Lord God, we gather around this table to humbly thank You for all that You have given us this past year - not just what is on this table, but who is sitting around this table. Thank you for life and laughter, for health and happiness, for relationships and memories. Thank you, too, for the lessons learned and the tears we’ve cried because of Your ability to grow us through them. Thank You for Your comfort and Your presence, in light of good days and bad. Thank You for what we have now, for what we had yesterday, and for what You will continue to give tomorrow. Let us never take that for granted, but to always be grateful for every good and perfect gift that comes from You. May we have hearts full of thanksgiving not only today but every day of our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen. - Cindy McMenamin
Sports Update

Congratulations to freshmen Addison Barth and Lacey Sheehan who represented Mount Mercy at the Golf All-Catholic Match yesterday! Despite their youth, the two did quite well and Coach Lynch is excited about their future. The match was held at Elma Meadows in cold, windy and damp conditions.

Mercy Varsity Soccer celebrated their Senior Night with an 8-1 win against Christian Central at Sahlen’s Turf! Congrats to the team and especially our seniors: Emily Kessler, Gianna Lauciello, Megan Reilly & Anna Schieber!

In its third meet of the year, the Mount Mercy Academy Cross Country team continued to improve its times. Sophomore Ellie Godsoe continued as the team’s top runner, finishing the course in a time of 24:05, good for twelfth place in the tri-meet with Sacred Heart and Nichols.
Senior Carlie Rambino treated her classmates to ice cream for a special senior privilege!

Our language teacher, Beth Ilecki, took her Italian class outside to set up bocce ball courts and play while learning about its history.

Unity Day

Unity Day is a worldwide celebration of kindness and inclusion and is all about anti bullying. Mount Mercy celebrated by wearing orange and watching videos and doing activities. Some of the activities included crossing out negative qualities students see in themselves and writing down positive ones, decorating rocks to be put in the flower gardens in the front of the school, and writing positive messages to their peers!
Halloween Assembly

Student government organized fun activities including trivia contests between the grade levels, hall decorating and pumpkin painting/carving!
Department Updates

Social Studies

The Women in Social Sciences Program, which has now grown to 49 students, welcomed guest speaker Julie Palmer via zoom! Ms. Palmer is the founder and director of PATH WNY, a faith based non-profit here in Buffalo dedicated to educating the community on human trafficking, preventing human trafficking, and restoring victims of human trafficking. Our students were able to attend both in-person while socially distanced and via distance learning.

The Social Studies department has worked on further integrating the AP Classroom online learning tool accessed from College Board in the history Advanced Placement courses.

Theology

The following seniors have already earned The McAuley Rose for completing 125+ service hours during their 4 years at MMA.

Anani Debose
Aislinn Farrell
Olivia Radwan
Mary Snyder
Natalia Weltjen
Angelina Larivey
Megan Quinn
Megan Reilly
Emily Rhoads
Hannah Vattes
Rheanna Welsh
Anna Schieber

ART

Art Student, Holly Miller, had her design (pictured above) chosen as the Mount Mercy Academy Christmas Card!

Mrs. Welch’s Art Class is also working on a project ‘The Sleeping Mats for the Homeless.’ Students use plastic bags, which have been being collected, to create sleeping mats to donate to homeless shelters and those in need.
The first Foreign Language Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd during Homeroom.

In celebration of Halloween, foreign language teacher Beth Ilecki is doing sugar skulls in her classroom!

The Math Department welcomes back Mrs. Heron on November 12th!

The book of the month that students selected is The ABC Murders by Agatha Christie.

Claire Mullen is recognized as a “Commended Student” through the National Merit Scholarship Program. She scored in the top 3-4% nationally when she took the PSATs last year.

Health and Sciences Academy will be working with mentors virtually beginning towards the end of November.

Steam Club starts at Mercy!
FALL BASKET RAFFLE

Mount Mercy is raffling a beautiful Fall Basket! The basket includes many fall essentials such as a gift certificate for a wine tasting at a Gust of Sun Winery & Vineyard, seasonal beer, seasonal coffee, a bottle of wine, a cookbook for delicious Fall soups, and many other fun fall items! Tickets are 1 for $5 or 6 for $25 and will go on until November 13th. Must be 21 years old to enter. Good luck!! BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT https://mountmercy.wufoo.com/forms/zzuzznw1o1o4jj/ or visit our Facebook for the link

PTO is Coming Back to Mercy!

Anyone interested in the development of our PTO or would like to participate should complete the following form OR contact Jennifer Ellicott at jellicott@mtmercy.org

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BQPY8NbLzH-CwVVybN7zXhlFBMPjlgpjo69DVFk_dJ4/viewform?gxids=7628&edit_requested=true

BECOME A MERCY GIRL

Admissions Exam
Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 8:00 am
$20 Exam Fee

Mount Mercy Academy’s Admissions Exam Review Course
Monday, November 9th
Tuesday, November 10th
Thursday, November 12th & Friday November 13th, 2020
$110 per student

DISCOVER MERCY

See what being a Mercy Girl is like for a day! You will meet with teachers, students and staff to see what Mount Mercy can offer you! For more information visit www.mtmercy.org/mercy-girl-for-a-day
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