

The ECHO



Mountain View Christian Academy's Weekly Newsletter

January 2, 2020

Important Upcoming Events

January 4

January 6

School Reopens

Scrip orders due

HAPPY NEW YEAR

School News

2020 - What a Year It Was

2020 saw many new changes and challenges for Mountain View Christian Academy. The biggest challenge, of course was the COVID-19 pandemic that swept across our globe, and eventually caused the academy to close her doors on March 13. But that only brought blessing after blessing as the administration and teachers came together to work through ways to maintain the integrity of our education plan.

It took only five days for MVCA to start educating our students virtually using an array of media from Microsoft Teams to Zoom. Teachers worked tirelessly redoing lesson plans and lessons that could be taught virtually to all students. As with anything that was fluid as the pandemic has been, everyone seemed ready to make changes as were necessary.

As the school year wrapped up in May, the question became, "How will we give our Kindergartners and Seniors that graduations they have worked so hard for?" After much prayer, reaching out to parents and students, as well as the Frederick County Sheriff's office and the health department, graduations were scheduled for mid-June to be held in the large pavilion. It was a great day, and a great opportunity for the seniors to have one more day together and to receive the recognition for job's well-done.

The next big hurdle was going to be, can we open in person and what will that look like. Again, much prayer was poured over this and the opportunity was provided for us to open on-time and in person. Class sizes had to be limited due to social distancing, but we were ready. Many families had already made the decision to homeschool, but still remain fully committed to MVCA. And then we saw the largest number of inquiries and new enrollments in our history. In less than one-month MVCA enrolled and processed almost 80 new families, many coming from the public school system. And on August 19, 2020, MVCA opened her doors for our 29th school year.

This year has been filled with blessings. From the staff working so hard to keep educating our students under very trying circumstances, to the increased enrollment, that were it not for the pandemic, many of these families probably would have never walked through our doors. Now we have had the opportunity to show them the love of God and the dedication of the MVCA teachers. We have not been without trials, even having to close the week before Thanksgiving because of our own COVID-19 outbreak, but God works in many different ways, and even through what appears to be darkness, He turns into opportunity, and MVCA rose up to conquer each challenge and embraced every opportunity. Each person involved with MVCA truly embodied why we are the MVCA CONQUERORS!

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Lunch

Oct. 26 - Soup and Grilled Cheese

Oct. 27 - Ham or Turkey Sub/Chips

Oct. 28 - Wings and Fries

Oct. 29 - Spaghetti

Oct. 30 - PIZZA and a Special New Year Surprise

** Items listed here are different than what is listed in Renweb.**

Birthdays



Jan. 5 - Rheanna Rudolph

Jan. 6 - Elizabeth Ritter;

Hannah Bell-Pugh

Cancellations

As we begin a new year, we are still dealing with the same pandemic that started last year. Just as events had to be cancelled last year, so too are we having to either cancel or try to reschedule events for 2021. The following events have been cancelled or postponed with future dates to be determined.

January 16 - Daddy/Daughter Dance

January 16 - Winter Formal

If there are alternative dates set in the future, look to the ECHO for those updates.



Church of Christ at Mountain View News

Everyone is welcome to come and worship with us.

Service times are as follows:

Sunday Mornings: 8 AM (Sunday School) 9AM and 10:30AM. Sunday Evenings: 6PM

Wednesday Evenings: 7PM

Youth Group: Wednesday Evenings at 7:00PM

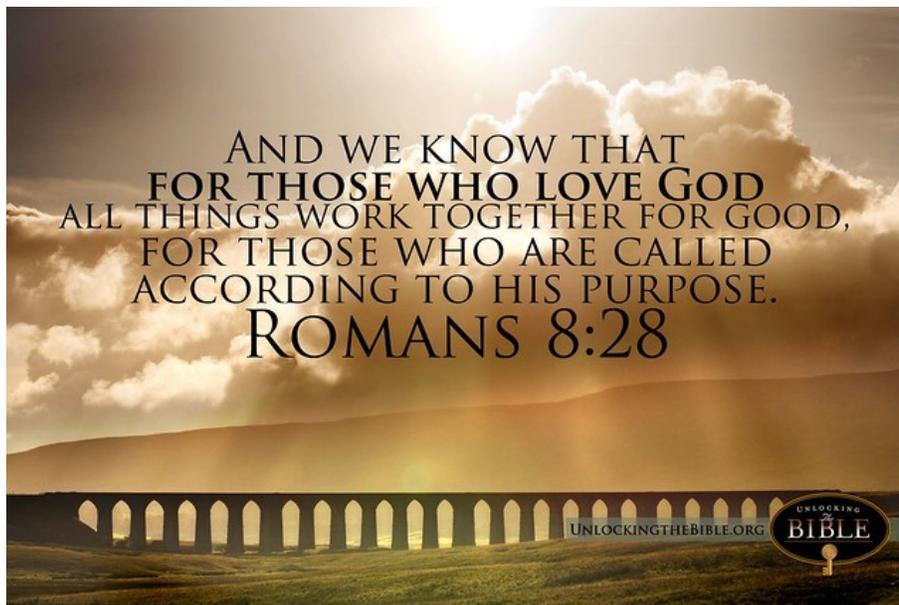
Children's classes are offered during each service time.

We look forward to WORSHIPPING with YOU!

15:3 - A Time for Youth to Come Together

15:3 is the Sunday night group for 6th-12th graders at CCMV. We meet from 5:30-7:30. We eat together, play games, and have group discussions about following Jesus.

For more information about 15:3 call Jenny Lynch at 540-539-2039 or email her at jennydlynch@gmail.com. You can also reach out to Nathan Wright, CCMV Youth Minitier@ nathan.wright@ccmv.com



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SPORTS



2020-2021 Conqueror Sports Update



DUE TO THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES IN OUR REGION, MVCA HAS SUSPENDED ALL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES.)

Scrip News

Scrip is a fundraiser where you buy gift cards at face value and receive a percent rebate that you can use towards your child's tuition, lunch account, etc. For example, purchase a \$100 Martin's gift card for \$100 and receive a 4% (\$4) rebate! Scrip gift cards are available as e-gift cards (just have the merchant scan a bar code from your phone!) or physical cards. Some cards are reloadable. Cards are available for groceries, gas, online merchants, airlines, hotels, restaurants, and more. To sign up for the program, visit www.shopwithscrip.com or download the app, "RaiseRight Fundraising" by ShopWithScrip. The school enrollment code is **5LC86D771L821**. Your family members in other states can participate too. Payment is made online or via a check payable to MVCA. E-gift cards are available immediately when paid for online. Orders for physical cards are submitted once per month. The next physical card orders are due on **Wednesday, January 6, 2020 by 3:30 pm**. Submit your order online or contact me for a paper order form. I would be happy to help you get started! Just email me at MaryssaShettel@aol.com or call/text (717) 448-8125.