

### PIE MEMO (Partners in Education)

# A Note from Sister Rayleen

O Lord, all week long I shoulder the weight of my world, and it's hard to let go and just rest. My mind continues to spin, keeping count of what's done and not done on my to-do list. I fail over and over again to give myself permission just to be. Call me to your stillness. Let me find silence so that I may know you are my God. Amen (Found in Surrender All by Jan Norton)

This morning, as I sat reflecting on and praying with this weekend's Scripture, I could not help but to be taken up by the sweetness of bird sounds and calls, as well as the cascading sunlight on the stone wall outside my window. I felt a sense of stillness for the first time in several days. For a moment in time, I was not "holding" the burdens and concerns of my world and the world overall. I trust this was more than perspective. It was a moment of God's in-breaking, reminding me that I am not alone on this journey. More importantly, it was a "call" to turn over my burdens and concerns to God and then listen for guidance so God may use me and my gifts to make the world a lighter, brighter place. I was then reminded of a favorite story about St. John XXIII. One night, the Holy Father had trouble falling asleep. He admitted talking to himself that night. He reports saying, "Giovanni, why don't you sleep? Is it the pope or the Holy Spirit who governs the church? It's the Holy Spirit, no? Well, then, go to sleep, Giovanni!"

As we enter this Holy Week, may we find many moments to give ourselves permission to "just be" to recognize God is breaking through, holding us in stillness and "governing" our world.

Have a Blessed Holy Week and Easter!

Sr. Rayleen

# **Spring Uniform Policy Into Effect - April 1st**

As of April 1, the Spring Uniform Policy goes in effect. Shorts are now allowed. Only approved swag can be worn as part of the uniform in the school building. Mercymount Pot of Gold sweatshirts can only be worn to and from school, at recess, or with a "no uniform" slip.

# Stations of the Cross - April 6th

On April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m., our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will present the Stations of the Cross. <u>All students should wear their formal uniforms that day</u>. Please do not use any "No Uniform" slips on this day. Parents are welcome to attend.

# Mother/Son Event: Payment Due April 6th

We are excited to welcome back the Mother/Son Event to take place on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer. Payment is due by Thursday, April 6th.

# Art Gallery Night - April 26

Be prepared to be awed! Our incredibly popular *Gallery Night* is here! Join us, April 26 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., and view spectacular works of art from <u>every</u> student at Mercymount! From paintings to weavings to sculptures, there's something for everyone to enjoy. You'll be amazed at the talent and creativity of the students! Thank you in advance to Brother Alan for all his hard work in putting on this wonderful display!

You don't want to miss Mercymount's Gallery Night!

# Spring Pictures by Lifetouch - April 27

Lifetouch will be at school on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for a spring portrait session. Participation is optional. You can place your orders on www.mylifetouch.com.

# Middle School Musical - April 29

Join us for the long-awaited performance of High School Musical! Our talented Middle School cast will perform two shows on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. See attached flyer for more information.

# Bids for Kids Auction - May 6

On May 6<sup>th</sup> join us for our 28th Annual Bids for Kids Auction and Mercymount's 75<sup>th</sup> celebration at Bally's Twins River in Lincoln, RI. Invitations have been mailed and the Early Bird RSVP is due by April 17<sup>th</sup>; each registration enters you in a raffle for a Preferred Guest Package. This great package includes a certificate for a free night's stay at the Bally's Twin River Hotel, "preferred" table for up to 10 guests to include wine & special dessert for the table and you are able to bypass redemption the line! Regular RSVP is due April 28th. For your convenience you can RSVP online at <a href="https://mercymount.ejoinme.org/B4K2023">https://mercymount.ejoinme.org/B4K2023</a>

# 2023 Bids for Kids Registration

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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. The following items from Amazon have been received with no names. Please let us know if you kindly donated them. <a href="mailto:melissaquinn8@hotmail.com">melissaquinn8@hotmail.com</a>. We thank you for your generosity.

Rainbow Loom Box

Ultimate Science Kit

Solar Robot

**Butane Fuel** 

Backyard Lawn Bowling

Lego Star Wars

Frozen cocktail tumblers

Dead Sea Mud mask, tie dye chalk, MBot add on pack, IQ stem building set (all came together)

Anyone interested in joining the auction committee, we would love to have you join our next meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 8:30am.

# **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - May 11th**

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 11th. Mrs DiPetrillo and Mrs. Iannetta are working really hard to plan a special lunch for our teachers and staff! They are looking for donations to help with the cost of the lunch and for people to volunteer to cover classrooms while the teachers have their lunch. In order to make this day a success we need as many volunteers as possible that have completed safe schools training. Your help and generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated. We have attached the form if you are interested in volunteering and/or donating. We are asking for responses by Friday, April 28th.If you have any questions, please contact:

Colleen Dipetrillo: <a href="mailto:colleen.dipetrillo77@gmail.com">colleen.dipetrillo77@gmail.com</a> or Lisa Iannetta: lisaiannetta@gmail.com

#### Catherine McAuley Award Nominations - Due May 12th

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 attached application must be completed and submitted to the Mercy Integration Committee (c/o Julie Lena) no later than Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### School Supplies 2023-24

School Supply Ordering for 2023-2024 is now available. As in past years, the Parent Association has partnered with 1st Day to make back to school shopping a breeze. Student kits with teacher approved supplies are delivered directly to your child's classroom.

Ordering details can be found on our school website at: <a href="https://www.mercymount.org/academics/resources#fs-panel-3973">https://www.mercymount.org/academics/resources#fs-panel-3973</a>

A portion of the sale proceeds are returned to the school to help fund the many enrichment activities for Mercymount Students.



# 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.

#### **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. Ready.

For any questions, please contact Colleen DiPetrillo at <a href="Colleen.DiPetrillo77@gmail.com">Colleen.DiPetrillo77@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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 <u>iready@mercymount.org</u>

**PK-D Mrs. Deslauriers:** Masking tape for children's collage use

Plain white paper plates for projects

White washable children's paint

Ziploc style sandwich size and gallon size baggies

Bright giant washable ink pads (Lakeshore)

Butterfly Growing Kit (National Geographic)

**KA-Miss Lena:** Hexbugs, enough for 15 students.

https://www.amazon.com/HEXBUG-Nano-Nitro-Pack-

Toy/dp/B01BX4EMIC/ref=sr\_1\_2?crid=1D1L0AC0JTX13&keywords=hexbugs&qid=1679314022&sprefix=hexbugs%2Caps%2C90&sr=8-2

<u>PK-C Ms. Dias</u>: 18 x12 Assorted Color Construction Paper, wired over the head - headphones for devices, Cotton Balls, Drinking cups, Lysol Spray

**1-5 Mrs. Lanyi:** 1-5 Mrs. Lanyi stickers and kid-safe wipes to clean desks

2-7 Miss Colavecchio: 17

https://www.amazon.com/gp/slredirect/picassoRedirect.html/ref=pa\_sp\_atf\_aps\_sr\_pg1\_1?ie=UT F8&adId=A0504800U2VVCBI6EKZ&qualifier=1680281559&id=4796362885587208&widgetName =sp\_atf&url=%2FEar-Muffs-Noise-Reduction-

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<u>3-4 Miss Bruno</u>: 3rd Grade is starting our Town Projects at the end of the month. We will use these materials to create a town! Supplies needed: <u>Road Tape- Amazon</u>, <u>Wood Pieces- Amazon</u>, <u>Pom Poms- Amazon</u>, Road Signs- Amazon, Hot Glue Gun- Amazon, Hot Glue Sticks

5-15 Mrs. Roberto: Hot glue guns and replacement sticks for PBL

Nurse: cough drops and tissues.

Library Mrs. Parella: Clipboards, colored pencils, and Crayola crayons

Office: Tissues



# **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 14,15,16	Zoo Crew Mini Camp	Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Corio K-3
June 19-23	Summer Fun Camp	Mrs. Deslauriers/Ms. Gallagher PreS/PreK
June 19-23	Archery Camp	Mr. Evans 4-8 (Only 4 spots remaining)
June 26-30	Pokemon Camp	Miss Katic K-2
June 26-30	Under the Sea Camp	Mrs. Delauriers and Ms. Gallagher PreS/PreK
June 26-30	Good Vibes Camp	Mrs. Demirgioglu and Miss Bruno 3-5
July 10-14	Pokemon Camp	Miss Katic 1-5
July 17-21	Fun and Adventure in Reading	Senor Larivee 4+5
July 17-21	Pet Camp	Mrs. Corio and Julie Lena K-2
July 17-21	Middle School Study Skills	Mrs. Paquette 6-8
July 24-28	Chess Camp	Senor Larivee 4-8
July 31-Aug 4	Spanish Camp	Senor Larivee 5-8

# 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 **Tuesday**, **June 13**th. Let the summer vacation planning begin.....

# Looking Ahead.....

Mother/Son Event - April 30
Bids For Kids Auction - May 6
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - May 11
8th Grade Graduation - June 9



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

# Honor Roll Second Trimester 2023

# High Honors

8th Grade
Avi Amin
Helena Cornwell
Kaylee Dunderdale
Autumn Gerrish
Onyeka Moseri
Ansley Palermo
Andrew Sanford
Alexandra Terrien
Leah Walden

7th Grade Ainsley Hubacz Ashlyn Iannetta Kaelyn Quinn Jostan Sims

6<sup>th</sup> Grade
Andrew Albert
Lyla Alves
Matthew Burke
Gilchrist Daniel
Amelia McCarthy
Olivia Moseri
Oliver Page
Yuvraj Singiri
Robert Shaughnessy
Max Thibodeau

#### Honors

8<sup>th</sup> Grade
Bradford Dean
Avery Dunderdale
Chloe Iannino
Zoe Kurtz
Nina Lantini
Olivia Sousa
Maya Spadano
Joss Temlek
Eva Tomas

7th Grade
Gavin Britt
Caroline Cooney
Jack Crossley
Victoria DiPetrillo
Colin Gerrish
Norkham Khamsyvoravong
Kaitlyn Pathe
Samantha Putt
Jordan Romano
Christian Ruel
Gabriella Santos
Leo Swahn

6th Grade
Maggie Caggiano
Henry Donohue
Ayaan Jain
Brody Kurtz
Juliet Le
Raeghan Magill
Gregory Martin
Nathaniel Nevola
Dominic Patricia
Luke Swahn
Justin Tessier
Caroline Trask
Andrew Van Allen
Kate Worcester