

# Top Five Reasons College Advising @ MV is Better

1. Tradition of excellent college placement: in the last three years, MV students were admitted to a diverse set of America's most selective colleges including Amherst College, Barnard College, Boston College, Boston Univ., Brandeis Univ., Brown Univ., Carleton College, Carnegie Mellon Univ., Case Western Reserve Univ., Columbia Univ., Cornell Univ., Davidson College, Dartmouth College, Duke Univ., Emory Univ., The George Washington Univ., Georgetown Univ., Harvard Univ., Kenyon College, Lafayette College, Lehigh Univ., Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (MIT), Middlebury College, New York Univ., Northwestern Univ., Oberlin College, Pomona College, Reed College, Rice Univ., Smith College, Tufts Univ., Univ. of Chicago, Univ. of Michigan, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Univ. of Wisconsin, Vanderbilt Univ., Vassar College, Wake Forest Univ., Washington Univ., Wesleyan Univ., and Williams College.
2. Spring Break college trip: 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders can travel with Jarin Jaffee, Director of College Advising, on a 5-day college tour every other year. Last year we visited colleges in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington D.C. like Georgetown Univ., American Univ., Carnegie Mellon Univ., Univ. of Maryland, Goucher College, and Johns Hopkins Univ. In 2010 we will travel to colleges in the Midwest to tour schools in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and southern Ohio. The trip includes college tours and group sessions, sightseeing, college journals, "rolling" sessions about the colleges and application process, and much more!
3. Individualized college lists and guidance: starting in the fall of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, families work one-on-one with Mr. Jaffee to form a college list, research colleges, revise the list, address financial aid and scholarships, meet deadlines, request recommendations, and complete applications. Throughout the process, there are two individual meetings with the parents and student, and three more with just the student. Mr. Jaffee also meets with each senior to enhance the counselor recommendation.
4. Leaders in Higher Education Series: Maumee Valley hosts directors/deans of admission from selective colleges nationwide to speak with parents, students, and administrators to educate our community about issues in college admission and enrollment, and to learn about the talented student body, resources, and opportunities at MVCDS. Thus far we have welcomed the Dean of Admission from Kenyon College and the Directors of Admission from Case Western Reserve Univ. and George Washington Univ. Some colleges come to Toledo only to visit Maumee Valley Country Day School.
5. Essay workshops: in May of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students work on their primary college essay as part of their English class. The two-week seminar concludes with a daylong workshop featuring admissions counselors from three selective colleges to review and critique essays and give advice about the college essay and the application process in general.