



McAuley **TIES**

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Celebrating 58 Years of McAuley Memories

Alumnae Salute the Brown & Gold • Congratulations, Class of 2018!

Celebrating 58 years of McAuley Memories

The closure of McAuley High School causes us to reflect and reminisce. We remember the impact that our McAuley education had on us. We remember the many teachers who made a difference in our lives. We remember the life-long friends we made along the way. We remember the classes, retreats, clubs, sporting events, plays and musicals, dances, and countless activities that made our McAuley years four of the best years of our lives.

We hope you'll enjoy this trip down memory lane, which serves as a reminder of McAuley's rich history: how it began, how it changed over the years, and the legacy it leaves behind through each and every one of our alumnae.

How it Began

The story of McAuley High School began on January 22, 1958, when the Most Reverend Archbishop Karl J. Alter announced that a new archdiocesan high school would be established, to be erected and staffed by the Religious Sisters of Mercy. Groundbreaking ceremonies took place on August 28, 1958.

Construction began on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 1959. The following April, 200 eighth graders from neighboring parishes assembled at Mother of Mercy High School in Westwood to register as the first

freshman class at McAuley. After months of preparation and construction, the long awaited day arrived – September 8, 1960 – when clergy, religious, faculty and students gathered to participate in the opening Mass and the cornerstone-laying activities. Thus began the heritage of McAuley High School.



Sisters of Mercy assemble to witness groundbreaking activities in 1958.



Monsignor Edward McCarthy officiated the opening Mass and cornerstone-laying service in 1960.



The 1960s

Principals – Sister Mary Emily Robers (1960-1966)
& Sister Mary Amadeus Richter (1966-1980)

In the 1960s, McAuley students were among the first to grace the halls of this brand new school. Students wore black and white saddle shoes, name pins, and green blazers with the knee-length uniform skirt. Conduct cards were used, and seniors and freshmen had “big and little sisters.” May crownings, mission day carnivals, variety shows and paper drives were held. Graduation took place on the front lawn.



The 1970s

Principal – Sister Mary Amadeus Richter (1966-2000)

Students of the 1970s enjoyed being able to wear brown suede saddle shoes and junior sweaters – but regular uniform checks were a reality! They followed the MODS schedule each day, and enjoyed lunches of ice cream sandwiches, barbeque chips

and lemon meringue pie. Conduct cards and May crownings were still part of the school year, as were filmstrips, student/faculty volleyball games, and gymnastics classes complete with a horse, balance beam and uneven bars. Christmas Dance was held at Music Hall, and many alumnae from this decade experienced the Blizzard of 1978!



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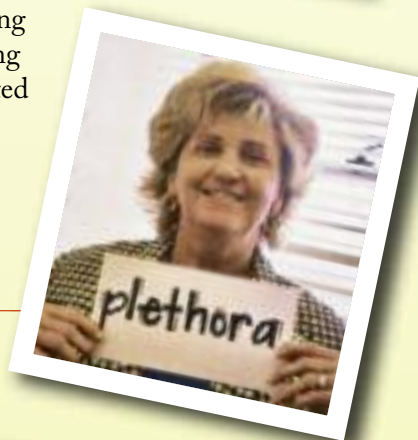


The 1980s

Principals – Sister Mary Ellen Stockelman (1980-1982)
Sister Judith Mary Klei (1982-1985)
Mr. Thomas D’Amico (1985-1987)
Mrs. Cheryl Sucher (1987-2009)

Mohawks of the 1980s remember selling raffle tickets, Big/Little Sis picnics, Senior Mother/Daughter breakfasts, walkathons, TV announcements, Kairos retreats, gym uniforms, and signing

yearbooks. Students of the 1980s also remember wearing brown soft-soled shoes, name pins on collars, having shirts tucked in at all times, and the lovely gym uniforms! Students also remember having study hall in room 127. During this decade, McAuley celebrated its 25-year silver jubilee with special events and activities.



The 1990s

Principal – Cheryl Sucher (1987-2009)

In the 1990s, students heard “a plethora of announcements” every day from Principal Cheryl Sucher, who also instructed them to “watch their time.” Hall passes and conduct cards were used, along with “cinch”

machines at the library. They diligently worked on their POD (Problems of Democracy) projects, in between Math Aerobics and playing cards in study hall. At lunchtime, they dropped their backpacks in the book bag pit outside of the cafeteria. It was also during the 1990s that the “Land Lab” was created outside in the front of the building.





The 2000s

Principal – Cheryl Sucher (1987-2009)

In the 2000s, tennis shoes replaced the brown soft-soled shoes, and uniform sweatshirts and yellow polo shirts were introduced. The pay phones on the ground floor were removed, and prom was moved to Paul Brown Stadium. The first “Bold & Gold Dance” and senior raffle sleepovers were held, and students’ names were included on class sweater sleeves. And, who could forget the time history teacher Mr. Schneider was duct-taped to the wall, or when Mrs. Sucher and Mrs. Kampschmidt died their hair blue?



The 2010s

Principals – Christopher Pastura (2009-2011)
Nicole Brainard (2011-2013)
Cheryl Sucher (2013-2014)
Dan Minelli (2014-2018)

During McAuley’s last decade, Cheryl Sucher was named the first president of McAuley High School.

McAuley celebrated its 50th anniversary with a fun festival for alumnae, students, parents and friends on the front lawn. McAuley’s mascot costume, Molly Mohawk, came to life, as did international student exchange programs. The



students’ favorite school-day hairstyle was a ponytail or messy bun with a “sporty” headband, and they enjoyed wearing different colored socks and shoes of all types to school – from gym shoes to Ugg boots! They were even allowed to have their cell phones with them at school!



Special Events Honoring the McAuley Legacy

Salute to the Brown & Gold

In April, we were thrilled to welcome more than 950 alumnae back to McAuley for an evening of fun and reminiscing! Alumnae enjoyed “raiding the halls” and reconnecting with fellow alumnae and former teachers. Special thanks to the planning committee for their hard work in coordinating this special event: Kathy Thacker Snodgrass '64; Sandy Brichler Arszman '71; Mary Sue Findley '77; Mary Pierson Effler '80; Leslie Wernicke Odioso '83; Brigitte Foley '89; Carrie Teufel Baird '96; Jennifer Rosenacker Kolis '11; Melissa Scherpenberg '12; and Nikki Pierson Mayhew '97 (graphic design).





1990's



2000's



2010's



Special Events Honoring the McAuley Legacy

Class of 1964 Hosts Breakfast for Class of 2018



On April 12, alumnae from McAuley's first graduating class - the Class of 1964 - treated our last graduating class - the Class of 2018 - to

a special breakfast in the cafeteria. The Class of '64 and our seniors enjoyed sharing their fondest "first and last" McAuley memories with each other. Special thanks to our first graduating class for hosting this special event.



"Molly Mohawk" Graduates

During our annual McEmmy award celebration with the students in May, a fun "graduation ceremony" was held for McAuley's mascot, Molly Mohawk!



Spring Concert



In May, alumnae, students, parents, and friends attended McAuley's final spring concert, which took us through the decades at McAuley High School. McAuley alumnae in attendance joined together on stage in singing the Alma Mater and the Suscipe. Sr. Aloyse, composer of the Suscipe, was also in attendance.

Final Mass & Blessing

On Sunday, May 27, alumnae, students, parents and friends of McAuley attended a final Mass and blessing of McAuley High School. Guests enjoyed refreshments, and following Mass, they processed outside to the front lawn, where a special blessing was made on the building. Thanks to all those who attended this memorable event in honoring the McAuley legacy.



Continuing the Sisters of Mercy Tradition at the New Mercy McAuley High School

“This is the spirit of the Order, indeed the true spirit of Mercy flowing on us.”
– Catherine McAuley –

The closure of McAuley High School leaves each of us with fond memories of our high school years; fond memories of a Sisters of Mercy education centered in the mission of Catherine McAuley. Although McAuley High School has now closed, its mission – that of Catherine McAuley – will continue at the new Mercy McAuley High School. Thanks to the countless hours of hard work, dedication and commitment of alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, students and more, Mercy McAuley High School will welcome over 730 students on the first day of school on August 15.

Before this first day, there is still much work to be done over the summer months, as the Oakwood campus undergoes renovations inside and out. When they arrive in August, Mercy McAuley students – the “Wolf Pack” – will step inside an entirely new school. All students will wear a brand new uniform. They will see new school colors, a new mascot and new school logos throughout the campus. They will see numerous enhancements inside and outside of the building, along with iconic elements from both McAuley and Mother of Mercy High Schools, preserving the rich legacies of both schools. They will follow a new class schedule and will be greeted by teachers, many of whom previously taught at McAuley or Mother of Mercy. They will make new friends and will be a part of this very historic first year at Mercy McAuley.



You are an important part of Mercy McAuley!

We are grateful that a Sisters of Mercy education will continue in Cincinnati at the new Mercy McAuley High School, and we are thankful for the ongoing support of McAuley alumnae throughout the transition. Through the new Mercy McAuley, we will continue providing hundreds of young women with a Sisters of Mercy education founded in the core values of Faith, Compassion, Service, Leadership and Excellence – the same core values of your alma mater, McAuley High School.

As a McAuley alumna, you are an integral member of the Mercy McAuley community and an important part of the new school's history and legacy. We look forward to keeping you informed on the opening of the new school and the latest happenings at Mercy McAuley.

New School Colors, Logo and Mascot Revealed!



MERCY McAULEY
WOLVES

In a high-energy pep assembly this past December, students from both McAuley and Mother of Mercy were together on the Mercy campus for the big reveal of the new school's colors, logo and mascot! Giant



Mercy
McAuley

cardboard boxes lined the center of the gym, and students counted down for the opening of the boxes, when orange, white and gray balloons flew out, marking the school's new colors.

At the same time the boxes were opened, members of the Class of 2019 – Mercy

McAuley's first graduating class – stormed into the gym wearing a new Mercy McAuley T-

shirt, followed by Mercy McAuley Principal Connie Kampschmidt and the new Wolf mascot! Every student went home with a T-shirt identifying them as members of the Wolf Pack.



McAuley and Mercy Students Create New Mascot

This past December, students from both McAuley and Mother of Mercy worked alongside Mercy McAuley's Technical Theater director Randy Kent in making the Mercy McAuley Wolf mascot costume come to life.





Day of Giving Raises Over \$70,000!

Thank you to everyone who participated in McAuley's 2018 Day of Giving! For the third year in a row, all donations were matched. Thanks to 310 donors, McAuley raised over \$70,000 in one day! We are grateful for your support that raises essential funding for McAuley students.

Special thanks to our alumnae and friends who honored the following faculty and staff with their contributions:

Miss Menke (Drama 1967)
Susan Barbee
Eric Stock - Swim Coach
Benjamin Effler
Lorraine Effler
Marilyn Enigk
Charlene Fey
Brigitte Foley
Shirley Frey
Charlene Hatton
Kathy Hauser

Lynne Heile
Peggy Hock
Jan Huxel
Connie Kampschmidt
Gina Keith
Rachel Kless
Pat Klus
Jane Kramig
Mary Lachmann
Marjorielaine Menke
Dan Minelli

Greg Niehaus
Ernie Petri
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Sr. Mary Greta Schmidlin, RSM
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Peg Siegmund
Kathleen Thacker Snodgrass
Cheryl Sucher
Tim Taylor
Maria Villalobos

Pam Vissing
Kris Wampler
Miss Wendling
Mary White
Carol Dressman
Bonnie Bressler Fellingner
Sr. Michaelleen Keane
Sr. Mary Perpetua Overbeck
Sr. Mary Amadeus Richter, RSM
Kathy Pohl Wagner

LOOKING BACK AND TO THE FUTURE

McAuction 2018 • An Affair to Remember



Our annual McAuction fundraiser held this past March was another huge success! The event, McAuction 2018: An Affair to Remember Looking Back and to the Future, included dinner, drinks, live and silent auction, split-the-pot, and more. The gym and hallways were adorned with McAuley memorabilia and photos spanning the decades. The event grossed over \$200,000, and all funds raised directly benefit McAuley students. Special thanks to our chairs, Debbie ('87) and Andy Dorr, for their leadership and support of this year's event.

**Save the Date for
Mercy McAuley's
First Auction!**
Saturday, February 16, 2019
Watch for more information!



Student Raffle Raises \$78,289!

For the second year in a row, the annual student raffle was combined with the McAuction Grand Raffle, building on both raffle traditions while increasing the funds raised for our students. This year's student raffle raised \$78,289.50!

Congratulations, Class of 2018!

Percentage of Graduates Continuing their Education in College **96%**

Total Dollar Amount of Scholarships Offered to the Class - Over **\$9.2 Million**

Attending **32** Colleges & Universities

Acceptances to **75** Colleges & Universities

Top **3** College Majors for Class of 2018:
Education;
Biology and Medical Sciences;
Business & Communications



L to R: Nora Honkomp, Sara Roell

Valedictorian

Nora Honkomp will major in Zoology and minor in Dance at Kent State University. After completing her undergraduate degree, she plans to attend graduate school.

Salutatorian

Sara Roell plans to major in religious education with minors in pastoral leadership and French at Marian University.



Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Congratulations to our newest Athletic Hall of Fame inductees!



L to R: Janet Jaeger O'Callaghan '87, Andrea Cunningham Vonderbeide '99, Ernie Petri, Danielle Pfeifer '12, Lynne Morris, Rachel Krabacher '08

Rachel Krabacher '08

Rachel Krabacher graduated in the top 10 percent of her class at McAuley, was an active member of the National Honor Society and an accomplished volleyball player, with 1,003 career kills. She was also named to the High School All-American Team and was selected to a group of eight national high school players as All-Academic Team. During her volleyball career at McAuley, Rachel achieved many honors, including Second Team All-GGCL, Honorable Mention All-City, Honorable Mention OHSSA All-State First Team, All-GGCL, All-District, First Team OHSSA All-State, All-Girls Greater Cincinnati League (GGCL), GGCL Scholar Athlete of the Year, and more.

Lynne Morris, Past Volleyball Coach

Lynne Morris, current athletic director and teacher at DePaul Cristo Rey High School, served as a teacher and volleyball coach at McAuley beginning in 1994. During her coaching career at McAuley, her teams were very competitive in the GGCL League and went to the state Final Four twice. Lynne attended Eastern Kentucky University, where she played four years of volleyball and three years of basketball.

Janet Jaeger O'Callaghan '87

Janet Jaeger O'Callaghan '87 played volleyball and basketball all four years at McAuley, as well as softball for two of the four years. After graduating from McAuley, she was a walk-on athlete for the University of Cincinnati volleyball team. By the time she was a senior, she received a full athletic scholarship, and was named co-captain of the team. After graduating from college, she started her own volleyball club, Queen City Volleyball, in addition to being the head varsity volleyball coach at Mt. Notre Dame High School. She furthered her coaching career at the college level, serving as Second Assistant at the University of Cincinnati, followed by head coach at Wheeling Jesuit University, and then Second Assistant at Purdue University.

Ernie Petri, Golf Coach

Ernie Petri has been the head golf coach at McAuley High School for the past 21 years. McAuley has been ranked in the top 10 of those past years and has had a winning record in 19 of the 21 years. In 14 of these years, McAuley has qualified either as an individual or team for the District tournament. McAuley qualified an individual to the State tournament in 2015 and qualified the team in 2016. Under Petri's leadership, McAuley won the GGCL in 2007, when he was also named Coach of the Year. He has a record of 308 wins and 158 losses in his tenure. Many McAuley graduates have gone on to play college golf; currently two of these graduates play at Mt. St. Joseph University, one plays at Thomas More, and one plays at Ohio Northern University.

Danielle Pfeifer '12

Danielle Pfeifer '12 holds numerous school records and achievements in track and field and cross country from McAuley. She was named GGCL Runner of the Year for three consecutive years and won the 800M race at regionals for four consecutive years. During her years at McAuley, she also won several 400M, 800M, 1600M races at the GGCL meets, helping McAuley to earn the GGCL Champion title two years in a row. Danielle also

won many district races and helped McAuley finish as District Champs. She set a new indoor track and field record at the UK Invitational Meet, which earned her a national ranking, and the record still stands. Danielle also competed at the state level all four years during her time at McAuley and placed in the top in many different races.

Andrea Cunningham Vonderheide '99

Andrea Cunningham Vonderheide '99 was a four-year varsity soccer player at McAuley, the only incoming

freshman to be named to the varsity team. She was a four-time All Conference selection and the GGCL Scarlet Division Player of the Year. During her McAuley career, she scored 54 goals, and at the time of her graduation, she held the school record for goals scored. She was selected as a NSCAA and Adidas All-Regional Team player. After graduating from McAuley, Andrea played Division I soccer at Miami University of Ohio, where she earned the honor of NSCAA First-Team All-American in 2000, the only player to receive this designation.

Senior Mother/Daughter Mass & Breakfast

In May, our senior class enjoyed the annual Senior Mother Daughter Mass and Breakfast. Many of the mothers who attended are also McAuley alumnae themselves. Below we salute these McAuley alumnae – moms and daughters – who will forever share this special McAuley bond.



Lillian Braun	Jennifer Dammarell Braun	1983
Colleen Brugger	Angela Verkamp Brugger	1991
Grace Clark	Laura Hanekamp Clark	1978
Lily Clark	Lisa Pfeil Clark	1983
Alexis Daily	Elizabeth Young	1996
Maria Deitschel	Pamela Holiday Deitschel	1989
Nicole Fishburn	Kathleen Doherty Fishburn	1986
Ashley Hartig	Kimberly Schweitzer Hartig	1987
Camryn Hausfeld	Stephanie Schrand Hausfeld	1990
Emma Hayes	Bonnie Frey Hayes	1986
Hallie Heidemann	Kerri Schrand Heidemann	1987
Ruth Hewald	Patricia Deno Hewald	1983
Madison Hughes	Shannon Kistner Hughes	1991
Olivia Hughes	Amy Obert Gutknecht	1995
Caroline Kinney	Victoria Appiaris Kinney	1990
Karis Kist	Angie Schaefer Kist	1989
Allison Klare	Karen Hubert Klare	1986
Annie Klare	Karen Hubert Klare	1986

Katherine Knebel	Peggy McDonald Knebel	1985
Emily Kyle	Michelle Wood Kyle	1986
Sarah Lawson	Catherine Miller Lawson	1988
Cameryn Lipscomb	Kristy Knab Crouse	1999
Meghan Long	Amy Grome Long	1991
Morgan Lovett	Kim Wehmann Lovett	1978
Maggie Luecke	Mary Ankenbauer Luecke	1986
Amanda Popp	Carrie Meinken Popp	1990
Kylie Rack	Pamela Honold Rack	1985
Jaclynn Ruberg	Carol Schlachter Ruberg	1976
Madison Sayatovic	Shawn Hudepohl Sayatovic	1994
Katharine Schreyer	Judith Dirr Schreyer	1987
Emily Soto	Cindy Ennis Soto	1989
Jessica Stross	Sandy Thiemann Stross	1980
Megan Threm	Linda Jung Threm	1986
Maria Wang	Kathy Grote Wang	1986
Brigid Ward	Eileen Ward	1992
Anna Wood	Tracy Harmeyer Wood	1989

Recent Reunions

*Special thanks to the alumnae from these classes, who recently attended their reunions!
And, big thanks to those who planned the events!*

Class of 1968



Class of 1992



Class of 1998



Class of 2008



WOMEN WHO

inspire

Back by popular demand is the empowering and unforgettable Women

Who Inspire event! This event features a lineup of incredible and inspiring speakers. Mercy McAuley will host this popular event on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

We're currently seeking nominations for speakers at the event. To nominate a speaker, email Brigitte Foley at foleyb@live.mcauleyhs.net.

Please include the following information in your nomination:

- Nominee's Name & Contact Info (email or phone number)
- Your Name & Contact Info (email or phone number)
- In 1,000 words or less, describe why you are nominating this person. Please give enough information so the selection committee may have a good understanding of this person's accomplishments, life, special circumstances, etc.

Reunions

Class of 1973

**October 20, 2018
6-10 p.m.**

Invitations to follow. Find us on Facebook at McAuley Class of 1973.

Contact Nancy Droppelman Ziegler at nmziegler@fuse.net or 513-293-4967 with any questions.

Class of 1978

**Save the date for
reunion activities
happening**

September 28-30, 2018

For information, email Cyndy Schmid Driehaus at cdrie43@yahoo.com.

Class of 1988

**Saturday
September 15, 2018**

**at the Montgomery Inn
Boathouse**

Check out more details on the Facebook group: McAuley88
Contact Nancy Rafferty Tennie at nanten@cinci.rr.com or 513-325-7095 with any questions.

2000s

Christina E. Henderson '03 graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration: Management and Human Resources, with an emphasis in HR. She will be starting her full-time HR career with Northrop Grumman Corporation in their Aerospace Sector in El Segundo, California.

Becca Stock '11 received her Doctorate in Occupational Therapy at the University of Toledo this past May.

Recent Weddings

Our best wishes to these newlywed couples:

Jennifer Esterman '02 to Patrick McKee, 11.4.17

Catherine Chapman Hughes '04 to Kurt Hughes, 9.17.16

Lindsey Stock vanLeersum '05 to Jeroen vanLeersum, 6.17.17

Krista Mahoney Irvin '06 to Michael Irvin, 5.28.17

Lauren Guban McCain '08 to Mark McCain, 7.29.17

Alexa Bolin Backer '11 to Kurt Backer, 12.31.16

Recent Births

Our congratulations to the parents of these newest members of the McAuley family:

Amanda Roberts '00
boy, Dane Jarrod Maxwell, 10.1.17

Amy Burda Hartke '01
boy, Jordan James, 7.27.17

Megan Jacob Aguilera '01
boy, Paxton Glenn, 10.6.17

Amanda Pick Wright '04
boy, Logan Christopher, 8.29.17

Michelle Flynn Blunk '05
boy, Brogan Michael, 3.11.17

Katie Haap McCroskey '05
boy, Eli Thomas, 10.24.17

Stay Connected!

We want to keep all McAuley alumnae informed on the latest news of your fellow alums, as well as information about the new Mercy McAuley High School! To do this, we need your updated contact information. E-mail is one of the fastest ways for us to communicate with alumnae, so please send us your e-mail address and other contact information by emailing us at foleyb@live.mcauleyhs.net. Please send us your updated name (including your maiden name), graduation year, mailing address, email address, and phone number. We will not sell or provide your contact information to any outside organizations.

A great way to stay informed on the latest information with the new school is to follow our Mercy McAuley social media sites. Follow Mercy McAuley on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, and watch for the new school's web site coming this summer.



Parents, are you still receiving McAuley mail for your daughter who no longer lives at home? If so, please email foleyb@live.mcauleyhs.net with any new contact information for your daughter(s).

OUR SYMPATHY

Please remember the family and friends of the following alumnae in your prayers:



Linda Frey Dehner '66
December 10, 2017



Patricia Wheatley Siegmann '68
January 17, 2017



Connie Crowley Newman '73
February 2, 2018



Sue Robers Bucheit '74
May 11, 2018



Mary Anne Griffin O'Donnell '74
May 13, 2018



Jane Durban Feldhaus '75
February 10, 2018



Jeanne Therese Dumont-Hapke '76
August 26, 2017



Cassie Donovan Smith '87
January 15, 2018



Peggy Brunner Brenner '90
July 26, 2017

*In the last issue of TIES, we misspelled the name of Marty Bosse Goos '73, who passed away. We sincerely apologize for this typographical error.

On the Death of her Husband...

June Telintelo Volpenheim '71

Bridget Albrinck Pierson '92

On the Death of her Son...

Cynthia Strohsahl Powell '65

On the Deaths of their Mothers...

Emily Holtel Hoag '89

On the Deaths of their Fathers...

Joyce Windt Hartmann '74

Jan Windt Huxel '76

Jenny Windt Garrido '78

Mary Rose Schmitz Bernard '77

Margaret Schmitz '79

Betty Schmitz Hancock '82

Eileen Knollman Waldeck '79

Julie Ems Schmetzer '80

Sheila Ems Corcoran '81

Cheryl Tragesser Kennedy '89

Margaret Kammerer '15

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*Our cherished Alma Mater, we're proud to belong to you.
With hearts staunch and true, we'll dare and we'll do for God and Country too.
Your patron holds the beacon that guides our footsteps here.
McAuley High we love you, our Alma Mater dear.
Let Mercy's shield protect us, upon life's stormy way.
May Mary's hand direct us unto a glorious day.
Your colors bold, the brown and gold, inspire to loyalty.
McAuley High we love you, our Alma Mater dear.*
