

Mile High Academy e-News September 2009

We are just over halfway through the first quarter of school! What a blessing it is to have 200 students--all members of our amazing school family!

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Let's Plan a Fun Alumni Weekend Golf Tournament!

Help us plan the first ever Alumni Golf Tournament! It is Sunday, April 18, the weekend of the alumni reunion, and is just for fun, not a fundraiser. Anyone can play! If you live out of Denver and want to help we can talk via email and phone! Call Cheryl at 303-607-4917 or email cchiasson@milehighacademy.org. Let's have fun!

Join the Auction Planning Fun!

We need your help in planning this year's auction fundraiser! The committee starts planning this month. Please contact Cheryl Chiasson at 303-607-4917 or send an email to cchiasson@milehighacademy.org. Help a little or help a lot!

Facebook Site for Alumni & Friends

Have you visited the MHA Alumni Facebook site? Our site is "Mile High Academy Alumni." It's a fun and casual way to keep in touch. There are a few photos from the beginning of school and the golf tournament. See you there!

Young Alumni Info

We want to keep track of our young alumni--those who have graduated in the last few years. If your family member recently went to college or moved, please share their contact information. Please include email address, phone, and mailing address if you have it. Thanks for helping us stay in touch with our students.

Principal's Message

As we leave the summer of 2009, my thoughts turn to the golds and reds of autumn. To see the burst of colors is awe-inspiring. To know that death is simply a precursor to life--to know that God is in control gives me peace.

My prayer today is for each and every student and every faculty and staff member and their families! We are a community, and we need to lift each other up. MHA needs your prayers as we work together to "train them up in the way they should go".

Dave Dunkin, New Music Teacher

The following "getting to know you" message is from Mr. Dunkin, our new music teacher.

"I just recently moved with my wife Tammy from Keene, Texas, where I taught for the last two years. Before that I was teaching in California for ten years. I grew up in Colorado and went to school at Brighton Junior Academy, Champion Academy and later Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I have been a music teacher in the Adventist school system for the past eighteen years. I spent seven summers working at Glacier View Ranch between school years, and I have a deep love for the Colorado Rocky Mountains. My hobbies include guitar, waterskiing, hiking, and motorcycles.

In addition to teaching music at Mile High, I will be a sponsor for the freshmen class, and I would love to be a sponsor for Ski Club as well. If anybody likes to ride ATV or Dirt Bikes on the week end, let me know.

I have two grown children, Jonathan and Stacey, both married and living far away. My wife is busy finishing a Masters degree in Special Education. My brothers, Dennis and Bob, have both taught music at Mile High Academy and both live on the Front Range. Bob is currently teaching music at Brighton Junior Academy.

Moving back to Colorado and teaching at Mile High seems so natural to me, and I don't think I have ever been more excited about teaching anywhere. We are trying to sell our homes in California and Texas and would like to solicit your prayers in this matter. It is great to be back home, and I look forward to getting to know all of you again."

-----Dave Dunkin

Do You Shop at Sunflower Market? Purchase Gift Cards From the Junior Class

The junior class is selling Sunflower Market Gift Cards in \$25 and \$50 increments. See any junior or contact the office at 303-744-1069.

Do You Shop at Target? Use Their REDCARD & Help MHA!

We recently received a check from Target—a 1% rebate from parents who used a Target REDCARD (any of Target's charge cards). Remember, become a regular Target REDCARD shopper, and help Mile High earn a rebate! For more information about how you can help MHA by using a Target REDCARD, call Cheryl at 303-607-4917 or email her at cchiasson@milehighacademy.org.

Online Gift Giving Made Available via PayPal

You may give to MHA online through PayPal. Just go to the PayPal website, click on "send money," and enter the email address gift@milehighacademy.org to complete. You will receive an email acknowledging your gift, and a tax receipt will follow by mail. Thank you in advance for supporting the mission of Mile High Academy.

Calendar Highlights

- October 7-11: Volleyball & Soccer Tournaments at Walla Walla
- November 5, 9, & 10: Phonathon
- February 17-21: Union College Basketball Tournament
- April 17: Alumni Reunion
- April 18: Alumni Golf Tournament

Blessings,

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