



THE MONARCH TIMES



From the President



Dear Friends of Mercy Tech,

The blessings of the Easter Season are still with us, sun-lit days have lengthened, and spring flowers have appeared once again to lift our spirits! At Mercy Tech, we have been moving ahead with preparations for regular classes to resume in September. All faculty and staff will have been fully vaccinated and we anticipate most students will be as well by then. We are in the midst of change. Building Trades teachers and students have begun preliminary demolition on the third floor of Mercy East. Classrooms there are generous in size, in contrast to the main building, originally an orphanage. Jim Clearkin, a member of our Board of Trustees, is overseeing the construction project, expected to finish by the beginning of August. Power-washing and new fencing at the main building are also part of our summer plans. Also in the works is our summer school offerings, for incoming freshmen, and a credit recovery program for existing students who need additional academic support to move onto the next grade. All of this in place, we will continue to provide an environment where our students feel safe, comfortable and achieve their highest potential. God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,
Sister Rosemary Herron, RSM
President

Order your Fleece



We still have plenty of fleece available in a variety of sizes! Please bring \$20 (cash or check) to Mrs. Vollaro (across from the elevator on the 1st floor) and she will help you.

COVID-19 Update

IMPORTANT! All parents were recently sent an email regarding the distribution of the Pfizer vaccine here at Mercy Tech. We are pleased to offer the vaccine to our students (16 and older) and their families. You **MUST** commit to **BOTH** vaccines to complete the regimen. Students do **NOT** need to be accompanied by an adult. All students and parents, please check your email for a consent form and to make an appointment:

First shot
Monday, May 3
2pm - 7pm

Second shot
Tuesday, May 25
2pm - 7pm



Admissions



Like what you see in our newsletter? There's still time to apply! We are here to assist you in completing forms, handing in your necessary documents and completing our four steps to becoming a Mercy Monarch. If you would like to set up an appointment with any of our staff to talk through the admissions process visit <https://www.mercycte.org/admissions> to see how to apply and know we are only a call or a click away to answer any questions.

Mercy Career & Technical High School is a private, urban career and technical high school sponsored by The Sisters of Mercy. Within a 21st century learning environment, we provide a Catholic education and a comprehensive, academic, career and technical school experience which prepares students for the workforce and/or post-secondary education.

Esports



Introducing Mercy Tech Gaming, our new Esports team! This is competitive gaming, just like any other sport. Rocket League is a soccer game that is controlled by remote controlled cars. The matches is a 3 players v 3 players mode with a best out of 5. Rocket League is very fun and entertaining to watch! Esports provides an opportunity for team building and the development of real-world communication skills. Fun fact, Mercy Tech Gaming is in the top 15% of the league!

Follow us at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or_MhRpWxfo. Subscribe to our E-Sports Channel and hit the bell to be notified for our next game! Mercy Tech Gaming will be back in Fall 2021 sport season!

Coach: Mr. Carchidi

Matches (W-L)

5-3

Current Team Members of Mercy Tech Gaming

- Ryan Brecht
- Erik Davis
- Maeile Hilabrand
- Nathan Meyers
- Evan Morrison
- Javon Mobley
- Bill Nguyen

Competition Winner



Ryiese Randolph, C'21, participated in the C-CAP (Careers through Culinary Arts Program) competition at the Drexel University Culinary Center a few weeks ago, alongside many other students throughout the city, for multiple scholarships. As a **WINNER**, Ryiese

has been awarded a full scholarship to Johnson & Wales University! Chef Pastor and all of us here are so #mercyproud of you.

Congratulations, Ryiese!

Ministry



As we celebrate the Resurrection, in what ways is God inviting us to be people of light? Where are there glimpses of hope in a world that can seem so dark? Are we willing to accept the challenge to share the Good News with those around us?

News from Guidance

100 Days Celebration

Well-being and mental health have been paramount during the pandemic. Sometimes, the boys go overlooked on this topic, but this article talks through five ways for parents and other caregivers and mentors to push through barriers and learn how to talk to boys about their mental health:

https://www.newportacademy.com/resources/well-being/how-to-talk-to-boys-mental-health/?utm_source=pardot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=3_18_21_resources_talking_to_boys&utm_content=1st_img

Celebrating our Seniors! 100 days until Graduation, and what an awesome group of graduates we have. They've continued to weather the pandemic, learn onsite and online, and embody all that makes a Mercy student special. We are excited to have a bit more time together, and for what the future holds for them!

Alumni



Honor Society/Project HOME Book Donations

The 2021 Project HOME book collection was a success! Approximately 600 books were collected from in and outside Mercy Tech. Project HOME's mission is to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society. Learn more about them at <https://projecthome.org/>



Advertising Art & Web Design



Business



Computer Tech



Culinary & Pastry Arts



Health Occupations



SHOP SPOTLIGHT

Building Trades



Building Trades is one of our most popular shops here at Mercy Tech.

Currently, our Freshmen are demo'ing classrooms in Mercy East.

This program provides skills needed for the building trades, property maintenance, and construction fields. Students gain relevant classroom and hands-on experience, build a strong work ethic and practice employable skills.

These students will go on to earn their NCCER certification (National Center for Construction Education & Research) as well as OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

Cosmetology



Meet the Cosmetology students, who are working towards the 1,250 hours that is required to obtain their licenses. Yes, 1,250.

Here, they demonstrate highlighting techniques while learning about Color Theory, shades & hues, and all the things that help us, the customers, shine a bit brighter!

Don't underestimate the precision, time management, and sharp eye required to create beautiful hair.

