



# Mercy Notes

Mercy High School San Francisco Parent Newsletter  
October 2008

Where young women prepare to  
make a difference in the world.

## Awarded Best Private High School in San Francisco County

To be seen on **KRON4's Best of the Bay**



### September Volunteer of the Month

**Christina Casino ('10)**,  
is treasured by the senior citizens  
at Home Sweet Home in Colma –  
where she offered countless  
hours playing bingo, bowling,  
sharing meals, and visiting.

### Community Service Announcements:

Please check the Community Service link on Mercy's website for an overview and explanation of our program, an update on students' recorded hours, and a list of recommended sites for service.

- A mandatory community service program orientation for members of the Class of 2012, will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Progress reports were mailed for sophomores, juniors and seniors delinquent in their community service. These students are prohibited from participating in co-curricular activities until their community service forms are submitted and verified.
- Thanks to the 14 students who organized our school-wide Mercy Day/Community Service assembly and to the "Silver Bells," a troupe of senior citizens from Home Sweet Home in Colma.

Kathy Curran, Community Service Coordinator, is available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions, concerns or ideas, please contact Ms. Curran at 415-334-0525 x237 or kcurran@mercyhs.org.

### From the Business Office:

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is time to file for financial aid for the upcoming 2009-2010 school term. You can obtain financial forms two ways:

- Log on to Mercy's website: [www.mercyhs.org](http://www.mercyhs.org)
- Under the PARENTS section click on "Tuition Information"
- Scroll down to the Financial Aid section and locate the PSAS "pdf" form. This form is an interactive PDF, and maybe utilized by:
  - \*Printing it and filling it out.

or

- \*Completing the form directly on your computer screen by placing the cursor at appropriate fields. Then print the completed document. Be sure to save a copy for your records.

In either case, you will need to mail the form and processing fee to the following address:

Private School Aid Service  
PO Box 770728  
Lakewood, OH 44107

OR

After November 1st, your daughter can come to the Business Office and ask for the PSAS and Archdiocesan Scholarship forms.

**Please Note:** Forms will NOT be automatically mailed directly to your home.

You must complete and mail the PSAS form, and all required documentation and a check for \$21 directly to the PSAS **no later than January 13, 2009** (must be postmarked 1/13/09).

The Archdiocesan forms must be submitted to Mercy High School **no later than February 19, 2009**.

If you require further information contact Mrs. Touye in the Business Office at 415-337-7141 or ctouye@mercyhs.org.

Sincerely,  
Financial Aid Committee

### National Council of Teachers of English

Senior **Teresa Attridge** has received an award from the Achievement Awards in Writing Program for superior performance in writing. This certifies that the writing performance of this student was compared with that of other able students nominated in the same state during the year and was judged to be of superior quality. Winners' names are posted on NCTE's website. Students also receive cards recognizing their outstanding performance in writing to include with their college applications. Congratulations Teresa!

### Raising Teens with Common Sense in a 24/7 Digital World

Presented by Parents Coalition of Bay Area  
High Schools

Speaker is Linda Burch

Monday, October 20, 2008

7:30 – 9:00 PM

The Bay School of San Francisco

35 Keyes Avenue in the Presidio

For more information about this conference visit  
[www.parentscoalition.net](http://www.parentscoalition.net)



**From the Dean's Office:**

*Winners of the Student Fundraising Raffle:*

1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Victoria Pham** '11-\$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Liz Bacey-\$500

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Brien Hoo-\$250

We thank you for all that you did to make our raffle a success.



Thank you to all of our parents for your cooperation in following our parking rules and making the area surrounding Mercy a safe place for all.

***National Merit Scholarship Commended Student***

Congratulations to Senior **Celina Al-Asfour** who has been named a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. The program hopes that this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals.

**Open House**  
 Sunday - October 26  
 Program begins - 9:00am

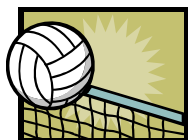
*Picture Yourself at Mercy!*

**Got Mercy?**  
 Share it with your neighbors and friends:  
 Open House is Sunday, October 26  
 Program begins promptly at 9am in the Theater  
 Help spread the word about  
 San Francisco's premier high school  
 - The Admissions Office -

*~Catherine's Corner~*

We should be as the compass that goes round its circle without stirring from its center- our center is God, from whom all our actions should spring as from their source.

*Catherine McAuley*



Currently the Varsity & JV Volleyball teams are in 1st place with records of 5-0 & 4-0 respectively. Our Frosh team defeated Sacred Heart Prep, Atherton. Keep up the great work ladies!

The Mercy JV players attended the St. Elizabeth Volleyball Tournament in October. Congratulations to the team and Sean Warren on their **1st place** finish in the Gold Division of the tournament.



The Varsity Tennis Team is currently ranked 2nd in the WBAL & recently overpowered ICA 7-0.



The cross country team had their first league meet on Thursday, October, 2nd. **Caitlin Nordberg, Christina Domenici, and Amanda Chow** were the team's top 3 runners at the meet.

FOR THE ALL LATEST STANDINGS & SCHEDULES VISIT: [www.wbalsports.org](http://www.wbalsports.org)

**Upcoming Events:**

***The Hound of the Baskervilles:***  
November 7, 8, 14 & 15~7:30pm

***Booster Club's 13th Annual Holiday Boutique:***  
November 22nd~10am-4pm

***Santa's Coming to Mercy- Pancake Breakfast & Pictures:***  
November 22nd~8am-10am

***"It's Beginning to Look A lot Like Christmas"***  
(Mercy's Winter Pops Concert):  
December 11th~7pm

***For more information & ticket sales:***  
415-334-0525 X242