

Messenger

2010-2011

MRCS Enrollment

Registration is NOW open to the public. Refer friends to www.mobilemrscs.com for enrollment information. **Any existing MRCS families registering after July 15th will have to register as a new family (that means they must pay the \$50 registration fee again.)** Members should have received registration forms in the mail. If you have not received one, contact Joy Moore, moorejoyful@bellsouth.net or 666-9697. Enrollment forms are sent to you after we receive your registration forms. A new policy this year to enable us to have a majority of paperwork completed prior to our Kick-off meeting states that **all enrollment papers** (agreement, courses of study, church school enrollment forms, & volunteer agreement) **must be returned to the school office no later than Friday, July 23, 2010, or a late fee of \$10 will be due** with those enrollment papers. Don't delay; get forms in promptly.

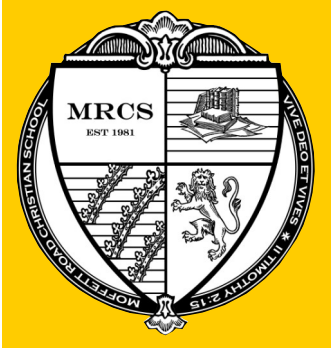
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Congratulations, 2010 Graduates!

Friday evening, May 14, 2010, was a spectacular event in the life of MRCS, especially for our 16 senior graduates, 4 kindergarten graduates, and their family and friends. We particularly congratulate this year's valedictorian, Nathan Moore, and salutatorian, Sarah Dickinson, who encouraged us all with their speeches. Nathan and Sarah join the entire senior class, who accumulated a total of \$360,000 in scholarship money. Members of this class will take all they have gleaned from their homeschooling experience out into the world, some to the mission field of Zambia, some to marriage, some to vocal studies and professional photography, and some on to college, including the University of Alabama, the University of South Alabama, the University of Mobile, Auburn University, and Birmingham Southern College. We wish them God's richest blessings in all their endeavors.



Fourth Quarter
Grades
Due

May 31



All MRCS Library
books are NOW
past due!

Generation.Next: Dale Carnegie Training for Young Adults

The course was a lot of fun, totally different to what I thought it would be. What I gained from it was increased confidence and now I believe in my abilities. I enjoy life more and appreciate what I have. This will benefit my whole life and help me to go where I want to go. – Kolbein, aged 16, Professional Footballer

Generation.Next is designed to prepare young people for the real world. It gives them the skills they need to reach their goals and live up to their full potential - at school, home, and work. At Dale Carnegie Training®, we call them "skills that will last a lifetime." The course content focuses on five key areas that are critical for future success:

- Building Self-confidence
- Enhancing Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skill Development
- Teamwork and Leadership Skills
- Effective Attitude Management

Generation.Next curriculum was developed with feedback from students. It consists of eight three-hour, highly interactive sessions that include real-life scenarios and role-playing. Today, the world is more complex, competitive and demanding than ever before. Young people often need to balance school, work and relationships while at the same time, working and planning for their future. *Generation.Next* can help teens become more confident and better able to cope with the pressure and stress adolescents face.

MRCS would like to offer this course if parents and students are interested. The fee would be \$595 and at least 15 students are required to form a class. Some scholarship money may be available. **Contact Retta Franklin, fran503@bellsouth.net or 391-4663, if you are interested and for more information.**

All MRCS Library Books Are NOW Past Due!

Your 2010-2011 registration will be **de-layed** until all your library materials are accounted for. They may be returned to any board member or the church office. If you should need to keep materials longer to complete a course, contact Susan Hofer for approval. Thank you!

High School:

Volunteer Service Hours

Rising 9th grade through 12th grade students, use your extra time this summer to accumulate service hours for the upcoming school year. Visit the school website, www.mobilemrscs.com; click on "Forms", then "MRCS High School Academic and Fine Arts Awards Criteria" for qualifying service hours and other information. Print a copy of the "Volunteer Service Confirmation Form" for your volunteer supervisor's signature and for a record of your service.

Azalea Trail Maid Info:

Attention sophomore girls: Starting fall of 2010, Mobile area homeschoolers will be invited to select an 11th grade girl (or maybe two) to send to the Azalea Trail Maid selection committee. Those girls chosen to be Trail Maids will represent Mobile at various events throughout their 12th grade year. For more information, see mobileazaleatrail.com or contact Susan Hofer, 639-3160, or Retta Franklin, 391-4663, for the requirements.

Yearbook Info:

Contact Tracy Ewing, 679-9202, if you have not yet picked up your yearbook!



Spotlighting Our Students.....

Our student and budding author, **Erica Burlison**, will have a short story published in the June issue of *Highlights* children's magazine. *Highlights* solicited stories several months ago about a dream vacation and Erica submitted a story. She received a letter, notifying her that her story was one of several selected. Check out the June issue of *Highlights* for Erica's winning story!



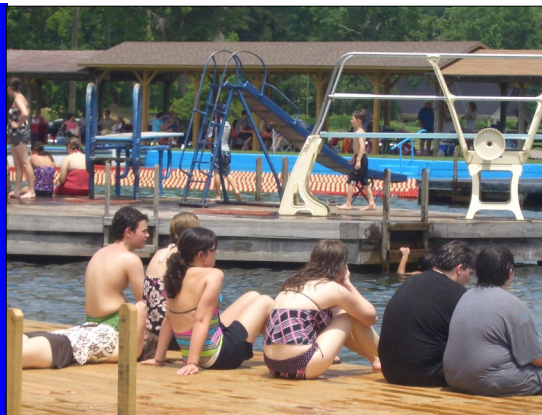
Alex Davis attended State Piano Competitions recently. He has now been selected to play in the State Honors Recital at the Alabama State Convention in Montevallo, Alabama, on June 12th. There were 380 students at State and only a few were selected as State winners.

Positions Available

for the
2010-2011
school year

- **Physical Education Coordinators for PE Class.** Location and time is negotiable.
- **Field Trip Committee Members to plan and lead field trips**

Contact Retta Franklin,
fran503@bellsouth.net or
391-4663, for more information.



The Final Splash

End-of-Year Party

Jackson, AL

May 18, 2010



Public Speaking Course

for 2010-2011

Judy Wesson, MRCS home school mom and public speaking professor with the University of Mobile, is excited to provide our home school community with a public speaking course this fall. The class will meet once a week and offer 1 high school credit. A convenient time and location will be decided in the fall. All course materials will be provided. Class fee will be \$40 per month per student. Additional family member's fees will be discounted. To register, please complete the form on page 7 of this newsletter and return it to the school office. Contact Retta Franklin, fran503@bellsouth.net or 391-4663, with any questions.

TAPESTRY OF GRACE CO-OP

<http://www.tapestryofgrace.com/year4/>

Co-op classes will meet on Friday mornings beginning in August.

We will have parent-led history classes for all ages including craft time for younger grades. Check out the above website for more information about *Tapestry of Grace* Year 4. The co-op will include the option of parent-led science classes. (Visit <http://www.quickstudylabs.com/> for more information). We will also have a **high school literature/writing** class for grades 8-12 taught by qualified instructor, Robin Noland. Mrs. Noland holds a Master's Degree, has much teaching experience, and currently writes for LifeWay. Using the *Tapestry of Grace* Year 4 curriculum as a guide, she will teach students literature of the 20th century as well as writing. This class is open to all homeschooled students, not just those participating in the history co-op. Mrs. Noland is also offering **French** classes for all levels. Other classes being offered include lower level **Spanish and archery**.

Please join us for an open house and informational meeting:

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 • 10:00 am

Christ Fellowship Church Gym • 445 Azalea Road, Mobile

Parents and students will be available to answer your questions. We will also have *Tapestry of Grace* curriculum available to view.

For more information, contact Sally Ellington at 510-1588, Alicia Luttrell at 591-8716, or Joannie Neutze at 937-6943.

CLASSICALLY HOMESCHOOLED

Dauphin Way Baptist Church • Fridays • 9 am-1 pm

offering teacher-led academic courses and parent-led co-op courses in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

Grammar Level (Grades 1-6) Teacher-Led Courses: Studio Art; Spanish is Fun

In addition to the teacher-led courses listed above, a parent-led co-op is being organized for the grammar-level children in history, geography, missions, and Apologia elementary science. The parent-led co-op courses have no fees but require families to teach on a rotating basis.

Dialectic Level (Grades 6-9) Teacher-Led Courses: Middle School English & Writing; Introductory Spanish; Studio Art

Middle School English and Writing - Nathan Fell, Instructor

This complete English and writing class will introduce elements of literature, classic books, writing, book discussion, and more. This class is excellent for the younger, eager reader, as well as students who need more encouragement in reading and writing, and perfect for preparing to enter high school level literature. Grading and assignments will be individually tailored to each student's abilities and needs. Ninth graders, who take this class, can be given, upon request, more intensive assignments to make the class worthy of high school credit. Class fee is \$40 per month with multiple family member discounts available.

Rhetoric Level (Grades 9-12) Teacher-Led Courses: High School British Literature & Writing; High School Modern World Literature & Writing; High School Modern World History; Spanish; College Prep Math Review for ACT/SAT

High School British Literature and Writing - Nathan Fell, Instructor

This class will look at British literature throughout the ages and will feature joyful discussion, analysis, research, and writing. Classic novels, short stories, and poetry will be covered. Quizzes and tests will be given on a regular basis. This will be a challenging course, but grading will be individually tailored to each student. Class fee is \$40 per month with multiple family member discounts available.

High School Modern World Literature and Writing using Sonlight curriculum - Nathan Fell, Instructor

This will be a unique honors-level class with joyful discussion, analysis, research, and writing. Classic novels, short stories, and poetry will be covered. Quizzes and tests will be given on a regular basis. This will be a challenging course, but grading will be individually tailored to each student. You are not required to purchase the Sonlight curriculum but will need selected books. Class fee is \$45 per month with multiple family member discounts available. 10 students maximum.

High School Modern World History using Sonlight curriculum - Nathan Fell, Instructor

Nathan will share his passion for history in this class. This coordinates with the High School Modern Literature and Writing Class and uses Sonlight curriculum/books. You are not required to purchase the Sonlight curriculum but will need selected books. Reading and great discussion will be emphasized with weekly quizzes. No writing assignments will be required in this class due to the writing requirements in the literature class. Class fee is \$30 per month with multiple family member discounts available.

12-14 student maximum.

Nathan Fell, Instructor, says, "I have a passion for history and English. I will do everything in my ability to help my student gain skill in these subjects in an enjoyable setting, while supporting your home school values." A home-school alumni, Nathan is a graduate of the University of South Alabama, where he majored in history and English with a concentration on creative writing. He was a consistent Dean's List and President's List student and among the top graduates from USA. He has experience with teaching as a supplemental instructor at USA and as a home school English teacher. If you need to contact Nathan for counseling regarding the placement of your child, you may reach him at nathandavidfell@gmail.com or call 251-243-2411

Complete details for both the teacher-led courses and the parent co-op courses, including schedules, curriculum, teacher bios, and applicable course fees, will be available on June 5, with registration beginning June 9. If you are interested in learning more about *Classically Homeschooled*, please send your e-mail address along with your name and children's ages/grades to: Martha Otts Benton, Coordinator, classicallyhomeschooled@yahoo.com.

July 2010

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|  <i>Happy 4th!</i> | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Office Open 10-12 noon | 14 | 15 Registration Deadline for current members! | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 ALL Enrollment Papers Due!! | 24 |
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Moffett Road Christian School

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Office Hours: 10 am-12 noon on 2nd Tuesday of each month & by appointment

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*Keep on
clipping
through the
summer!*

Our first turn-in date for next fall
will be October 31.



Please deliver newsletter information to
Teresa Stokes no later than the
20th of each month: MRCS office or
tbstokes@comcast.net or 331-3914.
Low resolution digital pictures,
3.5 pixels or less, are welcomed!



F.Y.I.

We would like to give you information in this section each month about various classes available to enhance your homeschooling experience. This is a section where you can find out about music, art, and other opportunities available in our area through private or group instruction. Please keep in mind that MRCS does not endorse any particular teacher or class; we encourage you to seek out references for those particular teachers or classes that interest you.

Classical guitar instruction for beginning students is offered by Audrey Hofer, a junior with MRCS. She has 5 years' experience. Please call her at 639-3160, if you are interested.

Rising Juniors and Seniors: Moffett Road Assembly of God has openings for summer interns to work with our children's and youth pastors. Volunteers, who must be juniors or seniors, will join interns from the University of Mobile in shadowing our staff members to learn first-hand about full-time ministry. Students may volunteer any or all hours on **Monday through Thursday**, from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Internship begins **June 1 and ends July 31**. To apply or get more information, contact **Nita Thomas (Miss Nita) at 649-3502, extension 117 or at missnita4kidz@yahoo.com**.

The Junior Civitan Club's Annual Book & Bake Sale will be **Saturday, June 5**, at **Day Spring Baptist Church from 9 am to 2 pm**. Curriculum sale tables may be reserved for \$10 and a half table for \$5. Contact Angel at 776-5993 for more information.

The University of South Alabama Center for Continuing Education is offering summer courses for kids. Let your child discover the fundamentals of engineering with our B.E.A.C.H.E.S. course or explore the creative side of video editing and learn the techniques used to produce movies with 2 new courses offered this summer! We offer a variety of courses that will interest your children and keep them busy this summer. Check out our brochure on our web site at <http://www.southalabama.edu/cce/kids.html> and sign up today! Our courses are offered to kids grades 3 and up and generally last a week. Call our office at **251-431-6536** for more information or if you would like to be sent a 2010 Summer Course Brochure.

A College Writing Basics Workshop will be offered **June 7-11, 2010**, by **Heather Leigh Stanley**, a teaching assistant for the Communication Department at South Alabama, who is currently working on her Masters in Mass Communication. This workshop includes three-hour sessions taught over the course of five consecutive days. The first two hours of each session is dedicated to instruction. In the final hour, students apply what they have learned through writing exercises. Each writing assignment will be returned to the student the following day with detailed feedback. The final writing assignment will be mailed to the student with a summary of the areas in which the student is strong or weak. Topics include: College Writing 101; Research, Critical Writing; Writing for Humanities Courses; Writing for Science Courses. For juniors, seniors, or recent graduates, the cost of the 15 hours of instruction is \$100/individual or \$150/family. Contact Heather Leigh Stanley at **251-591-6756** for registration information.

Tutoring in Algebra I and II is available from **Regis Burkhardt**, a graduate of MRCS and student at University of Mobile. Regis also offers percussion lessons. Contact him at **251-602-0396** for more information.

Fall registration is open for the World Literature class, taught by **Mrs. Jana Rainwater**, at Tillman's Corner Baptist. Tuition is \$40 per month. Class meets each **Wednesday**, beginning **September 8, from 9 am to 11:30 am**. Limited space is available. Contact Mrs. Rainwater at **662-7525 or jrainwater5@yahoo.com**.

Sixth—Eighth grade sports opportunities for 2010-2011 are open to home school students at Covenant Christian School. They offer volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball. Contact Mr. Applin at AGA2@bellsouth.net and ask to be put on his email list for opportunities next fall.



MACH Robotics

A robotics team for Mobile-area homeschoolers grades 6-12

Website: MACHrobotics.com • email: info@machrobotics.com • **Watch for info on the sign-up meeting in August!**

Students will learn teamwork skills, with the help of mentors, in:

Engineering Process- students design a robot to complete a required task.

Communication and presentation- students develop a formal campaign to sell the robot to judges.

Design/Art work- students build a display to house their accomplishments.

Writing skills- students prepare a technical book, documenting the design process of the robot, and prepare a full-length research paper.

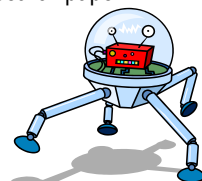
Dates to Remember:

Sept. 18th -Kick-off Davidson High school. We learn the robot's task.

Oct. 23rd - Mall Day!

Oct. 29th - Presentation to the Judges

Oct 30th - Local competition at the USA Mitchell Center. Robot competition and display judging.



Moffett Road Christian School

2010-2011 Registration for MRCS On-Campus Classes

To register your child(ren), submit this form and all class registration fees to MRCS. If you have questions, contact [Retta Franklin](mailto:RettaFranklin@bellsouth.net) at 649-3943 or fran503@bellsouth.net.

| Students Name | Enrolled with | Class Name | Registration Fee | Lab Fee | Course Fee | Line Total |
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All fees will be payable to Moffett Road Christian School and are due **in August at the first faculty meeting**. Only annual and fall semester course fees are due (course fees for the second semester will be collected in January, 2011). No quarterly grades will be issued unless appropriate payments have been made.

Emergency Authorization

In the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the MRCS Administrator to order X-rays, routine tests and treatment for my child. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the MRCS Administrator to hospitalize, secure proper treatment, order injections, and/or anesthesia, and/or surgery for my child as named above. I further authorize the release of the above medical information to appropriate medical personnel and/or health coverage insurance company.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Address _____

In case of emergency, if parent is not available,

Contact _____ Phone _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Policy Holder's Name _____ Group Number _____

Insurance Company Address _____

Insurance Company Phone Number _____

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| <i>Official Use Only</i> | | | |
| Check # _____ | Amount Received \$ _____ | Date _____ | Total Children Enrolled _____ |