



Mercy
McAuley

PACK PROGRESS

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OUR PATH.
OUR PACK.

Welcome to *Pack Progress!*

This monthly newsletter keeps our Mercy McAuley community informed and inspired by the exciting momentum of our capital campaign, ***Our Path. Our Pack.***

\$4,805,014

We're thrilled to share that **we've raised \$4,805,014 as of September 1 – 87% of our \$5,500,000 goal!** Your generosity is transforming our campus and shaping the future of Mercy McAuley.

Capital Campaign vs. Mercy McAuley Fund – Why Both Matter

A **capital campaign** is a focused fundraising effort with a clear goal and timeline – often for major improvements like new buildings or renovations. These funds are restricted, meaning they're dedicated to specific projects or some defined purpose. A capital campaign has a specific beginning and ending date.

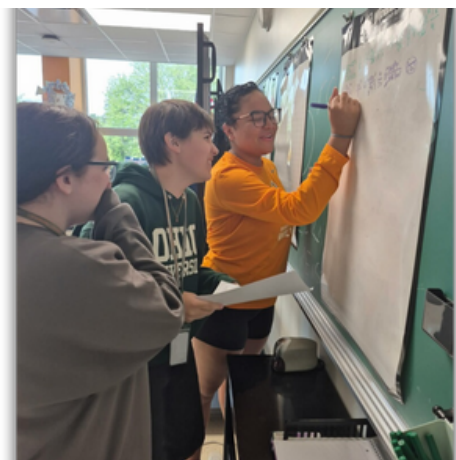


In contrast, **Mercy McAuley Fund giving** comprises funds raised each year to sustain the day-to-day operations of our school. These funds are the steady support that keep us strong and growing. Annual fund gifts help cover essential everyday expenses and operating costs and allow us to invest in programs that directly impact our students.

When you choose to support both the capital campaign and the annual fund, you are sending a powerful message. Your giving ensures that Mercy McAuley **thrives today AND grows for tomorrow.** This dual support demonstrates thoughtful generosity – balancing immediate impact with long-term vision.

Cool Classrooms – Real Impact

This summer, six classrooms received new windows, air conditioning, and furniture – creating a healthier, more comfortable learning environment. Students and teachers are already feeling the difference.



Expanding Possibilities for Our Students

Thanks to your continued support, we've added a \$4,500,000 stretch goal to further enhance our campus:

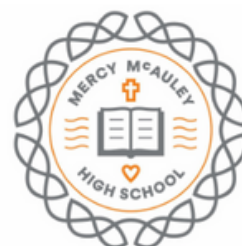
- Theater upgrades
- A new art wing
- A turf stadium for athletics and events

These additional campus improvements will elevate student experiences and expand opportunities for creativity, performance and competition.



Alumnae Response Shines Bright

In July, we mailed *Building For a Brighter Future* to our alumnae, celebrating Mercy McAuley's rich legacy and inviting support. The response was heartwarming:



Over \$26,000 raised so far

26% of the gifts were from first-time donors

56% of gifts were received from Golden Guild alumnae



The Golden Guild represents classes of 1975 and earlier from Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools.

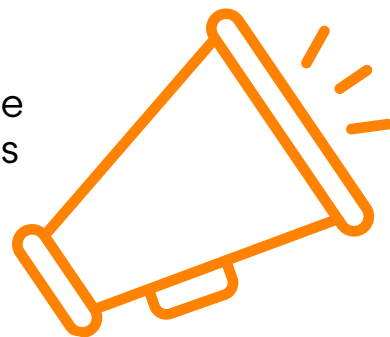
Your **stories**, your **memories**, your **generosity** are building the path to **our future**.

Alumnae Connections – Be a Class Rep!

Reconnect. Represent. Reignite.

Class representatives are the bridge between alumnae and the campaign – helping us activate the largest alumnae base of any local all-girls Catholic high school. Two legacy classes have been invited to consider a gift to *Our Path. Our Pack*. through a letter from their Class Rep. Other alumnae are considering receptions or small parties.

- Mother of Mercy, Class of 1963 – Letter from Sr. Cheryl Erb
- Mother of Mercy, Class of 1973 – Letter from Donna Schmutte Schweikert



Want to join the Alumnae Team? Be a Class Rep?
Contact Lori Rochford at rochfordl@mercymcauley.org.

Parent Volunteers Needed – Join the Pack!

Beginning in September, the Parent Team will meet to develop the schedule of events targeting parent participation in *Our Path. Our Pack*. Do you want to be part of your daughter's class efforts?

Parents bring energy and enthusiasm and have a personal stake in the success of the capital campaign. By joining, you add your fresh perspective and your talents to bolster our plans and strategies. Help us foster a school culture of involvement and teamwork. Contact Lori Rochford at rochfordl@mercymcauley.org.

Capital Campaign Q&A with Brigitte Foley



Q: How can I support the campaign?

A: Make a one-time gift or pledge over multiple years. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Q: Can I give online?

A: Absolutely! Visit www.mercymcauley.org/ourpathourpack to make a gift or pledge.

Q: Can I make pledge payments over multiple years?

A: Yes. Here's a chart showing pledge amounts paid monthly, quarterly or annually for a sample three-year pledge. You may choose the amounts and timing that best suits your preferences.

Monthly, quarterly, or annual payments can make a big impact!

3 YEAR PLEDGE	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	ANNUALLY
\$500	\$14/month	\$42/quarter	\$167/year
\$1,000	\$28/month	\$84/quarter	\$334/year
\$2,500	\$70/month	\$209/quarter	\$834/year
\$5,000	\$139/month	\$417/quarter	\$1,667/year
\$10,000	\$278/month	\$834/quarter	\$3,334/year

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