



MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
HOMESCHOOL CO-OP


Handbook for Parents and Students





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Welcome from Pastor Chris Clontz

Fourteen years ago my wife, Amanda, and I prayerfully decided to homeschool our 4 year old son. We had no idea what the future held, but we felt certain this was a call the Lord had placed on our lives. This decision was not always supported by everyone we knew and it forced us to make sacrifices along the way. However, looking back over the years, next to surrendering my life to Jesus and marrying Amanda, homeschooling our kids was the best decision I have ever made.

I am truly excited about the fact that Mt. Pleasant is providing a ministry that will assist other parents in making the tough decision we did all those years ago. I pray that our church is able to be a blessing to your children as we share the unfailing love of Jesus with each of them.

I applaud you for this choice and can't wait to see how God uses this ministry to make an eternal difference in your family and our community.

Chris





Welcome from Mt. Pleasant Church Elders

The Elders are so happy to see this homeschool ministry becoming a reality!

We know this will make a huge impact on our community. A lot more people are choosing to homeschool their kids, as many parents find the public school system does not provide the spiritual guidance and truth we all need. We believe this ministry will be a great help and a great blessing for those students and their families, and we cannot wait to see this ministry grow!

Homeschool Co-op Director

Welcome from Co-op Director

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family!


I am thrilled to be the Co-op Director, and to help bring exciting and growth-filled academic and experiential learning to our homeschool community at Mt. Pleasant Church and beyond.

As we move into the first semester for The Point, I *cannot wait* to see what God has planned!

In Jesus' unfailing love,

Lauren

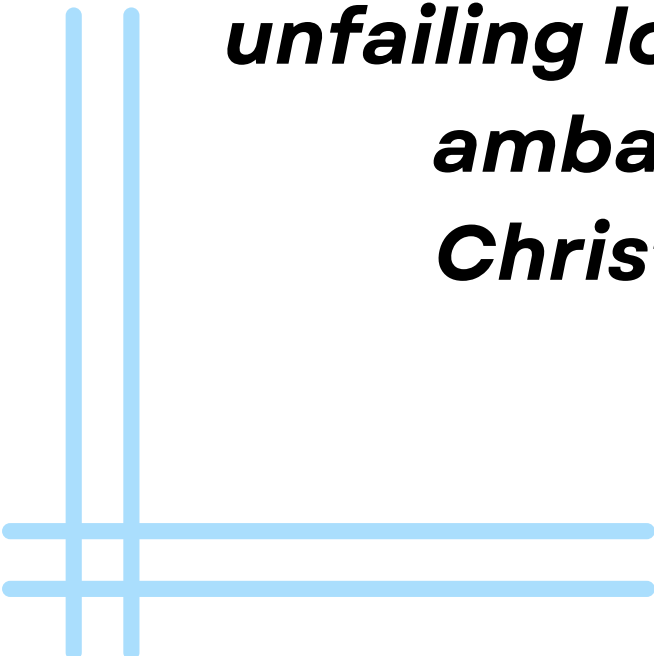
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Homeschool Co-op Director





Mission Statement

The Point is an outreach ministry of Mt. Pleasant Church focusing on the Christian, academic, and experiential education of our community homeschooling students, boldly sharing Jesus' unfailing love, and training ambassadors to Christ's mission.





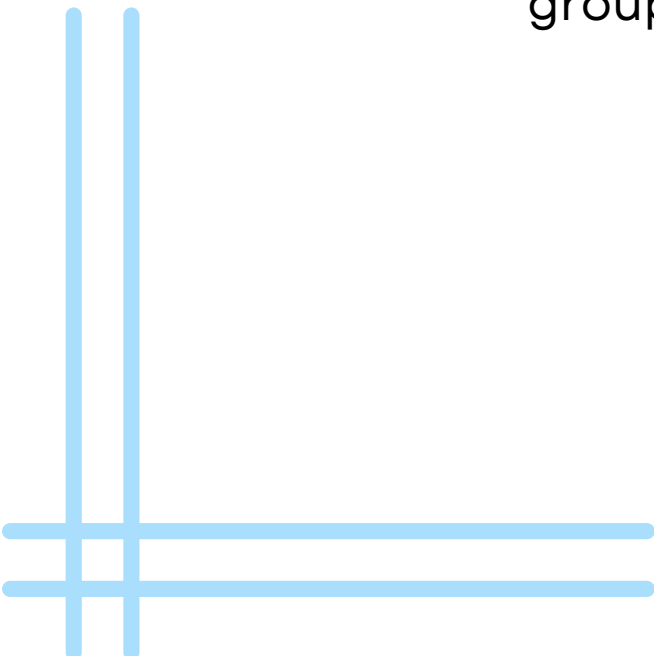
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Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, information regarding classes will be posted on the public social media pages, in the private Facebook group, and on WXII.



Calendar

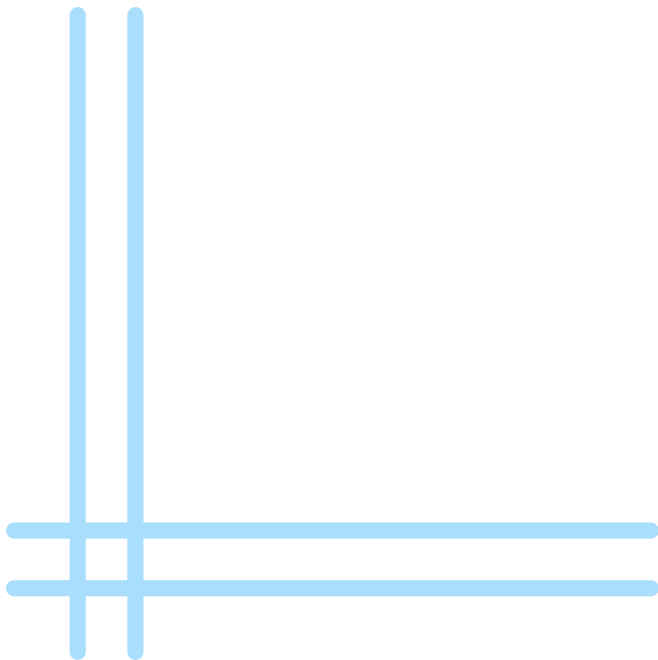
November 30th	Registration Opens for MTP Parents; Parent Volunteer signups open
December 7th	Open registration begins; Parent Volunteer Signups continuing
December 21st	Registration Ends
January 4th	Orientation - Teachers and Parents
January 4th-9th	Late Registration (Space permitting, fee applies)
January 9th	First Day of Classes
March 7th	Holiday (Light Up the Night Preparation)
Week of March 31st	Easter Break
April 23rd	Last Day of Classes
April 30th	Make-up Day (if necessary)



Parental Expectations

As we get started with The Point, we ask that you familiarize yourself and your child(ren) with the Code of Conduct, Social Media/Photography policy, volunteer expectations, and the course information.

The Point is hoping to extend opportunities for growth in your family's relationship with Jesus Christ as well as in academics and experiences. It is the expectation you will fulfill items such as transcript preparation and college/trade readiness within your personal homeschool journey. In addition, we are unable to offer tutoring, IEP assistance, after-school care, or similar items.



Code of Conduct

Wisdom
Obedience
Responsibility
Kindness
Self-Control

Using an acronym helps parents and students remember our basic rules, and apply them more easily.

WORKS is derived from James 2:26, “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” (KJV) Each portion of the acronym is also a Biblically-based character trait.

Wisdom is God’s truth guiding your thoughts and actions, and has Psalm 111:15 as the reference verse.

From John 14:21 comes **Obedience**, where we obey the first time, every time [with a happy heart!].

Be someone God and others can count on - **Responsibility** is part of Galatians 6:4-5.



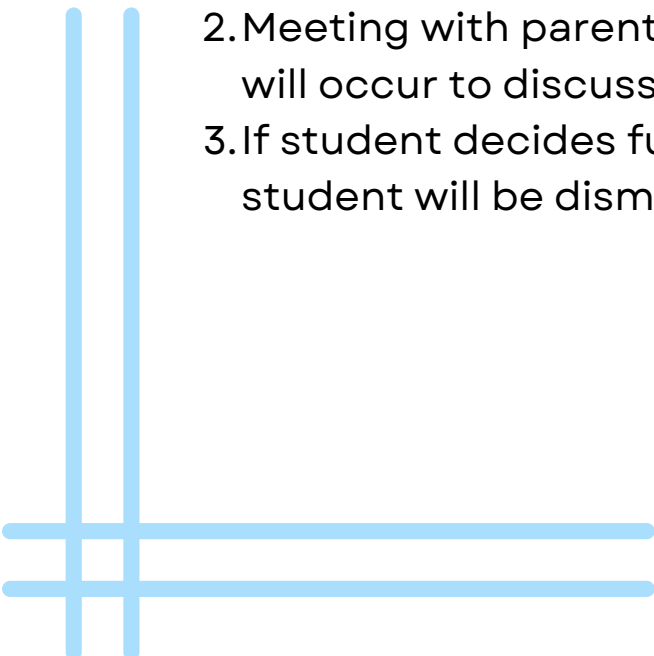
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To have a friend, you have to be a friend. **Kindness** is an integral part of this - guidance is found in Ephesians 4:32

Finally, **Self-Control** covers many aspects such as action, health, wellness, and thought, amongst others. Don't be "...like a city that is broken-down, and without walls" as Proverbs 25:28 cites.

Code of Conduct Violations

Although it is expected students will work to keep our Code of Conduct, there may be students not willing to follow our path. For these situations, the following guidelines are set forth for disciplinary action:

1. Student will be set apart from the classroom, and parents will be notified of misconduct.
 2. Meeting with parents, student, teacher, and Director will occur to discuss continued misconduct.
 3. If student decides further steps are necessary, student will be dismissed from The Point.
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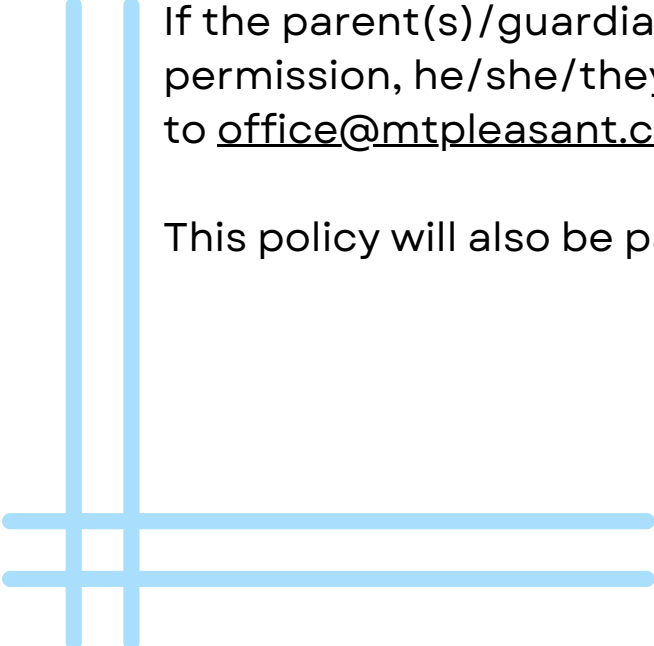


Additional Guidelines

Social Media and Photography Policy

From time to time, we will take photos or videos to share or use on our website and social media.

It is understood that the parent(s)/guardian(s) gives Mt. Pleasant Church permission to use my child(ren)'s image. The parent(s)/guardian(s) understand(s) the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. The parent(s)/guardian(s) also understand(s) that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable by reason of such use. The parent(s)/guardian(s) understand(s) that this permission does not expire.



If the parent(s)/guardian(s) wish to revoke this permission, he/she/they must notify the church via email to office@mtpleasant.church.

This policy will also be part of the registration form.



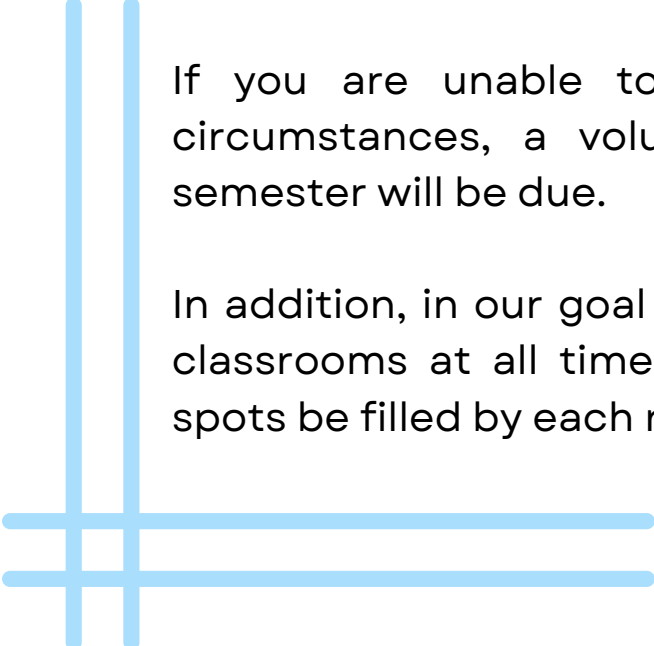
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Volunteer Expectations

It is expected all parents will volunteer at times throughout the semester. Opportunities to help include, but are not limited to:

- Check-in
- Pick up
- Hall Assistants/Monitors
- Security
- Teacher's Assistants
- Nursery (for teachers/ volunteers needing this)

Clear and current background checks will be required, and will be completed through Active Screening Faith. If you have not completed a background check for a Mt. Pleasant Church event or ministry, you will receive an email from this organization to complete the background check.



If you are unable to volunteer due to extenuating circumstances, a volunteer opt-out fee of \$125 per semester will be due.

In addition, in our goal to have at least two adults in the classrooms at all times, we ask that a minimum of 20 spots be filled by each registering family.



Spring 2024 Tuition and Fees

Registration	\$100 for first child \$25 each additional child \$150 family maximum** ++ **Parents wishing to teach receive a \$50 discount on registration fee ++Financial aid may be available on a case-by-case basis
Late Registration** (**Depending on enrollment availability)	\$25
Volunteer Opt-out Fee	\$125
Tuition and Materials	Depending on course, payable to teacher

