

June 2009

Dear MRCA Parents:

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the summer vacation. Even though school has only been out for a little over a week, we are already busy making preparations for the 2009-2010 school year. In order for there to be a smooth beginning to the next school year, I would like to make you aware of a few changes that will take place in August.

First and most importantly, I want to draw your attention to the new format for the beginning of school. Please read the following information carefully in order to familiarize yourself with the staggered start to the new year. The start dates for Middle School, Elementary, and Preschool are as follows:

Monday, August 17th

½ Day of School 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Middle School 5th through 8th grades ONLY will attend school on Monday. This is their first day of classes; it is not an optional day.

There are no classes for K3 through 4th grade on Monday the 17th.

Middle School schedules will be available beginning Monday, August 10th or on Monday, August 17th.

Tuesday, August 18th

½ Day of School 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Elementary School 1st through 4th grades ONLY will attend school on Tuesday. This is their first day of classes; it is not an optional day.

There are no classes for K3 through T1 or Middle School 5th through 8th grades on Tuesday the 18th.

Class lists will be posted on Monday, August 10th.

Wednesday, August 19th

Students in T1 through 8th grade will attend school. This is the first day of school for T1 and **is not an optional day.**

There are no classes for K3 through K5 on Wednesday the 19th.

Hours:	1 st – 8 th grades	8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	T1	8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, August 20th

ALL students K3 through 8th grade attend school. This is the first day of school for K3 – K5 students and **is not an optional day.**

Hours:	1 st – 8 th grades	9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	K3 - T1	9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

REMEMBER: Thursdays are teacher training mornings. **School begins at 9:15 a.m.**

Secondly, I am excited to introduce to you our new Computer and Spanish teachers. Elizabeth Wilson will be our new Spanish teacher. Elizabeth is a missionary kid, raised in Mexico and has been serving as a teacher in Honduras. Kristin Rollins will be our new computer teacher. Kristin has been involved with children of all ages through coaching and recently through Safe Harbor Ministries. She has a strong computer background. I know they both will be wonderful additions to the MRCA faculty. Christy Stevenson assumed the K4 5-day aide position in the middle of the last school year. I am pleased to let you know that she will be returning to assist Denise Lesiak in K4. Cary Hargrove will be assisting Pam Keown in the K4 3-day class, as well as supervising our Lunchroom on Monday and Friday. We are excited to have Christy and Cary joining us full-time in August.

I hope you will also consider the Automatic Draft option for your tuition payments. For your convenience, we have attached a draft form to the enclosed invoice. However, there is a link to the form on our website on the Summer Packet Information link. The Automatic Draft option is easy to set up and simplifies tuition payments each month. Should you have questions about this option, please feel free to phone Cathy Ashmore, 268-2210, x314.

Finally, I want to remind you that the **“2009 Summer Packet”** information can all be found and easily downloaded from the “Parent” link on our website at www.mitchellroadchristian.org. Again this year, the website will be the key way for us to disseminate information to our families. Please take a minute to check it out. For those of you who may not have computer access, you may contact the school office, 864-268-2210, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and we will be glad to help you with this information.

In closing, thank you for your continued support of Mitchell Road Christian Academy and for entrusting your precious children to us. It is both a privilege and an honor to partner with you in raising up the next generation for Christ.

I pray you and your family have a safe and refreshing summer. We look forward to seeing you on your first day of school in August.

Should you have any questions regarding any of this information, please call the school office, 268-2210.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Schmidt
Headmaster