A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Mercy Community,

During the last several weeks, we have been working in conjunction with local and state governments, medical facilities, the Erie County Health Department and other area partnerships in order to secure a plan for the reopening of our school. Mount Mercy Academy is persistent in following health and safety guidelines which includes plans to test students and staff, proper training to administer tests, obtaining funding for testing, along with many other logistics to restore the invaluable and irreplaceable impact of in-person learning. With a secure testing plan in place, we are asking families to provide Mount Mercy with permission to test their daughter in order to meet the weekly mandate which will allow for our school to open and remain in session. Currently, the state regulations are requiring a 20% monthly testing rate while in a designated Orange Zone and a 30% monthly rate while in a designated Red Zone. For the wellness and well-being of our students, faculty and staff, and to maintain a continuity of learning, we will continue on the Distance Learning Plan until all necessary protocols are in place, testing is available, permission to test is granted and it is deemed sufficient to return. In the meantime, I wish nothing but a Blessed Holiday Season for all of our Mercy families and take this time as an opportunity to reflect on blessings, gratitude and peace within our hearts and community.

God Bless,
Michele Melligan
Head of School
SPORTS UPDATE

SOCCER

The Mount Mercy Soccer Team won their semifinal playoff game against a tough battling Christian Central team! Rosie Bandura had 2 goals & 1 assist, Abby Mailloux 1 goal, Maddie Edwards 1 goal, Mary Bea Lalley 2 assists & Emily Kessler 1 assist. Our hardworking defense, led by senior Anna Schieber, helped goalie Amelia Lalley secure a shutout.

Mercy wrapped up the 2020 Soccer Season with a 1-0 loss to O’Hara in the B Division Championship game. The team will miss the leadership and guidance of our 4 seniors: Megan Reilly, Emily Kessler, Anna Schieber and Gianna Lauciello.
The Mount Mercy Cross Country team ended its shortened regular season with continued individual improvement. The team lost its meet against Mount Saint Mary, but seven team members had personal bests, including four with their best times ever and three with their best times of the year!

Sophomore Ellie Godsoe was the team’s top finisher for the fourth straight meet. She recorded a personal best with a time of 23:25, good for a fourth place finish. She lowered her best time by 40 seconds. Senior Rheanna Welsh had her best time of the year, finishing eighth at 25:45, defeating teammate Addison Barth, a freshman, by three seconds. Barth’s time of 25:48 was her best time ever.

Sophomore Gemma McIlroy had her best finish of the year, crossing the line in a time of 25:56. Rounding out the top five finishers for the Magic was sophomore Jillian Schneck with a season best time of 26:17.

A season best was also recorded by senior Angelina Larivey and freshman Charli Debose had her personal best time, shaving over two minutes from her previous best. With a young roster comprised of five sophomores and six freshmen and only three seniors, the future looks bright for the Mount Mercy Cross Country squad. The team competed in the All-Catholic Championships where Welsh ended her career with her best time of the year, finishing in 23rd place with a time of 24:50.

Teammate Godsoe finished six seconds behind her in 24th place. Also competing for the Magic were McIlroy, Schneck, Barth and sophomore Paige Lapadat. Coach Bob Walsh stated, “I am very proud of the performance of each and every member of this team, especially with the shortened season.”
DIVISION B ALL-CATHOLIC TEAM

Congratulations to Madelyn Hart, Mary Beatrice Lalley, Gianna Lauciello & Anna Schieber on making the Division B All-Catholic Team 2020!

**DIVISION B ALL-CATHOLIC TEAM 2020**

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**KATE RYAN**

Congratulations to Kate Ryan on signing to play Division 2 volleyball at Daemen next year!
In Ms. Rauscher’s Living Environment class, students learned about cell organelles and what better way to show off our knowledge than to dress up as the cell parts!
Ms. Rauscher - The Nucleus (king of the cell)
Avery Walker - Golgi Apparatus (the packaging center / postal service)
Caroline Tucker - Ribosomes (protein factory)
Emma Labby - Lysosomes (breaks down substances)
Addison Barth - Cytoplasm (the glue of the cell)
Jayla Goodman - Mitochondria (we have the POWER)

Mount Mercy had a presentation to honor Margaret Cronin and her departure from Mercy. Senior, Megan Reilly organized the card and gift for her and Jillian Schneck painted the buffalo that was given as the gift! Thanks for everything you have done Peggy!
Mount Mercy Academy had its first “Mental Health Day” where the entire building was closed for faculty, staff & students. Our Mercy community was given a day off of work and school to recharge and spend some time with family and friends!

Here are photos of an actual “Who Dun It?” in Ms. Rauscher’s Anatomy and Physiology class!
On November 24th during homeroom, students made hand turkeys and reflected on what they were grateful for this Thanksgiving season!

Ms. Rauscher’s Anatomy and Physiology class had some fun during their first online “Whackey Wednesday!”
ART SPOTLIGHT

Mixed Media piece from ART 1
Artist: Shannon Kerten

ZenTangle Drawings in ART 1
Artist: Ashley Cirbus

Photo taken by Olivia Fuller

Portrait Photography taken in Digital Photography Class
Mount Mercy Lottery Raffle

We are having a Lottery ticket drawing. We are ONLY selling 1000 tickets. Each ticket will have a three digit number and we will use the NYS Evening Lottery number to pick each daily winner. Every ticket will be good through date of purchase starting January 1st through May 31st. Each night you will have a chance to win $25. We will also have three special drawings- January 1st $100, March 17th- $200 and Graduation May 26th- $200. Use this link to purchase tickets: https://mountmercy.wufoo.com/forms/z13numzropiw23k/

See what Mercy can do for YOU!

If you missed Mount Mercy Academy’s Entrance Exam, you can still schedule to make up the exam!

If you would like to learn more about Mount Mercy or schedule a visit, please contact Tina Webster at twebster@mtmercy.org

Merry Christmas Basket Raffle!

The basket includes Christmas goodies, nutcrackers, hot chocolate, 12 Days of Christmas socks, and many different seasonal wine and spirits, along with gift cards from local establishments!

Tickets are 1 for $5 or 6 for $25 and will go on until December 18th. Good luck!!

Please visit our website to purchase your tickets: https://www.mtmercy.org/alumnae-christmas-basket-raffle

*must be 21 to enter*

Proceeds will go to the Alumnae Scholarship!

And Congratulations to our Fall Basket Winner: Linda Sieckman-Dugan!

Mount Mercy & Amazon Smile

With Christmas just a few weeks away, make sure to shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0955330 and AmazonSmile donates to Mount Mercy Academy!
Hello Mercy Community,

As Christmas is approaching, many are unsure of how to give back this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Many events have become virtual or canceled entirely. However, you can still help out by donating a toy to Mercy’s STEAM toy drive. All toys collected will be given to Toys for Tots, which distributes Christmas gifts to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them. There are many reasons to donate this year. COVID-19 has caused tremendous job losses, and it is likely that more families than ever will be unable to provide Christmas presents for their children. Donating a toy is also a safe way to give back to the community when so many other service events and fundraisers are being canceled due to COVID-19. Additionally, Christmas is the season of giving, and giving makes oneself feel good as well.

A STEAM toy is something that is related to either science, technology, engineering, art, or mathematics. Examples include, but are not limited to Legos, crystal growing kits, coding kits, craft sets, and books about a STEAM topic (like a book about outer space, for example). Important rules to note: The toy must be new and in its original packaging. Used or opened toys will not be accepted or distributed by Toys for Tots. Gifts that are realistic weapons will not be accepted. Food gifts will not be accepted.

Toys will be collected from 2:00 to 3:00 in the Mount Mercy parking lot on December 6th, which is St. Nicholas Day. You do not need to get out of your car, as the toy will be picked up from you. Hope to see you there,

Claire Mullen
Class of 2021
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEAL DISTRIBUTION
Updated 10-22-20

MEAL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE DURING REMOTE LEARNING EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY FROM 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WEST ZONE:
3- D’Youville Porter Campus - 255 Porter Ave. 14201
17- 1045 West Delavan Ave. 14209
18- Dr. Antonio Pantoja - 750 West Ave. 14213
19- Native American Magnet 97 W. Delavan Ave., 14213
30- Frank A. Sedita - 21 Lowell Pl. 14213
45- International School- 140 Hoyt St., 14213
198- International Prep – 110 14th St., 14213
207- Lafayette High School – 370 Lafayette Ave. 14213
304 - Hutch Tech H.S. – 256 S. Elmwood Ave. 14201

NORTH EAST ZONE:
54- Dr. George Blackman School – 2358 Main St. 14214
66- North Park Academy – 780 Parkside Ave. 14216
80- Highgate Heights – 600 Highgate Ave. 14215
81- School 140 Tacoma Ave. 14216
82- Early Childhood Center- 230 Easton Ave. 14215
156- Frederick Law Olmsted @ #203 319 Suffolk Ave. 14215
301- Burgard H.S. 400 Kensington Ave. 14214
335- Middle College at 363 Bennett H.S. – 2885 Main St. 14214

NORTH WEST ZONE:
64- Frederick Law Olmsted School 874 Amherst St. 14216
65- Roosevelt Academy – 249 Skilton St. 14207
79- Grabiarz School – 225 Lawn Ave. 14207
94- West Hertel Academy – 489 Hertel Ave. 14207
208- Riverside High School – 51 Ontario St. 14207

SOUTH ZONE:
27- Hillary Park Academy - 73 Pawnee Pkwy. 14210
67- Discovery School - 911 Abbott Rd. 14220
72- Lorraine Academy – 71 Lorraine Ave. 14220
93- Southside Academy – 430 Southside Pkwy. 14220
206- South Park High School – 150 Southside Pkwy. 14220

EAST ZONE:
31- Harriet Ross Tubman – 212 Stanton St. 14212
37- MJD Futures Preparatory School – 295 Carlton St. 14204
48 @ M.L.K. – 487 High St. 14211
53- Community School- 329 Roehrer Ave. 14208
59- Charles Drew Science Magnet – 1 MLK Jr. Pk., 14211
61- Arthur O. Eve School – 453 Leroy Ave. 14215
74- Hamlin Park Elementary – 126 Donaldson Rd. 14208
89- Dr. Lydia T. Wright- 106 Appenheimer St. 14214
92- BUILD Academy – 340 Feugerson St. 14211
99- Makowski Early Childhood Center- 1095 Jefferson Ave. 14208
97- Harvey Austin – 1405 Sycamore Ave. 14211
179- MST Preparatory at Seneca - 646 E. Delavan Ave. 14215
309- East High School – 820 Northampton St. 14211
Charter School of Inquiry- 404 Edison Ave. 14211

DOWNTOWN ZONE:
6- Buffalo Elementary Sch of Tech – 414 S. Division St. 14208
32- Bennett Park Montessori – 342 Clinton St. 14204
33- Bilingual Center School - 157 Elk St. 14210
43- Lovejoy Discovery School – 161 Benzinger St. 14206
69- Houghton Academy- 1725 Clinton St. 14206
95- Waterfront School 95 Fourth St. 14202

Will provide meals to families with students in the Buffalo Community
- Schools will be open from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
  - Any child 18 years of age and younger may receive these meals
  - Adults may pick up meals for their household members
  - Please BRING a bag to carry out the meal(s)

Questions or Concerns please call the Food Service Department at 816-3688.