



PIE MEMO (*Partners in Education*)

A Note from Sister Rayleen

Having just spent a day with our middle school students at Grotonwood Camp and Conference Center in Groton, MA for Nature's Classroom, I am very cognizant of the new life bursting forth all around us. Whether in the red buds on our trees or the green shoots breaking through the ground, I cannot help but think of God's continued "unfolding work" in the "cathedral of the great outdoors." I then imagine that God's "unfolding work" in us is much the same. Although it is easier to see in nature and in our growing children, how wonderful to imagine how God continues to create anew in you and me! God bursts forth and unfolds in all of creation to make the world a more beautiful place! I pray with Sisters Joyce and Macrina that the witness of new life ". Stir up our love for life. Fill us with joy and passion, wisdom and stillness. Reveal to us our own endurance, patience, and ability to trust."

May your Easter be a blessed season of new life!

Sr. Rayleen

"Dear seasons that pass over our fields and through our hearts, you are the word of God spoken to us from the cathedral of the great outdoors. Stir up our love for life. Fill us with joy and passion, wisdom and stillness. Reveal to us our own endurance, patience, and ability to trust. Lead us into reflection and solitude as we move through the years held in the arms of mystery. Teach us to say "Yes" to the unfolding work of the Creator in our lives."

— from "Circle of Life" by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Wiederkehr

Affectionately,

Sr. Rayleen

Spring Pictures by Lifetouch - April 28

Our school photographer, Lifetouch, will be at school on Thursday, April 28th for a spring portrait session. Participation is optional. You can place your orders on www.mylifetouch.com. Use Picture Day ID: KF4B4NTVE . Order Forms are also attached.

Spring Uniform Policy Into Effect

As of April 1, the Spring Uniform Policy goes in effect. Shorts **will be** allowed. Students will **no longer** be allowed to wear Pot of Gold gear. Unless you have a no uniform slip, all Mercymount swag must be blue or gray.

Catherine McAuley Award Nominations - April 29

The **Catherine McAuley Award** is the highest honor bestowed on a student at Mercymount Country Day School, and is given to one who best exemplifies the Mercy spirit of kindness, compassion, leadership and service. Do you know of a student who should be considered for this prestigious award? We invite any student, teacher or parent to nominate a student in grades 4 - 7 who fits the description of this award, and who has been active outside of the classroom as well as in the school. The application (on the PIE Memo page of the web site) must be completed and submitted to the Mercy Integration Committee (c/o Julie Lena) no later than Friday, April 29th.

Honor Roll: Trimester 2

Congratulations to all those students who earned Honor Roll recognition for Trimester 2. You will find the Honor Roll listed on the last page of this month's PIE Memo.

Bids for Kids Auction - May 14

On May 14th join us for our 27th Annual Bids for Kids Auction at enVision Hotel and Conference Center in Mansfield, MA. Invitations have been mailed and the Early Bird RSVP is due by April 15th; enters you in a raffle for a Preferred Guest Package. This great package includes a certificate for a free night's stay at the enVision Hotel, "preferred" table for up to 10 guests to include wine for the table and a premium dessert and bypass the redemption line! Regular RSVP is due April 30. For your convenience you can RSVP online at : <https://mercymount.ejoinme.org/rsvp2022>

We are still accepting donations from our amazon wish list https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2S0ZYNQWN6URP?ref_=wl_share

We have received many donations from the amazon wish list! We are very thankful for all who have donated. We have two items, because of packaging that we don't know who these items are from. They are the Hoverboard and the IRobot Roomba. Please let us know if you have donated these items.

Anyone interested in joining the auction committee, we would love to have you join our next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 8:30am.

8th Grade Fundraiser

The 8th grade is set to do a fundraiser at Davenport's restaurant on Wednesday April 6th from 4pm to 9pm. Take a night off from cooking and dine in or take out at Davenport's in Cumberland. Fundraising flyers were sent home with each child. Just mention Mercymount or present the flyer going home with your student to have a percentage of your purchase benefit our 8th Grade class.



On Saturday, May 21st from 9am-5 pm Donnelly's will be holding a private, in store fitting for Mercymount families. This is an opportunity for our families to get fitted, ask questions, and place orders directly at the Donnelly's facility in Cranston, RI. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Mother/Son Event: Payment Due April 13th

We are excited to welcome back the Mother/Son Event to take place on May 22. Please see the attached flyer. Payment is due by Wednesday, April 13.



Summer Camps

Here is a listing of this years Summer Camps. Attached are the individual Camp flyers for further details and registration information. Registration forms can be sent in to the office.

June 13-17	Not Your Average Holiday Camp	Grades K-3
June 13-17	Old Fashion Summer Camp	Grades 4-8
June 20-24	Good Vibes Camp	Grades 3-5
June 20-24	Archery Camp (limit 12)	Grades 3-8
June 27-July 1	Japanese Language & Culture Camp	Grades 4-8
June 27-July 1	Summer Fun Camp (limit 16)	Grades PreK-1
July 11-15	Friendship Camp	Grades K-3
July 18-22	Spanish Camp: Session 1	Grades 4-5
July 25-29	Chess Camp	Grades 6-8
Aug 1- 5	Spanish Camp: Session 2	Grades 6-8
Aug 8-12	Middle School Orientation And Study Skills	Grades 6-8

Volunteer S.O.S.!

One of the most important components of Mercymount is the wonderful group of volunteers who help the staff and teachers during the school year. Currently we have a shortage of volunteers to help out at lunch and at recess. Please consider two hours per month, every other week or weekly to help. Grandparents and nannie or babysitters are welcome also! Melissa Quinn is Volunteer coordinator; you may contact her directly at mcdsvolunteering@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up to volunteer. **Please Note:** All volunteers who have not been through the **Safe School Presentation** and/or had a criminal background check (BCI) since March of 2019 MUST complete these requirements prior to any volunteering. Please email Mrs. Simas for details. Thank you so much to all of you that take the time to volunteer!! We are so very grateful for your help!

Bishop Feehan Early Action Program

Bishop Feehan is again offering the **Partner School Early Action (PSEA) Program**. Through this program, students in Grades 5, 6 and 7 at select partner grammar schools can apply early and reserve a guaranteed spot in the freshman class one, two or three years down the road. The application process is open April 1 through 30. Parents complete a short application using the following link:
https://www.bishopfeehan.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2275626&type=d&pREC_ID=2206887

Acceptances are conditional on a student successfully maintaining high standards academically, behaviorally, and spiritually through the completion of their grammar school course of studies. In 8th grade, Early Action students must complete our traditional 8th grade application process (including entrance exam) to finalize the acceptance. If you have any questions please contact BFHS directly.

Sports Committee

Basketball season has come to an end for all but one of our teams. Congratulations to the following teams for placing in our post-season tournament play:

3/4th Grade Girls - 3rd Place SJE Tournament

5th Grade Boys - 2nd Place Pot of Gold

7/8th Grade Girls - 3rd Place SJE Tournament

7/8th Grade Girls - Pot of Gold Champions!!

The season continues for one more weekend for our 6th Boys who, in addition to winning the Pot of Gold Championship and finishing in 2nd place in the SJE Tournament were crowned Diocese of Providence Boys Junior D1 Champions with an amazing win over Immaculate Conception!! The team travels to Burlington, VT April 1st - 3rd to compete for the New England Regional Championship.

Great work by ALL of our basketball players this season!!

Spring Sports are just around the corner. The CAL season begins the week of April 25th. Be on the lookout for final registration for all who expressed interest in soccer and volleyball in the coming days. We also anticipate that Instructional All-Sports (Grades K - 3) will begin around the same time frame.

We are also excited to add Middle School baseball to our sports offerings this year! We have 5 players who will compete alongside Mount St. Charles as part of a cooperative team in the Rhode Island Principals league.

Keep an eye out for sports schedules so you can cheer on all of our Mustangs this Spring. GO MUSTANGS!!!

CAL State Champions! On to the New England Regionals - April 2

Congratulations to our Grade 6 Boys, coached by Justin Ruel for winning the **Rhode Island CAL Basketball Championships!** Good luck to the team as they compete in the New England Regional games in Vermont on Saturday, April 2. You make us Mercymount Proud! Congratulations to ALL our players and coaches for a great 2021-2022 season!

Pot of Gold Thanks

What would we do without all of our amazing **Pot-of-Gold** crew? The Committee, coaches, concession volunteers, scorers and breakfast cooks did an awesome job while having fun, and raising money for the Mercymount sports Program! Special thanks to Keli Sanford for coordinating the tournament and making sure we always had a full crew of volunteers each day. Special shout outs to everyone who helped make the Pot of Gold Tournament a success! What an amazing show of MCDS community!! Thank you also to Bruce Thibodeau who took the lead on our Pot of Gold Breakfast. They truly bleed Mustang Blue!!

Golf Tournament

Plans are under way for our annual golf tournament to be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Pawtucket Country Club, so save the date! If you'd like to join the planning committee/volunteer or support us in any way, please contact Kristen Mallinson at kristenmallinson@gmail.com.

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. Ready at jready@mercymount.org

PK-D Miss Carito: Playdoh, Colored Magnetic Sand, Paper Towels

PK-C Ms. Dias: Paper Towels, Disinfecting Wipes, Disinfecting Spray, Colored Tissue Paper, Lunch bags

1-5 Mrs. Lanyi: Standard size construction paper

1-6 Mrs. Corio: Bookshelf (donation can be split between multiple families) <https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/classroom-furniture/storageunits/classic-birch-help-yourself-bookstand/p/JJ836/#>

3-3 Mrs. Demirgioglu: Playdoh, Paper towels, disinfecting wipes, Eco Brites 27136 Too Cool Tri-Fold Poster Board, 28 x 40, White/White, 12/Carton

3-4 Miss Bruno: The Magic Finger by Ronald Dahl, Gimp string, Friendship string, 5 Foam Poster boards

5-15 Mrs. Roberto: Sticky notes, Keva Blocks, Paper Towels, Duct tape for building projects

6-18 Mr. Cotnoir: Popsicle Sticks

Art: Water Color Paper 9x12

Sr. Larivee's Gardening Club: Outdoor Portable Walk-in Garden Greenhouse (ideal size: 2 Tiers 8 Shelves with PVC Cover - 56" Lx56 Wx77 H)

Nurse: Benadryl Children's Chewables, Bandages, Throat/Cough drops

Teacher Snacks

Below is the link to our Amazon Snack Wish List created especially for our Teachers & Staff to show them how much we appreciate them! The list was compiled of all their favorite snacks & drinks!

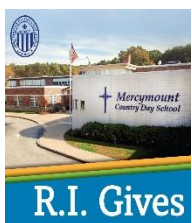
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2YKSSGNOHUE9B?ref_=wl_share

Orders will be shipped directly to the school (select Mercymount as shipping address) to help refill our Celebration Station located in the Teachers' Lounge throughout the year! For those who prefer to drop off directly to the school, please see Mrs. Simas or Mrs. Ready.

For any questions, please contact Colleen DiPetrillo (MCDS Parent Association) at Colleen.DiPetrillo77@gmail.com.



Advancement update:



On April 1st, don't forget your favorite charity! R.I. Gives 2022 is the perfect day to support our Annual Fund. If you haven't done so already, please consider giving today.

If you work for a company that matches charitable gifts, you may be able to double or triple your donation by submitting a matching gift form (usually available through your HR office or on your employee website). You may make a gift online through our website here:

<https://www.mercymount.org/giving/annual-fund>.

You can also use our School PayPal Account accessible using the QR code to the left or the following link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=EKXZZC93NGA86.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lisa Pare via email at lpare@mercymount.org or by phone at 401-333-5919 x19.

Tax ID

It's tax time! Please note that Mercymount's Federal ID number is 05-029-8738.

Last But Not Least

The last day of school for Mercymount will be **Friday, June 10th**. Let the summer vacation planning begin.....

Looking Ahead.....

- Bids For Kids Auction – May 14
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – May 5
- Mother/Son Event – May 22
- 8th Grade Graduation – June 10



“We should be shining lamps, giving light to all around us”

March 2022
Honor Roll
Second Trimester

HIGH HONORS

Grade 8

Alexander Bove
John Hanley
Abigail Thibodeau
Summer Titov

Grade 7

Avi Amin
Helena Cornwall
Autumn Gerrish
Zoe Kurtz
Ansley Palermo
Alexandra Terrien

Grade 6

Ainsley Hubacz
Ashlyn Iannetta
Kaelyn Quinn
Jostan Sims

HONORS

Grade 8

John Caggiano
Kayla Cardeal
Rachel Diamante
Mason Nealand
Julia Quick
Hayden Stansfield

Grade 7

Avery Dunderdale
Kaylee Dunderdale
Abigail Kelly
Adelle Kenney
Onyeka Moseri
Christina O'Leary
Andrew Sanford
Maya Spadano
Joss TEMPLAK
Eva Tomas
Leah Walden

Grade 6

Ryan Amaral
Gavin Britt
Caroline Cooney
Jack Crossley
Victoria DiPetrillo
Colin Gerrish
Norkham Khamsyvoravong
Kaitlyn Pathe
Samantha Putt
Jordan Romano
Christian Ruel
Morgan Smith