



Departmental Spotlight



by Mr. Lynn Lee

Math Department Calculations

a math topic in the school year.

Already this year, two students have finished their Algebra I course of study and started working on the geometry program; another has finished the geometry program and started Algebra II.

ALEKS allows students who have a good background in math to accelerate and finish the three required math classes in the freshmen and sophomore years of study.

The ALEKS program is also helpful for students who transfer to MVA partway through the year because it will test the student, identify their ability, and allow the student to finish the course without missing or covering topics twice.

After students have completed their freshman year using ALEKS, they are given the option of taking normal textbook math classes or continuing in the program the following year.

One major change this year is that students go to the math room instead of the computer lab to work on ALEKS, which limits conflicts with other classes wanting to use the computers. Working in the math room has also made it possible for students to get practice using calculators, a skill that is necessary for the Ohio Graduation Test. Students are able to increase their math knowledge and skills using a variety of different techniques.

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Art Department Scribbles by Ms. Jodie McCoy

This academic school year students are able to choose between Art 1 and Advanced Art Class which somewhat "levels the playing field" for the students.

This years' Art 1 class contains some of the most talented students I've coached in a long time. Artists with more experience can take Advanced Art and be coached in more complex skills.

With the ever increasing flood of electronic "everything," it is a delight to guide these teen artists into the world of producing lovely items such as carvings, sketches, 3-D items, paintings, posters, etc. with their own hands, skills and ideas. While we remain on this earth, the Creator of all beauty has work for all of His artistically gifted people to accomplish. We are interested in your



prayers that we may increase in skills constantly and that we will be equipped to serve our Lord with the talents that He-the Master Artist- has so kindly given to us.

Please make sure to join us for our Art Show at the time of the Spring Concert.

From the Administrative Offices. . .



Student Grades



Current student grades are included in this mailing. Please keep in mind that mid-term testing will take place after the February Home Leave. Mid-term grades will be mailed on March 14.

MVA students will be participating in study hall from 4:20-5:20p daily for the rest of the school year. Various content teachers will be facilitating learning labs Monday through Thursday to assist students with questions they may have on various classroom topics.

New Study Hall Schedule

ACT

The next ACT exam date is Sunday, April 13. The LAST date to sign-up for the April exam is March 7. The ACT must be taken by all college-bound seniors who have not yet taken the ACT, and by seniors wishing to raise their scores. Juniors who have not yet taken the ACT should take the April exam along with any sophomores who plan to take dual-credit classes next year. To register go to www.act.org and follow the directions. The test center code for Mount Vernon Academy is 182671 and the school code is 363-563. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Joe Lee in the school library.



TESTING

The Ohio Graduation Testing is scheduled for March 10 through 14. All 10th grade students will be taking these tests. One subject test is given each day. The subjects tested are math, social studies, writing, reading, and science. Ohio law requires students to pass all five subject areas before receiving a diploma. The March test dates will also be used for 11th and 12th grade students who still need to pass one or more subject tests (this is the last chance for seniors).



Student Attendance

Student absences are becoming a problem. There are consequences for continued absences, both unexcused and excused. Parents are also asked to support the academic program by limiting the time students are away. Please refer to the Student Handbook, page 22, to see the complete policy.

From the Administrative Offices. . .



Homeleave Transportation

Does your student fly or take Megabus home for homeleave vacations? Please make sure to submit a copy of their itinerary by email (asoper@mvacademy.org) or FAX (740-397-3901) to Mrs. Amy Soper in the MVA Office. **One "drop-off" trip is made to Columbus on the day homeleave begins and one "pick-up" trip is made on the day homeleave ends.** When booking tickets, departure times should not be before 1:00p.m. as students arrive around noon at the airport. Students will be picked up at approximately 6:00p.m. on the day homeleave ends.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

When: Friday, March 28
9 A.M. to 3 P.M. (note time change)

Where: MVA Cafeteria

Conference times will be given on a first response basis. You may make requests through Amy Soper in one of the following ways.

- Email asoper@mvacademy.org
- Complete the online reservation form at <http://www.mvacademy.org/ptconferences.html>
- Call the main office 740-397-5411 and make your request.

Bruce Bellchambers - Social Studies

Pam Castillo - Science

Joe Lee - Career/College Prep

Lynn Lee - Math/Science

Jodie McCoy - Art

Jeff Morris - PE

Lulu Mwangi - Music

Aaron Myers - Computers

Ed Strunk - Bible I, New Student Mentor

Loretta Rearick - Music Lessons

Edwin Sille - Math

Amy Soper - English IV

Tim Soper - Bible

Kris Stevenson - English I-III

Linda Taber - Psychology

Lissette Wright - Spanish

ACADEMY DAYS

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emy Days will be on April 13 and 14 for students in seventh through eleventh grade. Visitors will have an opportunity to experience academy life through a kaleidoscope of activities designed to familiarize them with each other, MVA's campus, current students and staff. Attendees will join shortened classes allowing them to meet the teachers, complete financial aid applications, and audition for a variety of scholarships.

If you know someone who is interested in attending, please contact Amy Soper through email (asoper@mvacademy.org) or by phone at



Gift Card Fundraiser

The MVA Development office is selling gift cards as a fundraiser to help with the Capital Improvements endowment. These cards can be used just like cash for everyday purchases that you would make anyway!

MVA gets a percentage from each sale that is made. Cards can be purchased from hundreds of different stores including *Bath and Body Works*, *Walmart*, *BP Gas*, *ACE Hardware* and more. A complete list can be found online at <http://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/> Contact Margaret Sutton if you have other questions.

Class of 2008 Graduation Information



Consecration - 8:00p.m.

Friday evening, May 23
Mount Vernon Academy Pavilion

Sabbath School - 10:00a.m.

Saturday morning, May 24
Mount Vernon Academy Pavilion

Baccalaureate - 11:00a.m.

Saturday morning, May 24
Mount Vernon Academy Pavilion

Parent Tribute - 6:00p.m.

Saturday afternoon, May 24
Hill S.D.A. Church

Class Night - 9:15p.m.

Saturday evening, May 24
Mount Vernon Academy Pavilion

Commencement - 10:00a.m.

Sunday, May 25
Mount Vernon Academy Pavilion

Class Aim & Motto

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. - Mahatma Gandhi
What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us. - Emerson

Class Flower

Tulip

Class Colors

Red, Black, & Silver



Search the WWW; Raise \$ for MVA

Last fall, Microsoft and Scholastic Books have partnered to create "Search and Give," a web-based fundraising program, which allows participants to raise money through searching or playing educational games online.

Using the search engine donates one point to a charity while playing the educational games donates various points. At the end of the year, donated

points turn into money. **Each point MVA earns equals one penny.**

To begin supporting MVA through "Search and Give," visit www.searchandgive.com, create an account and choose Mount Vernon Academy as your charity.

Currently, Mount Vernon Academy has only approximately 90 supporters, mostly staff and students. Over 125,000 points have been earned ranking MVA second

among schools in the nation.

Scholastic Books has recognized Mount Vernon Academy's success with the program in an article.

Our goal as a school is to accumulate one million points. Each point we earn equals one penny MVA can use for purchasing new books and computers or making general school improvements.



10 Things found online at the MVA webpage:

- Student Handbook
- Calendars (Monthly/Weekly)
- Schedules (Regular, Special)
- MVA Admission Forms
- Educational Outfitters Online
- MVA 3 year Strategic Plan
- 2007-2008 Fundraisers
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities
- Parent Newsletters
- Links to Adventist Colleges & Organizations

March 2008 - Mount Vernon Academy

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