

MVA

Parent News

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Departmental Spotlight



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"Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

Psalms 57:1 (NIV)

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ALEKS Program

There have been some changes in MVA's math department this year. Mrs. Tralese Syvertson has joined the department and is teaching the ALEKS program for the students in Algebra I. She also has a class of Geometry and Algebra II students on the ALEKS program.

This year the freshmen were tested to determine their math class placement. Those who could benefit from extra help were placed in the ALEKS math program where this year we have extra student tutors assisting the teacher.

The ALEKS program also provides students an opportunity to accelerate in math if

they are interested and their test score shows they would benefit. Accelerating in ALEKS provides students the opportunity to complete three years of math in two if they are willing to do the work. Students who choose to do this have an opportunity to take more college classes while in high school.

New Textbooks

This year we also started using a new math series by McDougal Littell. It has many benefits, which we are trying to incorporate into our program a little at a time.

Included in the books are OGT review sections, an excellent tool to help students prepare for the Ohio Graduation Test, which all sopho-

mores must pass to graduate.

Another benefit is the books are written in a way that students can understand when they are working individually. The books also incorporate hands-on applications students can complete and includes methods for using graphing calculators with the lesson.

Students can also take advantage of some of the extra activity sections to practice more than what has been covered in class. The series provides online resources which can be accessed by students including a home tutor, sample tests and quizzes, and an e-workbook.

FEBRUARY HOME-LEAVE DATE CHANGE

Remember, due to a special technology in-service for MVA Teachers, classes will not meet February 2-4. Students who are not on the basketball team should plan to leave for February break on Sunday, Feb. 1 **AFTER** Sunday School. Students who are members of the basketball teams will remain on campus until after their game on Tuesday, February 3. Non-basketball students who travel by airplane/Megabus will depart for Columbus on Sunday morning (Feb. 1), and students on basketball teams will leave on Wednesday morning (Feb 4).

Due to this change, there will be a Sunday School on March 1.



Senior Class Play



The senior class invites you on board Go Bananas Airlines as they perform Tim Kelly's comedic play **Airline**. Join the wacky and paranoid passengers as they survive a flight through a storm without radar and with a pilot who sold his compass at a garage sale thinking it was an egg timer. *A cake auction will take place at intermission.*

Tickets prices:

\$5.00 (ages 6+)
\$2.00 (5 & under/MVA students)

This 'N That: Informative MVA Tidbits

- **Student Week of Prayer** took place January 12-17; student speakers shared messages about the theme "Serving a Purpose."
- Sophomores took the **PLAN Test** on January 13.
- **January Service Day** is Sunday, January 18.
- **MVA Handbells** is selling citrus fruit. Contact Linda Taber (ext. 239) for more information or to place an order.