

NOVEMBER 2022 *PIE MEMO (Partners in Education)*

A Note from Sister Rayleen

As we approach the month of November surrounded by the sights and smells of autumn, I find myself remembering the days of my childhood. Being blessed to grow up across the street from Stafford Pond in Tiverton, RI, I remember mornings of walking to the bus stop and being caught up in a picturesque sight. The sight was so breathtakingly beautiful that even my teenage self would stop to take in the colors of the trees surrounding the calm pond that was sending off steam fog in the cooler air. Although in my early playground each season had its own beauty, fall seemed to be especially painted with God's extravagance. The yellow, orange, and red leaves glimmered in the sun and reflected off the water while geese could be heard overhead. My mom often called where we lived "God's country," and to this day, I consider it a slice of heaven. Each season, especially autumn, continues to be a reminder that God is an Artist who is continuously re-creating the outer and inner landscapes of our lives. Although some of the seasons are more attractive than others, each season holds its own beauty. May God give each one of us an opportunity to pause to take in the beauty of the landscapes (persons and places) God is re-creating.



Sr. Rayleen

Feast of All Saints - November 1

All are welcome at our Feast of All Saints Mass on Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Winter Uniforms - November 1

The days are getting shorter and colder...winter looms ever closer! As a result the winter dress code per the Handbook goes into effect on November 1st. No shorts allowed until April 1st (*it will be a sure sign of spring - something to look forward to!*).

Clocks Fall Back - November 6

Reminder to change your clocks before you go to bed next Saturday...and enjoy that extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning!

Thanking Our Veterans - November 7

Our annual assembly honoring those who have served our country will be held on Monday, November 7th at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome, and we extend a special invitation to veterans to join us for this meaningful and poignant ceremony. Please let Mrs. Ready know by Friday, November 4th if you have someone that you would like recognized during the assembly (include the name and branch of service, please). There will be no school on Friday, November 11th.

Picture Retake Day - November 14

Lifetouch Photography will be here for picture retakes the morning of Monday, November 14th. Students who are having retakes must return their original picture packet to the photographer. Students who were absent on picture day and are having pictures taken for the first time will give the order forms and money to the photographer. Order forms are available in the Office.

Footloose Friday

Friday, November 4th will be our first Footloose Friday of the school year. Footloose Friday is a day where your feet can be out of uniform- socks and shoes (no slippers or sandals) of your choice! Footloose Friday will be the first Friday of every month.

Student Council 2022-2023

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council members: President Andrew Sanford, Vice President Cooper Marino, Secretary Onyeka Moseri, and Treasurer Alex Terrien who will serve alongside this year's class representatives: Grade 6-16, Maggie Caggiano and Max Thibodeau, Grade 6-18 Dominic Patricia and Greg Martin; Grade 7-21, Gavin Britt and Ashlyn Iannetta; Grade 7-24, Jordan Romano and Clark Tamul; Grade 8-20, Meg Tamul and Adelle Kenney, Grade 8-23, Leah Walden and Abby Kelly

Auction News: Save The Date!

As we embark on Mercymount's 75th birthday, we will also begin to prepare for this year's auction, "Mercymount's Diamond Jubilee". The Diamond Jubilee will be the grand finale of the 75th celebration! We are happy to say it will take place at Bally's Twin River Event Center in Lincoln, RI on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Please reach out to the following Committee chairs with any questions:

Jamie Sims: mr.mrs.sims@gmail.com, Melissa Titov: mac33317@gmail.com or
Melissa Quinn: melissaquinn8@hotmail.com

Afterschool Club Schedule: Please contact the instructor to attend

Monday: **Chess Club**, Grades 3-5 and 6-8 alternate weeks
 Contact: plarivee@mercymount.org

New Offering

Pokemon Club, K-2, Grades 3-5 and 6-8 alternate weeks, \$15 fee
Contact: skatic@mercymount.org
New flyer is attached with more details

Tuesday: **Japanese Club**, Grades 3-8, \$15 fee
 Contact: skatic@mercymount.org

Wednesday: **Homework Club**, Grades 4-8, no fee
 Contact: tbement@mercymount.org

Violin (pre-registration was required)

Thursday: **Comic Drawing**, Grades 3-8, \$15 fee
 Contact: skatic@mercymount.org

Makerspace: K-Grade 3 alternating weeks, \$15 fee
Contact: ccorio@mercymount.org or jlenna@mercymount.org

Sewing (pre-registration was required)

AfterCare

Our school run AfterCare program is going great! We are using the ProCare software to check in, check out, and for billing. If you anticipate that you would need to use the AfterCare program, please email Mrs. Simas or Mrs. Ready and they will send you the link to create an account. You have the option to pay online using your checking account, credit card, or debit card. Should you prefer to pay with cash or check, please send your payment to the office in an envelope labeled AfterCare. We will no longer accept payments at the AfterCare desk. Please just let your child's teacher know if you plan to send your child to AfterCare. You can also call the office if it is last minute. The cost of AfterCare is \$12 per child and \$10 per child for families with two or more children.

Book of Remembrance

During November, a Book of Remembrance will be in the foyer for anyone to write the names of deceased family or friends for whom we will pray during the month.

Winter Weather

In regards to snow days, not all “snow days” will be virtual learning days. The decision to do remote learning on snow days will be made on a case by case basis. Our emergency notifications will be done through our Rediker database program. Parents will receive notification via email, voice mail and/or text message. Should the Cumberland Public Schools close or delay, Mercymount **generally** will follow.

Please be aware of the following additional means of obtaining information regarding delays, school closings or early release:

- TV – RI Channels 6, 10, 12 and Fox 64 (or check their websites*)
- Rhode Island Radio (or check their websites*)
- Emails from Mrs. Simas or Mrs. Ready
- NOTE: We do not post information regarding weather-related announcements on the Mercymount web site

**The television and radio station web sites allow you to enter your cell phone number and/or email address to receive text messages or email notifications through RI Broadcasters. We strongly recommend that you consider using this option, particularly those families in Massachusetts who may not have access to Providence channels.*

Parking Lot Safety

PLEASE drive slowly!! We have noticed vehicles driving a little too fast when exiting along the front of the school. We are trying to manage both the front door drop off/early bird pick up line at the same time that parking lot vehicles are exiting. It is important that all vehicles are moving slowly to avoid a collision. Please remember that this is a one-way road. Also, vehicles must maintain traffic flow on Fisher Road and in the parking lot until they are either in the early bird line or in a parking spot. Per the Cumberland Police Department, at no time can Fisher Rd be blocked. If the line for the main entrance to drop off or pickup is stopped on Fisher Rd, vehicles must pull into the lot and park until the line starts moving. Cars in the early bird line should be parked close together to allow for more vehicles on our property and not on Fisher Rd. You should never exit the school onto Fisher Road. Also, please remember to back into your parking spaces. Please pass this information to anyone in your family that may drop off or pick up a child in school.

Halloween Costume Drive

National Junior Honor Society are collecting new and gently used costumes to be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters RI. They are asking for fabric costumes only with no face masks. Please send your donations by November 18th.

MCDS Sports

Jump Rope Team Begins:

Practices will be held in the gym on Thursdays from 3:00-3:45, starting **November 3, 2022**, and will run until early spring.

CAL Basketball

With Fall sports wrapping up we are moving into our Winter sports season, which means... basketball is back!! CAL basketball teams have been formed and practices will begin in early November. Be sure to be on the lookout for an email from your coaches soon!!

Biddyball

We will open Biddyball registration later this month as well. Biddyball is our instructional basketball program for athletes in Grades K, 1 and 2. Sessions will run for an hour from 8am - 11am on Saturday mornings in our gym.

Coach's Meetings: Required by CAL

All CAL coaches must attend a coach's meeting in order to obtain a coaching badge. All sessions are approximately 1 hour and will be held at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence RI. Parking in this area can be a challenge so please allow yourself ample time to find a spot. This will be a chance to meet the CAL administrators, to review the basic rules of CAL basketball and to communicate any important points of emphasis for the season. **You MUST attend one of the sessions to obtain your coaching badge.** CAL will not permit anyone else to obtain your badge for you as they may have in years past. Please attend one of the upcoming meetings listed below:

11/5 at 9:00 a.m.

11/30 at 6:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Women's pick-up basketball will start in the Mercymount gym in November. Those interested in participating should contact Gina Lopes at: glopesriag@gmail.com

ONE ON ONE BASKETBALL: CHRISTMAS VACATION CAMP



Mercymount Country Day School Gym
December 27, 28 and 29 (Tuesday - Thursday)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm

Boys and Girls Ages 5 - 12

Campers separated by age and ability

Cost: \$80 per diem pricing available (\$30 per day)

Please see the attached flyer for registration information.

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.

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

Teacher Wish Lists:

PK-D Mrs. Delauriers: Small containers of Play-Doh, Liquid hand soap

PK-C Ms. Dias: Avery color coding labels, Tissue paper, bows, star stickers

K-B Mrs. Capone: magnetic wands (Lakeshore - 12/\$32), Bright Giant Washable Ink Pads (Lakeshore), Easy grip safety tweezers (Lakeshore 12/12.99), Seasonal stickers, Popsicle sticks

3-3 Mrs. Demirgiogle: Lysol wipes, Scotch shipping tape.

3-4 Miss Bruno: Roll-on essential oils, playdough, markers (for students) Diary of a Wimpy Kid books, Kid-safe wipes for desks

4-10 Miss Werderman:

https://www.amazon.com/Bostitch-Office-QuietSharp-Replaceable-EPS11HC/dp/B004I2HXRY/ref=sr_1_11?keywords=quiet+pencil+sharpener+for+classroom&qid=1667220122&qu=eyJxc2MiOiI0LjA2IiwicXNhIjoiMy44OSIsInFzcCI6IjMuNTUifQ%3D%3D&sprefix=quiet+pencil+%2Caps%2C73&sr=8-11

5-15 Mrs. Roberto: Model Magic all colors

7-23 Mrs. Antone: 30 privacy boards

Library Mrs. Parella: Tissue boxes, Clorox wipes

PE Mr. Houston: Gator Skin soft foam dodgeballs

Mrs. Fleming: (PreS/K Spanish): Mis primeras canciones infantiles (1):

<https://a.co/d/6TTWXsQ>, Mis primeras canciones tradicionales (1):

<https://a.co/d/dAc6USX>, Mis primeras canciones de cuna (1): <https://a.co/d/dwuwFm2>,

Band Wrist bells 12 PCS (2): <https://a.co/d/8QMCXlk>, 8 Pairs Classical Wood Claves

Santa Store December 13th & 14th

Christmas is coming, and that means our Santa Store is right around the corner! Lots of Elves are needed to help coordinator Colleen DiPetrillo set up the Santa Store and on shopping day. Please see the attached form for more information.

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

Middle School Mid-Terms - January 18 - 20

Cumulative Mid-term exams for Grades 7 and 8 are scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, January 18, 19, and 20. Grade 6 will have Unit Exams at the same time. There will be two exams each day. Exams will take place in the morning.

Looking Ahead to December.....

December 9 Report Cards Sent Home

December 13 and 14 Santa's Store

December 15 Christmas Concert

December 22-Jan 2 Christmas Break

February 18-26 February Break



"No matter how small the gift, God gives the increase"