Theme and Goal – 2012-2013

THEME: Mount Paran Christian School . . .

A community so complete students never want to leave . . .

A calling so compelling there is no way they can stay!

GOAL: TO BE KNOWN DEEPLY!

Psalm 139
Enrollment

- Preschool 82
- Lower school 398
- Middle School 328
- High School 402 (Record enrollment!)
- Total 1210
Welcome – MPCS Class of 2012

Sara Allegood – Media Center Specialist
Dave Bennett – Director of IT
Dianne Blase – Middle School French
Chrissy Camp – Middle School PE
Christy Carroll – Preschool Teacher
Angela Coleman – High School Spanish
Tara Dees - Preschool
Tracy Gernatt – Preschool Parapro
Dana Gray – Lower School Counselor
Lindsey Larkin – Preschool Teacher
Lindy Jones – 5th Grade Teacher
Neysa Jordan – Speech Pathologist
Audrey Hughes – Lower School Spanish
Heather Kington – 4th Grade Teacher
Michele Lumpkin – High School Science
Mimi Merrett - Preschool Teacher
Greg Phillips – 8th Grade Social Studies
Katie Schwab – Preschool Teacher
John Sess – Director of Operations
Jenica Stephens – Preschool Teacher
Catina Taliaferro – 3rd grade parapro
Carrie Thompson – MS Directed Studies
Cynthia Trammell – Campus Store Manager
Brenda Worley - High School Math
The Three “A’s of Mount Paran Christian School

- Academic
- Arts
- Athletics
• General Academics

Parent Teacher Fellowship:

• $92,995 given by PTF for classroom equipment, curriculum, and technology! Thanks PTF!!
• Introduction of the first-ever Summer Faculty Institute and its strategic support of school-sponsored professional learning;
• Piloting of iPads for classroom use by MPCS faculty moving toward a “1:1” program;
• Transitioned from in-house book sales to MBS Direct;
• Adoption of new Bible and Social Studies textbooks (K-12); and
• Initiation of the 2012-2017 school action plan and its focus on:
  • Refinements in the use of data to personalize student learning;
  • Refinements in the development of students’ understanding of their own learning – metacognition; and
  • Refinements to curriculum and instruction that provide increased support for enhancing diversity sensitivity – diversity.
Preschool

- Installed an iPad learning lab;
- New classes in three-year old and four-year old; and
- Newly redesigned the interior of the preschool;
• **Lower School**

  • Training of all K-2 teachers in Orton Gillingham this summer;
  • Initiation of a program for gifted endorsement for twenty PK-5 teachers;
  • Revamping of the exploratory schedule to allow for same 5-day rotation each of the five days of a school week;
  • Addition of a part-time Spanish teacher;
  • Offering of a Critical Thinking class in the exploratory rotation for K-5 students; and
  • Part-time administrative assistant for principal.
Middle School

- Addition of French as an exploratory class;
- Full-time, forty-hour counselor; and
- Part-time administrative assistant for principal.
• High School

• Initiation of the first integrated STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) course – *Foundations of Engineering and Technology*;

• Introduction of a new Bible curriculum for seniors providing an opportunity for students to pursue specific areas of focus/interest (i.e. Theology, Apologetics 2, Discipleship, Faith and Culture); and

• Offered 17 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. (Footnote: We had more AP exams taken by our students than ever before – 248 in 2012 compared to 204 in 2011. 291 exams are scheduled for 2013).
A record 98 seniors are attending 40 different colleges/universities in 13 different states. These students were accepted into a record 85 different colleges. Our valedictorian is attending Columbia University (NY). Our salutatorian is attending Wheaton College (IL).

Division I Athletes:  
Men’s basketball – University of Tennessee  
Women’s softball – Elon University

Athletes:  
Female golfer – Rhodes College  
Male Swimmer – Davidson College  
Female Tennis player – University of Tampa  
Athletic Training Scholarship – Mississippi State  
Two football players – Birmingham-Southern College

ROTC Scholarships: Florida State (Navy); Georgia Tech (Air Force)

Arts Scholarships: Samford University, Shorter University, and Western Carolina University

UGA: Early action – 9; total accepted – 17; total attending – 10.
Addition of classes in public speaking and music recording in the high school;
Initiation of a fifth grade drama class;
Introduction of a lower school musical for fourth and fifth grade students;
Beginning of a middle school show choir;
Expansion of Murray Arts Academy to include advanced ballet and contemporary dance as well as new classes in acting and musical theater;
Expansion of Murray Arts Academy to allow music students to take private lessons during the day;
Initiation of MPAC, Mount Paran Arts Council, a parents’ volunteer organization designed to support the arts;
The drum line “Genesis” won the Southern Association of Performance Arts (SAPA) championship, a multi-state event; and
GHSA State Literary Champions in girls trio.
• **Eagle Backers**
  The Eagle Backers contributed $152,736 to the athletic program. The funds went for equipment, fitness center upgrades, hospitality, Hughes Gym improvements, programs, etc. Thanks, Eagle Backers!!

• **Middle School**
  ◦ In the past four years, middle school athletics have won the NAML cup twice and placed runner-up twice;
  ◦ Expanded offerings in middle school have included wrestling, boys lacrosse, fifth/sixth grade football, sixth grade girls basketball, and equestrian; and
  ◦ Recent championships have included seventh grade boys basketball, eighth grade baseball, boys golf, and boys cross country. Girls seventh and eighth grade basketball and sixth/seventh grade volleyball were region runner-ups.
HIGH SCHOOL

- MPCS will be competing in newly aligned region 6A – largest and arguably the most competitive region in the state;
- Finished 9th overall in Georgia Athletic Directors Association (GADA) Regions’ Directors Cup of all class A teams in the state; and
- Athletic highlights from 2011-2012:
  - Varsity competition cheerleading finished 2nd in state
  - Varsity football played for region championship and made the state playoffs
  - Boys and girls varsity cross country finished 2nd in Region 6A
  - Boys varsity basketball finished 2nd in region and advanced to second round of state playoffs. (They had a school record of 24 wins.)
  - High school senior, Luke Burton, finished 8th in state in 100M backstroke and 13th in 50M freestyle
  - Varsity boys golf team was region champion and finished 5th in state
  - Varsity girls team finished 2nd in region and 5th in state
  - Varsity boys 4X100M relay team finished fourth in state
  - Varsity girls tennis won region title and advanced to third round of state
  - Varsity baseball team won region title winning 26 games and advancing to second round of state
  - Varsity boys soccer team finished with 14 wins and went to state playoffs
  - Armani Moore, Region Player of the Year in basketball
Five mission trips with over 50 students participating:
- Guatemala - Spring
- Dominican Republic - Summer
- Ethiopia - Summer
- Peru – Summer
- Atlanta - Summer

Student-led Wednesday night Bible study with 50 high school students participating;

Freshman guys summer small group with over 20 students participating. (Footnote: some senior guys began showing up to get to know the freshmen!). Also, last year’s eighth grade class wanted to replicate the actions of the early church in prayer and teaching so they started a Bible study group which continues to meet in the cabin every Tuesday, joined by some upper class high school students. They also initiated a prayer walk on campus.

Initiation of the Student Government-led Student Life Council (SLC) – a small group of high school students who take it as their responsibility to insure that spiritual life is something of which students take ownership;

Increased number of student-led service initiatives; and

REACH program for new tenth through twelve grade students.
Facilities/Technology/General

- Naming of preschool playground The Cheryl Vinson Playground;
- Naming the lower school art hallway The Cathy Goodman Art Gallery;
- Aesthetic redo of the common areas in Dozier Hall and Mulkey Building including a mural created by our art teachers;
- Agreement with Barrett Parkway Road development;
- Add third hot line to dining room (Coming soon!);
- New computers in Weber Media Center computer lab; and
- New website design to be unveiled soon.
## Development

### FUND 2011-2012

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Fact: 1,046 donors made 3,959 gifts to MPCS in 2011-2012!

(Note: PTF, Eagle Backers, MPAC, and other club/mission fundraising is not included in these numbers.)
Development

- Capital Campaign – Imagine Tomorrow

- Phase 1: Murray Arts Center
  - Murray Foundation $10,000,000
  - Anonymous Foundation $1,500,000
  - Donors $2,873,700
  - TOTAL $14,373,700

Goal: $16,500,000  Remaining: $2,126,300
Development

Phase 2 and 3:

- High School Addition $5.5M
- Athletic Stadium $1.5M

Total Imagine Tomorrow Goal: $23.5M