week on Aug 10-12 from 6-8 pm each night. There will be classes for children from 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. **The Back2School Bash** is always a blast and it is **FREE**. PTF sponsors this event. Pray for good weather and plan to be a part!

## VIRGINIA SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTIFICATION (SOGI) BILL

If you have watched the news at all, you know this issue is becoming more and more prominent in the minds of parents of school-aged children. Per VA House Bill 145 and Senate Bill 161, each public school board in the state of Virginia was required to write comprehensive policies concerning the treatment of transgender students in elementary and secondary public schools. These policies were adopted in all public schools for the 2021-2022 school year. You can click [here](#) to see the sample of model policies created by the Virginia Department of Education.

**We are NOT bound by these policies.** As a Christian school, we have a firmly developed **Statement of Faith** (*that can be read in its entirety [here](#) or in our parent handbook*) on which we stand. In addition, our **core values** are the driving forces for the development of all of our policies and procedures and our first core value is that we will **stand on Biblical authority**. **The following excerpts from our statement of faith represent our stance on SOGI issues:**

- **We believe** God wonderfully and immutably creates each person in His image as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God manifested within that person.
- **We believe** the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in scripture (Genesis 2:18-25).
- **We believe** any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and against the will of God (Matthew 15:18-20, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Romans 1:24-28).

Should we have a student struggling with these issues, we would handle it per our mission statement and talk confidentially with the student and parents, counsel them Biblically and direct them to seek outside Christian counsel, if needed. We would lovingly try to help them see God's plan for them as revealed in Scripture, but would not condone the behavior or allow the behavior to be manifested here at school.



## CRITICAL RACE THEORY

This concept, too, has received quite a bit of controversial coverage in the news recently. I simply want to say that we stand on these truths from Scripture - ***We are all of ONE RACE, ONE BLOOD, and ONE IMAGE*** (Genesis 1:26-27, Galatians 3:28). All mankind is made in the image of God. Acts 17:26 says, ***"From one man he has made every race..."*** We can all trace our heritage back to Adam and in Christ (*the second Adam – 1 Corinthians 15:22*) there are no racial distinctions. We desire to help every child rise to his or her full potential in Christ, knowing he or she is made in the image of God for a unique purpose. In addition, all will be treated with integrity, respect, and love.

In addition, we teach **the spiritual heritage of our great country of America** and our students learn that our country was founded on Biblical principles. Our desire is to raise up a generation of young people with a Christ-centered worldview who will maintain this spiritual heritage for generations to come.



## 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 a back to school packet with faculty lists, school supply lists, schedules, event calendars, and much, much more! PLEASE print out these documents, return forms to the office, post the calendars or mark the events on your calendars (***you can also get an invite to our Google calendar by contacting the office***), and keep this information to be able to go back to over through 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.

**FINAL THOUGHTS** – We are very eager to begin this school year’s journey with you! Watching God’s hand move throughout the years has been incredible and as we anticipate “***Moving Forward***” this year, know that God is at the helm. We have been praying for each of you through the summer and are excited to get the MVCA Community back together. Hands down our biggest and best distinctive is the family environment. As we say goodbye to some and add new to our community, I always anticipate the new school session. ***Thank you for allowing us the awesome privilege of partnering with you in schooling your amazing children!*** See you at Meet the Teacher Night!

*Godspeed,*

*Minta Hardman, PhD, Administrator*



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“No, in all these things  
we are more than  
**CONQUERORS** through  
him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37

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