

# Mountain

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Faith Knowledge Service Leadership

## THE VISION OF MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

The mission of Mountain Christian School is to develop well-educated servant leaders equipped for a life of discipleship.

### OUR VISION

The vision of Mountain Christian School is to prepare our students for success in high school and beyond by providing an excellent, well-rounded education immersed in a biblical worldview. Students will have a sense of determination that no matter where the Lord leads them, they will have a purpose and a standard to guide them in their lives. (*“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17*)

To achieve this, we will:

1. Partner with parents, community, and business leaders to develop students' unique gifts and abilities to their highest potential for the glory of God.
2. Provide a contemporary campus facility which will include technology for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
3. Recruit a faculty of committed and empowered life-long learners who will nurture, challenge, and equip students to think biblically and critically.
4. Provide a holistic curriculum rooted in Christ through which our students will become transformational leaders for Christ and His kingdom in Harford County and around the world.

### OUR CORE VALUES

- Faith:** Mountain Christian School will help each student mature spiritually according to the teaching and example of the Lord Jesus Christ as set forth in Holy Scripture.
- Knowledge:** Mountain Christian School will enable each student to achieve his/her academic potential using research-based, developmentally-appropriate strategies and techniques within an engaging curriculum.
- Service:** Mountain Christian School will instill in students a commitment to an intentional and obedient life of service to Christ in the school, church, society, and the world.
- Leadership:** Mountain Christian School will foster a climate in which each child has the opportunity to realize and develop his/her leadership potential.



# MCS FACT SHEET

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## **Mrs. Nadine Wellington** **Director of School Ministries (Principal)**

Mrs. Wellington holds a Master's Degree in Supervision and Administration from Johns Hopkins University as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Towson University. She has completed post-graduate courses at Lincoln Christian College. Mrs. Wellington was employed by the Harford County Public School System for 20 years, including 13 years as an administrator both in elementary and middle school settings. This is her eighth year serving as the Principal of MCS.

## **Mrs. Donna Rea** **Elementary Assistant Principal**

Mrs. Rea holds a Master's Degree in Education from Towson University as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Frostburg State College. Additionally, she has completed course work at Lincoln Christian College. She was employed by the Harford County Public School System for 33 years prior to joining the staff of MCS in 1999.

## **Mrs. Traci Olson** **Middle School Assistant Principal**

Mrs. Olson is a graduate of Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Elementary and Special Education. She has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels and has previous administrative experience. She has been a member of the MCS staff since 2003.

Mountain Christian School is a ministry of Mountain Christian Church. The school is under the day-to-day direction of the Principal and Assistant Principals.

The school is overseen by the School Ministry Team of Mountain Christian Church. This team is represented by:

- At least two Elders of Mountain Christian Church
- The Director of School Ministries (Principal)
- An MCS Administrator
- An MCC Financial Liasion
- An Educational Resource Liasion
- A Legal Advisor



# MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 2010-2011 TUITION RATES AND FEES

**Tuition — Elementary Grades K-5 \$5,600.**

**Tuition — Middle School Grades 6-8 \$5,800.**

**There is a \$200 discount per child for tuition paid in full by July 1, 2010.**

**MCS utilizes the services of FACTS, a tuition management company widely used by private and faith-based schools for the processing of monthly tuition fees.**

**For those families who choose the monthly payment option, MCS will require that each family contract with FACTS for automatic monthly payments from the bank account of their choice. All monthly tuition payments must be processed through FACTS.**

**Please refer to the enclosed brochure regarding FACTS.**

Note:

- A contract with FACTS Tuition Management Company is required for all monthly payments. You may choose automatic payments to begin June 5 or June 20 through March 5 or March 20.

Application Fees (three separate checks - all made payable to MCS)

- \$125 Processing Fee to be submitted with application (non-refundable)
- \$150 Registration Fee to be submitted with application (refundable only if MCS is unable to place your child)
- \$50 Testing Fee - Due at the time of testing (non-refundable)

Extended Care Fees:

Extended Care services are available by separate contract. Students must be contracted in order to participate. Drop-in services are not available.

Extended Care offers three one-hour sessions per day: one hour before school (7:00-8:00 AM) and 2 hours after school (3:30-4:30 PM, and 4:30-5:30 PM). Each contracted hour (session) is \$80 monthly.

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Dear Parent(s),

Welcome to Mountain Christian School. Founded in 1975, we are committed to raising our children together based on the belief that all areas of knowledge are ultimately related to God. Our main goal is to provide an excellent faith-based education for every child.

This information packet is designed to provide you everything you need to begin learning about our school. Registration materials and details regarding dates and fees have also been included.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in our school. We recognize your great commitment to providing your child with a faith-based education and look forward to working with you in preparing your child for living a Christian life based on Psalm 36:9: ***“For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.”***

In His Service,



Nadine Wellington  
Director of School Ministries

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **What is Christian Education at MCS?**

Mountain Christian School exists to provide quality academic education from a Christian viewpoint. We strive for the highest academics while providing the building blocks for a Godly worldview and strong Christian character for our students.

We believe that Christian education is the process of telling and learning God's truth and knowing that God's truth is applicable to all aspects of life.

## **What is the dress code?**

MCS students wear school uniforms purchased by parents from Flynn & O'Hara.

Middle school students (Grades 6-8) wear navy polo shirts with khaki pants or shorts (boys) or blackwatch plaid skirts, shorts, skorts or khaki pants (girls).

Elementary school students (K-5) wear white shirts with dark green pants or shorts (boys) or blackwatch plaid jumpers, shorts, skorts or dark green pants (girls).

On chapel days girls are required to wear skirts or jumpers; boys are required to wear dress shirts and ties.

## **What are the class sizes?**

Our goal is to have no more than 20 students in each classroom.

## **What are the school hours?**

School hours are 8:15 a.m. – 3:20 p.m. School doors open at 7:55 a.m.

# STATEMENT OF FAITH

As a ministry of Mountain Christian Church, Mountain Christian School is led by a School Ministry Team guided by the following fundamental beliefs:

- Our ministry and members accept Jesus Christ as the Living Son of God and our personal Savior and Lord.
- We believe the Bible alone to be our all-sufficient rule of faith and practice and the revelation of God's word and will.
- We are a free church under Christ. Led by Elders and Deacons, we determine our own policies and practices, voluntarily cooperating with Christian groups in fulfilling our Lord's Great Commission.
- We are devoted to the cause of Christian unity, and we will work with anyone anywhere on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.
- We require for church membership just what was required in New Testament times. We practice only baptism taught and practiced in the Scriptures—immersion of a penitent believer in the symbol of Christ's own death, burial and resurrection.
- We share in the communion of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week, as was the custom of the early church.
- We believe all persons of all races to be created in the image of God and to need the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

# PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are a community of Christian educators who desire to have our Lord glorified through a holistic Christian approach to life. We desire to have the children who are entrusted to us be proud of their Christian beliefs and be able to express them. We desire to have our children grow into mature adults with knowledge of the world around them, their relationship to that world, and a belief in the God who created it. We want our children's families to grow in unity and in love for each other and for God.

Therefore, we express the following teaching statements of what we believe:

We are a community of Christian educators who:

. . . believe that all life is a gift from God, which requires us to be responsible for the care of His creation including the Earth and its natural resources and all its people. We acknowledge His divine Kingship over the entire universe.

. . . believe as stated in Genesis 1:1 that, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," and in John 1:3, "Through Him all things were made, without Him nothing was made that has been made." We believe that God is directing the natural order of all that He has created.

. . . believe in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to be both Comfort and Guide in our relationship with God and man.

. . . believe that we must ". . . increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52) and that this wisdom is found in our relationship with God and His Word.

. . . believe that Christian education is the process of telling and learning God's truth and knowing that God's truth is applicable to all of life. God has given us the knowledge of our world which enables us to discover and explore His truths.

. . . believe that Satan (evil) exists in the world and that we have subjected ourselves to sin. However, the redemption of man was accomplished through Christ's sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. We must accept this redemption to be in a right relationship with God.

. . . believe that the Bible, alone, is our all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

. . . believe that parents have the ultimate responsibility of rearing their children in the Kingdom of God and that the school shares that responsibility through the body of knowledge in its curriculum.



# REGISTRATION MATERIALS

## SUMMARY OF REGISTRATION PROCESS SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

(For details, please see Section 513 of the MCS Student Handbook)

### **PHASE I**      **Registration for siblings and re-enrollment for current students.** **12/1/09 – 12/18/09 (Registrations will not be accepted prior to 12/1/09)**

Current school families may apply for re-enrollment of their student(s) or enroll siblings during this period. If registration is not processed during this period, the student's place will be considered open, and preferential registration status will be forfeited. Sibling registrations or re-enrollment for current students will only be accepted if the family's financial account is in order. Sibling registration or student re-enrollment must be accompanied by a new registration form, parent agreement form, and a \$100 non-refundable registration fee for each student.

### **PHASE II**      **Registration for members and regular attendees of Mountain Christian Church and those** **1/11/2010**      **remaining on the waiting list from the previous year. Applications will be processed on a** **first-come, first-served basis.**

- **Mountain Center Social Hall**
- **January 11, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

This registration opportunity is for families who have been active at Mountain Christian Church for a minimum of one year and for past applicants who have been on the waiting list the previous school year. Anyone in this category who does not take advantage of this registration date will forfeit any preferential status and be subject to all policies of open enrollment. Active Mountain Christian Church families must have a signed form from one of the ministry team leaders of Mountain Christian Church confirming their involvement in the church. Forms are available through the school office.

Each registration form (one per student) must be accompanied by a signed parent agreement form and two separate checks (Parts A & B below) for processing and registration fees.

Part A: A \$125 check payable to MCS as a processing fee – non-refundable.

Part B: A \$150 check payable to MCS as a registration fee – refundable only if MCS is unable to place your child.

### **PHASE III**      **Open Enrollment (Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.)** **1/18/2010**

- **Mountain Center Social Hall**
- **January 18, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Each registration form (one per student) must be accompanied by a signed parent agreement form and two separate checks (described as Parts A & B above) for processing and registration fees.

#### Information Required at the time of registration:

- Copy of child's birth certificate
- Child's Social Security Number

#### Information Required prior to assessment and interview:

- Academic records from the previous two years (grades 1-6) or readiness recommendation from pre-school teacher (kindergarten).

#### Information Required after acceptance and prior to beginning of school:

- MD Health Inventory Form
- MD Immunization Certificate
- FACTS Automatic Payment Agreement for monthly tuition payments.
- Custodial documents, if applicable.