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Parent Newsletter March — April 2007

“Le Mani di Domani/The Hands of Tomorrow”

Mercy High School, San Francisco 55th Anniversary Gala

Dear Mercy Community,

Greetings!

Mercy High School, San Francisco is proud to announce the celebration of fifty five years of educational excellence! For over half a century, Mercy has been a cornerstone of the educational community of San Francisco, having graduated over 8,500 young women. This year we are proud to remember our past, celebrate our present and look toward our future! To commemorate this milestone, on Saturday, April 28, 2007, Mercy High School will host the *“Le Mani di Domani”* Gala, an evening of dinner and dancing at the Catherine McAuley Pavilion. The Gala promises to be a memorable event and will mark the launch of the 55th Anniversary Endowment Campaign.

As we prepare for this wonderful event, we look to the Mercy Community for assistance and we ask for your support. If you would like to support the anniversary celebration by making a donation to the event, please complete and return the Donation/Advertising Agreement Form that was mailed to your home. All donations are tax deductible. For all donations received by April 18, 2007, donor names will be published in the commemorative program book. As well, we ask to receive all advertising requests by April 18, 2007.

The Gala invitations are in the mail. Another fun way to support the Gala is by attending the event. Get together with your family and friends and sponsor a table for ten. If you have not received your invitation in the mail, please call me.

We thank you for your support as we celebrate and honor Mercy High School, San Francisco. We look forward to seeing you at the Gala!

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact me at (415) 334-0425, ext. 235 or at mrodriguez@mercyhs.org.

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Chair, 55th Anniversary Gala

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Mark Your Calendars

2007-2008 School Calendar Dates



School begins

Wednesday, August 22, 2007
9th, 10th and 11th grade orientations

Thursday, August 23, 2007
12th grade orientation

First Semester FINAL EXAMS:

December 17th, 18th and 19th

NO student will be excused from these exam dates. DO NOT schedule holiday plans before Thursday, December 20, 2007.

Second Semester begins Monday, January 7, 2008. All students must be present.

Booster Club

Visit the Booster Club Prep Shop online to see the new merchandise available for purchase. Proceeds from the prep shop help purchase uniforms for the school teams and equipment for the McAuley Pavilion. The latest Mercy fashions are at your fingertips!



Dean's Corner

Double Parking on Lower Junipero Serra:

We ask all parents and those people that you send to pick up your daughter, not to double park and hold up traffic on lower Junipero Serra. This is a safety issue for you as well as your daughter and the other students attending Mercy High School! If you can not find a parking spot right in back, please drive father south on lower Junipero Serra and park there. Also, we ask you to be respectful to the Security Guards, since they are there at the request of the Administration and are acting in our place trying to keep the area safe for everyone.

Counseling Center

Christine Fu '07 was awarded a \$1200 scholarship from the San Francisco Elks Lodge for academic excellence. She won the city and district scholarship and advanced to the state level competition. Congratulations, Christine!

The University of San Francisco's 17th Annual Student Recognition Awards were awarded to the following students:

Sabeen Kazmi '08 – Consistent Academic Excellence

Alyssa Piazza '07 – Most Improved Academic Excellence

Great job and congratulations to Sabeen and Alyssa!

Congratulations to Summer Search winners **Jennifer Valle '09** and **Ashley Villajin '09**. The mission of Summer Search is to find resilient eligible high school students and inspire them to become responsible and altruistic leaders by providing year-round mentoring, life-changing summer experiences, college advising, and a lasting support network. We are proud of you both!

Counselors have finished their Sophomore, Junior, and Senior College Nights. We **thank all the parents and guardians** for attending and supporting your daughter!

Counselors will be meeting **all juniors** on an individual basis to discuss upcoming college preparation. All juniors are encouraged to make an appointment with **Dori Ryken**, College & Career Advisor, to obtain help with their college and majors search.

Counselors continue to attend professional development workshops. **Kate McCauley** has attended several learning differences conferences, **Greg McGivern** attended a learning issues workshop, and all counselors will be attending a Stanford conference on helping our "stressed out" students. **Dori Ryken** recently returned from a tour of colleges in the Northwest – visit the Counseling page on the Mercy website for detailed information on these colleges.

Mercy Girls Keep on Talkin'

Mercy's Talking Heads are filling up the trophy case in the front lobby. Recent trophy winners for February include:

Casara Clark '07 - Dramatic Interpretation

Marielle Bautista '08 - Student Congress and Thematic Interpretation

Roshelle Chan '08 - Original Advocacy

Elizabeth Weidner '08 - Original Prose and Poetry

Virginia Garrett '10 and Jennifer Francisco '09 - Oratorical Interpretation and Original Oratory

These students will be moving on into the State and National Qualifying Tournaments at the end of March, and we wish them continued success.

Four Mercy speakers have also won their first two levels of the Lions' Club Student Speakers' Contest this year. This is a six-level contest which awards financial prizes in the first three levels, and scholarships in the amounts of \$4,000, \$6,000, and \$10,000 at the last three levels. The overall winner will win in excess of \$20,000 in cash and scholarship monies. The four girls who will vie to go on to the scholarship levels include: **Casara Clark '07, Marie Villanueva '07, Marielle Bautista '08, and Jennifer Francisco '09.**

Those trophies keep mounting up, as do the opportunities for scholarships. Bravo to Mercy's outstanding speakers. Keep up the good work!



NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

For those families who filed for 2007-08 financial aid, letters from the Committee will be mailed late March – early April.

Reminder: Re-enrollment packets were mailed to your homes in February. The deadline to re-enroll for next year is March 27th. Please re-enroll as soon as possible, so we can reserve a space for your daughter. Without re-enrollment her class schedule for next year cannot be completed. After March 27th, you will incur a \$50.00 late fee. If you have not received a packet in the mail, please have your daughter come to the Business Office to obtain one.

Tuition Accounts: Final exam time will be here before we know it. A reminder that all tuition accounts must be paid in full no later than April 20th in order for your daughter to sit for exams. If you foresee a problem, please contact Mrs. Zermani at lzermani@mercyhs.org or (415) 337-7141.



Recycle

Remember to recycle your toner, inkjet cartridges and cell phones.

Contact Mr. Murphy at 415-334-0525 x236 or

mmurphy@mercyhs.org

Looking Toward the Future

In an effort to save our precious resources, the parent newsletter will be available via email or online beginning Fall 2007.

To help us keep you informed please update us with the following information:

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Email _____

For all forms received by May 1, 2007, you will be entered in a drawing to win Mercy merchandise. Please have your daughter return this form to her homeroom teacher.



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