

2017-2018  
SPECIAL EDITION



# MVCA Re-Enrollment News

## The MVCA DIFFERENCE



A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

### It's That Time! Re-enroll *Today!*



#### A word from our Administrator -

What an honor and privilege I have to serve alongside of this wonderful faculty team at Mountain View Christian Academy! As we have celebrated 25 years of the MVCA DIFFERENCE, I continue to stand in awe at all that our Almighty God has done and is doing through the ministry of Mountain View Christian Academy!

Mountain View's mission to partner with parents to raise up a generation of young people thoroughly equipped to transform society by educating the whole student - spiritually, academically, socially, and physically—works! When we have a strong partnership, we see our young people being different and making a difference in our society!

*The 2017-2018 school session marking 26 years of providing Christ-centered education in the Shenandoah Valley will be here before we know it!* We have had a strong partnership with our families and we want to maintain that partnership.

WE WANT TO CONTINUE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU! We are who we are today because of our partnership with you and because you have entrusted your children to us!

So here's the plan –

RE-ENROLL TODAY! Read through this document for information about next year. Pay careful attention to the dates and deadlines. Then, do the following:

1. Pray for the 2017-2018 school session that God will assemble just the right group of faculty, students, and parents for the year.
2. Fill out the enclosed re-enrollment and tuition agreement forms and return them to the office ASAP.
3. Pay your \$25 re-enrollment fee. This is per family, not per student. (It goes up in March.)
4. If you have additional children in your family who are not yet enrolled, pick up a new application in the office and enroll them.
5. Tell your story to others and invite them to come and see the difference a Christ-centered education can make—the MVCA Difference. Use the enclosed Open House postcards.
6. Apply for tuition assistance, if needed, by the February 28th deadline.
7. Be ready for what the Lord is going to do and accomplish for His glory!

Thanks for your partnership! You are valued!

My “date” for the MVCA Winter Formal. Thanks for the warm welcome to our precious grandson Troy.



## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

**Today** – Fill out re-enrollment forms and return with \$25 fee.

**February** – Re-enrollment Month/Enrollment of Siblings

**March** – Christian School Awareness/Open House

**March 6—March 10** – Open House and Registration Week – Prospective students can visit classes. Walk-in tours given.

**March 10** – Open House Gala from 6:30 – 8:00 – Don't miss this MVCA family celebration as we highlight goals, dreams, and plans for the 2017-2018 school session.

**April 7-8** - High School Drama Production—Come enjoy our students' original playwright. Watch for details!

**April 14-21**—Easter Break/Dominican Trip —Easter Break/No School - 25 people traveling to the Dominican Republic for a short-term mission trip.

### Luke 6:40

"A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."

## Celebrating 25 years of the MVCA DIFFERENCE

It has been exciting celebrating our 25th year anniversary.



**The Back to School Bash** was a blast with carnival games, magicians, face painting and more as we kicked off the 2016-2017 25th anniversary year!

**Our Fall Faith Festival** was a great time of reflection and celebration as we honored our Grandparents for a special chapel and luncheon on Friday. Saturday was filled with our first Fall Harvest Run, yard sale, annual craft show, and concessions. We finished out with our Builders' Reception with a fun "journey through the decades" which allowed us to take a look at our past, celebrate the present, and anticipate all the Lord has in store for the future. The hall and trophy cabinets were filled with memorabilia representing our history from 1992—2017!



**In the News** - we have had some great news coverage.

TV 4 local news ran a TV spot of on us and the Winchester Star also highlighted the school in a nice article. See our Facebook page (Mountain View Christian Academy) or Website (mvca.ccmv.com) for the full articles.



Praise the Lord for the impact MVCA is making on our community! Keep telling your story! You are our best marketing tool and advertisement!

## Blessed with the Greatest - MVCA Faculty and Staff

One component of the MVCA DIFFERENCE has been the stability of our faculty and strong retention rate of faculty and students. Our current 22 member staff team represent collectively over 350 years of experience working with children and 230 years of service at Mountain View Christian Academy. **Research links student success rate closely with longevity of educators!** We have been so blessed with the best faculty team this side of heaven! Once again, we anticipate the return of our veteran team members, a strong re-enrollment of our existing families, and many new enrollments.

Already we are receiving calls from inquiring families. You can help by spreading the word. Please invite families to Open House March 6-10 and the Open House Gala on March 10!



## Next Year's Tuition, Fees, and Payments - No increases!

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One of our core values is living lives of integrity, so financial integrity is very important to us. We value the trust that you have placed in us. Financial reports are available to our constituency at any time upon request and sent out periodically..

**Tuition Cost** – We will not raise base tuition rates again this year, but as mentioned last year, we are working toward getting all on the same scale, as we have eliminated the tiered approach that we had in years past. Everyone should be locked into the same rates, but Mr. Bordelon will be evaluating to ensure that all are adequately charged. If you have any questions, please see him.

**Tuition Assistance** – PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY! We will continue with the adjustments that we made for the 2016-2017 school session in this area! Our goal was not to drastically affect anyone who has received tuition assistance in the past, but to work with all families to make Christian schooling accessible while being fiscally responsible in budgeting. *We are still fully committed to doing that for all families current and new who truly desire Christian schooling and believe that MVCA is the right fit for their families.*

**Why we made the changes** – We are convicted that we must be good stewards of what the Lord has entrusted to us. The amount that we give out for tuition assistance is unfunded. In other words, there are only very limited funds that come in to MVCA to offset the tuition assistance that we give away. We do have some commit-

ted donors who give consistently and some of our fundraising efforts go to offset it, but that only brings in approximately 2% of what we award. We are blessed by their sacrifice! Our fundraising campaigns also help to offset the assistance awarded—your assistance in these endeavors is greatly appreciated! In addition, we have recognized that we must begin to bridge the gap between what it actually costs per student and what we actually bring in per student. Lastly, we needed to set parameters in order to be able to adequately plan and budget.

**What changes did we make** – We have enforced that everyone reapply for tuition assistance each year. All current families were given as close to the previous year's assistance as possible. We plan to gradually change the highest discount given over the next 5-7 years. We began this year by moving families in increments from 50% to 45%, etc. We capped the tuition assistance awarded annually to existing students at \$150,000. I am pleased to announce that we were able to award assistance to everyone who needed it and stay within our budgeted cap. **Praise the Lord for His provision!** This year we must again strictly enforce the dates for applying – by February 28, 2017 for existing families. We are committed to working with everyone as much as is possible. Make sure to meet the deadlines and to communicate your need to us so we can plan accordingly. Assistance will be awarded to existing families first who apply by the deadline and offered to new families if we have not met our cap.

**Emergency Assistance** – We have a policy for emergency assistance in the event that a family's life situation changes while the student is enrolled at MVCA. Families can apply for exceptions to be made to their tuition contract in such cases and we will do all that we can to work with them.

**Financial meetings with each family** – Mr. Bordelon also began a new policy this year by having a financial meeting with each family at the beginning of the school year to ensure that all papers were completed and everyone understood the tuition agreements. This proved very helpful and he plans to continue that this year. We would love to have all meetings with returning families completed by the end of July. You can make an appointment with him any time between now and the end of July, so call (540-868-1231) or email (gary.bordelon@ccmv.com) today to schedule your meeting.

**Re-enroll early and save** - Reenroll by the end of February and **only pay a \$25 per family nonrefundable fee** to ensure your child(ren)'s spot. The fee is \$50 in March, \$100 in April, and \$200 at any point in May, June, July, or August

**We value your partnership!**

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## Book, Curriculum, and Activity Fees - No increase!

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**Book, Curriculum, and Activity Fees** – We prayerfully and carefully reviewed the way that we had handled book and activity fees and put fees into effect for the 2015-2016 school. This has been extremely helpful in allowing us to cover our textbook costs, additional curriculum materials, programs, and field trips, and special activities.

So, for the upcoming school year, we will continue the book, curriculum and activity fee. This fee will still be all inclusive and will cover all textbooks, special programs, a yearbook, any field trips, any activities, insurance fees, and sports fees. There will be no other fees collected throughout the year for events, unless it is something not previously scheduled and approved at the beginning of the year. For example, an extra trip added that was not accounted for may require payment; however, any trip of this nature would be optional, not mandatory. In order to avoid families having to make a monthly tuition payment plus a book, curriculum, and activity fee in the same month, we will once again assess the book and activity fee in the month of July. **K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will be charged**

**\$450 per student and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade fees will be \$600 per student.** These fees will not be affected by tuition assistance as they are based on our actual costs for textbooks and activities.

## New Gym Floor

**Make A Difference Serve-a-thon Fund** – Out of necessity for a new gym floor, we determined to use the funds from the serve-a-thon to go toward that project. We started off strong with a lot of energy and have raised just over \$12,000. We, however, need \$60,000. It is not too late to send out the postcards that we gave to each family. We asked each family to send 25 postcards asking 25 friends or family members for \$25. We had about 20 % of our student body participate. If the remaining 80% would still do this, I believe we can hit our goal! Please prayerfully consider helping in this way. Contact the office for additional cards or instructions.

## Changes in the Office

We have been blessed for 15 years to have Mr. Andy Fahey serve the school in several capacities from a secondary teacher to 3rd and 6th grade teacher, and most recently as our Office Administrator. Mr. Fahey will be leaving us at the end of this school year to move to sunny Florida. His expertise in so many areas will be missed greatly, but the legacy he will leave us will forever leave its mark on the school and all of our lives! Please keep him and his future plans in your prayers.

We cannot replace Mr. Fahey, but it is imperative that we bring someone else into this administrative position that can build upon what he has established. After much prayer and careful consideration, we are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Heather Harbin will be stepping into this role! Heather's heart for the school and the students, organizational skills, and degree in Educational Leadership make her the perfect fit for this transition. She will be continuing her roles as athletic director and strengthening her roles and influence as the school records counselor and instructional mentor and facilitator of professional development for our faculty.

We, of course, recognize the void that this leaves in our English department. Please be in prayer for her replacement in the classroom. God is already at work and we have several very qualified candidates praying for the Lord's leading. We are confident in His provision of someone who can also build upon what Mrs. Harbin has established in the classroom.

**"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."  
2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)**



**Welcome to the office,  
Mrs. Harbin!**

**Thank you for your years of service, Mr. Fahey!  
You will be missed!**



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#### **THE MVCA DIFFERENCE**

*Jesus is the difference...  
Jesus makes the difference...  
When we see the difference...  
We can make a difference!*



A C C R E D I T E D

**We are on the web!**  
[mvca.ccmv.com](http://mvca.ccmv.com)

*Mountain View Christian Academy is located in Winchester, Virginia at the northern end of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. MVCA was founded in 1992 as a ministry of the Church of Christ at Mountain View.*

*MVCA functions upon the basic fundamental principles of the Word of God, and it espouses the historic Christian view of life as presented in the Bible.*

*MVCA provides a quality education from a Christian perspective. In conjunction with the home and the church, MVCA provides training for the whole student—spiritually, academically, socially and physically—producing well-adjusted, morally sound individuals equipped to transform society.*

***"...let your light shine before others, that they may... glorify your Father in heaven."*** (Matthew 5:16)

