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Welcome new and returning MSDA families!

My name is Laurie Natale, and like you, I'm a parent of a current Mount student, Maddie, MSDA Class of 2025. I wanted to take this time to introduce myself as this year's MSDA Parents' Association President for the 2023-24 school year. I have been helping the PA team since our first year as part of the Mount community, and have seen first-hand the amazing efforts of our entire community. From Field Day to Teacher Appreciation Luncheons, to the evening events such as Pocketbook Bingo, Oktoberfest, Dad's Night and Casino Night, and to the Mount's beloved traditions of the Father Daughter Dinner Dance and the Mother Daughter Communion Breakfast - our school knows how to have a great time, and in some cases, while raising important funds that help directly support the students!

As we look forward to the new school year, I wanted to reach out early and introduce this year's Parent Association Executive Committee members, who are just as excited to be working together and with all of you as we support our social and fundraising events for the school and most importantly, our daughters. Joining me this year are Kim Fio Rito P '25 & '27, Beth O'Connor '90, P '26, Dawn Parelli P '27 and returning to the committee is Sheetal Davitt P '23 & '27.

Each month, we host a PA meeting in the evening, which takes place at the school. These meetings are usually one hour long. The purpose of these meetings is to provide parents with updates from both the Mount Administration on ongoing topics (i.e., college admissions process, health and nutrition, guidance counseling) and to hear from the students on various topics and programs to highlight some of their own significant achievements and impacts. Also, during these meetings, we review upcoming PA-sponsored events, providing a quick status update and discussion of volunteer opportunities.

The success of our events is based on our community. Whether you are skilled with advertising, marketing, construction, event management, logistics, catering, gift shopping, etc., we need you! Coming to these monthly meetings is not only informative for you, but the bonus is your attendance at the meeting will provide your daughter with a "Dress Down Pass!" Each time you attend a PA meeting, your daughter is allowed to "Dress Down" on the day of the next scheduled PA meeting. More information will be shared at our first meeting.

Speaking of which, we hope you will join us this coming week for our first Parents' Association meeting of the year, taking place on Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm in the Mount Performing Arts Center (PAC). Head of School, Dr. Christopher Hampton will be our first guest speaker, and we plan to hear from some students as well. In addition, we will take a quick tour of some of the school spaces that were refreshed over the summer.

Don't forget, come to the meeting and collect your first Dress Down Pass!

Be on the lookout for more information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. A schedule of the PA meetings and topics to be discussed for the entire year will be posted soon as well. If you have any questions, or would like to add your name as a volunteer for one of our upcoming events, please reach out to msda_pa_pres@msdacademy.org.

Sincerely,
Laurie Natale P '25