# September 2022 PIE MEMO (Partners in Education)



### A Note From Sister Rayleen

"The simplest and most practical lesson I know is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow" *Mother Catherine McAuley, Founder of the Sisters of Mercy.* 

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!! For many, it's "Welcome Back" while for others it's "Welcome!" I pray, for all, it will feel more like "Welcome Home!"

It's hard to believe that we are about to begin another school year. In fact, we are embarking on Mercymount's 75<sup>th</sup> year. In many ways, we can proclaim that we have been faithful to Catherine McAuley's words to one of the sisters. We continue "to be good (may I say striving for excellence) today and even better tomorrow." As those of you who have visited school during these weeks know, the summer has found us engaged in many projects: the usual maintenance and tidying up, a new roof on Mercy, fans in the cafeteria, shades in a couple of the classrooms, new windows in the kitchen, painting here and there, a new front walkway, and adding the technology this year's "fund-a-need" financed. I imagine your children, and hopefully you, will recognize some of the changes immediately. Please know that these changes are a result of many helping hands and generous hearts. To say, "I am grateful!!" is an understatement. I am immensely grateful for your time, talent, and generosity. I feel blessed by you each day – I hope and pray you know that! I look forward to partnering with you, remembering that the education of your child(ren) is a sacred entrustment.

Let us continue to pray for each other.

Sr. Rayleen

#### Meet Our 2022-2023 Staff

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| Principal   |  | Sr. Rayleen Giannotti                      |                      |
| Assistant Principal   |  | Miss Sarah Dwyer                           |                      |
| Administrative Assistant  |  | Mrs. Jenna Ready                           |                      |
| Office Manager  |  | Mrs. Candace Simas                         |                      |
| Director of Admissions/Manager of Fundraising                               |  | Mrs. Lisa Pare                             |                      |
| Maintenance   |  | Mr. Mike Prosser and Mr. Ron Pepin         |                      |
| Nurses  |  | Mrs. Kellie Bryda and Mrs. Regina Ludovici |                      |
| Food Service/Kitchen Staff  |  | Mrs. Kathy Leclair, Mrs. Jill Amaral       |                      |
|   |  | Mrs. Jamie Sims, Mrs. Rebecca Baril, Mrs.  |                      |
|   |  | Michelle Putt, and M                       | r. Matthew Vendetti  |
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| Middle School 6 - 8   |  |  |                      |
| English Language ArtsMrs. Melissa AntoneSocial StudiesMrs. Barbara Paquette |  |  |                      |
|   | Mrs. Barbara Paquette<br>Mrs. Teri Bement and Mrs. Cathy Pereira |  |                      |
| Math  |  | 5  | Pereira              |
| Religion  | Mr. Peter C  |  |                      |
| Science   | Mr. Willian  | n Evans                                    |                      |
| Grade 5   | Mrs. Kristin Roberto and M                                       | ise Mary Rorko                             |                      |
| Grade 4   | Miss Nicole Werderman and Mrs. Shonna Gaul                       |  |                      |
| Grade 3   | Mrs. Caitlin Demirgioglu and Miss Arianna Bruno                  |  |                      |
| Grade 2   | Mrs. Jessica Burke and Miss Zoe Colavecchio                      |  |                      |
| Grade 1   | Mrs. Christine Corio and Mrs. Jocelyn Lanyi                      |  |                      |
| Kindergarten  | Miss Julie Lena and Mrs. Sandra Capone                           |  |                      |
| Pre-K   | Mrs. Mary Anne Deslauriers and Ms. Kathleen Gallagher            |  |                      |
| Pre-K   | Ms. Brenda Dias and Miss Sydney Katic                            |  |                      |
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| <b>Specials</b>   |  |  |                      |
| Art   | Br. Alan Aubin   | <b>Computer Science</b>                    | Mrs. Linda Snodgrass |
| Library   | Mrs. Nancy Parella   | Mercy Ministry                             | Br. Alan Aubin       |
| Music/Chorus  | Mr. Patrick Gordon-Seifert                                       | PE/Health                                  | Mr. Cody Houston     |
| Academic Support  | Mrs. Cathy Pereira   | Spanish                                    | Sr. Pierre Larivee   |
| ••  | and Mrs. Teri Bement   | -  |                      |
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Although we will miss the teachers and staff who are pursuing other opportunities, with excitement we welcome our new teachers and staff to our Mercymount community!

#### New PreK Lead Teacher

Welcome to Mrs. Mary Anne Deslauriers. Mrs. Deslauriers is an experienced and energetic early childhood educator who has experience as a Preschool and Kindergarten teacher. She also served as a director of early childhood education where she provided oversight of teachers and ensured developmentally appropriate curriculum and implementation. Mrs. Deslauriers received her degree from Rhode Island College and obtained licenses in RI and MA. She is excited to become a member of our Mercymount community.

## New Kindergarten Teacher

Welcome to Mrs. Sandra Capone. Mrs. Capone is an experienced and passionate early childhood educator with years of experience. After earning a Master of Education from Curry College and a teaching license in early childhood, Mrs. Capone taught kindergarten in both suburban and urban schools. In addition, she volunteers time in her community and as a CCD teacher in her parish. She looks forward to joining our Mercymount community, as well as collaborating and partnering with all of us.

#### **Required Forms**

Parents will fill out required school forms and verify demographic information online. An email will be sent to parents with a link to the online forms. Please have these forms completed by Friday August 29th. The School Handbooks have been updated and are available online <u>https://www.mercymount.org/academics/resources.</u> The online forms that you will complete include an electric signature sign-off that will attest to the acceptance of those policies as well as the Electronic Devices Policy and Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Agreement and Policy. Please read the Handbook(s) thoroughly before signing.

#### Nurses' Notes

To ensure each child's safety, students will not be allowed to attend school until all required health forms are received by the Nurse. Any students without proper documentation of immunizations <u>will not be admitted on the first day of school</u>. Forms can be obtained on our website at: <u>http://www.mercymount.org/students-experience/health-services/</u>. I am attaching the medication release form to be returned by Friday, Sept 9th. Students with allergy concerns must submit a Student Allergy Action Plan, signed by a physician.

Screenings for vision, dental, hearing, and scoliosis are held throughout the school year as required by the RI Department of Health. Parents will be notified prior to the scheduled dates. Please refer to the School Handbook or the web site for complete health information, including immunization requirements, guidelines regarding sick students and requirements for medication.

Please see the Nurse's attached letter regarding the most current Covid protocols.

#### **Busing**

An email was sent out this week listing the depot stops for Cumberland residents. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the depot stops, please reach out to Tracy Walton of the Cumberland School Department at 401-658-1600 x274. Last week, Mrs. Simas sent an email to all North Smithfield, Woonsocket, and Burrillville residents with their bus information. If you did not receive an email, please reach out to RIDE transportation at 401-301-9136.

#### Early Bird Pick Up

Students in Gr. 6 – 8 who do not ride the bus and have no siblings in the lower grades may be picked up in the front of the school at 2:55 p.m.

#### School Calendar Updates

Please note there are two additional Professional days that were omitted from the first draft of our School Calendar. Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> will be Distance Learning days.

#### School Schedule

School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please note that punctuality is of great importance as it allows your child to start his or her day gently and positively.

Please consult the **September calendar** for the opening schedule. Students in Grades 2-8 will receive classroom assignments on their first day of school.

Pre-K students will report directly to their classrooms upon arrival in the morning (prior to 8:30). This gives students the opportunity to be welcomed by their teachers and to connect with their peers within the comfort and security of the classroom. PreK and Kindergarten students will continue to be dismissed at the outside classroom door (via sidewalk) at 2:50 p.m.

#### **Before/After Care**

Beginning Wednesday, August 31st, students in grades K-8 may be brought to school between 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. for <u>Before Care</u> supervision. If you drop your child off between 7:15-7:30 a.m. the cost is \$10 cash per child, 7:30-8:15 a.m. the cost is \$5 cash per child, or from 8:15 – 8:30 (free). Please enter the cafeteria via the sidewalk door.

Beginning Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, students in Pre-K may be brought to school between 7:45 and 8:15 for <u>BeforeCare</u> supervision. The cost is \$5 cash per child. Please bring your child directly to the exterior classroom door.

<u>After Care</u> also begins on Wednesday, August 31st. If you are new to After Care, you can register using the following link: <u>https://schools.procareconnect.com/register/892520f6-9cbf-472b-bc89-1672691e3649</u>.

When registering, please note any food allergies and who is authorized to pick up your child. Both Before and After Care services are provided by the teachers for the convenience of the parents and may be used regularly or on an as needed basis. Please let your child's teacher know the days that they will be going to aftercare. If it is last minute, please call the office. AfterCare begins immediately after school and ends at 6:00.

The cost of AfterCare is \$12 per child and \$10 per child for families with two or more children. You will be sent an invoice weekly via the ProCare system and have the option to pay online or send a check payable to Mercymount to the office. Please note AfterCare on the envelope or in the check memo.

For more details regarding our After Care program, please see the After Care page at the bottom.

#### **Uniforms**

Please refer to the School Handbook and/or school web site for uniform requirements. Last year, due to supply chain issues, enforcement of our school uniform dress code was lenient. Since many of the issue that Donnelly's Clothing experienced with the supply chain were rectified, we want to remind you that we will re-implement stricter adherence to our policy. For example: boys must wear belts and all students should wear white or navy socks and shoes.

There are many new and "gently used" uniforms for the taking. Blouses, pants, skirts, jumpers, sweatshirts, etc. ....all free! They are kept in the Copy Room off the Cafeteria.

## **Used Uniforms**

The office will accept clean, used uniforms to be recycled out of our uniform room.

## Parking Lot

For safety reasons, all drivers should BACK into parking spaces for dismissal. Please respect all assigned **"RESERVED"** spaces for faculty, Handicapped and Auction.

Drive *SLOWLY* at all times and be aware of children while entering and exiting parking lot and school property. Remember that Edward Tulane Terrace is a one-way drive; you must enter from Fisher Road and exit past the school. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU EXIT ONTO FISHER ROAD! When exiting the building, please use the designated crosswalks. Also, we are working on a few different solutions to increase parking lot safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Lunch Program

Mercymount provides a nutritious lunch for the children every day as well as providing a la carte beverages and snacks.

Payments for lunch are made using a *cashless* lunch payment program through <u>PaySchoolsCentral.com</u>. All students are automatically enrolled in the system and charges will begin on the first day of school. <u>Parents are required to go online and fund your child's account</u> <u>prior to the start of school</u>. Any family not previously enrolled will receive an email with directions to enable your account and enter payment information. <u>Please remember to set up your</u> <u>account with low-balance alerts</u>!

#### Labeling Personal Items

It is very helpful to put labels or your child's personal belongings. Lunch boxes, water bottles, and uniform items, often end up in the Lost and Found. Having names on your items is very helpful and cuts down on our overflowing Lost and Found pile. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Peanut/Tree Nut Allergy**

Since one or more individuals in the school have an allergy to peanuts/tree nuts, the sale of peanuts/tree nuts, peanut butter and other nut-based products is prohibited in the cafeteria. <u>Classroom snacks should be nut-free for all students</u>, as all classrooms are designated as "allergy-free".

#### **Opening Liturgy - September 9**

We will celebrate our Opening Mass with all students and parents who wish to join us on Friday, September 10th in the school gym at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

As always, children are asked to wear their formal school uniform for this liturgy and following liturgies.

## Back-to-School Night and Hall of Fame- September 13

The annual Parent Association *Back-to-School Night* will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. We begin with an informative meeting followed by the Induction Ceremony to the Hall of Fame 2022. The evening extends to classroom visits for some highlights by the teachers. It promises to be an exciting night! More information to follow.

#### **Friday Morning Helpers**

Beginning Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, on Friday mornings parents are welcome to help teachers with "chores" from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Our Friday Helpers work in the Copy Room cutting, copying, laminating, collating, etc. for teachers and staff. It's a much-needed and much-appreciated service; just drop in any or every Friday. You can even bring your "little ones." Friday Helpers will also be responsible for organizing the supply of gently used uniforms.

### Volunteers

Calling all volunteers! One of the most important components of Mercymount is the wonderful group of volunteers who help the staff and teachers during the school year. If each family committed to <u>One Hour</u> of volunteering a month, all of our volunteer spots would be filled! Grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters/nannies are also welcome to volunteer! Melissa Quinn will be coordinating the volunteers. Contact Melissa directly at <u>mcdsvolunteering@gmail.com</u> to sign up or if you have any questions.

There will be a short Orientation for lunch and recess volunteers before lunch time (10:40 a.m.) each day during the first week of school. We would like to go over safety protocols, as well as answer any questions you may have.

#### **Volunteer Requirements**

It is required that ALL volunteers MUST view the Safe Environment Presentation and MUST have a criminal background check (BCI) prior to any volunteering. Please contact Mrs. Ready in the office to receive the required paperwork. Once you complete the process, your certification is valid for three years. If you are unsure as to whether our Safe Environment certification is still valid, please email <u>jready@mercymount.org</u> or <u>csimas@mercymount.org</u>. You CANNOT chaperone or volunteer without being certified. We are sorry, but there are NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. On average there is a 3-4 week processing period, so please plan ahead. The process cannot be expedited. It is your responsibility to make sure you are certified prior to offering to volunteer or chaperone.

## Mercy Ministries Volunteers Needed!

Since 1999, our students in Grades 7 and 8 have been visiting and ministering to those in need at three local Mercy sites. In accordance with Mercy values established by Catherine McAuley, this program helps our students to recognize the dignity of all persons and to reach out in service to assist those most vulnerable in society.

Br. Alan Aubin is coordinating the program this year. <u>We also need you</u>! Volunteers are crucial to the success of Mercy Ministries. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to chaperone students at one of the Mercy sites. You do not have to be the parent of a Middle School student to help! For more information or to volunteer, contact Br. Alan Aubin at <u>aaubin@mercymount.org</u>, or indicate on the permission form that will be sent home with Gr. 7 and 8 students the first week of school.

#### MCDS 25th Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament Committee is excited to open registration for our annual Tournament on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer and our website to register Golfers, Sponsorships, and Dinner Attendees. If you have any questions on additional details, please feel free to reach out to our committee members:

Mike Mallinson 203-464-3730Tim Caggiano781-636-8059Matt Fletcher774-292-0047

The Committee is also welcoming any volunteers. Please contact Kristin Mallinson at: <u>kristenmallinson@gmail.com</u>, if you would like to volunteer.

#### Sale of Water

As a Mercy school, we hold the Sisters of Mercy corporate stand on water as a basic human right and a sacred gift not to be bought, sold or traded for profit. Therefore, at Mercymount, bottled water is not sold or provided during school hours. There is a convenient water bottle refilling station at the bubbler right outside the gym.

#### **Teacher Snacks**

Below is the link to our Amazon 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. Ready.

For any questions, please contact Colleen DiPetrillo at Colleen.DiPetrillo77@gmail.com

#### After School Playground Use

For the safety of our students and staff, use of the playground/swing set and field after school is limited to Mercymount <u>After Care attendees ONLY!</u> The presence of other children causes distraction and confusion for our AfterCare staff. In order to properly supervise our AfterCare attendees, we ask that you refrain from using the playground/swing set and field after school. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Sports**

For the Fall, we will offer the following sports activities:

Cross Country (Gr. 4-8) - This program consists of a middle school team (Gr 6 - 8) and a junior division team (Gr. 4 -5). The middle school team practices 1-2 days per week and the junior team will practice 1 day per week. Practices are held at the school. Both teams will also participate in approximate 6 meets at Slate Park in Pawtucket, held once a week on Wednesdays. Activities generally run from after school until approximately 5:30 pm.



The cost for registration is \$60 for the middle school and \$40 for the junior team. This cost includes team uniforms for middle school that will be returned to school at the end of the season. The junior program uniform is the school gym uniform.

#### https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/334068

Tennis - (Gr. 6-8) - This co-ed program practices approximately 1 day per week and will have 1-2 meets per week, depending on the number of schools who field a team this season. Practices are held at Bishop Feehan high school and matches are held at various locations throughout Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts (Bishop Feehan serves as our home court).

The cost of the program is \$60.

#### https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/334065

Instructional Soccer - (K -3) - This program meets at the school on Saturday mornings. This is a skills focused program where athletes are introduced to the skills of the game over the first several weeks of the program, gradually progressing to more traditional games for the last few weeks. This program generally runs through the end of October, weather permitting. Many new families have found that this is a great way to get to know people outside of the classroom!

The cost of this program is \$25 and includes a MCDS Soccer t-shirt.

Exact details and a sign-up link to be provided once the coaching staff is finalized!

Finally, we are always in need of volunteers to coach and to assist with various planning activities held throughout the year. Becoming involved is easy! Simply attend one of our monthly sports committee meetings and we can help you get involved. Our next meeting will be held September 20th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

We look forward to seeing you on the field!

## <u>Violin</u>

Mercymount offers violin lessons with Sandy Martineau after school on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Classes begin **September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

#### Math Olympiad

The popular Math Olympiad program will be offered before school for grades 4-8. Students will meet before school at 7:45 a.m. from March-October. More information regarding days/times will follow.

#### After School Clubs

Mercymount offers many after school activities for our students. Our clubs are run by the faculty and provide additional academic and social opportunities for our students. After School Clubs will begin in October. More information regarding days and times will follow.

#### **Other Important Upcoming Dates...**

**Picture Day** will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students do not have to be in uniform that day. More information will be sent home as the date approaches.

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

Grades 5-8: October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Preschool-Grade 4: December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Middle School Exams**: Students in grades 7 and 8 will have midterm and final exams. Midterm exams will be held on January 18<sup>nd</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> and final exams will be June 5<sup>th</sup>-9th. **Please plan ahead to ensure that your children do not miss school on those days**.

Sisters of Mercy Hermanas de la Misericordia "It is a special favor of God to be teachers destined to teach little ones in God's knowledge a to teach little ones in God's knowledge and love."

Venerable Catherine McAuley

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

| <u>Morning</u>   |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| 7:15 - 8:15  | BeforeCare children must wait in cars until the cafeteria sidewalk door opens at 7:15.   |  |  |
|  | If a student is being escorted to the door by a parent, the car must be parked in the parking  |  |  |
|  | lot in a parking space. All students go to cafeteria for supervision for BeforeCare (or to   |  |  |
| <b>F</b> 4 <b>F</b> 0.00   | teachers for pre-arranged help, meetings, etc.)  |  |  |
| 7:45 - 8:30  | Pre-K children may go directly to their classroom for BeforeCare for a fee of \$5. Please note that the Pre-K BeforeCare service begins at 7:45 am, no earlier. After 8:15, all Pre-K students             |  |  |
|  | go directly to their classroom's door (via sidewalk).  |  |  |
|  | Note: Any student arriving after the 8:30 bell will have to enter the building at the front door   |  |  |
|  | and be checked in by the Office.   |  |  |
| 8:15 - 8:30  | DROP AND GO  |  |  |
|  | • Students in Grades K-8 who do not need assistance exiting the vehicle, may either  |  |  |
|  | use the parking lot for drop off (pull up near kitchen door, students enter cafeteria  |  |  |
|  | via sidewalk door) OR front door (pull into semi-circle). There is NO PARKING in   |  |  |
|  | front of the school at this time.  |  |  |
|  | PARK AND DROP  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Parents are to park in lot in a parking space to unload and to walk younger students<br/>to cafeteria sidewalk door (or PK classroom door)</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|  | • Students in K – 3 wait in cafeteria; Grades 4 – 8 in the gym until morning prayer.   |  |  |
|  | • Students arriving by car must be in the building by 8:30 a.m.  |  |  |
| 8:15-8:25  | Bus students enter through the front door. Students go directly to the gym or cafeteria.   |  |  |
| 8:30   | The Before Care door is closed and locked. All late students enter through the FRONT door  |  |  |
|  | and will be considered tardy. Please see the Student Handbook for our policy in regards to tardiness.  |  |  |
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| <u>Afternoon</u><br>2:50   | Please Note: There will be NO PARKING along the front of the school after 2:00 p.m.  |  |  |
| 2:50   | Pre-K and Kindergarten students dismiss from their exterior classroom (sidewalk) doors   |  |  |
| 2:55   | Only students in Gr. 6, 7, and 8 can be picked up by car at the front door. Drivers for <i>"Early Bird"</i> dismissal park on RIGHT side (sidewalk side) of <i>Edward Tulane Terrace</i> ; the line begins |  |  |
|  | near the north door behind teacher cars. Please pay attention to signage. Avoid blocking the   |  |  |
|  | bus driveway.  |  |  |
|  | Bus students: Exit North door.   |  |  |
| 3:00   | DISMISSAL BELL RINGS. Older siblings are sent to the homeroom of the youngest  |  |  |
|  | sibling. Drivers park in the lot and pick up their child/ren at their designated exit.   |  |  |
|  | PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY WHILE EXITING THE PARKING LOT AND SCHOOL   |  |  |
|  | GROUNDS!   |  |  |
|  | <b>Designated Exits:</b><br>Pre-K and K: Exterior classroom door   |  |  |
|  | Grades 1 and 2: Door at the end of the McAuley Wing (Early Childhood Wing).  |  |  |
|  | Grade 3: Cafeteria/BeforeCare entrance   |  |  |
|  | Grades 4 and 5: Cafeteria/AfterCare entrance (by the playground)   |  |  |
|  | Grades 6-8: Middle School Stairwell door (by the playground)   |  |  |
| 1. PLEASE  | BACK INTO PARKING SPACES FOR SAFETY REASONS.   |  |  |
| 2. PLEASE DO NOT USE HANDICAP SPACE UNLESS REQUIRED.                                 |  |  |  |
| 3. AUCTION PARKING IS A PURCHASED SPACE RESERVED FOR THE Tuezdae and Grieve families |  |  |  |
| AT ALL TIMES.  |  |  |  |
| 4. RESERVED PARKING SPACES ARE ALSO NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE.                   |  |  |  |
| 5. PER THE   | E CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU  |  |  |

5. PER THE CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU EXIT ONTO FISHER RD!

# Mercymount AfterCare Program

Hours: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Mercymount's AfterCare Program is designed to allow our students in Pre-K to Grade 8 to remain in a familiar, safe and child-friendly environment. AfterCare can be utilized on a regular basis or on an as needed basis. Let your child's teacher know on the days they will be attending. Students come to AfterCare at the end of the school day, or following an after-school activity.

**PROCARE** Mercymount utilizes the ProCare app to manage the AfterCare program. If you are new to AfterCare, you can register using the following link: <u>https://schools.procareconnect.com/register/892520f6-9cbf-472b-bc89-1672691e3649</u>. When registering, please note any food allergies or medication needs.

<u>AFTER CARE STAFF</u> AfterCare is staffed by teachers, school personnel, and former Mercymount students. If you need to discuss a matter *unrelated to AfterCare* with a teacher or staff member that is currently working, please contact that person at another time as the priority of all After Care staff is supervision of the children in our care.

**<u>PICKUP</u>** Children can be picked up at the cafeteria door by the playground. Children MUST be picked up by 6:00 p.m. or parents will incur a late charge of \$1 per minute. Please note that consistent tardiness may warrant termination of AfterCare.

When registering in ProCare, please note all individuals authorized to pick up your child. You will be asked to show photo identification when picking up your child. Please call or email the Office, message AfterCare directly using the ProCare app, or send a note to your child's teacher should you have a last minute change in pick up instructions.

<u>ELECTRONICS</u> Only school-approved electronic devices are allowed at AfterCare. See the handbooks section on Electronic Policy for more information.

**HOMEWORK** AfterCare staff are available to assist with homework but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the parent to check homework for completeness and accuracy. Students are responsible for bringing all necessary materials with them. Students are not allowed to return to classrooms or lockers during AfterCare.

<u>APPROPRIATE DRESS</u> Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as children will spend time outdoors as often as possible. At the discretion of the teachers, students without proper attire may not be allowed out.

#### APPROXIMATE AFTER CARE SCHEDULE

- 3:00 3:15: Arrival in the cafeteria
- 3:10 3:25: Snack
- 3:25: Pre-K and Kindergarten goes outside
- 3:35: Gr. 1 3 go outside once homework is completed.
- 3:45: Gr. 4 and up go outside once homework is completed.

<u>COST</u> The cost of AfterCare is \$12 per child, \$10 per child for families with two or more children. You will be sent an invoice weekly via the ProCare system. You then have the option to pay online or send a check payable to Mercymount to the office. Please note AfterCare on the envelope or in the check memo.

### MERCYMOUNT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

#### MISSION

The Parents Association accepts and promotes the mission of Mercymount Country Day School,

• To be faithful to the mission of the Religious Sisters of Mercy and to Catholic educational traditions and to the spirit and charism of Venerable Catherine McAuley

• To strive to ensure the development of strong academic skills, creative abilities, a sense of community and of social responsibility.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Parents Association Committee shall be to serve as a consultative body to the principal of Mercymount Country Day School. The Association shall pursue the following objectives:

- To create a bond of unity among parents, faculty and students,
- To assist the faculty and the principal of the Mercymount community in fulfilling its mission,

• To support all programs (spiritual, academic and extracurricular) and to encourage participation by the members of the student body,

• To create and maintain sound public opinion of Mercymount and promote cooperation in and good will toward its general welfare,

• To assist Mercymount to attain its financial goals through fundraising.

#### 2022-2023 Parent Association Committee Members

#### **Officers:**

**President:** Michelle Favaloro **Vice President**: Kristen Mallinson **Secretary:** Jenny Collins **Treasurer:** Kim Cornwell

<u>Committees:</u> Sports: Eric Amaral & Bruce Thibodeau Sunshine: Jamie Sims Enrichment: Erin Christiano-Mordarski, Jenny Collins & Shelly Gambogi Host Family: Hayley Kenney, Shelly Gambogi, Kristen Mallinson, Kim Cornwell Hospitality: Moira Gerrish Volunteers: Melissa Quinn Socials: Shadia Velez & Shelly Gambogi Advancement: Michelle Favaloro Parent Federation: Christen Magill