
MT. BETHEL CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

MARIETTA, Ga. - On Monday, October 1, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos recognized 300 public schools and 49 independent schools as 2018 [National Blue Ribbon Schools](#). Mt. Bethel Christian Academy was selected as one of five independent schools from Georgia, and the only one –public or private - in Cobb County.

Specifically, Mt. Bethel was recognized in the category of ***Exemplary High Performing Schools***. Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state’s highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. MBCA was recognized in this category for its many years of sustained academic excellence.

“I’m pleased to celebrate with you as your school is named a National Blue Ribbon School,” said Secretary DeVos in a video message. “We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students' accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs.”

Mr. Jim Callis, Head of School, shared news of this achievement Monday at a surprise-filled, all-school assembly. Specials guests included Cobb County Commission Chairman Mike Boyce and Cobb County Commissioner Bob Ott. The Academy is grateful for the support from local leadership as it strives to grow God's kingdom and prepare its students to be leaders themselves. The 2018 National Blue Ribbon School designation makes a powerful statement about the Academy's commitment to developing and nurturing students who will succeed mightily in college and beyond. MBCA students are led and supported by the very best faculty, ready to be a force for good in the world.

As Mr. Callis demonstrated during Monday morning's assembly, the MBCA community is ready to shout this good news from the roof top!

MBCA is excited for this opportunity to celebrate the quality of its students and the pride and passion of its faculty. Parents are encouraged to visit the Academy front desk at either campus to pick up a MBCA Blue Ribbon yard sign to display at their homes, and an updated magnet to display on their cars. Students and faculty will be treated to a "Blue" jeans day every Friday in October, and a special, blue dessert will be served at lunch this Friday, October 5th. Students are also encouraged to proudly wear the 2018 National Blue Ribbon School silicone bracelet they received in homeroom!

Although celebrations are underway, MBCA leadership remains mindful of the important work they must continue in order to maintain this nationally-recognized level

of academic excellence for years and years. The Academy extends a sincere thank you to its faithful supporters. The best is yet to come!

Founded in 1998, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy is an independent, Christian preparatory school serving 625 students in Junior Kindergarten – twelfth grade. The school has two campuses located in Marietta, just north of Atlanta in east Cobb County. Both campuses provide an extraordinary, Christ-centered environment where students are academically challenged, nurtured, and loved. In 2014, the school expanded to include a north campus which is now the home of its upper school.

Earlier this year, Mt. Bethel graduated its inaugural senior class with a one hundred percent college acceptance rate.

MBCA enjoys full dual accreditation with:

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)

Bus service is available from Sandy Springs and Smyrna to the main campus. An intercampus shuttle bus runs between the north campus and the main campus.

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