



# Parent News

September 2008



## Departmental Spotlight



by Mr. Tim Soper **Bible/Campus Ministries Department**

**MVA's Parent News will arrive each month with your financial statement. Make sure to look for important announcements and information about what's happening on campus!**

### October Upcoming Events

Government Trip	5-9
Senior Rec.	11
Sunday School	12
College Fair	13
Midterm Exams	12-14
PSAT	15
Homeleave	15-19
Battle Creek Trip	20-21
Dorm Retreats	24-26
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OGT	27-31

#### Classroom Highlights

For the 2008-2009 school year, Mount Vernon Academy (MVA) has three faculty members facilitating the Bible courses. Assistant Boys' Dean Mario Broussard is instructing Bible I, which studies the Life of Christ.

Bible II, which focuses on the history of the early Christian church and Adventist History, is taught by Mr. Ed Strunk. The sophomores will be traveling to Battle Creek for an Adventist History tour October 20-21.

Mr. Tim Soper teaches Bible III and IV. Students in Bible IV are currently in-

involved in a variety of projects for their study on marriage and the family.

#### Serving our Community

In addition to the one day each month our students and staff will be involved in service, MVA has already had several opportunities to help in our community.

A day was spent at the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School where we cleaned and helped rebuild the playground.

When the strong winds of Hurricane Ike rolled through Ohio downing trees and leaving many residents without

power, our students assisted in removing the debris littering yards and streets in our community.

MVA staff and students have also had the opportunity to work closely with The United Way to serve our area. At the United Way's Knox County Family Fun Day, students supervised inflatables and assisted in other booths. Most recently, our students joined the organization in their Knox County Community Clean-up Day helping various community businesses and passing out literature.

## Devotional Thoughts Wanted

MVA is working on creating a day-by-day devotional book for our students written entirely by people who have a vested interest in the young people of our school – teachers, staff, parents, and Conference personnel.

#### Content

Write a devotional thought based on a personal experience or personal study. The idea is not only for the student to draw closer to Christ, but also to connect your life experience to Christ. Please include a Bible text that can serve as a "basis" for your

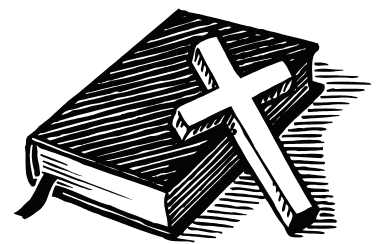
thought. There is no particular theme other than pointing our students toward Christ.

#### Format & Length

- Devotional (include Bible text) should be 250-600 words.
- All material used should be original. If you include thoughts of others, please cite the author.
- Include your name and relationship to the school. (parent, pastor, etc.)

#### Editing

Campus ministries will do some editing for grammar and length if necessary. Any



changes will be sent to you for approval before finalizing the book.

#### Deadline

Please send submissions by November 30. Sending devotionals through email to [tsoper@mvacademy.org](mailto:tsoper@mvacademy.org) is preferred; however, if you handwrite your thought, please mail it to Mr. Soper at the school address:

Tim Soper  
525 Wooster Road  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050.

# Other Announcements . . .

## Homeleave Travel



### Does your student fly or take Megabus home for homeleave vacations?

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 plane 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.

Megabus travels from Columbus to Indianapolis and Chicago. When purchasing Megabus tickets, students should select the 11:30a departure from Columbus and the return ticket should have them arriving in Columbus at 6:35p.

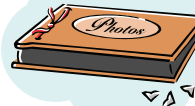
**Please make sure to submit a copy of your student's flight/Megabus itinerary at least one week before homeleave** by email (asoper@mvacademy.org) or FAX (740-397-3901) to Mrs. Amy Soper in the MVA Office, **so we can accurately plan for transportation to Columbus.**



Each year the MVA yearbook reserves space in the back of the book for parents to purchase and write and design a dedication to their student. The yearbook this year will be in full color. The money received goes directly into the yearbook budget for purchasing better materials (i.e. cameras, software, etc.) and increasing the quality of the yearbook.

The dedication page sizes are:

- 1 page for \$100
- ½ page for \$75
- ¼ page for \$50
- ⅛ page for \$30



## Yearbook Tributes Pages

## School Portraits



School Portraits were taken on September 8. If you didn't get to order pictures and would like to you may do so by calling *Lifetouch* at 866-587-1079 or visiting [payments.lifetouch.com](http://payments.lifetouch.com) to purchase with a credit card online.

Included in this mailing you will find a sheet with two SafetyID Cards for your student, which are provided through the SmileSafe Kids® program.

**Portrait retakes will take place on Monday, October 13.** If you'd like your student to retake his or her picture, please contact Mrs. Soper at 740-397-5411, ext. 213.



## Senior Recognition

The Class of 2009 invites you to join them for senior recognition on Saturday, October 11 at 7:30pm in the MVA Chapel located in the Administration building.

## 10 Things found on the MVA webpage:

<http://www.mvacademy.org>

- Student Handbook
- Educational Outfitters Online
- Links to Adventist Colleges & Organizations
- Calendars & Schedules (Monthly/Weekly)
- MVA 3 year Strategic Plan
- Athletic Schedule & Game Directions
- MVA Admission Forms
- College Guides
- Parent Volunteer Opportunities & Newsletters
- Testing Dates & Information

