



## Mercy High School San Francisco

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### Parent Newsletter May-June-July 2007

Dear Mercy Community,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the parents of the Class of 2007 for their support these past four years. We have been honored to have had the opportunity to educate your daughters and I hope that your relationship with Mercy will continue even after graduation.

I also want to express my congratulations to the students of our senior class. We have been blessed by your presence on our campus and for your solid leadership these past four years. Without a doubt, you have Lived Your Vision Everyday, as seniors at Mercy. We LOVE you and will miss your presence on our campus. However, it is an honor to welcome you as the *55<sup>th</sup> graduating class of alumnae*.

As many of you know Mercy is a special place for students and we are very proud of the educational excellence we foster at our school. Mercy High School, San Francisco is a wonderful school because of the dedication of our faculty and staff. I want to personally thank and congratulate them for their efforts this year. Mercy is a reflection of your care and tireless efforts and that is why our school reflects such a special environment.

Finally, I want to thank the Board of Directors and the Sisters of Mercy for their leadership and support. I have been blessed over the years with excellent board members and encouragement from the sisters who sponsor the school. It has been an honor to serve as Principal of this school for the past thirteen years and I am grateful to everyone for the influence and inspiration that you have had on my tenure as principal.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. McCrea, Ed.D

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## News from the Business Office



All tuition accounts must be current as of May 1<sup>st</sup> in order for you daughter to sit for final exams. Please contact the business office if you have any questions or concerns.

### *Reminders about FACTS tuition payment plan for 2007-2008 school term*

If you chose Option 1 (full payment) you will be billed in June 2007 and the payment is due in full on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

If you chose Option 2 (semi-annual) FACTS will pull the first tuition payment from your account in July and the second tuition payment in December.

If you chose Option 3 (10 months) FACTS will pull the first tuition payment from you account in July and the last payment will be pulled in April 2008.



### 2007-2008 School Calendar Dates:

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> orientations – Wednesday,  
August 22nd.

12<sup>th</sup> grade orientation Thursday, August 23rd.

First Semester: **FINAL EXAMS:**  
**DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

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



### Summer Community Service Opportunities

Contact: [kcurran@mercyhs.org](mailto:kcurran@mercyhs.org)

### Summer Sports Camps @ Mercy

Basketball July 16-20, 2007

Volleyball July 9-13, 2007

### Summer Reading Requirements

Selections are posted on our web  
[www.mercyhs.org](http://www.mercyhs.org)



Parents and Guardians:

We have a **special phone line set up for attendance**. It is answered 24 hours a day. Please call as soon as you realize your daughter/ward will not be in school.

The number is **(415) 334-4900**. Mrs. Tostanoski must account for each student each day. That means she needs a phone call each day a student is absent. It's not safe to assume your child/ward arrived at school, so each absence must be verified by a parent or guardian.

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## COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

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Private liberal arts colleges, as well as many public universities, ***are receiving more applications than ever before*** and are becoming more selective. At some colleges, ***the majority of their applicants are women, making the acceptance rate for women lower than for men.***

**Juniors** should be creating their lists of colleges and it is important that they research their college options carefully. Grades and test scores do matter, and campus visits are an essential component of the college search process. We suggest that **juniors have a list of 10 colleges of interest by the fall of 2007.**

**Mercy seniors** have received numerous scholarships and invitations to attend colleges throughout California and the United States. Here is a partial list of college acceptances for the Class of 2007: *all University of California campuses, California State Colleges, including Cal Maritime Academy and Cal Poly Pomona, Loyola Marymount, Santa Clara, Southern Oregon University, University of Portland, Seattle University, University of Denver, UOP, Boston University, University of Rochester, George Washington University (Elizabeth Somers Women's Leadership Program), University of Connecticut, Arizona State, Occidental, Fashion Institute of Design & Technology, University of North Carolina, University of San Francisco, Marymount, Manhattan, Texas Southern, Clark Atlanta, Cal Lutheran University of Denver, Northeastern, University of Colorado and Northwestern University.*

Congratulations to all our seniors for their hard work, achievements and success!

**Parents interested in having access to Naviance, please e-mail Dori Ryken in the College & Career Center to create an account: [dryken@mercyhs.org](mailto:dryken@mercyhs.org).**

Announcing the creation of

## **PAPA**

Performing Arts Parent Association

The new group **PAPA** will support and serve our Mercy student performers, their directors, choreographers and staff.

The PAPA goals are:



To build community by involving parents in our Fine Arts programs. For example, PAPA would assist during productions (as many parents already do) by helping with concessions, tickets, selling flowers and the Red Carpet Reception.

**PAPA will have a meeting on  
Sept. 6, 2007 from 6:00pm –6:30pm.**

***Refreshments will be served.***

**We hope you will join us**

**RSVP: [rhontalas@mercyhs.org](mailto:rhontalas@mercyhs.org) or  
415 334-0525 ext. #243**

**7/7/07 is THE Date to Remember!!!**

Mercy will be hosting the ***FIRST EVER Harry Potter Movie Marathon benefiting Cure Autism Now (C.A.N.)!***

This will be **PAPA's** first event and we will be retaining a portion of the proceeds from this event. The web site for the event is still under construction, but it will be [www.sftrilogy.org](http://www.sftrilogy.org) ! For more information, email Eileen Attridge.....

[PotterCAN@gmail.com](mailto:PotterCAN@gmail.com)

Thank you,

Barbara Simons  
Eileen Attridge  
(Parent Volunteers)



## Looking Toward the Future

Thanks to all of you that sent in your current contact information.  
Our winner for the drawing for Mercy merchandise is...

**Jeannette Taheny!**

Please remember that in an effort to save our precious resources starting Fall 2007 our parent newsletter will only be *available to you online*.

Have a safe & restful summer.



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Recently, we've had tech hardware (such as monitors, printer, etc) unlawfully dropped off on our campus. At this time we have no way to dispose of this material and no place to store it. *We only accept toner cartridges, inkjet cartridges, and cell phones for recycling.*

**Please do not drop off used computer equipment, working or non-working, anywhere on campus.**

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