

*Directions:* Exit 225 Anderson Road  
 Turn West to Old HWY 99  
 Turn North (right) on Old HWY 99 and travel to Blackburn Road (at the Railroad tracks)  
 Turn West (left) and go approximately 4 blocks. School is on the left.

# Mount Vernon Christian School



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 "Preparing students to respond in loving service to God and their neighbors."

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**Welcomes  
 You...**

## School Governance

MVCS is a parent-controlled private school as compared to a church-controlled parochial school. The school is governed by a five to twelve-member school board elected by the Mount Vernon Christian School Association consisting of parents, former parents, and others committed to the furtherance of Christian education.

Membership in the Association is requested by parents or interested individuals who subscribe to the fundamental beliefs listed in the By-Laws of MVCS Association, Inc., are committed Christians, and are active in their church. This corporation is organized exclusively for the charitable and/or educational purposes within the IRS 501(c)(3) rules governing non-profit organizations.

Parent participation has been the significant strength of the school through auxiliary organizations, such as the Parent Council, and Board-appointed Committees. These activities serve the purpose of involving parents in the direction and support of their children's education.

## Transportation

Bus routes are provided in cooperation with the Immaculate Conception Catholic School. Routes with various hubs stops for pick-up make it possible to provide transportation to all our areas. The routes and instructions for parents are published in the fall of each year.



*Train up a child in the way he should go,  
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.  
Proverbs 22:6*

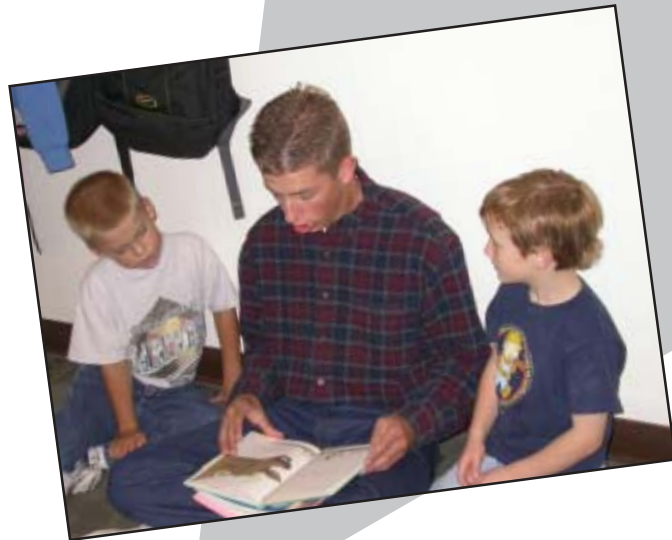




# Building Lives

## Our Mission:

Mount Vernon Christian School, committed to education based on the infallible word of God, seeks to serve God by preparing students to respond in loving service to God and their neighbors. As an extension of the Christian home, we assist parents in nurturing their children in the knowledge of the Lord of His creation, thereby equipping students to embrace Biblical values while being Christ's agent of renewal in the world.





*“My husband and I benefited from the education we received in Christian schools. There was never any doubt or argument over where our children would be educated. Considering how many hours a day our kids are not under our influence or watchful eye, we feel it is essential that we know they are in a place where they are surrounded by teachers who love them and care about their welfare, whether that be academic, physical, emotional or spiritual, almost as much as we do. We feel confident MVCS is such a place.”*

*-Parent*

## School Finances

God is the provider of all things and MVCS could not exist without His blessing and provision. God has blessed thousands of families for their faithfulness to the cause of Christian education. To be sure, significant financial sacrifices are expected, but how can you put a dollar amount on the value of leading young people toward a life and eternity with Christ?

Working together the MVCS Association tries to live up to the ideal that no child is deprived of a Christian education because they cannot afford it. A means-based tuition structure is used. There is a “ceiling price” which covers the cost of education for those that can afford to pay the full amount. Tuition is decreased as parent’s income decreases until the “base price” is reached. If a family cannot pay the base amount they may apply for Tuition Assistance. Thus MVCS, through a means-based tuition structure, supporting churches, and giving communities members provides this opportunity.

Specific financial information and annual tuition rates are available upon request from the school office.

### **Parents at Mount Vernon Christian take the word of God seriously when it says:**

- *Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you can desire can compare with her. Proverbs 8:10,11*
- *Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Matthew 6:33*
- *Store up for yourself treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust corrupts. Matthew 6:20*





## Reaching Out

### **Serving the Christian Family With Quality Christian Education**

- A Christian home, a Christian church, and a Christian school unite to work and support each other in raising children that love God and their neighbors.
- Christian education prepares our children for life challenges with the knowledge, skills and values to shape our culture and change the world.
- Schools need stability and tradition for strength and continuity. Established in 1951, Mount Vernon Christian School certainly contributes toward that end.

## Asking the right questions?

**Be assured that at MVCS, faculty and staff work hard at providing a positive response to these and other questions.**

- Will your child's teacher share your Christian faith and values?
- Will your child's school provide a wholesome atmosphere of Christian love, discipline, and friendship?
- Will your child see the world as God's creation?
- Will your child's teacher see him/her as a child of God with an eternal soul?
- Will your child be provided an education that uses faith as a foundation for learning?
- Will your child see in his/her teacher a model of responsible Christian living?
- Will you always feel that before God, you have done all you would for your child's Christian training?
- Will the credits earned at MVCS be accepted by colleges?



## Parent Involvement

There are many opportunities for our parents, grandparents, and extended family community members to be involved in MVCS. We could not maintain our quality education without prayer and financial support.

- Work opportunities include:
- fund-raising,
- thrift store volunteer help,
- committee service
- student supervision at lunch or in classrooms.

MVCS is a cooperative effort of a whole community!

## **Facts about Mount Vernon Christian School**

- Parent-controlled, parent-led school since 1951
- Comprehensive K-12 educational program
- Fully accredited
- Caring Christian environment
- Quality Christian faculty and staff
- Over 85% MVCS graduates continue their post-secondary education
- Students consistently score above the national norms on standard achievement tests
- Competitive programs in athletics and the fine arts





## Excellence

### **Mount Vernon Christian School**

- Believes the school is an extension of the Christian home, designed to reinforce the faith and values you believe.
- Believes that policies and procedures governing the school and student life should be consistent with the standards of the Bible.
- Believes that this is God's world, that He holds it in His hands, and that every part of that creation must be claimed for Him.
- Believes each child is unique in God's sight, created in His image to live a life of faith and service.
- Believes that the Christian faith must be applied to all areas of life and thought – that in Christ lie hidden “all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
- Believes that teachers are vitally important role models who embody the Spirit of Christ.
- Believes that parents have the right and responsibility to establish Christian schools to assist them in their God-given task of educating their children.





## Staff

The staff of Mount Vernon Christian is a group of dedicated Christian professionals who:

- Profess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Believe they are called by God to the field of teaching.
- Have been trained and certified for this noble task.
- Work hard.
- Prepare classes that are stimulating and sound.
- Strive to be excellent Christian models.

They are about their students, and the students know it. Many of our staff are themselves products of Christian schools and colleges and most have, or are working on post-graduate degrees.

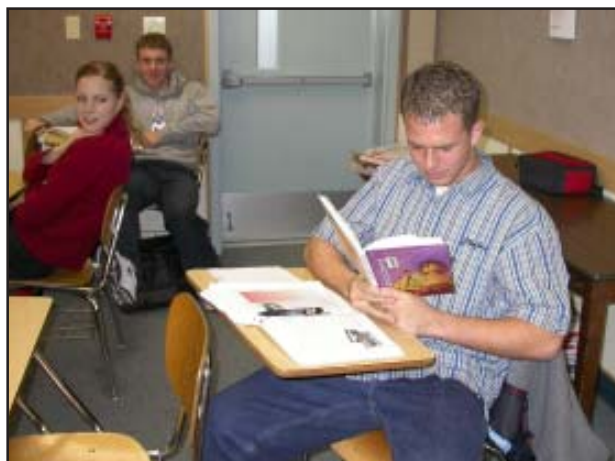
## Students

The student body consists of approximately 280 students in grades K-12. They come from all over Skagit County, and beyond. The students at MVCS represent approximately forty churches. Mount Vernon Christian does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

MVCS students are:

- viewed as God's children,
- created in His image,
- in need of Christian nurture and training.

What a blessing it is to see God's children learn the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, which give them the foundation and principles to confront the issues of life with strength and vision. MVCS students and graduates are not free of problems, but have a Christian basis from which they approach these problems. This is evident through growth and development of a Christian philosophy of living. Many graduates have given testimony to how MVCS was used by the Holy Spirit to direct them toward Christian Living.



MVCS is a fully accredited educational institution with Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and Christian Schools International. As a part of the process MVCS has a plan to renew and review curriculum each school year.

### **Kindergarten Program helps children:**

- Love God and live close to Him.
- Develop a positive self-image.
- Learn to accept others and to respond to others.
- Function comfortably away from their parents.
- Develop motor and perceptual skills.
- Improve their skills in speaking, listening, letter recognition, and beginning phonics and beginning reading.
- Improve their ability to count and solve number problems.

### **Elementary (Gr. 1-5) and Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Programs help students:**

- Grow in their knowledge of God's Word, in their love for God, and in their desire to serve Him in a biblical studies program which recalls the many stories of God's people in the Old and New Testaments.
- Develop skills and understanding in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and number skills through varied language, literature, mathematics, and computer programs in which phonics skills, basic math skills and concepts are emphasized.
- Grow in their knowledge and appreciation of God's creation and their place and task in it through programs in science, social studies, and health. This enables them to learn facts about themselves and about their environment, fitting these facts into an understanding of creation and life under God.
- Grow in their appreciation and experience of God's gifts of harmony, beauty, and sportsmanship by learning the rudiments of art, music and physical education.

### **High School Curriculum helps young people:**

- Prepare for further studies in colleges, universities, technical schools, military schools, and on-the-job training.
- Prepare for life skills in the areas of ethics, moral values, political involvement, and financial management.
- Develop in a broad range of subjects which includes the following core and elective courses: Biblical Studies, Social Studies, Technical Education, Electives, Mathematics, Science, Communications, Fine Arts, Physical Education and Health.



## Special Focus Programs

### **Special Opportunities for Learning**

- *Individual educational assessment*
- *Title I / Learning Resource Program*, organized jointly by MVCS and the local public school district, to provide remedial help in reading and math to students in grades 1-6.
- *NILD / Discovery educational therapy*, intensive one-to-one perceptual and cognitive stimulation to help students develop independence and responsibility in the classroom and in life.
- *Enrichment activities*: Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Northwest Christian Schools International, Musicale, and CloseUp.

### Co-Curricular Programs and Activities

Significant education happens beyond the classroom. Children and young people need a comprehensive life experience. Therefore, the co-curricular programs have been developed:

- **Library** - weekly for age-appropriate activities
- **Sports** - (*Northwest B League* of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association) competes in *women's* volleyball, basketball, track, cross country and *men's* soccer, basketball, track, cross country.
- **Drama** - High School presents two one-act plays and one major play.
- **Musical Performance**- concerts and community service
  - general music in Grades 1-4,
  - choirs and bands in Grades 5-12
- **School yearbook** - "Hurricane Watch" published annually
- **Other student directed involvement** - Student Council, National Honor Society, Pep Club, Chess Club, Chapel Team, Praise Team, and others