

Happy Holidays



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2:11 (KJV)

## January Upcoming Events

Christmas Break Ends	4
Semester 2 Begins	5
Week of Prayer	12-17
PLAN Test	13
Service Day	18
Senior Play	24
SAT	25
Supper Club	25
Sunday School	Feb. 1



## Departmental Spotlight



by Mr. Aaron Myers **Technology Department**

The technology focus for the month is the Graphic Design class. This class gives students real world experience in the field of Digital Multimedia & Design. The class's last project focused on touching up and restoring an old photograph.

The photograph had major areas to be fixed and many small details such as dust, scratches, and finger prints. Student Alex Ruth shared his project's before and after pictures.

He commented, "[Graphic design] gives us the

opportunity to learn the complexities of Adobe Photoshop CS3. By learning to use this program, we are learning skills that can help us later in life with our careers. Photoshop is

the basic program for the photo editing field; instead of learning this in college, we are learning it now. This will give us an advantage in college. I really enjoy this."



Original Photograph

Edited Photograph

## Push Against Poverty Brings Christmas to Mount Vernon

*Push Against Poverty* is a community-oriented program initiated by MVA senior Daniel Graves. *Push Against Poverty* seeks to discover and meet the needs of people living in the Mount Vernon community who are experiencing difficulties due to the economic crisis. Students have been conducting door-to-door surveys in the Mount Vernon area collecting data and information about family needs.

### Giving Back This Season

*Push Against Poverty* will be inviting 50-100 local families to

Mount Vernon Academy for a special Christmas Eve dinner on Wednesday, December 24. Families who attend will receive a special Christmas basket with food and gifts.

### How Can You Help?

Please consider joining us in helping our community by **donating non-perishable food** (canned goods or boxed foods) and/or **toys for different age groups**. *Donations can be left at Mount Vernon Academy when you pick your student up for Christmas vacation.*

## Important CALENDAR CHANGES

Due to a special technology in-service for MVA Teachers on February 2-3, classes will not meet.

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.

To accommodate these adjustments, the following school calendar changes will be made:

**January 14** Regular Classes  
**January 18** Service Day  
**March 1** Sunday School



**This 'N That:**  
 Informative  
 MVA Tidbits

- **Holiday Sale at Educational Outfitters:** Get 10% off all purchases until December 31. Visit store for more savings.
- The Music Department will present its **Christmas concert He is Born...Child Divine** on Sabbath, December 20, during at 11:00a at the Hill Church.
- **Christmas Break begins on Saturday, December 20 after the Christmas concert.**