MT. PLEASANT
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Student and Parent Handbook
Grades 1 - 12

2020 - 2021
Mt. Pleasant Christian School
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Letter from the Pastor
August 2020

Dear Parents, Students and Families,

I would like to welcome you to Mt. Pleasant Christian School and to a new school year. It is my desire that Mt. Pleasant have a strong, Biblical foundation and philosophy of education. This includes maintaining a truly Christian, Biblical worldview, and training students in this worldview with an emphasis on the Biblical standards of love, learning, spirituality, morality, and discipline.

A Biblical philosophy of education includes honoring God as our Creator and supreme Authority; it recognizes the authority of Scripture, and the dignity and worthy of every individual as created in the image of God. In following this, we intend to love and value every student, to train them up spiritually and physically, to include rigorous academic instruction and maintain high expectations for every student.

We believe that what we do makes a difference – for all eternity.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely, In Christ’s Service,

Sybil M. Smith, Ed. S
Administrator
Affiliation

Mt. Pleasant Christian School is an integral ministry of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. We are governed by the church’s leadership, deacon board, and the school board.

Vision

It is our vision that Mt. Pleasant have a strong Biblical foundation and philosophy of education, maintaining a truly Christian, Biblical worldview, emphasizing the dignity of every individual as created in God’s image, and including a rigorous academic program with high expectations for every student.

Mission

It is the primary mission of Mt. Pleasant Christian School to prepare students spiritually by introducing them to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to instill in every student a love and knowledge of the Word of God, while training them to excel academically.

Philosophy

Mt. Pleasant Christian School provides education from a Christian perspective. Two outstanding elements contribute to the school’s philosophy of education: first, our curriculum is based on a Biblical Worldview and is Christ centered. Second, our staff is made up of dedicated Christian teachers who are concerned about their students’ physical, mental, and eternal welfare. Therefore, we are committed to preserving a safe environment campus wide. Standards of discipline and conduct are Bible-based to develop Christian character and sound values. MPCS strives to maintain a truly Christian philosophy of education, high academic standards, and emphasis upon Biblical morals, discipline, and social development. It is our desire that the home, church, and school work together to train up children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6).

Statement of Faith

MPCS adheres to the entire Statement of Faith of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Susan Moore, Alabama. Following is a brief summary of the statement:

1. We believe in the plenary and verbal inspiration and authority of the Scripture.
2. We believe that the Bible reveals God, the fall of man, the way of salvation, and God’s plan and purpose in the ages.
3. We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
4. We believe in the deity, virgin birth, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
5. We believe that salvation is by grace plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith in the atoning work of Christ.
6. We believe that men are justified by faith alone and are counted righteous before God only through the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
7. We believe in the visible, personal, pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ.
8. We believe in the ministry of the local church as God’s established instrument of carrying out the Great Commission.

9. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one biological man and one biological woman in legal matrimony.

10. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage. We believe that any form of sexual immorality; including (but not limited to) homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, transgenderism, changing of one’s biological gender, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift or marital relationships. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one’s gender by surgery or appearance.

**General Goals**

- It is the primary goal of Mt. Pleasant Christian School to prepare students spiritually by introducing them to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and instilling in them a love for God’s Word, God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, and to understand, embrace and articulate a Biblical worldview.

- To offer a rigorous and authentic instructional program that meets the academic needs of each student and prepares him or her for the next level of education and place in society, whatever it may be.

- To develop a sense of responsibility in each student, as a citizen and as a Christian, to stand for right in the world, and to take spiritual leadership roles in school home, church, community, state, nation, and the world.

- To offer opportunities to participate in wholesome forms of recreation and physical activity for the development of the whole person, physically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially.

- To provide students with opportunities for service to God and their fellow man.

**Our Objectives in Educating Your Child**

1. To prepare children to successfully live balanced Christian lives in an ever-changing world.

2. To encourage them to think clearly, logically, and independently.

3. To develop an understanding of the world in which they live and the ability to appreciate and adjust to their environment.

4. To achieve mastery in the skills of learning and communications.

5. To develop a moral, ethical, and spiritual sense which will aid them in the appreciation of their own personal worth and that of others.

6. To provide them with opportunities to develop the necessary skills for lifelong employment.

7. To offer opportunities to participate in wholesome forms of recreation.
To encourage and prepare each child for an outstanding and productive position in life, to prepare for spiritual leadership in school, home, church, community, state, nations and the world.

**Enrollment Procedure for New Parents**

A parent may initiate an application for enrollment for students through the school’s website: mpcslions.com. After we have reviewed the application with any referral documents, an interview will be scheduled. Any prospective student in grades 6th and above should attend the enrollment interview with parents. If it is determined that a student needs to be tested for academics, a testing time will be scheduled. Every student who enrolls should provide the following information to complete enrollment: 1) Copy of Birth Certificate. 2) Up-to-date immunization record. 3) Copy of social security card. 4) Last report card 5) High School transcript for grades 9 and above.

**Transfer Student Policy**

Students who transfer to Mt. Pleasant Christian School from other schools are accepted on a probationary or temporary basis. After satisfactorily completing a 9-week period of work, permanent status may be earned. Credits from a non-accredited school will be accepted on a case-by-case basis and only after permanent status has been achieved. Unacceptable work may result in the student being placed on a grade level best suited for his or her achievement or the student being asked to withdraw or transfer to a different method of schooling.

**Tuition and Fees**

**Registration:** $95.00 per child (Check with the school for special pricing on early registration.)

**Preschool (K2 – K4) 1st Child** - $270/month for 9 months; $202.50 per month for 12 months or $2,187 one year payment in full (See Book Fees and other Fees below)

**K5 – 12th 1st Child** - $324 per month for 9 months; $243.00 per month for 12 months or $2642.40 for one year payment in full (See Book Fees and other Fees below)

**2nd Child Discount** - $216.00 per month for 9 months; $162.00 per month for 12 months, or $1749.60 for one year payment in full (See Book Fees and other Fees below)

**3rd Child or More Discount** - $54.00 per month for 9 months, $40.50 per month for 12 months or $437.40 for payment in full (This is for each additional child.)

Automatic withdrawal for tuition is handled by Praxis and will occur on the 5th of each month or the following business day.

**Book Rental/Curriculum Fees:**

- K2 - $60; K3 – K4 - $110; K5 - $160; 1st - $245.00; 2nd – 3rd $250.00; 4th - $260.00; 5th – 7th $265.00; 8th – 12th 285.00.

These fees are payable through Praxis beginning June 2020. Book fees will be divided into three monthly payments and will need to be paid by the time school starts. Please be aware that these are book rental fees. Should a student abuse a hardbound or nonexpendable textbook, the parents may
be charged a replacement fee to cover the cost of replacing the textbook. Parents may purchase textbooks outright if they desire. Please see the school financial office for pricing.

**Building/Maintenance Fee:** $100 per family per year

**Afterschool Care Fees:** Mt. Pleasant Students: $5.00 per hour per child, with a $240.00 cap monthly cost per family of $250.00. Non- Mt. Pleasant Students: $8.00 per hour per child, with a $250.00 monthly cap per family.

**Lunch Fees:** $1.50 per day per child for K2 – K4; $3.00 per day for K5 – 12th

**Please note:**

- Registration and Book Fees are non-refundable
- Tuition pricing is based on a total yearly amount and is not reduced for months with holidays or at times when unforeseen events require that campus learning be shifted to remote learning.
- All accounts must be paid in full before a family will be allowed to reenroll for the next school year.
- Should a student withdraw before the end of the year, all accounts must be paid in full before report cards or transcripts will be released.

**Length of School Year/Days**

- According to Alabama law, “Every child between the ages of 7 and 16 is required to attend a public school, private school, church school, or be instructed by a private tutor certified by the state of Alabama, for the entire school term in every scholastic subject under the compulsory attendance law. Code of Alabama 1975*16-28-3

- Students who enroll at MPCS will be registered with the appropriate county board of education.

- Students who withdraw from MPCS will be reported to the appropriate county or state board of education as withdrawn or dropped from the roll.

**Mt. Pleasant Christian School Attendance Policy**

Consistent attendance is essential to successful class work. Any student who has been absent must bring a dated excuse signed by a parent the day he or she returns to school. Excuses will not be accepted more than 2 days after a student’s return, and no passing grade will be given for any missed work for unexcused absences. We will accept 5 parent notes per semester (A semester consists of 2 nine-week grading periods.) **After the 5th note,** students will be required to bring a valid doctor’s excuse when returning to school. Students with 4 unexcused absences will not receive a passing grade for that 9-week period.

**Excused Absences:**
• Verified illness of the student
• Covid-19 related absence of the student
• Bereavements
• Verified medical, dental, optical, therapy, or other medical appointments
• **Pre-approved** personal reasons

Absences for personal reasons must be **pre-approved by the administration prior to the absence, or the absence will not be excused.** Parents must come to the school office to inform the administration of the upcoming absence(s) and date(s) the family plans to be away from school. This information will be documented on the Preapproved Personal Absence Form, which must then be signed by each of the child’s teachers and returned to the school office to be kept on file. When students are absent and a test is scheduled to have been taken during the absence, the student will be required to take the test on the day he or she returns to school. **Unexcused absences will result in zeros on missed coursework.**

The school office will notify a parent when a child has 2 unexcused absences or tardies. Under normal circumstances, in order for a student to receive credit in any class, total semester absences may not exceed 8. More than 16 absences within a school year may prevent a student from being promoted to the next grade level.

**Tardies:** The school day begins at 8:00. We ask that during Covid-restrictions, no student be on campus before 7:45. Should your family require an earlier drop-off time, please contact the school office to make arrangements for early arrivals. If a student arrives on campus after 8:00 a.m., he or she is tardy and must report to his building’s office to receive a tardy slip before being admitted to class. Grades K2 – 5th will report to the Family Life Center Office; grades 6th – 12th will report to the administrator’s office in the church educational complex. **Parents, please do not drop your child off at school and drive away. All students must pass a temperature and wellness check before being admitted to school buildings.**

**End of School Day:** The school day ends at 2:30. We ask that students be off campus by 2:45. Students who not involved in school-related activities will be put in our after-school care program. Parents will be charged a fee for after-school care for the time spent there. Please check at the financial office for information regarding times, rates, etc. for this service.

**Chapel**

Chapel will be held at least one day of each week throughout the school year.

**Bible Curriculum**

At MPCS, Bible study is recognized as a fundamental requirement for all students. Because of this standard, all students are taught a planned program of Bible study each day and attend chapel programs to hear preaching from the Word of God. High school students are required to have four credits of Bible classes before they will be allowed to graduate. Bible study and Bible memory work are required of each student who attends Mt. Pleasant.
Music Curriculum
Music is taught in all lower grade levels. This includes group singing, rhythm skills, and an introduction to the family of instruments. Students in grades 5-6 are invited to join beginner or intermediate band. Students in grades 7 – 12 may join a choir as well as band.

Patriotism
Mt. Pleasant Christian School students are regularly required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and are taught to love and honor their country.

Grading
The purpose of our reporting system is to provide parents and students with an accurate overview of the student’s academic progress. The school will assist parents in setting up their Praxis account and parent portal through which the family will have access to view students’ assignment grades and course averages. The academic grade is based upon the actual work completed and turned in on homework, quizzes, projects, and tests (etc.). Report cards are issued approximately one week after the nine-week grading period ends for grades K5 – 12. This are sent electronically. It is the parents’ responsibility to monitor student grades and progress throughout the school year.

Grading Scale
A.........90 – 100
B.........80 – 89
C.........70 – 79
D.........60 – 69
F.........59 and below…Failing

Report Card Schedule
*To be announced

Promotion
It is not the practice of MPCS to hinder the academic career of students by promoting them if they have not obtained sufficient mastery of subject matter. If an elementary student fails reading, math, or phonics, the administration will recommend that the student be retained in the present grade level. Students in grades 9 – 12 must pass each semester of a class in order to receive high school credit for that subject.

American Christian Honor Society
Students in 10th-12th grade who have a grade average of 90 in their classes are invited to be inducted into the American Christian Honor Society. The American Christian Honor Society was founded by the American Association of Christian Schools in 1979. ACHS seeks to: Advance Christian Scholarship; Challenge Christian Leadership; Honor Christian Character, and Stimulate Christian Service. The induction ceremony is held each year after the end of the first semester. Students must continue to maintain a 90 average in their classes and be of good character in order to retain membership in the Honor Society.

Standards and Conduct

Because we are a Christian school with a decidedly Biblical worldview, we will teach our students morality and standards of lifestyle based on the teaching of Scripture. For example, please see Ephesians 4:20-32 and 5:1-21 for our standard of model conduct, morality, and behavior. Mt. Pleasant Christian School expects that both students and parents will support the school in this distinct mission and its Biblical beliefs.

Morality Policy

Mt. Pleasant Christian School believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and sets forth absolute truth by which Christians are to live. In relying on the teachings of Scripture, MPCS believes that the Bible prohibits sexual immorality of any type, including, but not limited to, practicing or promoting pornography, homosexuality, bisexuality, lesbianism, transgenderism, adultery, fornication, living together without marriage, practicing or participating in alternate gender identity, uncleanness, or any other sexual activity that the Bible condemns as sin. Further,Mt. Pleasant Christian School honors Biblical marriage, as it is recognized by God, to be the joining of one biologically born male and one biologically born female in legal matrimony (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20-24; Malachi 2:13-16; Proverbs 18:22; Matthew 19:2-9; 1 Corinthians 7:1-40; 13:4-7; Ephesians 5: 22-33; Hebrews 13:4). On those occasions in which a particular applicant, employee, home, or student is acting counter to or in opposition to the Biblical beliefs and lifestyle that the Bible teaches, the school reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse employment to any prospective employee, to terminate employment of a current employee, to refuse admission to an applicant student, or to discontinue enrollment of a current student. This includes, but is not limited to condoning, or supporting any form of sexual immorality, it also includes anyone person or family having the inability to support the Scripture and moral principles of the school as stated throughout this handbook.

Tobacco Policy

Mt. Pleasant Christian School believes that all students, employees, parents, and visitors have the right to be in a school environment that promotes, enhances, strives to become, and maintains a drug-free campus. Because of the high degree of evidence available, we view smoking and other uses of tobacco and tobacco products as being detrimental to health and a significant contributor to lung, heart, mouth, and other associated diseases. In addition, it is against Federal Law and the Law
of the State of Alabama to sale tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21; and is against the law for anyone under the age of 21 to be in possession of or passing these products to other students. Therefore, all persons are prohibited from using tobacco products of any kind on all school properties at any time and at any school sponsored event. This policy applies to everyone: students, employees, volunteers, parents, spectators, and visitors. Searches are conducted randomly and may include the student’s person, backpack, lockers, and vehicles. All students are subject to searches at the school's discretion. Students who are found in possession form of drugs, tobacco or vaping devices are subject immediate expulsion from Mt. Pleasant Christian School.

A student may be refused admission, dismissed, or expelled from the school or asked not to return the following year if he or she is out of harmony with the Statement of Faith, the spirit, or the policies of the school, whether on or off school property as determined at the sole discretion of the administration. Readmission considerations following dismissal will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**General Conduct**

In everything, students must maintain high standard of courtesy, kindness, morality, and honesty with teachers, staff members, administration, and other students. Students must always address and reply to those in authority with the utmost respect. Students will be taught and expected to behave as ladies and gentlemen.

- **Bullying:** No bullying is allowed. Bullying is defined as the repeated or ongoing aggressive behavior, whether physical or psychological, that is purposefully directed toward another individual with the intent to intimidate, belittle, make sport of, harm, or injure that person. Bullying usually involves an imbalance of power: some issue or factor that gives one person power over another. Please visit Stopbullying.gov or Focus on the Family website for further information.

- **Physical contact:** Physical contact between students is strictly forbidden. No horse play is allowed. We do not permit displays of affection such as hand holding, walking arm-in-arm, hugging, or any other act of intentional physical contact. Students who abuse this rule will be separated while at school, for a definite time. This policy applies at all times on school property and at all school functions. Any student who persists in breaking this rule will disciplined under the requirements of discipline for major offenses.

- **Weapons:** Students are prohibited from having weapons on school campus or at school functions. Possession of weapons is major offense which may require expulsion.

- **Cellphones and devices:** No student will be allowed to keep his or her cell phone or device while at school. All students must turn in their cell phone or device upon arrival. Any student found in possession of or using a cell phone or device without prior permission will be disciplined. Penalties for infractions of cell phone rules include, but are not limited to, confiscation of the phone or device, required payment of a fine before cell phone is released to parents, loss of privilege to bring a phone to school, suspension or expulsion.
• **Technology:** While we encourage the use of computers and the internet, we strongly recommend that parents monitor the personal online presence of their children. Any student who operates a personal online website, contributes to a blog, or participates with online social media is accountable for maintaining a Christian testimony in regards to the content of the site. Websites will be monitored for content on a regular basis. Any student found to be transferring material that is deemed illegal, inappropriate, or contrary to the purpose and to the mission of MPCS will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school. Unauthorized use of the internet on school campus is forbidden.

• **Personal, public, and private property:** Student should not bring unnecessary items to school. The school is not liable for lost items. In order to ensure the safety of our students, the school reserves the right to search student lockers, purses, book bags, backpacks, and all vehicles which are on school property. Any student who steals, defaces or damages public or private property on or off school campus will be disciplined up to and including expulsion.

• **Student drivers:** Operation of a personal vehicle at school is a privilege and guidelines must be observed by student drivers or these privileges may be lost. All students must have permission to drive a car to and from school. Only students with a valid driver’s license and proof of insurance on file in the school office will be permitted to operate a vehicle on school property. Students are only allowed to drive their own vehicle. Students will not be allowed to go to their car during the school day. There is to be no loitering in, on, or around cars before, during, or after school. Loud or questionable music will not be tolerated on school grounds. Reckless or negligent driving may cause a student to forfeit his or her driving privileges. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds in another student’s care without prior parental permission. Students must park in the designated parking areas.

**Parents and Visitors**

• **Visitor's policy:** During the school day, and due to COVID19 restrictions, visitors to the campus are strictly limited. All visitors to the school campus must report to the school office to receive a temporary badge in order to remain on school grounds, may be asked to wear a mask and may be required to undergo a temperature check before entering school.

• **Contacting teachers:** Parents, please do not call or text your child’s teacher during school hours unless it is absolutely necessary. Should a need arise to speak to the school, parents may call the school office at: 205-466-7997.

• **Arranging parent/teacher conferences:** If parents have any questions or if any problems arise concerning school work or classroom procedure, parents should always contact the child’s teacher before they proceed to the next level of authority. This may be done after school hours. Please do not attempt to have an unplanned parent conference before school in the mornings. Please remember that teachers have specific morning duties, and cannot leave their responsibilities. Conferences may be arranged for after-school hours, and your child’s teacher will be happy to meet or speak with you concerning any issues or questions.
you may have after school. Questions concerning school policy or administration should be addressed directly to school administration.

- **Parent dress code:** We ask all parents and families to observe Mt. Pleasant Handbook policies of dress and behavior when they are on school campus or at any school event.

- **Behavior at athletic events:** For all students, their parents and visitors, behavior at athletic events is under the governance of the standards of this handbook and the rules and policies of Mt. Pleasant Christian School. Although the excitement of athletic competition often lends itself to high emotions, we do not condone unsportsmanlike behavior from the faculty, coaches, players, cheerleaders, or spectators. Respect is to be shown at all times to game officials, opponents, and persons from schools with whom we compete. All complaints or disagreements are to be shared with either the MPCS athletic director or administration privately. Unsportsmanlike behavior at athletic events may result in not being able to attend or being removed from any athletic event.

- **Dismissal:** Always be prompt in picking up your child after school. We dismiss at 2:30. Please do not get out of your car in the car line. Teachers will supervise students toward their parent’s vehicle. If you need to get out of your vehicle for any reason, please park in the parking lot. **Please send a written permission note if your child will be riding home with someone other than the normal pickup person. The school CANNOT allow a student to ride with someone other than the designated persons listed on their enrollment forms without written permission.**

- **Extended care:** Please contact the school office if you are interested in taking advantage of extended care after school hours. The school number is 205-466-7997.

- **Unscheduled school closings:** You will be notified about delays and cancellations through an automated “all call”. **NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL UNTIL YOU KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL THAT DAY.**

**Discipline**

It is the goal of Mt. Pleasant Christian School to maintain a positive school culture and climate. This can only be accomplished through a concerted and cooperative effort of all MPCS administration, faculty, staff, students and families. At Mt. Pleasant, we believe that discipline should always include instruction, training, correction, and restoration. We work to accomplish this. In order for proper classroom instruction to occur, teachers must maintain order. If correction of a student becomes necessary, the teacher will observe the following procedures:

**Minor Offenses K5 – 12th:**

- **Teacher to student** – The teacher will verbally correct the student. This correction may be in the classroom, after class or at the discretion of the teacher. In some cases, the teacher may require the student to have silent break, silent lunch, loss of privileges, or other measures appropriate to the offense.

- **Teacher to parent** – The teacher will contact the parent either through note, phone call, text, email, etc. to discuss the problem and enlist parents’ aid in correcting behavior.
• **Student to Administration**: if the above measures have not corrected the behavior, the student will be referred to administration. At this point, administration may choose to assign in-school detention where the student will be allowed to work on school work or other assignments. Students whose behavior is not corrected through in-school detention may be assigned in-school suspension. When a student is placed in in-school suspension, he is counted as absent, unexcused. He or she will not be allowed to make up missed work for a passing grade. He or she will be required to make up all missed work for a maximum of 50% of the grade. Administration will contact the parents and a parent conference or other measures may be necessary to correct behavior.

• **Corporal Correction**: When it becomes necessary, the teacher or administration may administer a paddling, using proper procedure, in the presence of witnesses.

**Major Offense K5 – 12th:**
Major offenses include, but are not limited to, disrespect, lying, stealing, defiance, willful disobedience, intentionally breaking school rules, etc.

- Major offenses may be met with immediate corporal correction
- In-school suspension
- Mandatory withdrawal or expulsion.

- If repeated efforts are ineffective in correcting a child’s behavior, the student who continues to be disobedient, disruptive, disrespectful, defiant, or exhibiting any other repeated behaviors which are inconsistent with instruction and school policy, may be asked to withdraw from the school.

**Dress Code**
Students at MPCS are required to wear uniforms.

- **Tops**: All students must wear Mt. Pleasant monogrammed shirts. These may be polo, long or short sleeves, or button down collared dress shirts. These should be solid colors. **Shirts must be monogrammed with our MP logo. No hoodies may be worn at any time except Mt. Pleasant hoodies. Hoodies are to be worn as a jacket, over a uniform polo.**
- **Bottoms**: Students must wear uniform pants or uniform shorts to the knee. These should be solid colors.
- **Note**: Girls may wear uniform knee-length uniform skirts or jumpers. Leggings may be worn under skirts or dresses only. Girls may also wear knee socks or tights with their uniform skirts and jumpers.
- **Spirit Day**: At designated times during the school year we will have MPCS Spirit Day. Students may wear Mt. Pleasant Christian School (only) t-shirts or hoodies with jeans. No leggings, jeggings, sweat pants joggers, yoga pants, spandex pants, or gym shorts are to be worn. No frayed, torn, shredded, ripped, cut, holey, or tight-fitting clothing may be worn.
• **Hair:** Students may only wear hair color that is natural to humans. Boy’s hair length must be no longer than the middle of the ear and must stay neatly trimmed off the collar and the eyes.

• **Piercings:** Boys may not wear piercings of any kind. Girls may wear no piercings of any kind except earrings.

• **PE Uniforms:** Cost and requirement for PE uniforms will be announced.

### Student Health

All students who take medication, which includes over the counter or prescription, must turn in their medications to the office. Medicine must be properly labeled and in its original container. NO student can receive medication of any kind unless a Medication Request Form is signed and on file for the current school year. If a child requires medication during school hours, and there is not signed authorization on file, it will be necessary for the parent to come to the school to personally dispense it. Teachers cannot be held responsible for carrying out these duties.

If a student’s temperature is 100 degrees or above, the parents will be called to pick up the student. Parents are expected to come to the school immediately if called. Students with communicable illnesses must be kept home until the possibility of contagious infection is passed. This means that the child is without symptoms or fever for 24 hours without medications. A note from the doctor may be required for the child to be allowed to return to school. Head lice, though not a disease, is contagious, and any student diagnosed as having head lice will not be permitted to return to school until they are completely free of lice and nits. All students are required to have up-to-date immunizations and the record of these must be kept in the student’s file.

**Please note:** COVID 19 Health regulations are listed in the separate document: Mt. Pleasant Christian School Back to School Plan.

### Field Trips

Classes take field trips at various times during the school year to places of educational interest. Students are required to maintain the same level of self-discipline on these school-sponsored activities as is required at school. These trips will be chaperoned by teachers and parents or guardians. Parents are required to follow the same standards of dress and conduct as the students. Field trips are intended for a specified group of students: Therefore, only specified students may attend. Siblings of students are not included in the specified group and may not attend.

**Due to COVID 19 Health Regulations field trips are temporarily suspended. Please see the separate document:** Mt. Pleasant Christian School Back to School Plan.