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**FUNd Run Benefit and MGCS 30th Year
Community Will Celebrate the School, Students and Faculty
Proceeds Provide for Student Scholarships, Classroom Technology, Playground Equipment**

March 8, 2013 (Wilmington, NC) – Myrtle Grove Christian School (MGCS) will hold its annual spring benefit fundraiser on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 in the MGCS gymnasium located on Piner Road. MGCS families will show their strong support for the mission of MGCS, its students and faculty, on Thursday evening at 6:30 pm then Friday during the school day to commemorate the school's 30th birthday and run to raise money for the Annual Fund.

This year's proceeds benefit the Pre-K through eight grade academic programs specifically, scholarships, academic support services, Rosetta Stone software, and equipment for the school playground. The festive birthday celebration will feature a cake decorating contest and the official *lining of the track* in preparation for the student mile FUNd Run. Volunteers will embellish the track with the "cheer-me-on" messages that accompanied donations from friends and family in support of the students' mile run achievement taking place the following day.

"What makes this event so special is that everybody gets to participate on some level," said event organizer and MGCS development director, Allison Kyff. "MGCS students take pride in their school, and they put it all out on the track with smiles on their faces as they share their love for MGCS. Faculty, staff, parents, sponsors, friends and family enjoy their enthusiasm and cheer them on while giving to the school at the same time. The focus on our students and raising support for their school brings this all together," she added.

Featured sponsors of the birthday celebration and run include:

Carolina Beach Realty; Carolina Beach Athletic Development; Porter's Neck Cosmetic and Family Dentistry; Carolina Arthritis Associates; Farmers Friend; Southern Asphalt; Port City Apparel; SeaCoast Skin Surgery; Discovery Dental Studio; Browning Orthodontics; Sandpiper Marketing and Communications LLC; Chick-fil-A at Monkey Junction; Wilson O. Jewell, DDS; Richard Wetherill III, DDS; Surgical Eye Care: Drs. Alan Brown and R. Dax Hawkins.

For more information on sponsoring the event, giving to MGCS, or to learn more about MGCS, please visit www.mgcs.org or call Allison Kyff at 910. 392.2067 or by email to akyff@mgcs.org.

Myrtle Grove Christian School's mission is to educate students by exposing them to biblical principles as a framework for all that is taught. The goal for all students is that they be strengthened spiritually, morally, academically, emotionally, and physically to meet the challenges of higher education and their call to serve Christ in the world.

“What has been accomplished in 30 years is amazing,” said MGCS head of school Stacey Miller. “We come together in great fellowship to celebrate MGCS and the role the school continues to play in the lives of our faculty, alumni, students and families as well as the churches that connect us. Through the years our annual fund contributions have been able to enhance our academic program and provide the facilities that benefit our children. We are grateful for our sponsors and our families for showing their care for our school’s legacy. The future of our students and their spiritual and academic growth continues to be paramount,” he added.

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About MGCS

Established in 1982, Myrtle Grove Christian School is a fully accredited Christian school serving over 425 students from preschool to 8th grade. MGCS is affiliated with Myrtle Grove Evangelical Presbyterian Church but is comprised of students and faculty from over 50 churches in the Wilmington area. Over the years MGCS has earned a reputation for a rigorous academic program as well as a spiritual climate that is warm, vibrant and balanced. Smaller class sizes, generally 18-20 students, help MGCS maintain high standards and a positive classroom environment.

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