



MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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FAITH  
INTEGRITY  
EXCELLENCE  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIP  
GLOBAL OUTREACH



**W**elcome to Monte Vista Christian School. I would like to personally introduce you to our school. Monte Vista is a college preparatory Christian day and boarding school where your children can excel on all levels. Our mission is to help them achieve their highest potential through Christ-centered education. Students at MVCS are writers, chemists, musicians, actors, athletes, friends, and more. In a loving, safe learning environment, we are educating for success in college and for life by creating world changers.

I invite you to visit us to experience the feeling of life, excitement, creativity, and God's presence on our 100-acre campus.

*Stephen J. Sharp, Headmaster*

“The faculty, deans, students, parents, and colleagues make Monte Vista Christian what it is, a vibrant place of exploration, integrity, and enthusiasm.”



# MOMENTS FOR A LIFETIME

Since 1926, Monte Vista Christian School in Watsonville, California has been educating bright young minds with the timeless values of Christ-centered Education, Character, and Excellence. The academic program is rigorous. The co-curricular offerings are robust. And community service is required.



# LIFETIME

The total MVCS Experience, 6th through 12th grade, prepares students to confidently meet the world with knowledge, leadership, and the responsibility to be world changers. While MVCS is old, to be sure, it's not old-fashioned. True to its roots, the cornerstone of MVCS is and always will be our excellent academic program.

As you consider your educational journey, what do you see? What type of environment will spark your interest, maximize your potential and help shape your future?

We invite you to stroll through these pages and glimpse some of the thousands of moments that make up a day at MVCS. And then look closer. See yourself at Monte Vista Christian School, one of the oldest and most prestigious coeducational college preparatory schools in the Monterey Bay area, with a reputation earned and refined throughout a century and beyond.

Your journey is waiting to happen. Character, Scholarship, and Excellence are timeless values at MVCS, and this is the place where you can dream, learn, and become, all under the guidance of highly capable and caring faculty.





# VISION

Monte Vista Christian School is dedicated to being the premier college preparatory Christian school in Northern California, committed to preparing students to be world changers.

# MISSION

Monte Vista Christian School champions students to achieve their highest potential through Christ-centered educational excellence.

## CORE VALUES

*We are passionately committed to:*

### FAITH—

*modeling, teaching, and being shaped by a faith that is consistent with a Christian worldview.*

### INTEGRITY—

*demonstrating exemplary lifestyles reflective of Christian ethics with accountability to Christ, each other, our students, and our community.*

### EXCELLENCE—

*teaching a Biblical, accredited curriculum and providing outstanding, innovative educational programs that prepare our students for success in life.*

### COMMUNITY—

*creating an environment of generosity and compassion that is responsive to the needs of those we serve.*

### PARTNERSHIP—

*sustaining a partnership with families to enhance our students' character, learning, and development.*

### GLOBAL OUTREACH—

*presenting the message of Jesus Christ to all the world, while living as trustworthy and accountable stewards within God's creation.*

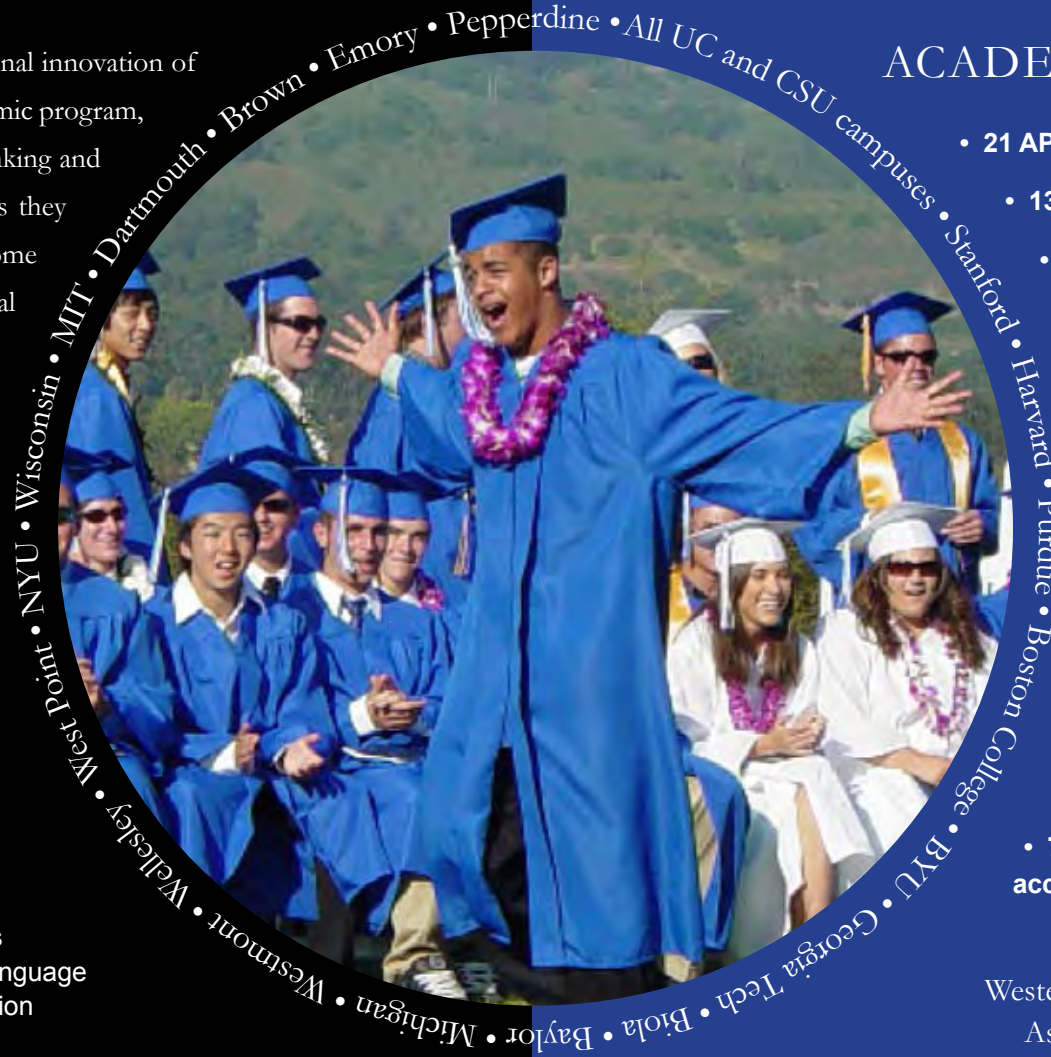
# A DEEP RESPECT FOR INTELLECTUAL VALUES



Our students embrace the educational innovation of our rigorous Christ-centered academic program, designed to encourage creative thinking and to promote independent inquiry as they develop the skills necessary to become world changers in a dynamic global environment.

## Features:

- 60 classrooms
- 3 rooms with interactive Harkness Tables
- 60 classroom smartboards or HDTVs
- 300 computers on campus
- 62 different software programs
- 56 library computer workstations for research, streaming video, language studies, and homework preparation



## ACADEMICS AT MVCS

- 21 AP and honors classes offered
- 138 AP students
- 55 faculty--all hold college degrees
- 36% faculty hold postgraduate degrees
- 58% faculty are male; 42% are female
- 50% faculty have taught here 10+ years
- 18 students--average class size
- 119 points above CA mean on SAT test
- 20 percentile points above the national average on the Middle School SAT
- 16 AP Scholars in 2009
- 47 CSF members in the class of 2009
- 75 different colleges and universities accepted our 2009 graduates

Accredited by:  
Western Association of Schools and Colleges and  
Association of Christian Schools International



# MIDDLE SCHOOL



## GRADES 6-8 MAKING THE TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Recognizing that middle school students are in a unique period of developmental growth, our emphasis is placed on a well-rounded program of student mastery in academic fundamentals enhanced with computers and a wide variety of electives that offer enjoyable enrichment of the students' personal interests.

**Student-to faculty ratio: 12:1**  
**Average class size: 18**



## CURRICULUM

- Algebra
- Bible
- English
- Geometry
- Health
- History
- 16 electives each year
- Integrated Science
- Life Science
- Physical Education
- Physical Science
- Pre-algebra
- Spanish

## VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Band
- Ceramics
- Drama
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Painting and Drawing

## FACILITIES

- art lab
- science labs
- ceramics lab
- computer labs
- choir room
- band room
- gym
- black box theatre
- equestrian center

# HIGH SCHOOL

GRADES 9–12  
600 STUDENTS STRONG

Preparing Students for Success Beyond Monte Vista

The high school offers students the opportunity to be educated in an exciting, creative, and challenging academic program where they can learn about themselves through a wide range of activities, arts, athletics, and relationships in a caring school community.

We emphasize writing, research and the discourse of ideas throughout a program that offers Advanced Placement classes in all disciplines.



## CORE CURRICULUM

### Mathematics

Algebra 1, 2 (H)  
Calculus AB, BC (AP)  
Geometry (H)  
Precalculus (H)  
Statistics (AP)  
Trigonometry (H)

### History

American Gov. (AP)  
Economics (H)  
European (AP)  
Psychology (AP)  
Sociology  
US History (AP)  
World History (H)

### English

American Literature (H)  
English Literature (H) (AP)  
English Composition (AP)  
Journalism  
Speech and Debate  
Transitional English  
Yearbook

### Sciences

Anatomy (H)  
Biology (H)  
Chemistry (H) (AP)  
Chemistry in Community  
Conceptual Physics  
Physics (AP)

### Biblical Courses

Beauty and Identity  
Bible Leadership  
Christian World View  
Church History  
Journey into Manhood  
Novel Christianity  
Old Testament  
New Testament

### Languages

Spanish 1-4 (AP)  
French 1-4 (AP)  
Japanese 1-4 (AP)

Key: (H= Honors) (AP=AP prep)



# MARCH TERM International & Domestic Trips/Internships/All Day Classes

MarchTerm is an innovative feature at Monte Vista Christian School, designed to expand the breadth of learning. Modeled after the college Intercession concept, students can choose from 40 to 50 one-week classes that are above and beyond the normal high school and middle school curriculum, or can travel around the world through educational and mission trips. As juniors and seniors, students can participate in internships that allow them to experience a profession first-hand before they decide on a college or a major. MarchTerm truly means opportunities for Monte Vista Christian School students.



## Sample Trips:

- France
- Scotland
- Italy
- Greece
- Costa Rica
- New York
- New Zealand

## Sample Courses:

- Interior Design
- Chess
- Forensic Science
- Court Reporting
- Robotics
- Japanese Cooking
- Board Games
- Moto Vista
- Music of the World
- Monster Mosaics
- Film as Literature
- So You Think You Can Dance
- Ebay Selling
- Calligraphy
- Animal Shelter Volunteer



# STUDENT LIFE COLLEGE COUNSELING



## THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF MONTE VISTA

MVCS integrates spiritual development and Biblical principles into all parts of the educational experience. Our students learn to reflect on the presence of God in their lives and follow a path on which their faith can grow stronger. We welcome every student, regardless of religious orientation. Monte Vista offers 12 different Bible courses, middle school and high school chapel assemblies, weekly Bible studies, and mission trips that are available during MarchTerm.

## CLUBS

Through club involvement, students broaden their horizons, gain new experiences, and develop leadership skills. Students are encouraged to join any of the 20 or so active clubs--and they can always start a new one! Among the current choices are the Japanese Club, the Bicycle Club, the Eco-Savvy Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is a positive part of the educational process at Monte Vista as our students learn what it means to serve others through a cumulative graduation requirement of 24 hours yearly.



Like proud parents showing treasured photos, Monte Vista guidance counselors enjoy sharing their lists of colleges attended by Monte Vista graduates. Together, counselors and students achieve exceptional results by providing qualified students thoughtful, informed advice to help them execute their plans with integrity and grace.

## FACTS

- **More than 150 students graduate each year**
- **All of our graduates are college-eligible**
- **Our 3 guidance counselors have an open door policy for students**
- **A counselor meets with each freshman to establish a 4-year plan**
- **Junior & Senior Parent Nights provide college guidance to families**
- **Students are advised by their counselors on college applications**
- **College representatives visit us to meet with our students**
- **We offer ACT and SAT Prep workshops on campus**
- **Students in grades 6-8 take the Stanford Achievement Test**
- **Students in grades 9-11 take the PSAT**
- **100% of our resident students attend a college or university**

# RESIDENTIAL LIFE AT MONTE VISTA

Monte Vista Christian School is the largest Christian co-ed boarding school in the western United States, housing 126 students. The residential life program brings students, staff, and faculty together in a supportive and nurturing environment.

## MVCS OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

- Dorm Leadership
- Family Friends program
- Weekly local excursions and town trips
- University visits
- Supervised study hall in the evenings
- Writing Center in the dorm
- Campus athletics facilities—basketball, soccer, tennis, and pool
- Music practice rooms
- Summer 5 week ESL program available

**100% of residential graduates attend University or college**



The dormitories are equipped with all of the basic necessities and even a few of the luxuries of life:

- 10 full-time, degreed residential life staff
- SKYPE in both dorms
- Laundry facilities
- Satellite television
- Kitchens
- Lounges
- Student bicycles
- Banks of computers
- WiFi high-speed internet

## ESL PROGRAM

The Monte Vista Christian School one-year “English as a Second Language” Program is designed for students who demonstrate intermediate to advanced English skills. Students must achieve a minimum TOEFL test score of 425 prior to enrollment.





## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Ranked among the top 15% of high school music programs in California, our students win Command Performance Awards and Gold Medals annually. There are 10 performances on campus each year; other performances have included Carnegie Hall, France, Philadelphia, Chicago, schools, churches, and nursing homes

- chorus
- strings
- orchestra
- chamber choir
- band
- music theory AP
- voice technique
- music pedagogy
- chorale
- handbell choir

# THE FINE AND PERFORMING

# Arts

- winds
- hymnology
- ceramics
- drama
- photography
- art I & II
- technical theatre
- digital video
- film scoring
- web design
- graphic design
- broadcasting



## EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES

- Art studio
- Band room
- Black Box theatre
- Ceramics studio
- Choir room
- Darkroom
- Digital video lab
- Film scoring studio
- 2 Radio stations
- 6 Music practice rooms



# ATHLETICS



## MVCS ATHLETICS PROGRAM

- 41 different sport teams
- 6 athletics fields, 2 gyms and a pool
- 2 tennis courts
- 1,800 sq. ft. weight room
- 2 mens and womens locker rooms
- Western and English riding arenas with 21 horses
- 18 hole golf course adjoining the campus
- Monterey Bay League championships in multiple sports
- 70% of the student body plays on a sports team

- Football
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Swim and Dive
- Cheer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Wrestling
- Cross-country
- Volleyball
- Equestrian

# MONTE VISTA CAMPUS & FACILITIES



- CAMPUS**
- 100 acre campus
  - 60 classrooms
  - 2 gyms
  - 6 athletics fields
  - 2 dorms
  - 12 buses
  - 21 horses
  - 5 ponds

In south Santa Cruz County nestled in North Watsonville, sits the Monte Vista Christian School campus. Located in the heart of the beautiful Monterey Bay area of California, the spacious and picturesque campus is situated in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The campus occupies 100 acres of rolling lawns, ponds, six athletics fields, weight room, two gymnasiums, pool, tennis courts, equestrian facilities, boys and girls dormitories, and forty-nine buildings.



# TAKE THE NEXT STEP

## ADMISSION

Monte Vista Christian School welcomes students who will benefit from our academically challenging and enriching programs and who will contribute their own special talents and enthusiasm to the school community. Among the primary determining factors of acceptance are standardized test scores, academic credentials, personal recommendations, and interviews.

Once the application has been filed with the Admissions office, the applicant and his or her parents should make an appointment for an interview.

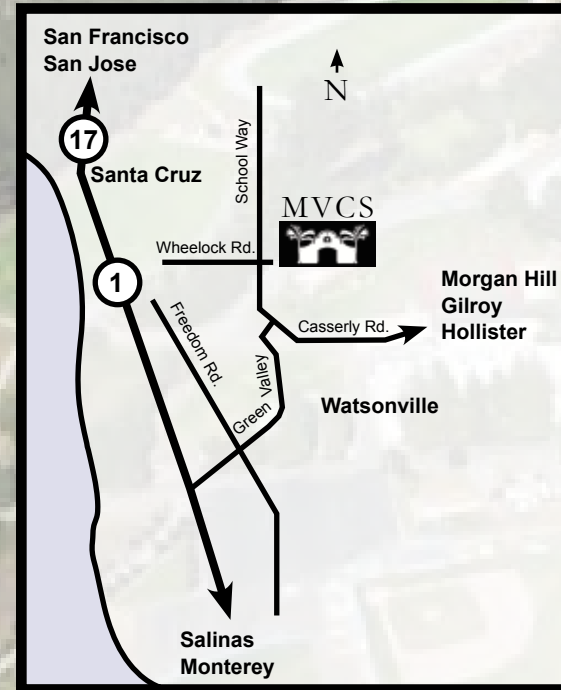
We start accepting applications on September 1 for the following school year..

Information: visit [www.mvcs.org/Admissions](http://www.mvcs.org/Admissions) or call:

**Day Admissions**  
831-722-8178 x137

**Resident/International Admissions**  
831-722-8178 x194

## demographics



## BUS ROUTES TO THESE CITIES

<b>Aptos</b>	<b>Salinas</b>
<b>Castroville</b>	<b>San Juan Bautista</b>
<b>Gilroy</b>	<b>San Martin</b>
<b>Hollister</b>	<b>Sand City</b>
<b>Marina</b>	<b>Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Monterey</b>	<b>Scotts Valley</b>
<b>Morgan Hill</b>	<b>Soquel</b>
<b>Rio Del Mar</b>	<b>Watsonville</b>

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