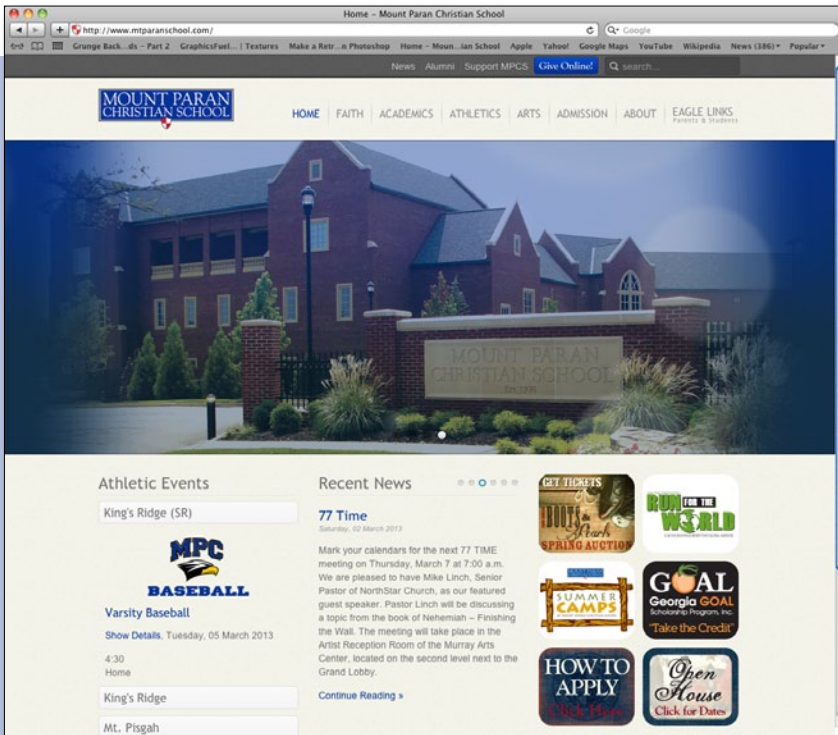


WEEKLY WORD

A weekly correspondence for the students, families, and friends of Mount Paran Christian School

MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

March 6, 2013



Introducing... The New MPCS Website!

After many months of design and programming, the new school website has finally been launched. Our goal is that you will enjoy a more intuitive experience with ease in navigation, accessibility, and readability. Much like Christ's Church, our school isn't limited to merely the campus or facilities, but those who inhabit it. The new site is designed to showcase our students and our mission in a clear and concise way. With more robust capabilities, the links are now genuinely useful to students, faculty, staff, donors, and prospective parents. And with better organization specific to the areas our school serves, it's never been easier to find needed information on the site.

If after you've had a chance to browse the site and are unable to find something specific (such as forms, NetClassroom, teacher blogs, or the lunch menu), be sure to check the Eagle Links section which is designed for current MPCS families. Also, please have patience as we work through any outstanding issues that may arise.

We hope that you will take the time to navigate through the pages, become accustomed to the new format, and that you find it to be your fresh and inviting new "home" on the web.

We encourage all parents to subscribe to our special updates via Facebook and Twitter!



Please "like" the Mount Paran Christian School page on Facebook



Please "follow" us @mtparanschool

Weekly Word in a Fresh New Format

With the unveiling of our new school website, the way you can receive our latest news information has also changed. Current events and news announcements will now be updated daily and can be found on the center news panel of the website homepage, as well as under the News link on the top bar.

Don't worry. All MPCS families will continue to receive the Weekly Word news updates via e-blast on Wednesdays. You will still be able to click through the headlines that most interest your family. The only difference is that you will be directed to the news page on the website where you can read about all the latest happenings at our school.

This update ensures that parents and students will always have the most up-to-date information at your fingertips, and you can locate it on the website any day of the week. This format gives us the capability to communicate to parents about many of the unique events that happen at the school every single day.

2013 PTF SPRING AUCTION

12TH ANNUAL **BOOTS & Pearls**
MOUNT PARAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
MURRAY ARTS CENTER
SAT MARCH 16 DOORS OPEN @ 7:00 PM

"Boots and Pearls" Auction — Saturday, March 16

Come out and join the fun as PTF hosts the 12th Annual MPCS Spring Auction. We have many awesome items and surprises planned for this special evening, so grab your jeans and boots and come ready to bid. A sampling of items offered include a "Third Day" Concert Package (4 tickets and a meet & greet to the already sold-out concert at the Fox Theater), an autographed Braves photo featuring the autographs of Smoltz, Maddux, and Glavine, as well as many fun, family getaways to locations such as St. Simons Island, Gatlinburg, Lake Wedowee, and Elijah. Visit the auction site via the MPCS website to purchase your tickets. We hope to see you all there!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AT WWW.MTPARANSCHOOL.COM



Admission Update

We are excited with the re-enrollment and new student application numbers thus far, and have some grades at or are near waiting list numbers. If you have not yet re-enrolled, call the admission office to determine the space availability in the grade level you are requesting. Waiting list notifications will be going out soon for certain grade levels if the application was received after the due date.

New student applications are available online. Click on "The Apply Now" link from the school home page. You may contact admission@mtparanschool.com if you have any questions. There are application checklist packets on the admission section of the website available for download, which provide all other supporting documents to complete the application process. Preliminary reviews for qualified applicants are now in progress.

Upcoming Events for Prospective Parents

Invite your family and friends to join us for the upcoming opportunity:

March 22 – All Grades Express Tour
8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Mulkey Building, Tour Only
Prospective families may RSVP online at www.mtparanschool.com.

Announcing...



New Advanced PK Class!

Designed for the advanced PK student who has already completed one year of four year-old preschool.

New Advanced PK 4 Class for 2013-2014

This class is available for any student who has already completed one full year of PK4. Students will receive continued academic challenges and fresh curriculum for their development, while gaining increased confidence in their preparation for kindergarten. Please contact the Admission Office for more information about this new program at sbrooks@mtparanschool.com.

Announcing New Bus Route for 2013-2014: Cartersville

A new morning only bus route will be available for the 2013-2014 school year to the Cartersville area. For more information or to indicate your interest, please

contact Steve Ross at ssross@mtparanschool.com. The planned pick up location will be the Hobby Lobby (Hwy 41/ Joe Frank Harris Pkwy). Registration for the other bus routes for the 2013-2014 will begin soon. More information coming soon!



Reminder to all Dads 77 TIME

77 TIME meets tomorrow at 7:00 a.m. and we encourage all men of MPCS to attend. Blessed to have Mike Linch, Senior Pastor of NorthStar Church as our featured guest speaker, we are excited about Mike's message from the book of Nehemiah – "Finishing the Wall."

*Special note for location change – We will meet in the Grand Lobby for breakfast (Chick-fil-A Biscuits), coffee, and juice beginning at 6:40 a.m. before heading into the Kristi Lynn Theatre around 7:00. Make plans to join us and come early for some time of fellowship before hearing a great word from one of the area's most respected pastors.

Thank You, MPCS!

Thanks to everyone who helped with Jeans Day last Thursday! Participation was great and we were able to collect \$2,850.57 for MPCS missions! This is \$300 more than last spring and it will make a huge difference as we go to serve the world and spread the Truth about Jesus Christ!

Sadie Hawkins Dance

The first ever MPCS Sadie Hawkins Dance was a great success. Sponsored by the Sophomore Class SGA, more than 200 high school students turned out for the country western themed dance with proceeds benefitting promRED - a student-led organization committed to supporting organizations attempting to eliminate human trafficking in the "In it to END IT Movement". We are proud to report that MPCS will contribute approximately \$2,500 to promRED from this event. Awesome job MPCS! Thanks to everyone who made Saturday night possible.

JDRF Walk

The preschool community will join together with classmate Ryan Thompson, for "A Walk for a Cure," to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime. JDRF leads funding and advocacy for type 1 diabetes science. Ryan is one of three students who attend Mount Paran who have type 1 diabetes. The preschool students will participate in awareness activities during the month of March leading up to the day of the walk on March 27, 2013. If you would like to help the preschool students in their fight for a cure please visit <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/MountParanChristianSchool> for information about giving.



Book Fair

Come by the Scholastic Book Fair Blizard today and chill out with a great book. We want to make sure that everyone knows we are selling a book written by one of our very own parents. The title of the book is *For You, My Child, I Prayed* and it is written and illustrated by Lisa Shoch, mother of Paisley (second grade) and Colby (Kindergarten). The cost of the book is \$14.00.



MPCS Summer Camps

Plan your summer fun now! Registration is open for 2013 summer camps at Mount Paran Christian School. Visit www.mtparanschool.com/summercamps to find camp details and to register online. We offer a variety of camps for all PK3-12 students in the community. Find the perfect camp to fit your child's academic, athletic, and/or artistic desires.





From the Registrar

Reminder that report cards for third through twelfth grade will be posted on NetClassroom Friday March 15.

New England Trip Added for June 2014

Students currently in eighth and ninth grades are eligible for a fun trip exploring Boston, Concord, Lexington, Cambridge, and Salem as we focus upon the rich historical and literary legacy of New England. We hope students will consider this brief trip (June 11-14) to enrich their experience of two junior year courses, American History and American Literature. There will be a 30 minute Informational Meeting for parents at 6:00 p.m. on March 12 in Mrs. Wood's classroom in the Murray Arts Center. For more information, please contact Mrs. Wood at dwood@mtparanschool.com.

Impacted by Others

For three weeks in February, Mount Paran Christian School partnered with The Walker School in hosting 12 students and one teacher from a school in Rafaela, Argentina. High school families accepted these students into their homes as their own and exposed them to some true Southern hospitality. The purpose of this trip was two-fold: to allow the students from Argentina to use their knowledge of English to effectively communicate as well as to experience a culture that is different from their own. The visiting students spent time on campus attending classes and also traveling to local attractions like the Georgia Aquarium, the World of Coca-Cola, and the CNN Center. This visit was the first half of a student exchange between MPCS and Escuela de la Plaza/La Plaza School. In May, nine MPCS students will travel to Rafaela for ten days to reunite with their Argentine friends and experience their life and culture.

Exchange students Martin Casabella and Julieta Trucone with Marcos Cordero working with our preschool students.



Reminder – High School Parents

Friday, March 8, is an important day for the high school.

- Our seniors will be in Florida taking part in the annual senior trip.
- Our juniors will be participating in our annual Cornerstone event on campus
- Our sophomores will be taking the PLAN test, a precursor to the ACT exam
- Our freshmen will be taking a mock PLAN test provided by Appalrouth

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT NOON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8. Students who do not have transportation home until the normal 3:10 p.m. dismissal time will be placed in a monitored study hall in the high school commons.



Spring Athletic Notes

There are several ways to get information for your favorite team's schedule this season, whether for games or weather postponements and cancellations.

MPCS Website – All team schedules are posted on the main page of the Athletics section of the website. Select the sport on the right sidebar (or at the bottom of the page), and then select the specific team to view this season's schedule. Both of these are updated as soon as changes/postponements occur. (NOTE: Directions are also available for each away game from the individual team pages.)

Athletic Hotline – Each morning, the day's games are recorded on this voicemail extension, accessible by dialing either 770.874.6574 (outside line) or 770.578.0182 extension 1005 (or ATH on the alphabetic option if the switchboard is closed.) The hotline is also updated during the day as soon as weather-related game and/or practice postponements or cancellations are announced.

@rt Night This Week

March is National Youth Arts Month, and at MPCS, @rt Night is a celebration of the many talents of our students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Held in the Murray Arts Center on Thursday from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., the displays in the Grand Lobby will represent the various techniques and mediums of visual art studied throughout the year combined with musical performances in the Kristi Lynn Theatre by our lower school students as well as the debut performance of our middle school show choir. Come out to support and enjoy a wonderful evening of visual art and musical performances!

Chorus

Congratulations to the MPCS fifth and sixth grade chorus for their performance at the Georgia Music Educators Association District Choral Festival for elementary school choruses. The students sang two songs and were evaluated on their work, receiving straight "Superior" markings. The designation of "Superior" is the highest evaluative marking that a music ensemble can receive at this event.

Best wishes to the MPCS high school chorus as it takes the stage at Lassiter high school this Thursday, March 7, at 12:00 p.m. for Georgia Music Educators Association District Choral Festival for high school choruses. Our singers will present music that they have prepared for performance evaluation. The event is free and open to the public.

All State Band

Congratulations to Anne Crow (seventh grade – trumpet) and Jordan McCoy (eighth grade – clarinet) for having participated in the 2013 Georgia All State Bands this weekend in Savannah. Anne and Jordan placed high amongst a very competitive field of musicians from across the state, and performed with peers in a concert of music on the stage of the Savannah Civic Center.

Chick-fil-A Biscuits

Chicken biscuits will be on sale for \$2.75 in the dining hall, the eighth grade hall, and the main entrance to Dozier Hall beginning at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday morning.

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Calendar HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2013

- 4-8 Book Fair
- 7 Art Night
- 8 8th Grade Dance
- 6-10 Senior Trip
- 11 "Ask the Experts" College Night
- 15 HS Talent Show
- 16 PTF Spring Auction
- 21-23 HS Drama, *39 Steps*
- 22 WWII Fair
- Express Tour Open House
- 25 NHS Induction
- 25-28 HS Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 29 Good Friday Holiday

APRIL 2013

- 1 Easter Monday Holiday
- 6-14 Mission Trip to Guatemala
- 8-12 Spring Break—No School
- 16 Choral Concert
- 17 Service Day Chapel
- 18 Band/Orchestra Concert
- 19 Junior-Senior Prom
- 22 NJHS Induction
- 23 Rising 6th Grade Meeting
- 24 Service Day
- 25 Dance Concert
- 26 8th Grade Spiritual Emphasis Day
- 29-May 3 8th Grade to Washington, D.C.

MAY 2013

- 1-3 7th Grade to Charleston, SC
- 2-3 5th Grade to Camp Wahsega
- 6 HS Honors Night
- 6-17 AP Exams
- 9 Performing Arts Awards Night
- 10 Mom-Son Picnic
- 15 Last Chapel
- 16 PTF Meeting
- 16 Band Banquet
- 17 Senior Breakfast
- 18 HS Commencement
- 21-24 MS/HS Exams
- 23 PS Commencement
- 23 8th Grade Blessing Ceremony
- 24 Last Day of School, Early Dismissals

Did you know...

Is my Annual Fund gift tax deductible? What is a matching gift?

Gifts to the Annual Fund are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Many companies match employees' gifts to nonprofit organizations at a 1:1 ratio. This could double your gift! Simply ask your Human Resources Department for a matching gift form. For more information, please contact Cindy Gibbs in the Development office at cgibbs@mtparanschool.com. Giving has also been made more convenient through the online giving tool at www.mtparanschool.com/annualfund

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