



Mount St. Dominic

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Happy Summer to all the MSDA families,

I hope this note finds you all well rested and relaxed as we start to enter the last month of summer vacation. I am very excited to have accepted the position of MSDA Parents' Association President and look forward to working with all of you during the 2022-23 school year to enhance all of our daughter's high school careers. For those of you that do not know me, I am a Parent '24 to Madeline Dolan. Our family has been very supportive of the Mount for the last two years and can't believe Maddie is halfway through her high school experience. I plan on having a monthly newsletter that I will be sending out and posting on our link to keep you up to date on the Parents' Association happenings throughout the year. Please, keep on the lookout and make sure that you get involved wherever you can. We need everyone's help to run some wonderful events, not just for our daughters but ourselves as well.

Some updated information and upcoming dates that you can start to add to your calendar.

To start, I would like to introduce the rest of the Executive Board. Laurie Natale (P'25) will be holding the vice president position and Sheetal Davitt (P'23) will return as the Parents' Association secretary. Though we are the executive board, we welcome all parents to participate in committees and events.

Every month we will be holding a monthly Parents' Association meeting with a theme and/or guest speaker. The list of already scheduled themes are below. As an incentive, we will be handing out "**punch cards**" at the first meeting. For every meeting that you attend, your daughter will earn either a dress down day or "Mountie dollars" to be used in the new and improved school store. More information regarding this will be discussed at the first Parents' Association meeting on Monday, September 12 at 7 PM. You have to be there to learn all about it! Hope to see you there.

In regards to the new and improved school store. Over the summer, the Mount has done some office shuffling, and moved the school store to the main floor where the students will be able to access the store on a more regular basis. The store will also stock some general items that may be forgotten at home, such as pencils, highlighters, ChapStick, deodorant, etc., along with Mount swag. In order for the store to be open, we are going to need some volunteers to "run" the store. Ultimately the idea is to have a consistent schedule with parent volunteers having the store open for 1 hour blocks (example 7:30-8:30 AM and lunch periods a few times a week). If this is something that you are interested in, either chairing this committee or being a parent volunteer on a regular or irregular basis.

Each grade level will have two class parents. The list of class parents are below and can be found in the parent directory of the MSDA portal. Please feel free to reach out to them if you have grade level questions, or would like to assist on a grade level basis. In addition to representing your daughter's grade, these parents will be coordinating faculty breakfasts which will be held on 4 of our late-start days. More information will be distributed through these parent volunteers throughout the year.

We are planning on starting the 2022-23 school year off with a blast. The first full day of school will be September 7. There will be more information coming from Dr. Hampton, but we are looking for a large welcoming party to start the school year, including a coffee clutch for parents to welcome each other back.

A little sneak peek into the fall, we will be having a Pocketbook Bingo Night, October 14th in the Cafeteria. We are looking for parents that are interested in chairing this event, as well as donations for top-end pocketbooks. Please send an email to msda_pa_pres@msdacademy.org if you are interested in this event.

I would like to reiterate that the Executive Board of the Parents' Association and the Admission of MSDA are very eager to work hand in hand with our families and daughters for a memorable year for all of us. I welcome all lines of communication and volunteerism. Please feel free to reach out either to msda_pa_pres@msdacademy.org or my cell 973-464-8844. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to complete this form so that we have a database of those that would like to be involved and [Parent Volunteer Form](#). Many hands make light work!

Sincerely,
Lori-Jane Dolan (P'24)

LIST OF CLASS PARENTS

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| Class of 2023 | Janine Barone and Sheetal Davitt |
| Class of 2024 | Sima Farid and Vicki Horan |
| Class of 2025 | Julie Abboud and Michelle Lipari |
| Class of 2026 | Laurie Chowtavi and TBD (looking for volunteer |

LIST OF PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS – mark your calendar

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| Monday September 12, 2022 | Welcome – Speaker - Dr. Chris Hampton |
| Tuesday October 11, 2022 | Counseling – Speakers - MSDA school counselors |
| Monday November 7, 2022 | Academics – Speaker - Ms. Hollenbaugh |
| Monday December 12, 2022 | Christmas Tree Lighting with students and Christmas Bazaar |
| Tuesday January 17, 2023 | College Prep – Speaker - TBD |
| Monday February 6, 2023 | Topic TBD |
| Monday March 6, 2023 | Empowering Women – Speaker - TBD |
| Monday April 3, 2023 | Topic TBD |
| Monday June 5, 2023 | Closing Comments and Acknowledgments- Mountie Bounty Drawing |