



MERCY ACADEMY





Welcome to Mercy Academy!

At Mercy, we believe in empowering young women by unlocking their fullest potential and developing their unique gifts and talents. You'll find that our core values are the driving force behind our educational philosophy and the ties that bind us together as a Mercy community. Our students graduate with a sense of pride, purpose, and principled leadership. They are confident leaders who are inspired by faith and have the courage to shine their light in the pursuit of social justice.

We are also proud to employ Mercy educators who provide comprehensive and rigorous instruction to meet the needs of every student. They do this within a trusting and caring environment where every individual feels valued, appreciated, and loved.

Students are engaged at high levels across our curriculum through real-world, performance-based tasks. We are confident in this type of learning, as it provides them with the necessary skills to excel in their pursuits toward college and future careers. Mercy teachers and students are consistently engaged in learning opportunities that stretch their thinking in complex ways, allowing them to become critical thinkers, innovators, and problem-solvers.

You will find that Mercy is a place that is continuously growing and changing. A commitment to student and teacher learning is an expectation at Mercy. With this at the heart of our work, we focus our professional development around three big ideas: student learning, a culture of collaboration, and developing results.

Like our founder Catherine McAuley, we at Mercy Academy "strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well." That is our Mercy way!

In Mercy,



Becky Montague

Becky Montague,
President

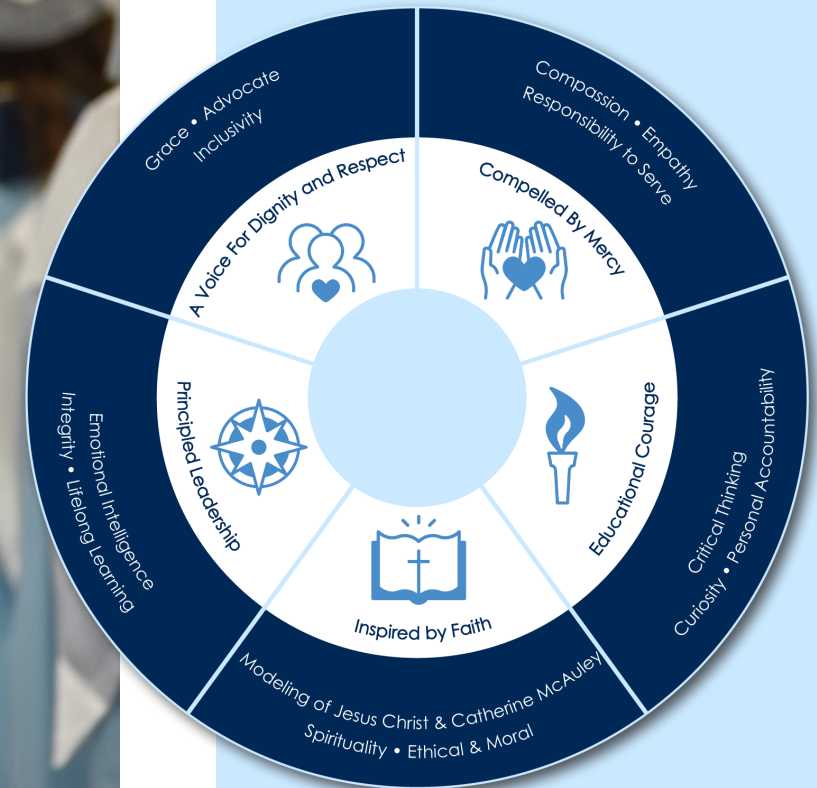


Dr. Cynthia Smith-Ough

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Principal



Characteristics of a Mercy Graduate



The Sisters of Mercy

Mercy Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school that is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and a member of Mercy Education. The Sisters of Mercy is a Catholic religious institute founded by Catherine McAuley whose primary mission is to serve those in need. The critical concerns of the Sisters of Mercy are integrated into all aspects of the curriculum, fostering an educational environment rooted in compassion and mercy.

CRITICAL CONCERNS

EARTH

IMMIGRATION

NONVIOLENCE

RACISM

WOMEN

Why Mercy

Mercy Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school that welcomes young ladies of all faiths. We wholeheartedly embrace and value diversity, celebrating the unique backgrounds, experiences and perspectives that each individual brings to our community. Our dedicated teachers passionately shape student learning, inspiring academic growth and helping each student reach her full potential. With a student population of around 500, Mercy is the optimal size for personalized classroom experiences while still being able to offer a wide range of extracurricular, leadership, travel and athletic opportunities. Our nearly 30-acre, centrally located campus offers exceptional amenities, including on-site athletic facilities, a STEM Innovation Center, tutoring and wellness centers, a beautiful chapel and more. Guided by our values and the mission of the Sisters of Mercy, we empower students to become ethical, accepting and compassionate adults, ready to excel in an ever-changing world.



ALL-GIRLS

In shaping the lives of young women, an all-girls high school education offers a distinct advantage. It provides an environment tailored to the unique needs, strengths and aspirations of girls, promoting their academic, personal and social development. Within this empowering and supportive environment, girls are encouraged to explore their passions and interests freely. They can fully immerse themselves in academics, sports, arts and leadership opportunities. Girls have not just equal opportunity, but every opportunity. Whether it's student council, the underwater research team, math honor society or an athletic team, girls fill all roles. With every facet of the school intentionally designed to empower young women, an abundance of opportunities and resources are available for your student to thrive.



FAITH-BASED

A faith-based education offers a distinctive approach to learning, emphasizing moral values, personal discovery and spiritual growth. By integrating faith teachings into the curriculum, students learn to navigate ethical dilemmas, develop a strong moral compass and cultivate a sense of responsibility towards themselves and others. Religious instruction, prayer, retreats and service opportunities further encourage students to deepen their faith, explore their spirituality and find purpose and meaning in their lives. By integrating faith teachings into the curriculum and fostering a supportive community, faith-based schools create an environment that inspires students to become responsible and compassionate individuals who positively contribute to their communities and the world.

CHANGING OPINIONS

The 1960s was a decade of enormous change... a roller coaster ride of immense hope and horrific realities. If America was a compliant child in the 1950s, that child both grew up and woke up in the 1960s. The "baby boom" generation began to voice its views, to stand up for civil rights, to embrace change, cultural change, and political change. The American climate steamed with challenges to government policy, social issues and social norms.

His objection to the draft blasted him into the center of public opinion. But conviction and courage gave him the strength to withstand the heat of verbal attacks. In time, some Americans changed their opinion of Muhammad Ali. In time, many Americans changed their opinion about the war in Vietnam: how it ended. The clamor for protest and in resistance, a growing nation.

"CLAY SHOULD SERVE HIS TIME IN THE ARMY
just like any other young, healthy, all-American boy...
what better vehicle to use to put an uppity Negro
in his place than the United States Army?"

James Hicks,
Muhammad Ali, The People's Champion

White House Pickets Urge Viet War End

Nearly 30 students, most of them from the University of Maryland, picketed the White House yesterday, urging an end to the conflict in Vietnam.

While the non-violent demonstrators took part in the afternoon protest, seven George Washington University students approached the end of their 48-hour fast for peace. William Stokely, a 22-year-old G.W.U. junior, said his group's fast is a protest against the war. University students have been facing war since the Vietnam conflict when he arrived at the White House. Stokely, a 22-year-old G.W.U. junior, said his group's fast is a protest against the war. University students have been facing war since the Vietnam conflict when he arrived at the White House. Stokely, a 22-year-old G.W.U. junior, said his group's fast is a protest against the war. University students have been facing war since the Vietnam conflict when he arrived at the White House.

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Service Learning and Leadership

Inspired by Catherine McAuley, our nationally recognized, four-year service-learning and leadership program transforms Mercy students into empowered, active citizens and lifelong servants of Christ. Integrated into the school day, this program ensures students participate alongside their classmates, enhancing teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. By addressing immediate community needs through direct action and tackling root causes of injustice for long-term change, students develop a comprehensive understanding of social issues. This approach fosters a shared sense of purpose, building a cohesive school community. Ultimately, our program prepares students to be thoughtful, engaged leaders committed to justice and service, embodying the values of a Mercy education.

Academics



PERFORMANCE BASED LEARNING

Mercy's educational approach centers on performance-based learning creating a collaborative environment between students, their peers and teachers. We celebrate and promote educational courage, valuing their curiosity and active participation. Mercy is developing students into critical thinkers who can showcase their knowledge, rather than just recite facts and figures, which is essential for their future success in the workplace. Within a safe and supportive space, Mercy empowers students to self-reflect and continuously enhance their capabilities.

6 Flexible Academic Course Levels

Block scheduling

Mercy's educational model uses block scheduling, where students attend four of their eight enrolled classes each day. This longer class time allows for deeper engagement and understanding of the material. Additionally, the day between classes provides ample time to catch up on homework and study, reducing stress and enhancing learning.

Electives

Mercy offers **90** electives for our students to choose from to customize their schedules to fit their educational interests and passions. Scan the QR code to access our program of studies which includes a full list of graduation requirements, electives and college credit courses.



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Average
Class Size

11:1

Student to
Teacher Ratio

STEM

As the nation's first all-girls accredited STEM school, Mercy prepares students for an in-demand, male-dominated STEM job market by exposing them to fields that most do not experience until college. Mercy partners with over 30 prestigious agencies nationwide to offer students unparalleled opportunities and resources in the STEM field, ensuring they gain a competitive edge and excel in their high school education.



Fine Arts

Mercy's Fine Arts department fosters the growth of creative minds with all levels of experience. Our exceptional teachers who practice what they teach, work one-on-one with each student to improve her skills in 2-D and 3-D art, photography, ceramics, graphic design, theatre arts, choral music, playwriting and creative writing.

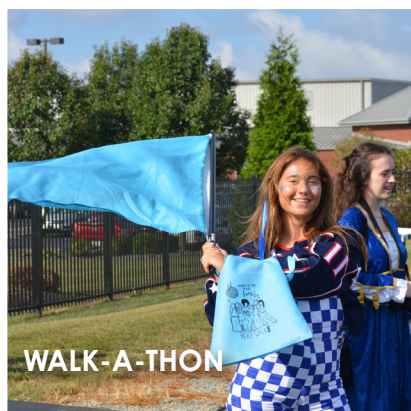




House System

When a student comes to Mercy, she joins a class of young women her age who experience and learn the Mercy traditions alongside of her. These classmates play an integral role in her time at Mercy, but we also know that nurturing relationships across the entire student-body and with faculty and staff members is equally as important for experiencing Mercy to its fullest.

Throughout each week, time is scheduled for students to meet with their house to complete various activities that fall under one of four identified categories: education, competition, student business or wellness. House time helps students build relationships, leadership skills, school spirit and community, while maintaining Mercy's long history of traditions. Each house consists of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, faculty and staff members and is named after a strong force in our foundress, Catherine McAuley's life.



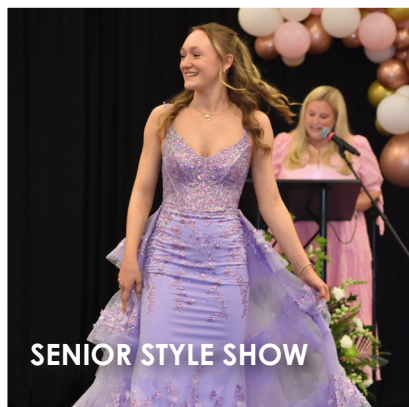
WALK-A-THON

Traditions

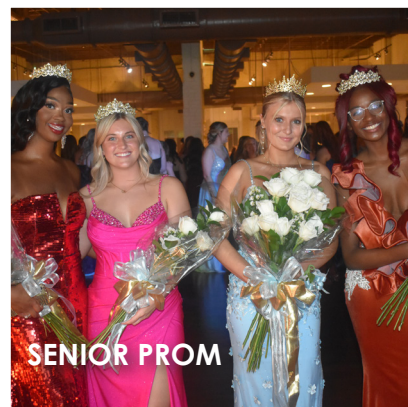
Traditions at Mercy Academy hold immense significance, highlighting our culture and fostering unity among students. These events create lasting memories, forge strong bonds, and offer opportunities for leadership, contributing to a rich and memorable high school experience. Take a look at some of our students' favorite traditions!



BACK 2 SCHOOL BLAST



SENIOR STYLE SHOW



SENIOR PROM



WALK KICK-OFF



JUNIOR RING CEREMONY



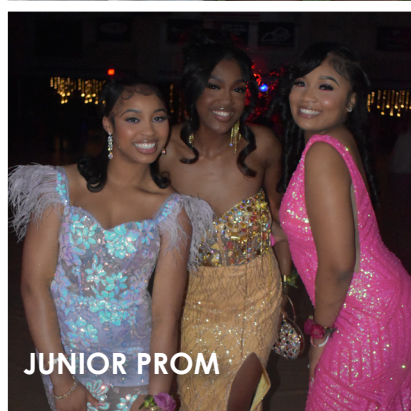
MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON



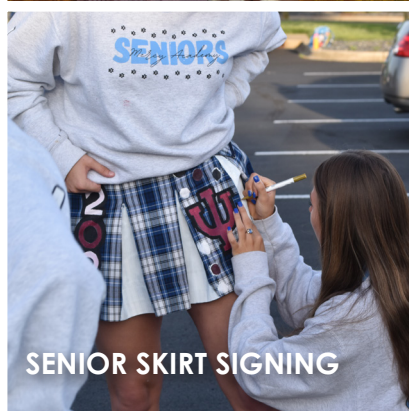
GLOW PEP RALLY



SPIRIT WEEK



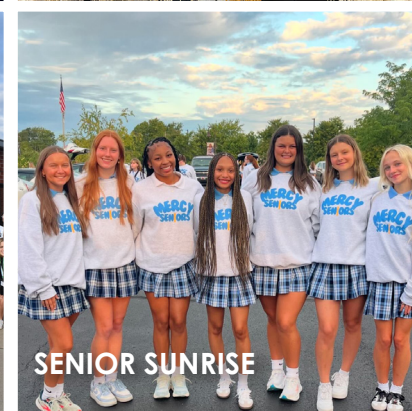
JUNIOR PROM



SENIOR SKIRT SIGNING



FRESHMAN TUNNEL



SENIOR SUNRISE

Indoor

CHAPEL

STEM INNOVATION CENTER

SISTER PRISCA ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

WELLNESS CENTER

STOCK YARDS BANK THEATRE

MAC LAB

BROADCAST STUDIO

MEDIA STUDIO

TESTING CENTER

DANCE STUDIO

TWO GYMNASIUMS

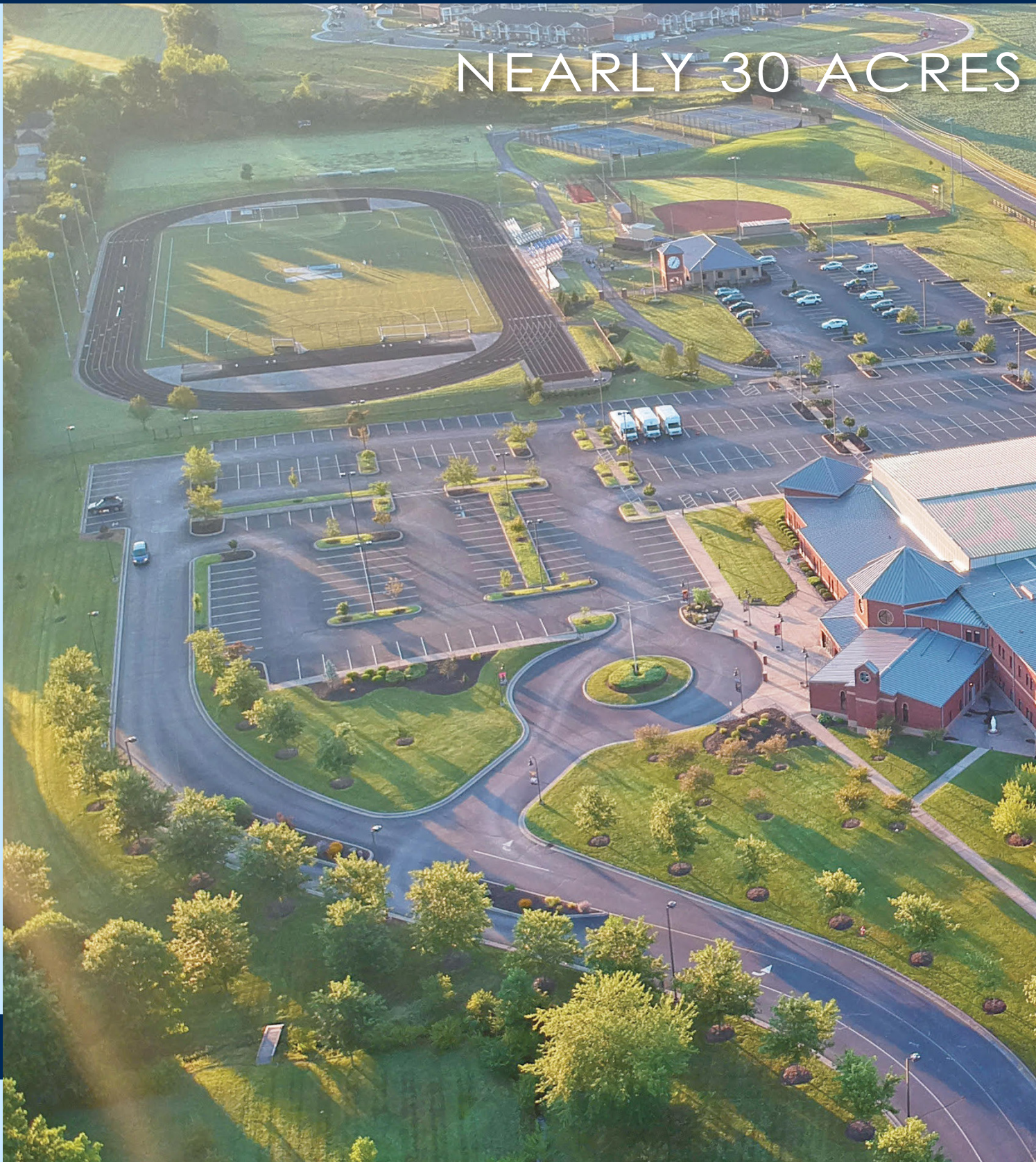
FITNESS & WEIGHT ROOM

ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM

SOFTBALL BATTING CAGES

ARCHERY RANGE

NEARLY 30 ACRES





TO EXPLORE

Outdoor

29.5 ACRES

ON-CAMPUS PARKING

SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD

EIGHT LANE RUBBERIZED TRACK

BERMUDA GRASS TRAINING FIELD

ONE-MILE RUNNING COURSE

SIX TENNIS COURTS

SOFTBALL FIELD

SOFTBALL BATTING CAGES

HOME & AWAY LOCKER ROOMS

OUTDOOR DINING

OUTDOOR LEARNING AREAS

CERAMICS STUDIO





Mercy Pride, Be the Best.

16 Sports Across 3 Seasons
 297 Total Athletes - Nearly 60% of student body
 53 Dual-Sport Athletes
 17 Three Sport Athletes
 1 Four-Sport Athlete

3.74
 Student-Athlete
 GPA



New in 2024:
 FLAG FOOTBALL



There is something for everyone at Mercy!

Mercy offers a wide array of clubs and activities to provide students with many opportunities to get involved. We encourage every student to get involved in something outside of the classroom; we truly believe this makes for a richer high school experience.

Ambassadors
Architecture - Construction Management
Asian Culture Club
Aviation Club
Big Sis/Little Sis
Black Student Union (BSU)
Book Club
Class Officers
Crocheting and Knitting Club
Culinary Club
Fellowship of Mercy Athletes (FMA)
French Club
French National Honor Society
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
Future Problem Solving
Governor's Scholars Program (GSP)
Governor's School for the Arts (GSA)
Intramural Basketball
Intramural Volleyball
Jags Animal Care Society
Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA)
Kentucky Youth Association (KYA)
Latina Culture Club
Liturgy Planning & Prayer Committee
Make Mercy Real

Mercy Environmental Ambassadors
Mercy Missiles Club (Rocketry)
Mercy Scholars
Mock Trial
Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society)
National Art Honor Society
National Business Honor Society
National English Honor Society
National Honor Society
National Spanish Honor Society
Peer Leaders
Pep Club
Quick Recall
Retreat Leaders
Rho Kappa (National Social Studies Honor Society)
Science National Honor Society
St. Joseph of Arimathea Society
Student Advancement Leadership Team (SALT)
Student Council
Table Top Club
Thespian Society
TikTok Club
Underwater Research Team
Walk Committee



Student Support

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELORS

At Mercy, we understand the importance of personalized guidance and support, which is why we assign a dedicated counselor to each student as their primary point of contact. Our counseling department is committed to providing students with a safe space where they may seek help for personal and/or educational concerns while being treated with respect and dignity in a confidential manner.



COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING

Mercy's counseling team also includes a full-time college and career advising counselor who helps students reach their academic and professional goals beyond Mercy. She assists students in exploring college and university admission and enrollment options at the state, national and international levels, while also offering guidance for career exploration and readiness. Seniors have the opportunity to participate in job shadowing experiences, giving them a firsthand look at potential careers. Additionally, all students benefit from a school-wide career conference where the majority of career representatives are women, inspiring our all-girls school community to confidently pursue their passions and ambitions.



Mercy is proud of its 117 graduates in the Class of 2024 who were accepted into over

120 colleges and universities

and were awarded over

14 million dollars

in scholarship money!

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS PROGRAM

Any student with a learning, medical or physical need has the option to have a custom accommodation plan while at Mercy. By having a structured strategy in place, Mercy is able to help meet the individual needs of each student, supporting her in reaching her full academic and personal potential.

A psychoeducational assessment completed within the last three years is required for an academic accommodation plan. These assessments provide our counselors with the necessary information for developing a unique success plan. Some common accommodations include extended time or quiet space for testing, access to an e-reader, printed materials, etc. Additionally, all freshmen students with an accommodation plan will participate in a Guided Study block for support with academic organization and study skills. Guided Study is available for upperclasswomen with an accommodation plan based on individual need.

All students who receive academic accommodations receive direct support from the Director of Learning Differences, the Learning Specialist Coordinator, a personal guidance counselor and academic interventionists.

For more information, email Stephanie McGarry at smcgarry@mercyjaguars.com.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program provides additional academic support in a supervised space for at-risk students who may be missing assignments, failing tests, or struggling with organization, time management or study skills and test-taking. Teachers or counselors may refer identified students to our academic interventionist for individualized learning plans. These incorporate personalized learning goals and tutoring services. Parental permission and support are necessary for acceptance into this program.

SISTER PRISCA ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (PAC)

Mercy is committed to providing comprehensive academic support to all students through our Sister Prisca Achievement Center (PAC). The PAC is staffed with expert interventionists and is designed to model collegiate learning and growth resource labs to give individualized attention to students in every subject at all academic levels. Flexible scheduling options are available by walk-in and appointment to accommodate students' busy lives. Last year alone, the PAC completed a total of 604 tutoring appointments and 2,429 walk-in sessions. It is open before and during school every day, and all students are encouraged to visit during their study blocks.



Mercy Memories



ARGENTINA

Students interested in the Spanish language and culture are invited to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience where they host a student from Argentina for a month in February and then go to live with her in Buenos Aires for a month in June. During this direct exchange, students attend our sister school, Santa Ethnea, and explore the city with their host, where they form strong relationships and lifelong memories.



IRELAND & ENGLAND

A group of students flew across the pond for an 11-day European excursion in Ireland and England. They visited the Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, International Mercy Centre, Shakespeare's birthplace, Big Ben and so much more. This trip was full of awe inspiring art, architecture and countryside landscapes.



FRANCE

A large group of Mercy students explored France during a 12-day adventure. They visited historic places including the French riviera, Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral, walked through beautiful chateaus, gardens and museums and relaxed on a cruise along the Seine River.



SCOTLAND

Students involved in Mercy's theatre department were invited to participate in the world-renowned Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. This is the world's largest international theatre festival with the American High School Theatre Festival and Mercy is proud to have been selected to perform for the second time. Students experience the transformation of the whole city to a stage. Visitors can view performances everywhere from playgrounds to conference rooms and city parks to churches, as 3,000 different performers showcase their talents.

Around the World

COSTA RICA

Mercy students have the opportunity to embark on a 10-day scientific adventure to Costa Rica. There, they design and implement their own unique research projects, all while exploring their beautiful surroundings. This in-depth and hands on research opportunity is encouraged for those interested in continuing their studies in the field, working side-by-side with professional scientists.



NEW YORK CITY

Mercy seniors are invited to spend a jam-packed weekend in New York City with their classmates to kick off their final year together at Mercy. They visit the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, NBC Studios, 9/11 Museum, St. Patrick's Cathedral and more. It's a trip that they continue to talk about for years after they have graduated.



SWITZERLAND & ITALY

Mercy students took a 10-day trip to Switzerland and Italy over the summer. They enjoyed fondue, played traditional games, and listened to music in Lucerne. The group visited Lake Como and drove through the Swiss Alps. In Venice, they took a gondola ride. The adventure continued with a visit to the Vatican in Rome, making wishes at the Trevi Fountain, and wandering the historic streets of Florence!



JAPAN

Mercy is headed to Japan in the summer of 2025 where students will visit Tokyo and surrounding cities with a focus on engineering, robotics and the future of cities. They will explore the Shibuya District, ascend the Tokyo Skytree, learn about hybrid assistive limb technology at Cyberdyne Studios and visit other STEM focused areas. The trip will also feature cultural elements such as Mount Fuji, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony, and preparing dinner with a local Japanese chef.



Affording Mercy Academy

If you are concerned about the cost of tuition, please don't let that stop you from continuing the admissions process with Mercy. We are committed to working with your family to make a Mercy education possible for your student.

Tuition Details

Tuition for the 2024-2025 school year is \$15,990. Mercy offers five payment plan options to fit each family's needs and there is no interest charged on any of the payment plans.

# of Payments	Date of Payment
1	July
2	July & February
3	July, October, February
11	June-April
12	June-May

Inclusive Lunch:

Beginning this year, Mercy Academy is collaborating with FLIK Independent School Dining to provide a daily lunch INCLUDED in the price of tuition for ALL students on school days when lunch is served. FLIK's chef and dietitian will work with families to accommodate all dietary needs and food allergies.

Discounts and Scholarships

The following tuition breaks are not contingent on financial aid qualification. If your family meets the requirements, you will receive the tuition discount/scholarship.

Placement Test Scholarships:

Students who obtain high scores on the high school placement test are eligible to receive a four-year renewable scholarship.

1st Place: \$3,000 Scholarship

2nd Place: \$2,500 Scholarship

3rd Place: \$2,000 Scholarship

90th Percentile: \$1,000 Scholarship

Sisters' Discount:

Families with more than one student attending Mercy at the same time receive \$2,000 off the oldest student's tuition.



Mercy awards over
ONE MILLION DOLLARS
in tuition assistance each year!

Need-Based Financial Aid

To be awarded tuition assistance, families must apply and qualify for aid through FACTS.

Tuition Grant Money:

This pool of money comes from the Mercy Fund and special fundraising events. This is what your family is awarded when you receive financial aid and the amount is taken off of the total tuition.

Mercy Day Scholarships:

Mercy is proud to offer nearly 50 scholarships funded by generous donors. These are awarded on an annual basis and are tailored to specific criteria such as a student's scholastic ability, service to the community, love for Mercy, etc. In order to receive a Mercy Day Scholarship, your family must apply and qualify for financial assistance (determined by FACTS) and complete the Mercy Day Scholarship application which opens in early February.

How To Apply For Financial Aid

- 1** Starting on **October 15, 2024**, you can begin to complete the FACTS financial aid application at **mercyacademy.com/tuition**.
- 2** Register your student to attend Mercy Academy in February.
- 3** Receive your financial aid notification via email in March.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily McCullough, Director of Admissions & Marketing at **emccullough@mercyjaguars.com**.

Visit Mercy

SHADOWING

Shadowing is one of the best ways to experience Mercy's family-like atmosphere in our spacious, modern campus! During a shadow visit, your student attends classes alongside a Mercy student, meets teachers, enjoys a complimentary lunch, and experiences the Mercy sisterhood! Your student can request a Mercy student she knows to spend the day with, or we can pair her with a student based on similar interests. **Scan the QR code to view available dates and schedule a visit!**

8th GRADERS Beginning **September 2024**

7th GRADERS Beginning **January 2025**



OPEN HOUSE

Join us at our Open House on **Sunday, November 10** between **1:00 and 4:00 p.m.** as we showcase our academic programs, extracurricular activities, athletic teams and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our nearly 30-acre campus, meet current students, and speak with our faculty, administrators and coaches. This event is open to 5th-8th grade families. We hope to see you there!

PLACEMENT TEST

All eighth graders who wish to attend Mercy must take the high school placement test on **Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.** A makeup test is available on **Saturday, January 11** for those who cannot make it in December. Please reach out to **admissions@mercyjaguars.com** if your student needs accommodations for the placement test.



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