



Summer, 2014

TO: Mountain View Academy Parents
RE: Church, Home and School Organization
(Formerly PAC, Parent Advisory Committee)

As we approach a new school year, the Church Home and School organization (CHS) (formerly PAC, Parent Advisory Committee) would like you to be aware of some changes for the 2014-2015 school year.

New Name: At our May Constituency meeting delegates from our constituent churches wanted to be included in the expanded vision for MVA. They are deeply committed to what MVA provides, and demonstrate this by financial support as well as prayers and participation. To them, this name change demonstrates the spirit of their hearts to be part of the mix--*Church, home and school.*

The nineteen member churches provide constitutionally-mandated subsidies each year. In 2013-2014 these amounted to 17% of our school budget. The local churches, of which our students and parents are members, also provided additional financial support to individual students, which dramatically increases our enrollment. We are grateful for their words and deeds.

Fees: Previously a \$200 fee has been charged to your family account unless you volunteered to serve the agreed amount of hours. Your hours would offset the fee, prorated, from your student's bill. For 2014-2015 this fee has been **decreased to \$100 per family.**

Volunteer Hours: We will **no longer be requiring any volunteer hours.** But we hope and pray that each of you will see the volunteering as a value, not only for the school, but for your children.

Being involved in your child's academic life is very important. Studies show year after year that the more a parent stays involved in activities on and off campus, commensurate improvement is made by your student academically as well as socially. Since we all want the very best for our kids, we hope that each one of you will continue your support of MVA and will be available to help us with different activities and events that will need a lot of parent support to be successful.

Although no formal accounting of volunteer time will take place, we believe that those of you who have so kindly given your time and talents in the past will continue to see the benefit of doing so in the future.

Financial Support for Big Ticket Items

The non-refundable fee is only the beginning. A huge part of what PAC has done and will continue to do is helping the Academy with the purchase of big ticket items or financial support for many ongoing projects and events on campus

To help you understand what all PAC has done in the past, here are some, but not all of the different ways we have been able to support and fund things on campus:

- Paid for and provided hot lunch to all students on the first day of school
- Paid for and provided hot lunch to all students on visitors day
- Have paid for the after school security position
- Paid for security cameras on campus
- Have paid for the majority of the bus transportation for the two Picnic/Beach Vesper days

- Have Provided lunch for the above two SA activities
- Funded the purchase of new stoves and two new refrigerators for the kitchen
- Contributed thousands of dollars to the remodel of the chapel
- Paid for the tables and chairs used for annual events such as Celebration in Sound and Alumni

Sabbath

- Paid for new round tables for the cafeteria
- Bought new outdoor picnic tables
- At the conclusion of summer of 2014, we will have funded new technology for no less than four classrooms for this coming year

As you can see, there is much that PAC has done in the past, and much that the new Church, Home and School organization will want to continue to do in the future! We hope that you can see and appreciate the fact that we will want and need your support in this endeavor.

Communication: We will call meetings at a minimum of once per quarter for all parents who might be interested in being a part of this group. We would love to have support for helping out with activities throughout the year, and also with decisions that need to be made throughout the year with regard to what projects we'd like to help fund for the school.

In addition, this new organization would enable you to make suggestions and bring your concerns to pass on to the administration or school board.

Please look for an email from the school notifying you of what day we will be calling our first meeting. We need and want your support!

If you have any questions about this new organization or policy, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Thank you for your continued support of Mountain View Academy. We look forward to an awesome 2014-2015 year!