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Murder Mystery Comes to Mount Mercy

For the past three years, Mount Mercy Academy has had its students participate in a school-wide read. This summer all Mount Mercy Academy students had to read *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. During September in their English classes the students discussed and were tested on the novel. As a culminating experience, Mrs. Joanna Weld's senior AP English Literature and Composition class planned an assembly for the student body.

The student body was introduced to the crime "The Case of the Students' Missing Money" and the cast of suspects. Interestingly enough, the suspects bore a strange resemblance to some of the faculty and staff at Mount Mercy. Mrs. Weld designed the "crime" and the list of suspects. Her class discussed and planned the project when they returned to school in September. The AP students then wrote their monologues for the various suspects and witnesses.

Students then were split into groups and were able to examine the evidence and question the suspects and witnesses. After listening to all of the evidence and thinking it through, all of the students will write their "solution" to the crime and turn it in to their English teachers.

"I thought it was very well put-together and organized," junior Mariah Rullan (Buffalo) stated. "It was exciting, fun and I was fully engaged in all of the activities." Rullan's classmates agreed that it was a enjoyable and educational experience.



Hercule Poirot (Kate Marabelle-Cheektowaga) asks for help in solving the "crime".



Megan Michalski and Phoebe Palmisano of Buffalo give their statements about the “crime”

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