

MVA Spotlight: Religion Department



Mount Vernon Academy is excited to embark on a new year. New experiences bring new challenges, but new challenges provide us with opportunities to grow. The Campus Ministries department at MVA strives to place all students in a position to grow closer to Christ and become servants for God.

As several may know, many areas of Ohio were inundated with rain and floods in late August. The communities just to the north of Mount Vernon were especially affected. While we certainly do not invite disaster, it presents a unique opportunity to practice Christian love. With this in mind, MVA transported the entire student body to the town of Shelby, Ohio, on August 24.

There was no welcoming committee though they knew the students were coming. There were no air-conditioned lobbies, and it was extremely hot. There were only flooded streets, overwhelmed city workers, and distraught home and business owners. There was a tangible, urgent need for help of all kinds: hauling soggy and worthless furniture to dumpsters, sweeping and

cleaning, disinfecting and reorganizing. The entire student body worked through the heat of the Ohio summer day for nothing more than a “thank you.” But the “thank you” and the hug of gratitude was more than enough, for the students began to understand selfless service.

We have many plans for this school year. As always, our students will be involved in numerous outings into the surrounding community to collect and distribute supplies for the less fortunate, to pray with people on their front doorstep, and to spread the word of Christ’s soon return. We will take the Juniors on a trip to the coast of Belize to build a new church for the hurricane-ravaged believers. We are in the planning stages of a student-planned and student-run evangelism series in Mount Vernon this spring.

Most importantly, we are instituting a program of “Individual Spiritual Development.” In brief, this is a program in which students will commit to specific goals for their personal spiritual development and service. Faculty mentors will then guide and

guide them throughout this process and help students pursue those goals. We are very excited about this program.

As you read this newsletter, Mount Vernon Academy will be in the midst of its “Fall Week of Prayer.” Our special focus this year is “discipleship.” Our special guest, Pastor Steve Conway, will be speaking to and motivating the students to a life of selfless service and devotion to Christ. We ask for your earnest prayers for our school and especially for the spiritual well-being of our students.

School Uniform FYI

- Returning students need to make sure they have the navy blue tie, which is to be worn with their official school uniform, by **October 3**.
- New students *have been* fitted for their blazers and vests.
- Educational Outfitters wants to thank you for your patience as there has been some delays in order fulfillment this year due to the manufacturer. *Outstanding orders will be completed soon.*

If you have questions about uniforms, contact Mrs. Soper.

Month at a Glance

Fall Week-of-Prayer	Sept. 17-21
Closed Weekend	Sept. 21-23
SA Event	Sept. 22
ITED Testing	Sept. 24-27
CUC Government Trip (Seniors only)	Sep. 29-Oct. 4
Home Leave	Oct. 10-14
Mid-Term Exams	Oct. 16-18

Special points of interest:

- *MVA has enrolled 153 students!*
- **Support MVA by purchasing SCRIP (see the enclosed flyer).**
- *We enjoyed “fun in the sun” at the annual MVA beach day and Fall Picnic.*
- *The Girls’ Volleyball and Co-ed Soccer are actively playing games.*
- *School Portraits were taken on September 11. If you didn’t get to order pictures and would like to, call 1-800-677-6127*