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LEARNING ANYTIME ANYWHERE WITH IPADS

The iPads have finally arrived on the Monte Vista Christian campus. Since their arrival April 13, 2010 the iPad fleet has grown from 80 to over 700. The exciting thing this year is every high school student will carry an iPad 24/7. Monte Vista is committed to this tool enough to not include the cost in the tuition dollar. The funding for the iPad project has been generated from the rental of our campus in the summer and capital improvement. The only cost to the parents is an insurance policy that covers the iPad for theft and accidental damage. All high school students will receive their iPads at Campus Connection.

Several have asked about the school textbooks being on the iPads. Where are all the digital editions that the publishers have promised? To answer that question, publishers are very slow in the process to convert over to digital.

The desire that Monte Vista has is to purchase interactive digital textbooks. Check our website under "Academics" and you will find all the courses textbooks.

You can use ISBN# for your own search for digital, e-text, or PDF's books if they are available.

iPad Information:

[Webpage](#)

[Parent information meeting](#)

August 18, 2011

7:00pm

[Technical issues](#)

831-722-8178 x 184

[ARC is the repair center on campus for updates and to re-sync](#)

iPads Check Out Dates--

SENIORS

August 10, 2011 (Wed.)

1:00 - 5:00pm

JUNIORS/SOPHOMORES

August 11, 2011 (Thu.)

8:00am - 6:00pm

NEW STUDENTS/FRESHMEN

August 12, 2011 (Fri.)

12:00 - 5:00pm

NOTE:

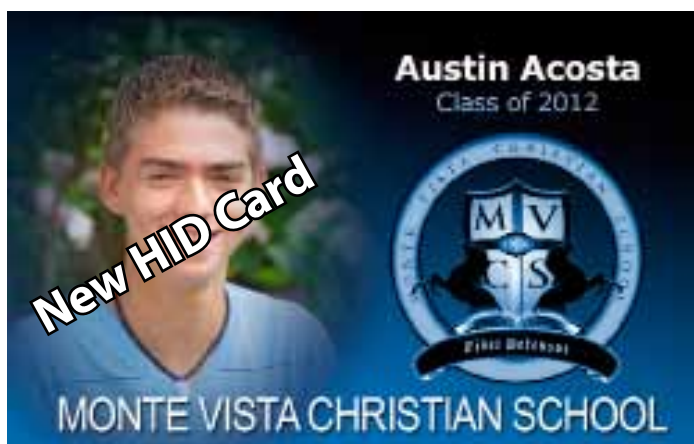
Before you receive your iPad--

- 1) Tdap vaccination
- 2) Signed iPad contracts
- 3) Insurance paid



Genna Virden Class of 2012

Thomas White, our iPad integrator, has worked with our faculty over the last year to develop 10 standards of iPad integration. One example of these standards is: Read-only handouts and papers that do not require students to write/draw/solve and re-submit will be posted on Focus and accessed through iPads by students. No handout that is read-only may be distributed as paper.



THE POWER OF THE ID CARD

The 2011-2012 school year will introduce new HID student cards for all high school students. The ID card has a chip that will identify the student. It will log when a student enters and leaves the campus. Students will be able to unlock the gate by swiping their card within a foot of the sensor.

The Middle Gate (front drive entrance) will be locked during the school hours. Those wanting to enter the middle gate will have to be buzzed in.

At MVCS we are striving for a secure campus.

Three entries with HID cards

- 1) Pedestrian Gate is located in front of upper student parking lot
- 2) Athletics Gate entrance is located behind the gym
- 3) Middle Gate is located in the front drive entrance.

Gate Times

Mon. - Thu.....6:30am - 8:30am and 2:30pm - 3:45pm.

Fri.....6:30am - 8:30am and 1:45pm - 3:45pm.



Middle Gate



Card Reader

NEW STUDENT SERVICES OFFICES



Monte Vista Christian high school has a new college and career counseling center with six counselors.

Here at MVCS, we believe all students should pursue some kind of education beyond high school. To help with this goal we have available a wide variety of planning tools such as college selection and application resources, professional/technical schools information, career advisement, testing support, financial aid and scholarship information, and the list goes on! It's all for free and I hope you take advantage of this wonderful new service!

Students are always welcome to visit during the day by either dropping in or signing up on the call sheet. Parents are encouraged to call, email, or make appointments to come in to get their questions answered. The process of moving from high school to the "outside world" can be a little daunting but we are here to help make the transition just a little easier! Please let us know how we can help. 831-722-8178 x122

New to College/Career

Alexxa Craton

Kim Frey

Shari Waldinger

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Counselors Assist Students in the Following Areas

Academic Planning

- High School 4 year planning
- Post high school advising
- Schedule maintenance
- Recommendation writing for colleges and scholarships
- Classroom and evening presentations
- Standardized exam interpretation

Career Planning

- Strong Interest Inventory/DISCS Interpretation
- Discuss appropriate classes for college bound students
- Offer interest inventories for Career Planning
- Resume writing skills
- ACT/SAT registration packets and information
- Financial Aid help
- Information about colleges and technical schools
- Part-time/summer job opportunities
- Volunteering opportunities
- Financial Aid Information Night
- College Information Night
- Sophomore/Junior/Senior College Planning classes
- Scholarship applications/information
- Valuable internet sites for college/scholarship searches
- PSAT Plan information
- Military Academy information

YOUR STUDENT SERVICES TEAM



Meet Steve Woods ext. 117

Tell us about your background/experience/training

I have a BBA in Finance, a MEd in Education, and MSS in Sport Science. My educational experience started at Georgia Christian School, where I coached and taught Math, Science, Computers, and Bible.

I then worked six years at Greater Atlanta Christian High School in Atlanta, teaching Ethics, Computer Science, Algebra II and serving as the Athletics Director and Head Coach. From there I moved west to Texas, serving as Middle/High School Principal in Abilene, and then High School Principal in Dallas. After seven years in Texas, we moved to the west coast where I served 9 years at Santiam Christian School in Oregon in a variety of capacities including School Principal, Director of Technology for K-12, and head football coach.

How did you decide to come to Monte Vista?

I was looking for a cutting edge Christian school that was really integrating technology. When I met the leadership and staff, I could see this was a special place and I really felt God's leading. And the fact that it didn't rain as much here as it did in Oregon was also a bonus.

What will you be teaching/doing this year?

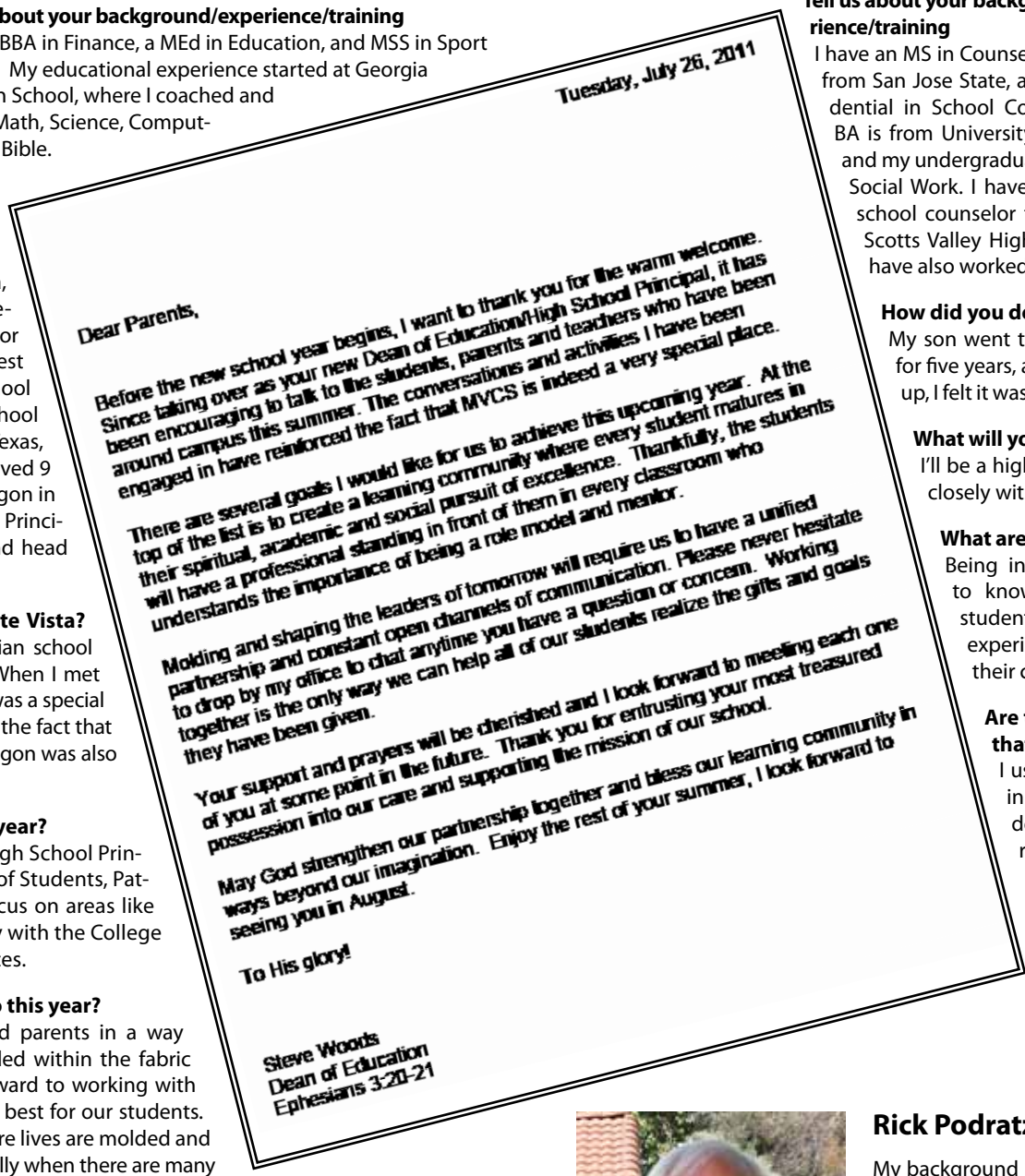
I will serve as the Dean of Education/ High School Principal. It is also very nice having a Dean of Students, Patty Gillig, because it frees up time to focus on areas like academics, instruction and work closely with the College & Career Advisors within Student Services.

What are you most looking forward to this year?

Partnering with the staff, students, and parents in a way where Christian values can be embedded within the fabric of the learning environment. I look forward to working with so many fantastic people who want the best for our students. Working in a dynamic environment where lives are molded and impacted is an incredible feeling, especially when there are many other people who are encouraging and mentoring the students.

Are there any little-known facts about yourself that you'd like to share?

I carried the Olympic torch in Nagano, Japan for the 1998 Olympics, as one of only 13 Americans. I was honored to be a teacher/educator representative for the United States. I am also married to a wonderful wife and have three amazing daughters!



Meet Kim Frey ext. 124

Tell us about your background/experience/training

I have an MS in Counselor Education from San Jose State, and a PPS credential in School Counseling. My BA is from University of Riverside and my undergraduate major was Social Work. I have been a high school counselor for 9 years at Scotts Valley High School, and have also worked as a middle school counselor.



How did you decide to come to Monte Vista?

My son went to Baymonte Christian School in Scotts Valley for five years, and when this position at Monte Vista opened up, I felt it was God's calling, and that I was meant to be here.

What will you be teaching/doing this year?

I'll be a high school College and Career Advisor, working closely with the College and Career Advising team.

What are you most looking forward to this year?

Being in a God-centered environment, and getting to know our students, staff, and faculty--helping students to make the most out of their high school experience at Monte Vista and to figure out what is their calling in terms of college major and career.

Are there any little-known facts about yourself that you'd like to share?

I used to co-own and run a Japanese restaurant in Capitola. My interests include organic gardening, sewing, jewelry making, and taking road trips. Two of my favorite places to visit are Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico.



Rick Podratz ext. 116

My background is in marketing and sales. I've worked in education for the last twenty years, with twelve of those in college admissions, including at Bethany University in Scotts Valley. As a College and Career Advisor, I'm looking forward to focusing on "customer service" for our students.

A little known fact:

I'm a tree farmer, sawyer, and gardener.



Meet Shari Waldinger ext. 109

Tell us about your background/experience/training

I have a Bachelors degree in Psychology and Social Behavior, with a minor in Education, from UC Irvine. I also have an MS in Educational Counseling from National University, and a Pupil Personnel Services credential. I have counseled in an elementary and middle school, and have taught in alternative education, including working with children with autism last year.

How did you decide to come to Monte Vista?

I'm from the Monterey area, and saw the job posting. I know Madonna Navarro through a friend, and this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up.

What will you be teaching/doing this year?

I'll be a high school College and Career Advisor.

What are you most looking forward to this year?

Being there for the students, and keeping open lines of communication. I'm excited about helping them figure out how to move through high school and on to college—it will be a lot of fun, and a learning experience for everybody.

Are there any little-known facts about yourself that you'd like to share?

I'm very "craft-y" and I love to scrapbook—I recently made a scrapbook for my 1-year-old son's birthday, with places for people to write messages to him and give him their advice about life. I'm planning to make one every year!



Carolyn Mariot ext. 102

I majored in German/European Studies with a minor in Art, and earned my Masters in Education and my teaching credential at Valparaiso University. After graduation, I taught in Austria through the Austrian-American Fulbright Commission and later in the Czech Republic. Currently, I am pursuing a Masters in Counseling and a PPS credential at San Jose State.

I came to Monte Vista as a Summer ESL instructor and fell in love with the students, the type of school that Monte Vista is, and the broad world perspective here. As a College and Career Advisor for resident and international students, I'm looking forward to helping juniors and seniors with their college plans, and helping freshmen and sophomores get on the right track for their futures.

A little known fact: I was a high school exchange student in Germany, which helped me learn about navigating through an unfamiliar education system and sparked my passion for travel.



Valerie Mooney ext. 140

My college major was Juvenile Justice, with a minor in Psychology. When my husband took a job at Monte Vista, and my son applied for school here, it all came together for me to join the Monte Vista family. As a College and Career Advisor, I'll be making sure students are working toward their 4-year graduation plan. My goal is to meet "all of their needs and some of their wants!" I have a passion to work with the students.

A little known fact: I'm a certified Zumba instructor.



Meet Alexxa Craton ext. 133

Tell us about your background/experience/training

I graduated from Azusa Pacific with a BA in Child and Family Psychology, I have a Masters in Education, and a PPS credential in School Counseling.

How did you decide to come to Monte Vista?

I love what Monte Vista stands for, and the experience of Christian community. I learned about the school from Joe McCroskey, who is my 2nd cousin!

What will you be teaching/doing this year?

I'll be a part-time College and Career Counselor in the high school and the middle school, and doing some office support. I'll also be an on-call substitute teacher.

What are you most looking forward to this year?

I'm excited about getting to know the students, forming positive relationships with students, faculty, and parents, and becoming integrated into the school community.

Are there any little-known facts about yourself that you'd like to share?

I lived in Italy for a study abroad semester, and I love to travel. In October I'll run a half-marathon with my husband, Grant.



Kristine Sessions

Registrar
ext. 144



Leslye Reese

Admin.
Assistant
ext. 122

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS



Grant Craton
History & Graphic Arts



Peter Locatelli
Chemistry & Video Arts



Amy Dillon
Bible



Carissa Medina
Middle School



Ashley Selck
Middle School



Kiley Woods
Health & Wellness



CLASS OF 2012 – PARKING SPOT PAINTING SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH, 2011

For the first time in MVCS history, the senior class will have the opportunity to make their parking spots their own. On Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, 1:00 PM- 9:30PM, senior class students are invited to come to the Monte Vista parking lot and paint their parking spot. This will be new, fun, and exciting! This event will replace the Senior Sleepover.

Seniors who complete the following may participate in personalizing their parking spot:

- Completion of registration form, securing both student and parent/guardian signatures
- Purchase of a 2011-2012 vehicle Parking Permit (\$20) from the Business Office
- Submit \$35 to reserve Senior Parking privileges. The fee is for parking in the Senior Zone and the paint for your spot. (\$30 with ASB Sticker)
- Place a sketch of the proposed parking spot design on the back of this registration form
- Submit the registration form, with the sketch on the back, to the Dean of Students office by Friday, **Aug. 12, 2011 (Fax, Email, or hand in.)**
All parking spot designs require prior approval by school officials.

Students are reminded the MVCS Code of Conduct will be enforced during the Senior class parking spot painting event. Any representation of drugs, drug paraphernalia, slander, slang, racism, gangs, or sexual connotation are prohibited. MVCS reserves the right to deny Senior parking spot painting privileges and remove artwork if a breach of conduct occurs during the event or at any time during the school year.



Scott Smithson
Biology

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

During the first week of school, August 15-19, we'll get off to a great start with Spiritual Emphasis Week. Both the high school and the middle school will have special assemblies featuring Greg Speck. Greg has worked with young people for more than 20 years, and is currently the Youth and Family Communicator for Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota. He's a lively speaker, and his theme will be "Revive: Coming face to face with the living God, and becoming what He has created us to be."

Monday, August 15, 2011				
First	8:10	-	8:54	44 min
Second	8:59	-	9:43	44 min
Break	9:43	-	9:53	10 min
Third	9:58	-	10:42	44 min
Fourth	10:47	-	11:31	44 min
Assembly	11:36	-	12:20	44 min
Lunch	12:20	-	12:55	35 min
Greg Speck	1:00	-	2:26	86 min
Seventh	2:31	-	3:15	44 min

Tuesday, August 16, 2011				
First	8:10	-	8:54	44 min
Second	8:59	-	9:43	44 min
Break	9:43	-	9:53	10 min
Third	9:58	-	10:42	44 min
Fourth	10:47	-	11:31	44 min
Fifth	11:36	-	12:20	44 min
Lunch	12:20	-	12:55	35 min
Greg Speck	1:00	-	2:26	86 min
Seventh	2:31	-	3:15	44 min

Wednesday, August 17, 2011				
First	8:10	-	8:54	44 min
Second	8:59	-	9:43	44 min
Break	9:43	-	9:53	10 min
Third	9:58	-	10:42	44 min
Fourth	10:47	-	11:31	44 min
Fifth	11:36	-	12:20	44 min
Lunch	12:20	-	12:55	35 min
Greg Speck	1:00	-	2:26	86 min
Seventh	2:31	-	3:15	44 min

Thursday, August 18, 2011				
First	8:10	-	8:54	44 min
Second	8:59	-	9:43	44 min
Break	9:43	-	9:53	10 min
Third	9:58	-	10:42	44 min
Fourth	10:47	-	11:31	44 min
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Lunch	12:20	-	12:55	35 min
Greg Speck	1:00	-	2:26	86 min
Seventh	2:31	-	3:15	44 min

Friday, August 19, 2011				
First	8:10	-	8:54	44 min
Second	8:59	-	9:43	44 min
Break	9:43	-	9:53	10 min
Third	9:58	-	10:42	44 min
Fourth	10:47	-	11:31	44 min
Fifth	11:36	-	12:20	44 min
Lunch	12:20	-	12:55	35 min
Greg Speck	1:00	-	2:26	86 min
Seventh	2:31	-	3:15	44 min

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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|---------------|------------------------------------|
| August 10 | Campus Connection Seniors |
| August 11 | Campus Connection Jun/Soph |
| August 12 | SPOP for Freshmen and New Students |
| August 12 | Wellness Faire |
| August 15 | First Day of School |
| August 15-19 | Spiritual Emphasis Week |
| August 30 | Back to School Night 7-9pm |
| September 2 | InService—min. day |
| September 5 | Labor Day—no school |
| October 6-7 | InService—no school |
| October 10-14 | Homecoming Week |



MVCS 2011-2012 CAMPUS CONNECTION & ONLINE CHECKLIST

www.mvcs.org/fallchecklist

- SENIORS—**
Wednesday, August 10th, 1:00-5:00pm
- SOPHOMORES/JUNIORS—**
Thursday, August 11th, 8:30am-6:00pm
- FRESHMEN & NEW STUDENTS—**
Friday, August 12th, 12:00-5:00pm

MUST BE DONE BEFORE AUGUST 5TH

- Immunizations
 - Emergency/Medical Information (parental update in focus)
 - Class Schedule (check focus; for seniors contact your College and Career Advisor)
 - Diploma Verification (seniors only) (seniors: check name of student in focus; name that appears in name that will be printed on diploma)
- Once these steps are completed, CHOOSE YOUR OWN LOCKER! See back of this sheet for details.

iPad PICK-UP

- iPad Contract Signed by Parent
- iPad Insurance Paid (paid in MVCS Business Office)

The following are available on the website—www.mvcs.org/fallchecklist

- Summer Reading (due Monday, August 15th)
- 2011-2012 Bell Schedule (also available at campus connection)
- 2011-2012 Key Dates (also available at campus connection)
- Textbooks
- Parent/Student Handbook (please review updated senior edition)

The following should be submitted to the MVCS Business Office.

- Bus (first and complete online packet, submit to Business Office)
- Café Prepay
- Parking Permits
- FACTS (Fuel Management for monthly statements)

The following information booths will be available at Campus Connection.

- Physical Education Clothing (sizes of items, also available to purchase online)
- Athletics
- Performing Arts
- Horsemanship Program

STUDENT PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAM
AUGUST 12, 2011
REGISTRATION...7:45 AM
SPOR...8:00 AM-12:00 PM

WALT WILEY GENERAL SESSION ARE YOU READY?	CHIP INGRAM TEACHER TRAINING LITTLE THINGS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE	GREG SPECK AM SESSIONS YOUR CHILD NEEDS YOU	KATHERYN GORGES AM SESSIONS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS	DAVID ZUCCOLOTTO AM SESSIONS DO YOU KNOW YOUR TEENAGER?	STEVE RIEBUS AM SESSIONS IPADS & THE MVCS INFO SYSTEM
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