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Dear Villa Duchesne and City House Alumnae,

On behalf of the Villa Duchesne-City House Alumnae Association, welcome to a new school year! We hope this letter finds you healthy, happy, and excited for another year of alumnae activities. Your alumnae board is committed to serving our beautiful alma mater and our alumnae by focusing on our mission: *We are here to support and promote the values of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, foster a close relationship between Villa Duchesne and City House alumnae and the School community, assist and enhance alumnae activities, and serve as ambassadors for the School.*

We want to welcome you back to campus this year to attend new events and join us at our treasured traditions.

- **October 1, 2022 - Field Hockey Homecoming** - Join us as we face our rival, St. Joseph's Academy, for our long-standing field hockey game.
- **October 15-16, 2022 - Reunion Weekend** featuring the **Fall Fling** on Saturday and the **Alumnae Mass and Brunch** on Sunday. All alumnae celebrating their reunion year are invited to the Fall Fling and all alumnae are invited to the Mass, where the Très Bien Awards will be presented, followed by Brunch.
- **December 3, 2022 - Gingerbread Houses with Santa** - We look forward to welcoming you and your children or grandchildren at this festive Christmas event.
- **May 17, 2023 - Log Cabin Fever** - Last year, this inaugural event hosted alums from 1965 to 2010 as they gathered for cocktails at the Log Cabin and some even dressed in their high school best! Join us again to connect with old friends and make new ones.
- Plans are also underway to host an event in **early 2023**. Look for more details in the upcoming months on how you can return to campus and help the Villa Duchesne-City House Alumnae Association raise funds for the Sister Mary Gray McNally Alumnae Scholarship.

Through the generosity of our alumnae, we were able to fully endow the Sister Mary Gray McNally Alumnae Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to the daughter, granddaughter, or great granddaughter of a Villa Duchesne or City House alumna. We hope to continue to grow the scholarship and increase the amount awarded to one of our current students. Although the alumnae association no longer collects annual dues, we hope you will still donate to this scholarship while also make a gift to the Villa Annual Giving program. Please encourage your friends and family to consider sending their children to Villa Duchesne and, if appropriate, apply for our scholarship.

Please be aware that much of the communication about our events will come in the form of email. Every month, Rachel Drone Gehm '88, Manager of Alumni Relations, emails the "Alumni Corner" newsletter. This is how you will learn about school updates, event registrations, and news about all-things alumnae. Please ensure that you have a current email on file with the school so you don't miss out.

The Alumnae Association Board hopes to see you at one, some, or all of our upcoming events. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming involved with our activities - time and treasure are equally appreciated! Please keep Villa, our students, faculty and staff, and alums in your hearts and prayers as we all work together towards a bright and strong future.

Kind regards,

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