

# MISSION VIEJO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



5th GRADE

Mission Viejo Christian School was named a **National Blue Ribbon School in 2024** by the U.S. Dept. of Education and is fully accredited by:

- *Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)*
- *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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At Mission Viejo Christian School, 5th grade students begin each day in their homeroom with a time of pledges, prayer and worship, setting a Christ-centered foundation for learning. The 5th grade program is departmentalized, with students rotating among teachers who specialize in specific subject areas. A biblical worldview is integrated throughout all core subjects, including math, science, language arts, social studies, and Bible. Enrichment classes—such as physical education, music, STEM, Digital Media, and art—are taught by specialized instructors who bring expertise and creativity to each discipline. To enhance learning through technology, each student uses a Chromebook in the classroom.

Average Class Size: 25, with a shared Teacher's Aide

## **CHARACTERISTICS of an MVCS Student**

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MVCS seeks to develop these qualities in our students and cultivate their God-given potential as they follow Christ and live out biblical values in all areas of their lives:

- Christ Follower      personal relationship with Jesus Christ | demonstrates CHI (Character Honor Integrity)
- Well-Mannered      others-oriented | demonstrates humility
- Compassionate      shows empathy and kindness servant-hearted
- Scholarly            independent learner | thinks critically
- Self-Disciplined    responsible | diligent | self-motivated
- Respectful          respects God, authority and others
- Wise                  discerning | chooses the good

## **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Chapel & Missions**

Students at Mission Viejo Christian School attend chapel each Friday, where they participate in age-appropriate worship and hear practical, biblically grounded messages. Living a Christ-centered life is modeled through serving and loving others as the hands and feet of Jesus. MVCS also offers meaningful, school-wide and classroom-based mission opportunities that help students grow in compassion and develop servant hearts.

### **SOCIAL SKILLS**

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As part of a school-wide focus, Mission Viejo Christian School emphasizes Christian character development, manners, relational skills, and biblical conflict resolution. The School Counselor supports this initiative by visiting classrooms to teach age-appropriate lessons on communication, emotional regulation, and resolving conflict through the lens of Scripture. Fifth grade students participate in *The Amazing Shake* competition, which further builds these skills by engaging students in real-world scenarios such as debates, job interviews, and a mock Shark Tank—promoting confidence, professionalism, and business etiquette.

## ACADEMICS

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### English Language Arts

Students read a range of literary and informational texts with a focus on fluency, comprehension, and thoughtful response. They learn to compare texts, identify themes, and analyze characters, structure, and point of view. Writing instruction focuses on clear organization, supporting details, and appropriate tone. Public speaking and listening skills are strengthened through oral presentations and participation in *The Amazing Shake* competition.

#### Textbooks/Resources:

- Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing
- Easy Grammar 5
- Various novels
- iReady MyPath (online reading resource)

### Mathematics

Students are challenged to apply their understanding of operations with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions through increasingly complex problem-solving tasks. Math 5 builds on the manipulative-based foundations established in earlier grades and prepares students for the transition to middle school math. Instruction includes an introduction to pre-algebra, geometry, measurement, and data analysis.

#### Textbooks/Resources:

- Math 5 (BJU Press)
- Beast Academy (online resource)
- iReady MyPath (online resource)

#### Academic Competition:

- Math Kangaroo

### Science

Students study life, physical, and earth science to build a strong foundation for understanding how science reflects God's design in the world. The curriculum emphasizes the development of inquiry skills, scientific vocabulary, and conceptual understanding through hands-on investigations, reading, and classroom discussion.

#### Textbooks/Resources:

- Science 5 (BJU Press)
- STEM Lab

### Social Studies

As part of their U.S. history studies, students examine early exploration, the colonial era, and the formation of the thirteen colonies. They investigate the American Revolution, land conflicts, slavery, westward expansion, and the causes and effects of the War for Independence. Students also study key figures and events in the drafting of the U.S. Constitution, building a strong foundation in civic understanding and historical awareness.

#### Textbook:

- History-Social Science, United States History (Houghton Mifflin)

### Bible

MVCS is dedicated to equipping students with a biblical worldview, helping them understand and embrace God's design for humanity. By studying worldview alongside apologetics, students gain greater confidence in Christ and develop the ability to care for others by thoughtfully addressing objections to Christianity and sharing compelling reasons for their faith.

#### Textbooks/Resources:

- Deep Roots Bible: *The Divided Kingdom*
- New International Version Bible

## ENRICHMENT

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| <b>Art</b>           | Hands on instruction in all mediums and art forms, participation in Wyland's <i>Water is Life</i> national competition                                      |
| <b>Digital Media</b> | Exploration of creativity through hands-on digital projects using computers, tablets and cameras  |
| <b>Music</b>         | Participation in music instruction focused on rhythm, beat patterns, foundational musical terminology with an emphasis on strings, choir, band, and worship |
| <b>STEM Lab</b>      | Collaborative projects/experiments, including engineering and 3D printing   |
| <b>P.E.</b>          | Outdoor fitness program and sports instruction two times per week   |

## **FIELD TRIPS**

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Field trips at each grade level provide important opportunities for real-world learning and experiences that open students' minds, eyes, and servant hearts in ways a textbook or classroom cannot.

### **Examples of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trips:**

- Riley's Farm | Social Studies
- Griffith Observatory | Science