



## Mercymount Country Day School PIE Memo (*Partners in Education*)

### A Note from Sister Rayleen...

Happy June! It's been quite a year! Yet, for those of us in the Mercymount community, we have our blessings to count. In the midst of many significant challenges in this past school year, these months have been filled with loving support, genuine care, compassionate service. Last week's Bids for Kids seemed to be quite a culmination of such support, care, and service. How blessed! I feel immensely grateful for each and every one of you!! I thank God and you!!

As we look toward the end of this school year, let us unite our hearts in a prayer of blessing for our graduates. Ashley, Ava, Avery (Russell), Brady, Brendan, David, Gabrielle, Jayden, Leila, Liam, Luke, Owen, Rebecca, Skylar, and Sophia,

May God who began this good work in you  
carry it through to completion,  
enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

May God give you the grace to make wise choices  
and to be faithful to your commitments,  
always confident in the support of those who love you.

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,  
half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice,  
oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who  
suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war,  
so that you will reach out your hand  
to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think  
that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you will do the things  
which others tell you cannot be done.

May your integrity be a gift to the world  
and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

*- written by Fr. Michael Graham SJ*

And may God bless each member of our Mercymount community with a safe and happy summer.

Affectionately,

## **Advancement Update**

### **Support Mercymount while shopping for all your spring gifts!**

As we enjoy the spring weather, our families' thoughts may turn to celebrations like Mother's Day, graduations, and Father's Day. Did you know that you can support Mercymount at no additional cost to you while shopping?

If you give gift cards, you may purchase them through *ShopWithScrip* or their companion app, *RaiseRight*, using the Mercymount enrollment code: 8D37565L73L84. For each electronic or physical gift card you purchase, ShopWithScrip rebates a percentage of the purchase price directly to Mercymount. ShopWithScrip has also released a Spring Gift Guide, with lots of special promotions including bonus rebates on certain days. You can find that online here: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/giftguide>. Buying gift cards in bulk for your small business to give employees? We have a few families that are already doing this. Since kicking off this ongoing program in October, gift card purchases have rebated \$834.79 to Mercymount!

For those of you who love *Amazon*, use this link to shop through Amazon Smile, <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0298738> and we will receive a donation of a percentage of your purchases. We generally receive about \$600 per year through this program. You can use your existing Amazon accounts, just be sure to shop through the Amazon Smile site. If you prefer to use the *mobile app*, Amazon now lets you access Amazon Smile there, using the following steps:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Mercymount Country Day School" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Printing out those *photos and photo cards* to send for graduation? Shutterfly now has a school rewards program, and you can earn money for Mercymount with your order. Just shop through the following link, [www.mercymount.shutterflystorefront.com](http://www.mercymount.shutterflystorefront.com) to participate.

Have questions? Contact Karen Weavill via email at [kweavill@mercymount.org](mailto:kweavill@mercymount.org) or by phone at 401-333-5919 x14.

**Golf Tournament** – Plans are under way for our annual golf tournament to be held on Thursday, September 23, at Kirkbrae Country Club, so save the date! If you'd like to join the planning committee, please contact Karen Weavill at [kweavill@mercymount.org](mailto:kweavill@mercymount.org), or 401-333-5919 x14.

## **Sports Update**

Turning the calendar to June also means turning the page on the final chapter of many Mercymount Athletics careers. Congratulations to all of our 8th grade athletes on their graduation! Whether you continue to play for your high school or just for fun you will always be a Mustang!! A special thank you to our "graduating" parent coaches as well. Weren't you just coaching Biddyball last year?

We also turn the page on our Grammar Soccer and Volleyball seasons. Thanks to the dedication of our amazing coaches (and parents willing to make a few long drives) we had a full Spring sports season that allowed our athletes to continue to develop their skills and to grow their love of the game. As always, our teams competed with mercy and grace, even when the final score wasn't exactly as we hoped! We couldn't be prouder!!

Our youngest athletes have at least one more page to be written. Congratulations to our Junior Soccer team for making the CAL playoffs as the #2 seed. We will host a playoff game in Cumberland the week of May 31st (be on the lookout for more details). Should we win, we would advance to the finals, to be held at LaSalle on June 10th.

Finally, Instructional All-Sports had been a success for our K-3 athletes. So far we have explored soccer and kickball and we have what should be a fun finale planned for the final session of our 'season' on June 5th.

As always, the Sports Committee can be reached at [MCDSports@gmail.com](mailto:MCDSports@gmail.com) with any questions or suggestions

## **Field Day - June 9**

Get ready! Field Day will take place on Wednesday, June 9th with a rain date of June 10th. Grades K-8 will enjoy some fun outdoors! Along with our field games, Laidback Fitness will be bringing their portable ninja warrior course! Students will be enjoying their lunch outside this year and it's bound to be a fun day for everyone! If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the attached form and return to school by Friday, June 4th. Any questions, please feel free to email Melissa Quinn at [melissaquinn8@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaquinn8@hotmail.com)

All volunteers need to have completed Safe Schools in the last three years.

## **Graduation Mass - June 12**

All are welcome to join us virtual for a Mass of celebration and Graduation on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. in the Mercymount gym. Father Joseph Paquette has been invited to celebrate for and with us as our 15 Eighth Grade students receive their diplomas and head off to high school. A Zoom link will be emailed out as the date approaches.

## **Last Day of School - June 15**

The school bell will ring for the final time (and summer vacation begins!) on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a full day of school with aftercare.

### **Medication Pick Up – June 15**

Students' medications must be picked up and signed for by a parent by the last day of school; any medications not picked up will be disposed of. EpiPens and inhalers must stay in the school and will not be released for pick up until the end of the school day on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Medications for Gr. 8 students may be picked up any time after June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Happy Father's Day – June 20**

*A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way....* **Happy Father's Day** to all the Dads and men in our lives who are or have been "father" to us!

### **2020-2021 Yearbooks**

Order forms from Lifetouch were emailed home recently. Purchasing options include the soft cover version with your student's picture/name on the front, a hard cover yearbook (personalized and non-personalized) and more. You can pay with a check or through the online site listed on the form <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>, ID code 7314021.

All Grade 8 students will receive the personalized enhancement as a gift from the school, commemorating their last year at Mercymount, but please note you must still purchase a yearbook (by June 18<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the personalization.) 2021 Alumni will be invited to a Yearbook Signing Party in September – watch for the invitations!

### **For Next Year – Textbooks and Supplies**

Mrs. Simas will email parents in the next few weeks with the list of required textbooks for 2021-2022. Textbooks can be obtained in Rhode Island through your local school department, or for Massachusetts residents, purchased online or through vendors.

School supplies may be purchased either on your own or through [1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies](#) program as coordinated by the Parent Association.

### **Bids For Kids Update**

Thank you to all who celebrated Mercymount's 26th Annual Bids for Kids Auction. The evening was electric, and as usual, highlighted the love of Mercymount. This year Fund-a-Need was dedicated to the teachers. The response was overwhelmingly successful. The administration, finance, and auction chairs are currently finalizing the numbers; unfortunately, we do not have those numbers as of this memo. A big thank you to all who made the evening a HUGE success.

### **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**

Thank you all for contributing to an amazing Teacher Appreciation Day! The Fizzy Lifting Drinks, the food, and the time together made for a delightful and delicious time off for staff. Thank you to all the parent volunteers, and especially Coordinators Colleen DePetrillo and Lisa Iannetta. YOU are the superheroes!

## June Food Pantry Collections

With the school year ending soon, we would like to help stock the pantry as much as we can for the summer. Instead of collecting from one grade for the last two weeks, we will be asking all grades to bring in non-perishable items. Let's help fill the Food Pantry for the summer!

## Donnelly's Uniforms

Be sure to place your order before June 15<sup>th</sup> to receive 20% off of your order. I have attached the flyer with information on how to order.

## Summer Camps

To date, the following camps have been scheduled for the summer. Additional information (including camp hours) are included in the attached flyers. Sign up soon! Spots are limited!

June 16-18	Art Camp (FULL)	Gr. 2 - 8	Mr. French *this camp is full
June 21-25	Holiday Camp	K - 3	Mrs. Corio and Mrs. Burke
June 21 - 25	Archery	Gr. 4 - 8	Mr. Evans *Morning Session FULL
June 28 - July 2	Summer Fun	PK - 2	Ms. Gallagher and Miss Shea
July 28 - July 2	Summer Fun	Gr. 4 - 8	Mrs. Paquette and Mr. Houston
July 12 - 16	Amazing Authors	K - 3	Mrs. Corio and Miss Lena
July 19 - 23	Under the Sea	PK - 2	Ms. Gallagher and Miss Carito
July 19 - 23	Spanish Camp	Gr. 4 - 5	Sr. Larivee
July 26 - 30	Chess Camp	Gr. 6 - 8	Sr. Larivee
July 26 - 30	Art Camp	Gr. K - 5	Mr. French
August 2 - 6	Spanish Camp	Gr. 6 - 8	Sr. Larivee
August 2 - 6	Art Camp	Gr. K - 5	Mr. French
August 16 - 20	Study Skills	Gr. 6	Mrs. Paquette



"If the love of God really reigns in your heart  
It will quickly show itself in the exterior."

Venerable Catherine McAuley