

# MARS HILL



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# GRANDPARENTS DAY

*April 2, 2026*



# KNITTING SOULS TOGETHER

Dear Grandparents,

As we celebrate thirty years of partnering with families, we gratefully recognize the vital role grandparents play in shaping the next generation of faithful followers of Christ.

When we look at our grandchildren, we are not simply looking at small people—we are looking at souls who have been, as the Psalmist says, “knit together” by God Himself. Each child bears the image of God in a way that gives immeasurable dignity and eternal significance. And yet, children are not blank slates naturally drifting toward goodness. They are, like all of us, touched by the Fall—in need of grace, and utterly dependent on the saving work of Christ. That is why their formation matters so profoundly. These precious ones need more than information; they need loving, intentional training—shaping the mind, shepherding heart, and directing the life toward Christ. Here is where you, as grandparents, play a powerful role: through your prayers, your presence, your stories, and your example, you help guide each child toward maturity in Him.

Scripture presents the family as the most foundational of all human institutions. Long before there were schools, churches, or nations, there

were families. The home is meant to be the place where a child first learns what it means to love God and neighbor, to honor authority, and to live in peace and truth. When a family is ordered around God’s Word—when daily life is marked by prayer, repentance, and joy—something beautiful happens. That home becomes a place where faith is not merely taught, but lived—and the fruit extends far beyond its walls.

**Churches are strengthened.**

**Communities are stabilized.**

**Generations are anchored.**

For thirty years, Mars Hill Academy has come alongside families to support and reinforce this sacred calling—partnering with parents, and I would say, with you as grandparents, in forming a child who sees all of life under the lordship of Christ.

At the center of this formation is the call to personal holiness. The aim is not merely that a child will be successful, or even well-educated, but that he will be holy—that he will love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. This life is cultivated over time, through teaching, correction, repentance, and example. A child learns what holiness looks like not only from what he is told, but what he sees. He is watching his parents—

and he is watching you. He sees how you respond to difficulty, how you speak about others, how quickly you repent, how deeply you love Christ.

These impressions, over time, take root. Through a classical Christian education here at Mars Hill, we seek to reinforce this by immersing a child in what is true, good, and beautiful, and by pointing him back to Christ as the source of all wisdom and life.

So, I would simply say this: **your role is not finished—it is more precious than ever.** You are living testimonies of God’s faithfulness across generations. As you encourage and pray for your grandchildren, as you support the work of their parents and this school, you are participating in something eternal. You are helping to raise up young men and women who, by God’s grace, will stand firm in a confused world, walking faithfully with their Lord. There is no greater legacy than that.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael J. McKenna  
Headmaster



## WHAT I LIKE TO DO WITH MY GRANDPARENTS...

*Kindergarten students shared their answers to this prompt.*

- I like to sleep at their house on weekends, because they sometimes take us to get toys and we sometimes get to eat something special!
- I like going to restaurants with them and buying very yummy stuff like ice cream!
- I like to make crafts with them, like when we painted rocks.
- I like to spend the night with them! In the morning, we sometimes have donuts.
- I like to spend the night at their house, and I also like to have dinner with them.
- I like to play board games with my grandparents.
- I like to play at their house with my cousins.
- I like to read *Fancy Nancy* books.
- I like to go to Chick-fil-A with them and get a kids meal with chicken nuggets, fries, and ranch. I also like to go to their house and play with toys you can build with.
- I like to build racecar tracks with them!
- I like to have a sleepover.
- I like making homemade pizza with my grandma.
- I like to build a train track.
- I like to play with a baby doll at her house.
- I like to go to their house and play. I also love to sleep on their bunk beds.
- I like to go to Kings Island with them.
- I like to show them my LEGOs.
- I like to play freeze tag with my papaw.

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

<b>8:50 - 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Prelude</b> , Catalina Wert, seventh grade, guitar
<b>9:00 - 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Welcome / Overview</b>
9:15 - 9:25 a.m.	<i>Proceed to classrooms for first visit (see schedule and map)</i>
<b>9:25 - 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>First Classroom Visit</b>
9:45 - 9:55 a.m.	<i>Break and continue to second classroom visit</i>
<b>9:55 - 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Second Classroom Visit</b>
10:15 - 10:25 a.m.	<i>Break and continue to third classroom visit</i>
<b>10:25 - 10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Third Classroom Visit or Senior Student Panel</b> <i>Panel members: Eli Forster, Naomi LaFleur, Maggie Magill, Link Mefford</i>
10:45 - 10:55 a.m.	<i>Break and return to Gymnasium for closing program</i>
<b>10:55 - 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Special Schoolwide Assembly and Grandparent Appreciation</b>

## PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

We are delighted to honor the important role grandparents play in the lives of our students. All grandparents are welcome to take a photo with their grandchild at our designated photo spot in St. Andrews Hall. If your grandchild is in PreK or Kindergarten, please note that we have special instructions just for you below.

### GRANDPARENTS OF PRE-K LITTLE HIGHLANDERS

You will have an opportunity to have your photo taken with your grandchild at the photo spot in St. Andrews Hall during either the **first** (9:25-9:45 a.m.) or **third** (10:25-10:45 a.m.) classroom session.

### GRANDPARENTS OF KINDERGARTENERS

**If you are visiting your Kindergarten grandchild only:** Please visit the Kindergarten classroom during the **FIRST** classroom visit at 9:25 a.m. You will have an opportunity to have your photo taken with your grandchild during the **SECOND** classroom visit at 9:55 a.m. During the third classroom visit, you may enjoy another visit with your grandchild or take advantage of the Senior Student Panel in the gym.

**If you are visiting multiple grandchildren:** Please plan to stop by to have your photo taken with your Kindergarten grandchild any time between 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

# GRAMMAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Grade	Room No.	First Classroom Visit 9:25-9:45 a.m.	Second Classroom Visit 9:55-10:15 a.m.	Third Classroom Visit 10:25-10:45 a.m.
<b>Pre K: Mrs. Bell</b>	<b>301</b>	Recitations & Craft	Snack/Recess	Recitations & Craft
<b>KG: Mrs. Atkinson</b>	<b>316</b>	Recitations & Reading	Recitations & Easter Craft	Recitations & Math Activity
<b>KB: Mrs. Stein</b>	<b>315</b>	Recitations & Reading	Recitations & Easter Craft	Recitations & Math Activity
<b>1G: Mrs. Taylor</b>	<b>110</b>	Bible	Math	Reading
<b>2G: Mrs. Walls</b>	<b>107</b>	Bible	Grammar	Geography
<b>2B: Miss Weaver</b>	<b>108</b>	Bible	Geography	Grammar
<b>3G: Mrs. Wheeler</b>	<b>102</b>	Grammar	Science	Reading
<b>3B: Mrs. Murray</b>	<b>101</b>	Science	Math	Reading
<b>4G: Mrs. Cunningham</b>	<b>112</b>	Music	Latin	History
<b>4B: Mrs. LaFleur</b>	<b>111</b>	History	Music	Math
<b>5G: Miss Patrick</b>	<b>318</b>	Bible	History	Latin
<b>5B: Mr. Pratt</b>	<b>317</b>	Bible	Latin	History
<b>6G: Mrs. Hicks</b>	<b>303</b>	Bible	History	Literature
<b>6B: Mr. Keyes</b>	<b>KA-100</b>	Bible	Literature	History

# LOGIC & RHETORIC SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Grade	First Classroom Visit 9:25-9:45 a.m.	Second Classroom Visit 9:55-10:15 a.m.	Third Classroom Visit 10:25-10:45 a.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Latin (Gold) Rm. 208 Old Testament (Blue) Rm. 207	Latin (Gold) Rm. 208 Old Testament (Blue) Rm. 207	Pre-Algebra (Gold) Rm. 209 Literature & Composition (Blue) Rm. 212
8 <sup>th</sup>	Algebra Rm. 209	Algebra Rm. 209	Latin Rm. 207
9 <sup>th</sup>	Antiquity Rm. 210	Antiquity Rm. 210	Antiquity Rm. 210
10 <sup>th</sup>	Biology Science Rm. 304	Biology Science Rm. 304	Christendom Rm. 208
11 <sup>th</sup>	Chemistry Rm. 212	Chemistry Rm. 212	American Humanities Rm. 211
12 <sup>th</sup>	Modernity Rm. 211	Modernity Rm. 211	Senior Student Panel Gym

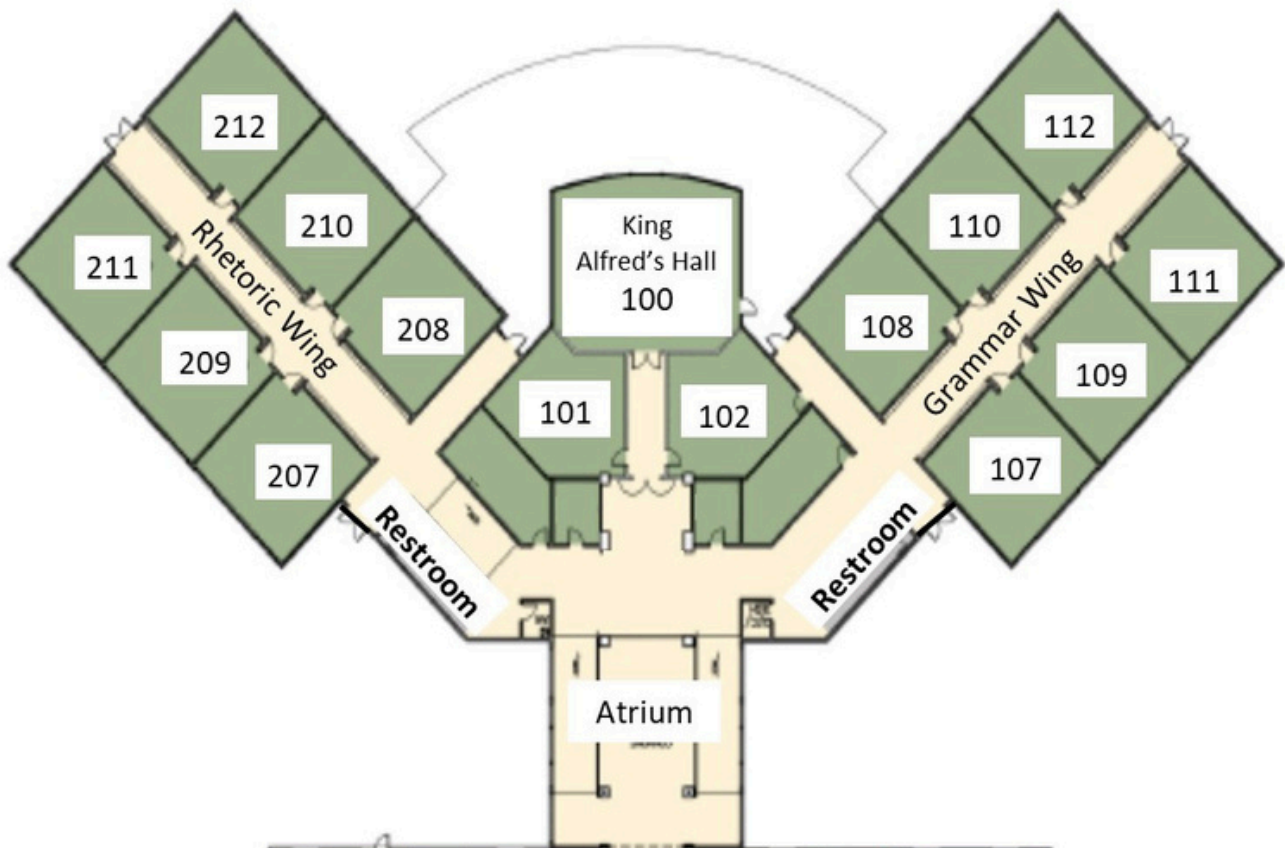
## Seventh Grade Gold

Aiden Bass	Jackson Martin	Judah Powers
Lydia Bell	Memphis Mason	Aury Vinson
Charlie Davis	J.J. Musser	Ellie Warren
Clara Graham	Karis Pawlak	Annie Wheeler
Charlie Marsland	Aubrey Perin	

## Seventh Grade Blue

David Ashley	Jude Hughes	Micah Sinclair
Joshua Basil	Noah Inyang	Jeremiah Solomon
Eliza Bayly	Matthew May	Miriam Solomon
Chase Beckner	Whit McNeilly	Ben TerreBlanche
Sydel Belcher	Charlie Rufener	Catalina Wert
Riah George	Luci Shehane	Nathan Zhao

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## HELP US GROW!

At Mars Hill Academy, we are deeply grateful for the generations of families who have helped shape our community. Grandparents hold a special place in that legacy, and we are honored to share a glimpse of what lies ahead.

Our **Room to Grow, Space to Thrive**

capital campaign is an \$11 million investment in the future of Mars

Hill—one that will allow us to serve more students while strengthening every aspect of school life. The plan includes a new Grammar Wing, athletic locker rooms, expanded parking, and the establishment of an endowment.

**We are currently working toward a key milestone of \$8 million in gifts and pledges by May 28**, which will allow us to break ground this summer and remain on track to open the new Grammar Wing for the 2027–28 school year.



There is also a unique opportunity to accelerate this progress. Through our **Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)**,



Ohio taxpayers can redirect their state tax dollars to provide student scholarships. Through a special campaign match, **if we raise \$350,000 for the SGO by April 15, we will secure a \$350,000 gift to support the capital campaign.** This means your participation and encouragement to others can have a multiplied impact on both access to a Mars Hill education and the growth of our campus.

Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity continue to shape the lives of these students in meaningful ways. Thank you for being an essential part of the Mars Hill story—past, present, and future.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Spring Music Concerts

Grades 7-12: April 23 | 7 p.m.  
Urbancrest, Lebanon

Orchestra: April 28 | 6:30 p.m.  
Mars Hill Academy

Grades 1-6: April 30 | 6:30 p.m.  
Hope Church, Mason

### Art Show & Humanities Night

Grades 9-12: May 5 | 6:30 p.m.  
Mars Hill Academy

### Senior Thesis Presentations

May 12-13  
Mars Hill Academy

### Commencement

May 16 | 12 p.m.  
Covenant-First Presbyterian,  
Cincinnati

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Grandparents Day & Homecoming Weekend

**October 2-3, 2026**

*Chris and Patsy Hall are founding members of MHA, with their children among the school's early graduates. They have faithfully served the school as a board member and staff member, and now enjoy the blessing of being grandparents.*

## Dear Grandparents,

Our “best season of life” arrived six years ago with the news of our daughter’s pregnancy and our launch into the adventure of grandparenting. Now, today, we are celebrating our first Grandparents Day with our granddaughter, Sophia, in Kindergarten. This is yet another milestone in our transition from active laborers in the mission of Mars Hill Academy to joyful, engaged supporters.

We remember Mars Hills’ first public informational meeting when a leader in classical, Christian education shared that if we applied the classical method with the centrality of Christ in every subject, we would graduate young men and women who think clearly and listen carefully with discernment and understanding; who reason persuasively and speak precisely; who are capable of evaluating all human knowledge and experience in the light of the Scriptures; and who do so with eagerness in joyful submission to God. And, then they will provide grandchildren! (Well, we may have added that last part.) We have seen the fulfillment of this vision in our own children, and now to experience it extending to our grandchildren is grace upon grace!

It is with near endless delight that we watch our granddaughter joyfully learning so much and see her art displayed on the walls of the school. It melts our hearts to listen to her recite the same phonograms, hymns, and Scriptures that her mother and Uncle Brian did. We love how the school nurtures her as she grows in Christ. We are grateful for the compassion of her teachers and the fellowship of her classmates. Her experience gives us hope and confidence that the same will come to her younger sisters. Because of these blessings, this season of life as grandparents at MHA is full of joy as we witness God’s glory on display.

Grandparenting the children of an MHA graduate is a true delight. It is an achievable goal! Come alongside your children as they set their sights and stay the course! With patience and providence, blessings will follow.

Happy Grandparents Day!  
~ Chris & Patsy Hall



# MAKING A GRAND CONNECTION AT MHA

At Mars Hill Academy, we believe the biblical truth that grandparents are to be honored and respected within our families. Your wisdom, life experiences, and steadfast love are cherished as priceless treasures that enrich the lives of your children, grandchildren, and our entire school community.

We are richly blessed by grandparents who pour into the lives of our students in meaningful ways. Whether you're serving in the lunchroom, helping with reading groups, sharing your experiences during classroom presentations, assisting in the art room, or chaperoning a field trip, your presence makes a lasting impact.

Special classroom events—like slipper parties, hot cocoa days, applesauce making, and

costume celebrations—offer even more opportunities to be part of the joy-filled rhythms of school life. We encourage you to check with your children to find out when you can visit with your grandchildren during the day!

As we extend our heartfelt gratitude, we also extend a warm invitation. If you find time within your schedule, we would love for you to lend a helping hand. Whether it's in the lunchroom, classroom, or any other corner of our bustling school, there's always a place for you to make a difference.

Please call our office at 513.770.3223 to explore how you can get involved! Your presence, wisdom, and love are treasures beyond measure. We eagerly anticipate the joy of welcoming you!



## STUDENT SONG: FIVE SOLAS

### *Sola Scriptura*

The Word of God is truth revealed  
for man to know God's law;  
The standard of reality,  
the Bible guides in all.  
There is no other book divine,  
no other sacred tome,  
The truth of God lies nowhere else  
but in His Word alone.

### *Sola Gratia*

Salvation is a gift of God,  
so may no human boast:  
By grace alone have saints been saved  
and blessed to uttermost!  
No, nothing else can save my soul,  
my sin that can atone,  
The sinner, now redeemed by God,  
is saved by grace alone.

### **Chorus**

By grace alone I'm saved from my sin.  
To God alone be glory! Amen.  
By grace alone I'm saved from my sin.  
To God alone be glory! Amen.

### *Sola Fide*

The works of nat'ral man cannot  
appease the wrath of God,  
Through Christian faith the Savior saves  
and stays the Father's rod.  
For God could not my sin forgive  
through merits of my own,  
The guilty wretch is justified by God  
through faith alone.

### *Sola Christus*

When first the sin of man appeared,  
the Lord withdrew His hand;  
Thus Christ became a man  
and died to bridge the awful span;  
No other One could mediate between  
me and God's throne,  
The wayward son, restored to God,  
finds hope in Christ alone.

### *Soli Deo Gloria*

O praise the God who saves the weak,  
O glorify His name,  
Let all creation with one voice,  
His wondrous deeds proclaim!

Who else deserves the laud, the praise?  
It is not flesh and bone.  
May all of life e'er glorify our King,  
our God, alone!

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### *Five Solas*

The "Five Solas," championed by historic leaders of the Church, stand at the heart of the Christian faith. Beautifully reflected in the lyrics of this song, the solas express the central truths of the Gospel.

*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone

*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

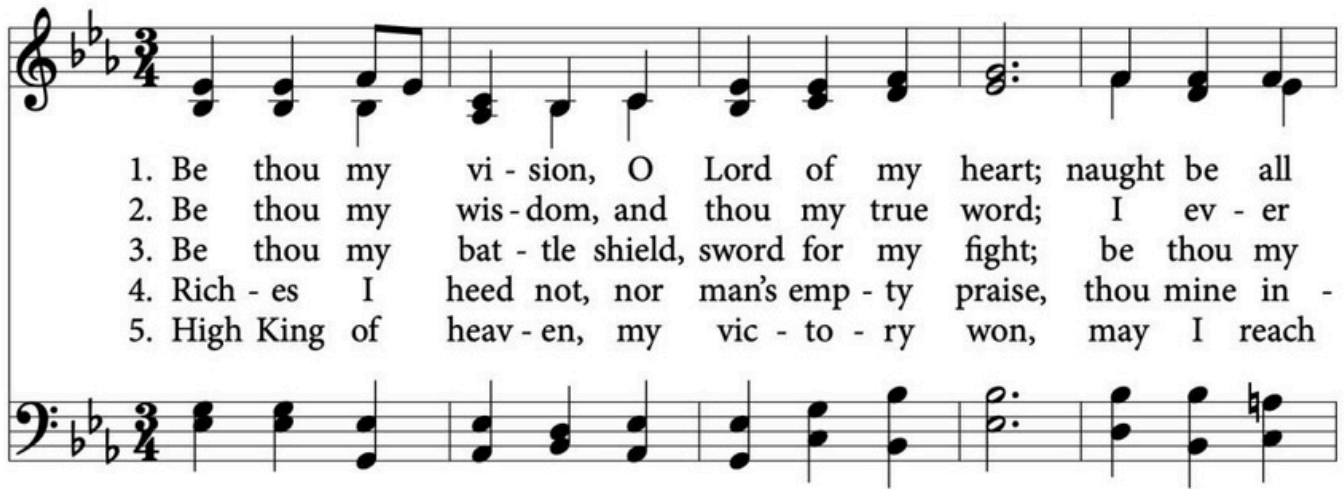
*Sola Christus*  
Christ Alone

*Soli Deo Gloria*  
Glory to God Alone


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# BE THOU MY VISION

## MARS HILL ACADEMY'S SCHOOL HYMN



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by  
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
I thy true son, thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
thou my high tow'r; raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
first in my heart, High King of Heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.