



MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

THE MVCA DIFFERENCE

2021-2022 Academic Calendar

Aug. 23 - Meet the Teacher Night

Aug. 25 - 1st Day of School

Sept. 6 - Labor Day Holiday

Oct. 8-11 - Fall Break

Nov. 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22 – Jan. 3 - Christmas Break

Feb. 18-21 - Winter Break

April 15-22 - Easter Break

April 29 - Apple Blossom Holiday

May 27 - High School Graduation

May 30 - Memorial Day

May 31 - Kindergarten Graduation

June 2 - Last Day of School

For more information about these dates or other activities at Mountain View Christian Academy, visit mvca.ccmv.com.

Looking forward to a great year! Thanks for your partnership!



WELCOME TO OUR 2021-2022 SCHOOL SESSION

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

It's here! **Our 30th year anniversary celebration is about to begin!** We are so honored and excited to be celebrating 30 years of offering a quality Christ-centered education to our community here in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Yet, we truly believe **We've Only Just Begun** and have so much more to offer in our next 30 years and more!

Philippians 1:6 says "...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." We recognize all that has been accomplished in our first 30 years has been because of God's goodness and provision and we commit to allow Him to carry it on until He calls us home.

In Biblical numerology, **30 is a number of dedication. Jesus was 30** years of age when he began his earthly ministry. **Joseph was 30** when he was appointed second in command over all of Egypt. **David was 30** when he was anointed as king of Israel. There are many other examples, but in Biblical example, it is at 30 years of age when people were dedicated to their mission and purpose. **On our 30th year, Mountain View Christian Academy is poised and ready to be the premier education institution in Frederick County, dedicated to our mission and vision to be a forerunner for kingdom education delivered in a manner worthy of bringing glory to the excellent name of Jesus Christ.**

Thank you for joining our MVCA School Community for the 2021-2022 school session. We look forward to our partnership!





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THE MVCA DIFFERENCE

Meet the Teacher and Orientation

Monday, August 23, 2021

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 Wednesday, August 25th.

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 Monday, August 23, 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 2021-22 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!

2021-22 CONQUEROR REOPENING PLAN

On July 21, 2021, Governor Northam shared that **all decisions relating to the wearing of masks in schools will be entirely the decision of the school.**

We have determined that **the decision to wear masks and to receive the Covid-19 vaccination is a private matter of choice for families and staff and will not be mandated or monitored by the school.** It is noted that the CDC recommends that unvaccinated persons should wear masks. No further requirements have been released from the Virginia Department of Health for schools at this time.

We **will continue to monitor** any new regulations from the local, state, and federal agencies as the pandemic is still creating a fluid environment.

We **remain committed to offering an in person 5 day a week instructional program** for our students while doing all that we can to **maintain a healthy environment.**

Enhanced **hand hygiene**, the daily **disinfecting** of classrooms, and maintaining **3 feet of physical distancing** (as much as possible) will continue to be practiced.

We will not offer virtual classes for this school session unless conditions change drastically to warrant it.

We have updated our plan from last year to include several modifications. You can find all of this year's modifications highlighted in the embedded [Mountain View Christian Academy's COVID-19 CONQUEROR Reopening Plan, Revised for 2021-2022 School Session.](#)

Additional information will be shared at Meet the Teacher and Orientation Night.



CONQUEROR REOPENING PLAN

Updated for 2021-2022

COMMITMENT
 To our mission, vision, core value statements, all policies and procedures.

COMPLIANCE
 With all local, state, and federal standards agencies (i.e. Frederick County Health Department, VDH, and CDC.)

CONSISTENCY
 For staff, students, parents, and visitors.

WELCOME NEW FACES/NEW ROLES FOR THE 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year. Click [here](#) for full staff list.

We are thrilled to welcome back **Carla Dhom** to our team as **1st grade teacher**. Carla taught for us for 7 years prior to taking a year off. She is eager to return with renewed passion for our mission and vision. In addition to returning to the 1st grade classroom, she will assume the roles of **Elementary Administrator, and School Guidance and Career Counselor** for which she is highly qualified and are much-needed roles. *(See later section about how she will serve our students and parents with her school counseling and student resources background).*

Ena Cairns will be moving from the Learning Center into **2nd grade** which is her first love and passion, and God has provided **Cinthy Harner** to assume the role of Learning Center Coordinator and Instructor. Cinthy is no stranger to MVCA as her son Zachary, a 2020 graduate, spent all 13 of his school years here. Cinthy developed a love for teaching here as a substitute and elective teacher which prompted her to change careers and pursue **3 masters degrees in Special Education, Counseling, and Secondary Education**. After serving in the public schools for 6 years in special education roles, the Lord has opened the door for her to share her expertise and heart with us.

Sarah Wasanyi and **Tammy Sandretzky** are taking on new roles as our **two 3rd grade teachers**. We are thrilled to be able to divide that class so we can serve more students. In addition, we have divided the **4th grade** into two classrooms and hired **Jill Sutherly to co-teach with Lindsey Sederstrom**. Jill comes to us with a background in senior health care administration and education. We believe God has led her to us; she and her family joined the MVCA family last year as students and parents. Jill is excited to share her love for children and heart for the Lord with our 4th graders.

In the secondary realm, **Joette Orndorff** will be joining our staff as our **English and Performing Arts/Theater Teacher**. She is returning to the states after 3 years of teaching English in Seoul, Korea. Her degree in Performing Arts and English from Liberty University and her experience in teaching and theater will be a wonderful combination to enhance our strong English program. She looks forward to making learning English creative and engaging.

Brock Eckert will also join the secondary staff as our **Bible Teacher and Campus Minister**. With 10 years of youth and adult ministry and a master's degree in Church History and Historical Theology, Brock is a perfect fit to lead our youth in solid doctrine and Biblical teaching. He and his family are relocating from Illinois, and I might add that his lovely wife, Annie Rexrode Eckert, is a MVCA alumnus and the daughter of Richard and Tessa Rexrode. He will also be reaching out to families and students to make himself available for spiritual counsel and as a liason with our church ministers and leadership team.

And last, but certainly not least, **Pam Neff** will join our staff as **Kitchen Supervisor**. She, too, is very familiar with our program as her daughter Madalyn, a 7th grader, has been here all of her schooling. Pam has volunteered in so many capacities over the years as a substitute and consultant to our crisis management and Reopening task force team. She is retiring from a career in law enforcement as a special agent with the Virginia State Police Department and we are happy to welcome her on board as staff.

We are so grateful to our Jehovah-Jireh God for meeting the needs of the school in such a powerful and effective way! **He does supply all of our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus!**
(Philippians 4:19)



Carla Dhom



Cinthy Harner



Jill Sutherly



Joette Orndorff



Brock Eckert



Pam Neff

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 are to be 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).

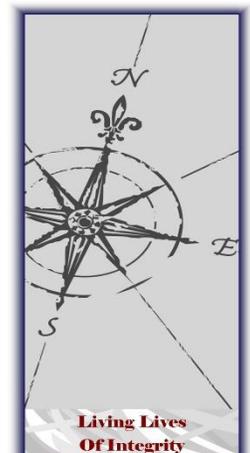
Should we have a student struggling with these issues, we would handle it per our mission statement and talk confidentially with the student and parents, counsel them Biblically and direct them to seek outside Christian counsel, if needed. We would lovingly try to help them see God's plan for them as 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.



SOME ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES/POLICIES

BEFORE/AFTER CARE – Christy Sellers and Kim Walker will coordinate our before and after care program this year. Before care will begin at **6:00 a.m.** and after care will end at **6:00 p.m.** All students will meet in the gym for before school care (*aka Early Birds*). At 7:55 a.m., secondary students will be dismissed to go to the NW Campus. After care (*aka Hang Time*) will meet in one of the classrooms in the NW Campus. **Families will prepay** for these services and are charged \$5.00 per day if care is needed before 7:15 a.m. and \$2.50 per day if child arrives after 7:15 a.m. After care is \$5.00 per day and \$5.00 per 5 minute increment after 6:00 p.m.

DROP OFF/PICK UP – All elementary and secondary students are to be dropped off in front of the main office. From 7:30 a.m. on, someone will meet them at the car. After 7:55 a.m., secondary will be directed to walk in the marked lanes down to the NW Campus. Secondary students who drive will park in designated areas and can walk through the large pavilion and across the grass to the NW Campus. For pick up, all parents will line up in front of the large window with their child's name placard visible and wait for their child to be called. Elementary students will be dismissed from their classrooms; secondary students will be dismissed from the gym.

LUNCH – Lunch may be ordered daily. We will be able to eat collectively in the gymnasium or in the outdoor pavilions this year. **The lunch menu is limited and repeats every 2 weeks.** Every 1st and 3rd Monday is eggs, pancakes, meat, and fruit; every 2nd and 4th Monday is spaghetti, bread, and a small salad. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday is hamburgers, chips, and baked beans; every 2nd and 4th Wednesday is chicken tenders, fries, and fruit. Every Friday is pizza and fruit day. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches can be ordered in place of the scheduled lunch on MWF. Cost for lunch is \$4.00 for a small and \$5.50 for a large order. Drinks (milk, water, or juice) are included in lunches or \$1.00 to order separate. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we are contracting with [Wholesome Foods Services](#) a company that allows students to order fresh meals from local restaurants to be delivered to school for reasonable prices. We will also keep cereal cups and uncrustables on hand in the event that a child forgets his or her lunch or fails to order. **Lunch accounts will also need to be prepaid this year.** For those packing lunch, please limit microwavable items to things that can be heated in less than 2 minutes.

DRESS CODE – Our dress code requires modesty, decency, and Christian testimony. A full student dress code can be found in our [student code of conduct handbook](#). Here are some of the most commonly asked questions:

- Leggings can be worn with tops and dresses that come to mid-thigh length.
- Jeans with holes are permitted when the holes are not excessive and are below mid-thigh.
- Unnatural hair colors are allowed as tasteful highlights.
- Boys' hair must be off the collar and out of the eyes.
- Tank tops may be worn with 3 finger width straps; no undergarments are to be shown.
- Neckline of clothing must be higher than the crease of the armpit.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY – The following apply to 9th-12th grade only. K-8th grade students are not permitted to use their electronic devices at school unless designated for a teacher-directed activity.

- High schoolers may use electronic devices during breaks, between classes, 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 and turned in to the teacher's "check-in" stations unless being used for a teacher-directed learning activity.

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.



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to get **FREE** access to this library. Once you've filled out the information, you will have more than 20,000 video Bible studies, leadership videos, conference sessions, and resources on parenting, marriage, discipleship, and more, at your fingertips.

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 **Denise Burgamy**, our vice president, are eager to meet you and help you connect.

A **Kick Off PTF meeting** is scheduled for **Tues, Sept 7, at 6:30 pm.**



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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 are able to reinstate competitive sports; 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 5th - 12th 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

30th Anniversary Events

Oct 9-10, 2021 – Alumni Reunion and Retreat – Calling all alumni and past faculty. We are planning a **FREE** All Class picnic and more.

Oct 16, 2021 – Jericho/Color Walk – This will be a fundraising walk to raise money and pray for future growth at MVCA. It will precede the Harvest Party.

March 5, 2022 – Celebration Event –We are looking to have a popular Christian artist perform.

May 7, 2022 – Spring Extravaganza – Get ready for our culminating 30th anniversary event with inflatables, car show, arts and crafts, music, food, and much more fun!

PTF Events

Aug 28, 2021 – Back2School Bash

Sept 10, 2021 – Grandparents' Day

Oct 16, 2021 – Harvest Party

Nov 17, 2021 – Thanksgiving Luncheon/Christmas Tree Auction

Jan 21, 2022 – Daddy/Daughter Dance

Jan 22, 2022 – Mommy/Son Dance

June 2, 2022 – End of Year Picnic

There will also be several Spirit Nights planned by PTF.

SGO Events

Sept 24, 2021 – Childhood Cancer Awareness/See You at the Pole

Oct 29, 2021 – Fall Costume Party

Nov 5, 2021 – Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Nov 15, 2021 – Thanksgiving Movie

Dec 21, 2021 – Christmas Party

Jan 17-21, 2022 – Spirit Week

Jan 22, 2022 – Winter Formal

March 11, 2022 – Movie Night

April 9, 2022 – Spring Fling

June 1, 2022 – Field Day

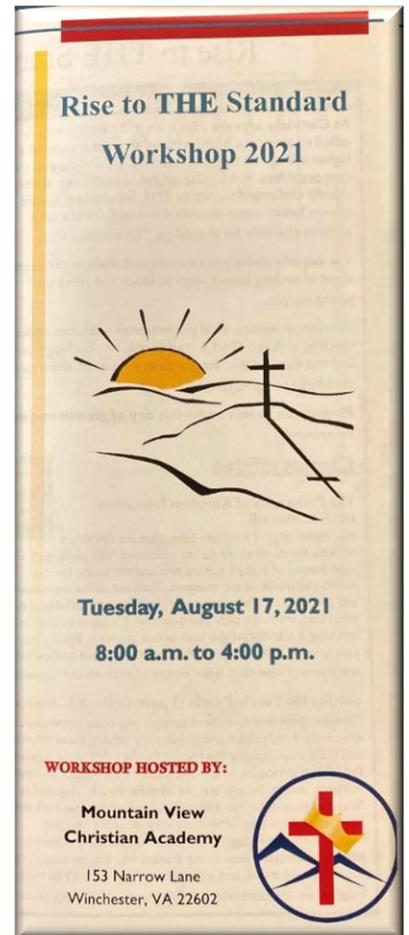
YOU'RE INVITED

2021 RISE TO THE STANDARD WORKSHOP

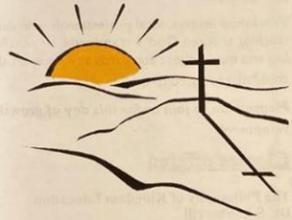
As Christians who are educators and as parents, we are called to **rise to a higher standard** to better equip ourselves and to **"...train up a child in the way he should go."** (Proverbs 16:12)

Each year we kick off our teacher in service with a special professional development workshop and we invite area schools and our parents to join us. Last year we were not able to do that due to Covid-19 protocols, but we are able to offer that invitation to you again this year. **Dr. S.L. Sherrill, the Southeast Region Field Director for Association of Christian Schools will be our keynote speaker.** Doc Sherrill, as he is best known, is passionate about young people and kingdom education. He brings over **50 years of ministry and Christian school administration** experience to us, so we are sure to be blessed. He will share about **The Philosophy of Kingdom Education** and an afternoon session on **Solving the People Puzzle.**

A full schedule is included in the Back to School documents, but you can also see the brochure [here](#). We would love to have you join us for this event on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** You can come for the whole day or any of the sessions. Hope to see you there.



Rise to **THE** Standard
Workshop 2021



Tuesday, August 17, 2021
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP HOSTED BY:

Mountain View
Christian Academy

153 Narrow Lane
Winchester, VA 22602



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!

WINNING AT WINCHESTER

Preaching Rally, Worship, Classes,
Pig Roast, and Family Activities
Sept 1-3, 2021



Come for Worship, Fun, Games,
Food, and Fellowship



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/>

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.

SCHOOL GUIDANCE AND CAREER COUNSELOR – As I mentioned earlier, **Carla Dhom** will also be serving in the role of our school guidance and career counselor. This has been a need for quite some time and we are so happy that God has provided for us to hire her in this part time capacity, in addition to teaching. With a **master’s degree from Virginia Tech in Counseling and Student Resources**, Carla is more than qualified to fill this void. She will be available on most Wednesday afternoons to schedule conferences with you or our secondary students regarding college and career issues. She can offer career aptitude assessments, help with PSAT/ACT/SAT test dates and prep, teach how to search for scholarships and fill out FAFSA information, offer counsel and provide training for those interested in pursuing the trades, assist with college visits and transcripts, and much more. She will also be sending a monthly correspondence with reminders and updates to help students and parents with college and career planning. Thank you for your prayers that have made this a reality for us.

FINAL THOUGHTS – We are very eager to begin this school year’s journey with you! ***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



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

Romans 8:37



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