

January 2022

PIE MEMO (*Partners in Education*)

A Note from Sister Rayleen...

Happy and Blessed New Year to you and all those you hold dear! As I reflect back on 2021, I find myself remembering it as a year of a myriad of emotions. Many of us felt the spectrum of feelings as we moved through it from beginning to end. Personally, I entered the year with the hope of putting Covid-19 behind us. Early on, I had (and continue to have) the experience of great sadness that came with the loss of my brother. The month of May brought delight when we gathered for our first outdoor auction. I felt immense pride as we graduated the class of 2021 and joy as we welcomed our students back and new students for the first time. The beginning of the school year through December found me feeling discouragement caused by a lingering pandemic. Through it all, I felt God's abiding presence, as well as a deepening love for our Mercymount community as we journeyed with each other. Now, at the end of 2021, I pray that you, too, felt God's loving presence accompanying you, especially through all who surrounded you. And as we enter 2022, may we all know with every fiber of our being that we are accompanied by a God who is Faithful Love.

With great affection,



A New Year's Prayer

Merciful and loving God, for the year that has passed with its sorrows and joys, we give you thanks; for in every moment of it, you remained faithful to us, rejoicing and struggling with us, though often we were slow to recognize you there. And with thanks for the past year, we now release it. May its treasures inspire us, but never bind us in nostalgia; and may its troubles teach us, but never hold us captive. For you who have created are still creating... making all things new, including this day. Amen.

- *Life in Liturgy*

Welcome Back – January 3

The second half of the 2021-2022 school year begins! A reminder to parents that all students come to school with appropriate outerwear (coat, boots, hats, gloves) for outdoor recess and/or After Care when the weather permits.

Bids for Kids Planning Meeting – January 26

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday May 14th, 2022**.....it's fast approaching for *Bids for Kids 2022*! Tell friends and family who are connected to Mercymount (past, present and future!) and ask them to save the date, because it's going to be a celebration! There will be raffles, dinner stations, cocktails and bidding, followed by the always exciting and entertaining Live Auction! Eat, drink and be giving! The Auction Committee invites everyone to participate in the planning of this exciting event. Join us in the faculty room for a planning meeting on **Wednesday, January 26th @ 9:00 am**. There will be an additional Zoom meeting that night if needed. The Committee is ramping up the planning and are looking for your ideas and energy! Contact Co-Chairs Jamie Sims mr.mrs.sims@gmail.com, Melissa Quinn melissaquinn8@hotmail.com or Melissa Titov mac33317@gmail.com for additional information or if you have an item that you would like to donate.

Catholic Schools Week – January 30 to February 5

Started in 1974, Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The 2021-2022 theme is *“Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.”* During our spirit week, we celebrate our school with fun activities as we focus on the values Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our Church, our communities and our nation. We will end our Catholic Schools Week celebrations with Mass (time TBD)....watch your email for more information!

Pot of Gold Tournament

31st Annual Pot-of-Gold Save the Date –

- Tournament - the games begin on Monday, February 28th and run through the end of March
- The Alumni game will be on Friday, March 4th
- Pot-of-Gold Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 6th
- Good Luck Mentions - Order forms are due in to the office by January 21, 2022. See attached flyer
- Corporate Tournament sponsorship also available - Order forms are due in to the office by January 21, 2022. See attached flyer

Tournament Meeting via Zoom – Tuesday January 4th at 7pm.

Attention Grade 5 Parents - Save the Date

On Sunday, February 6th, the middle school teachers will hold an informational session for current grade 5 parents at 1 p.m.. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our middle school programs and ask any questions that you might have about our middle school. This meeting will be in person. More details to follow.

Volunteers Needed!!

We could really use more help for lunch and recess duty. Many of our teachers have not been getting coverage during their time. If you could spare even one hour a week, any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much to those already volunteering your time. All volunteers must have completed the Safe Schools paperwork, please email Mrs. Simas if you need the Safe Schools instruction sent to you.

Thank you

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for your heartfelt holiday greetings and generous gifts. Your care, love and support was and is truly felt.

Tutoring

Anyone that has an interest in finding a tutor for their child, please reach out to Mrs. Bement. She will provide you with a list of contacts.

Friends of Mercy Collection

Friends of Mercy will be collecting travel sized toiletries. They will be donating them to local shelters. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

2022-2023 Registration and Financial Assistance

The registration forms for the 2022-2023 school year will be sent out the second week of January. However, you can start to get your financial aid applications in now. Anyone in need of financial aid from the diocese, your parish or Mercymount for 2022-2023 school year may apply as follows:

- Use the FACTS online form at www.factstuitionaid.com
- Write a letter of request to Sister Rayleen Giannotti c/o Mercymount (indicate "personal" on the envelope)
- Contact your pastor who may also have available funds for assistance
- The deadline for applications is January 31, 2022
- Award letters will be mailed out the middle of February

Teacher Wish List

Our school is blessed to have what we **need** to educate our students. However, our resources cannot always incorporate what we **wish** for to enhance the educational experience for your children. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Simas at csimas@mercymount.org.

PK-D Miss Carito	Lysol Spray, encouragement stickers, winter stickers, whiteboards, colored highlighters, colored sharpies, dominos, linking cubes, fine motor tweezer tongs
PK-C Ms. Dias	Lysol Spray and Kleenex
2-8 Mrs. Burke	Crayola Markers
3-4 Miss Bruno	Dog Man books, Notebook of Doom books, Bad Guys (books 5-14), plastic baggies (any size), duct tape, model magic (assorted colors)
4-19 Miss Werderman	Clorox wipes and Paper Towels
5-15 Mrs. Roberto	Model Magic, Card Stock Paper, Small wooden blocks/keva blocks
6-24 Mrs. Pereira	Lysol and Clorox wipes
7-18 Mrs. Antone	Scissors and markers
8-20 Mrs. Paquette	Acrylic paint (all colors)
Middle School Math	Sharpened pencils
Nurse	Disposable masks made in USA, Tylenol, Advil, bandages and cough drops



“Try to meet all with peace and love”

Catherine McAuley

December 2021

Honor Roll

First Trimester

HIGH HONORS

Grade 8

Alexander Bove
John Hanley
Abigail Thibodeau
Summer Titov

Grade 7

Avi Amin
Helena Cornwall
Autumn Gerrish
Zoe Kurtz
Onyeka Moseri
Ansley Palermo
Andrew Sanford
Alexandra Terrien
Leah Walden

Grade 6

Ainsley Hubacz
Kaelyn Quinn
Jordan Romano

HONORS

Grade 8

John Caggiano
Kayla Cardeal
Rachel Diamante
Sofie Fletcher
Julia Quick
Hayden Stansfield

Grade 7

Bradford Dean
Avery Dunderdale
Kaylee Dunderdale
Abigail Kelly
Adelle Kenney
Cooper Marino
Christina O'Leary
Maya Spadano
Meghan Tamul
Joss TEMPLAK
Eva Tomas

Grade 6

Gavin Britt
Caroline Cooney
Jack Crossley
Victoria DiPetrillo
Colin Gerrish
Ashlyn Iannetta
Norkham Khamsyvoravong
Lila Marino
Kaitlyn Pathe
Ilinca Pirvu
Samantha Putt
Christian Ruel
Jostan Sims
Morgan Smith
Leo Swahn

