

# MVA

# Parent News

November 2009



"Give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love... He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Psalm 107:8-9

## December Upcoming Events

Campus Family Christmas Parties	5
Campus Family Lunch	9
Closed Weekend	11-13
SA Christmas Party	13
Semester Exams	15-17
Concert Rehearsal	17&18
Christmas Concert	19
Homeleave	20-3



## Departmental Spotlight



by Mrs. Pam Castillo **Science Department**

Honors Biology students were out in the woods with their cameras this fall learning how to "key" or find the scientific names of central Ohio wildflowers. Using a key, students answered specific questions about the structure of the wildflowers to properly identify them. Each student will be making a "Central Ohio Wildflower Key" which will include pictures from Fall and Spring for each flower along with the pathway to finding the scientific name.

Students are also enjoying the learning activities made for them and put on the school

network. The "Classes" drive holds all the "clicker" questions used during class, all of the standardized test practice questions/answers, Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) review activities, Biology and A&P study guides, vocabulary words that speak the definition, concept maps and "interactives (a series of activities allowing students to move words, etc. around to match, identify, distinguish between, and organize different concepts).

The "interactives," which help reinforce concepts and also assist with test preparation for each chapter, midterm tests,

final tests and the OGT, may be copied to a flash drive and used at home and the classes drive may also be accessed from off campus.

Directions on how to access the classes drive from off campus have been sent to all the students in their MVA student e-mail addresses. All files on the classes drive will need Microsoft Office Suite (PowerPoint, Word) except for the "interactives." Smart Notebook software is needed for the "interactives," but it can be downloaded for free at [www.smarttech.com](http://www.smarttech.com). You will need a code from Mr. Myers or me, and then Smarttech will send you a key code enabling you to download the software. If you have any questions about the software download, please don't hesitate to call. It is a really cool program with many applications which can be enjoyed by any member of your family.

One last note: I periodically send out grade updates and other information via e-mail. If you have not been getting these, please call Mr. Joe Lee so he can update your e-mail address in RenWeb and you can receive these updates.

### Music Department Presents Annual Christmas Concert



The Music Department invites all parents and friends to its annual Christmas concert featuring the *Cascabel* handbell choir, the *Echoliars* chamber choir, and the MVA Band with special guests. Together these groups will be present "The Fulfillment," praising and celebrating Jesus' first coming. **Please join us for the only presentation on Saturday, December 19 at 11:00am in the Mount Vernon Hill SDA Church.**

More information about performances and concerts is available at [www.mvamusic.org](http://www.mvamusic.org)

### This 'N That: Informative MVA Tidbits

- **Basketball season has begun.** Game schedules and directions are located on our website (click on "Activities" then "Athletics").
- **Thank you parents,** family and friends for joining us recently at our annual Parent Weekend. We were delighted to have you on campus!