



Mercy Notes

Mercy High School San Francisco Parent Newsletter

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Dear Mercy Community,

Welcome back to the 2008-2009 school year. It is our pleasure to welcome a strong contingent of 149 ninth graders, as well as our transfer students and returning Mercy students, to our campus. Our school journey has gotten off to a smooth start and all of us are looking forward to a great academic year.

The Sisters of Mercy have officially reorganized as the West Mid-West Community. Our central office is located in Omaha and the new liaison for the sisters to Mercy is **Sandra Dratler, PhD**. Sandra was an administrator with Catholic Healthcare West and currently teaches at UC Berkeley. She has also served two terms as President of our Board of Directors. In addition, Mercy has appointed a new President of our Board of Directors, **Kathy Grogan**. Kathy works as a CPA with Hood and Strong Associates is a graduate of Mercy's class of 1980. We look forward to working with both of these individuals, knowing that they will provide great leadership for the school.

I invite you to stop by and see the beautiful repainting of our theatre exterior and front entrance that was done by **Kieran Hegarty, father of Ciara, '08**. Kieran did a magnificent job in painting our entrance dome and we appreciate his help with this major project. The painting is just the beginning of our five year theater renovation plan which is supported by the Annual Giving program. Thanks to all of you who support annual giving, it does make a difference; and it is clearly visible!

Sincerely,
Dorothy J. McCrea, Ed. D
Principal

Student Fundraising Raffle!

- 1st Prize \$1,000 CASH
- 2nd Prize \$500 CASH
- 3rd Prize \$250 CASH



Proceeds go towards Mercy High School's Student Fund.
Drawing will be held October 1, 2008.

Purchase tickets from students or the main office (334-0525).

Important Upcoming Counseling Events

- * **MANDATORY SENIOR/PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT**
Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 pm in the Mercy Theater.
- * **FRESHMEN SEMINARS** Wednesday, October 1st
Counselors will introduce themselves and familiarize freshmen with the Counseling Center.
- * **TESTING DAY** Wednesday, October 15th The entire school will be taking a test specific to their class. Counselors will inform the students of their test over the next month.

Freshmen – **EXPLORE**
Sophomores – **PLAN**
Juniors – **PSAT**
Seniors – **Senior Writing Essay**
- * **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS** Throughout the fall semester. College Representatives from the United States as well as Canada will come to Mercy to talk to our students interested in learning about their college. College representative visits will be in the daily announcements.
- * **STUDENTEDGE** StudentEdge is a comprehensive planning resource to help students in all grade levels prepare for tests and plan for college. The program is offered at no charge to students. StudentEdge can help with SAT, ACT, Subject test prep, AP exams and offers full length practice tests available in 35 subjects. There is also a comprehensive scholarship database. You can access StudentEdge by:
 1. Go to www.mystudentedge.com
 2. Select the option "New User"
 3. Enter the Mercy Access Code: UAJWUDMN
 4. Complete the registration form



The Alumnae Council will host the second annual "Breast Health Education Workshop" on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 6:00pm in Rist Hall. The Mercy community is invited to participate in a breast health lecture and discussion. **Brigid Miralda '92** of the UCSF's Breast Health Center will lead a discussion on best breast health practices, cancer prevention/detection, genetics, risks and myths. The workshop will include demonstrations, distribution of literature and complimentary refreshments. For more information or to RSVP, contact Marguerite Rodriguez at 415-334-0525 x228 or mrodriguez@mercyhs.org. Please RSVP by Monday, October 13th.



eScrip is a safe, easy and FREE way to support the students of Mercy High School San Francisco. By registering your grocery club cards and credit cards and designating Mercy as

your eScrip beneficiary, you can automatically make gifts to the students of Mercy every time you make purchases at the designated retailers. To register, simply do the following:

1. Log on to www.escrip.com
2. Click on "sign up"
3. Register with their easy six step process
4. Search for Mercy High School – San Francisco by name or Group ID # 6536468

First Semester FINAL EXAM DATES:

December 15, 16, & 17, 2008

NO student will be excused from these exam dates. Do NOT schedule holiday plans before December 18, 2008 or beyond the start of 2nd Semester classes on Monday, January 5, 2009

Dance

Mercy High School Dance Program After School Training Classes

Classes begin September 22nd and are held in the Dance Studio in the Visual and Performing Arts wing.
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Mercy Students/Alumnae: \$36/ Month - \$6 Drop-in
Guests to Mercy: \$65/ Month - \$10

Monthly Fee covers all classes so you can train six days a week.

MON.	4:00 - 5:30PM	TAP	MAKIKO ASANO
	5:30 - 6:30PM	HIP-HOP	JHYL REID
TUE.	4:00 - 5:00PM	FUSION	LYDIA WIRTH
WED.	4:00 - 5:00PM	BALLET	MONIQUE GOLDWATER
THU.	4:00 - 5:00PM	BALLET	LYDIA WIRTH
FRI.	4:15 - 5:15PM	JAZZ	TRICIA LAM
SAT.	11:00-12 Noon	MODERN	NICOLE NASTARI

Dance Ensemble Auditions

Learn & Practice the Dance Combinations:

Tue. Septemeber 16th 3:30pm-5pm

Wed. Septemeber 17th 3:30pm-5pm

Audition (Warm-up & show in small groups):

Thu. September 18th 3:30pm-5:30pm

The 2008-2009 Dance Ensemble Cast List will be posted on the dance board after school on Friday, Septemebr 19th.

For further information contact Mrs. Nolfi, Dance Director

~Catherine's Corner~

No work of charity can be more productive of good to society or more conducive to the happiness of the poor than the careful instruction of women.

Catherine McAuley

Message from the Dean's Office:

Parents please do not drop your daughters off in the slow lane on 19th Avenue. It is not only **ILLEGAL**, but quite **UNSAFE!**

You may drop them off in Stonestown or in back on lower Junipero Serra or some other place that you find convenient.

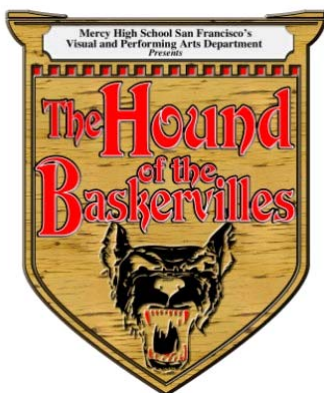
Also, when waiting on lower Junipero Serra, please pull into the curb and if there isn't any room, we ask you to drive down to the next block and park. Please do not double park.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the areas around school safe for all of us.

~MERCY DAY~

September 24, 1827

Catherine McAuley founded the House of Mercy on Baggot St. in Dublin, Ireland



November 7, 7:30pm
Red Carpet Reception
\$12

November 8, 14 & 15
7:30pm
\$8 in Advance ~
\$10 at the door



Booster Club Invites You
The 13th Annual Holiday Boutique
Saturday, November 22

Admission is Free

Artisan Vendors ~ Raffle Prizes ~ Silent Auction

10am ~ 4pm

Santa's Coming to Mercy for a
Pancake Breakfast and Pictures

8am to 10am Barrett Hall
Adults \$8
Students & Children \$5
Pictures with Santa \$5



Mercy High School
San Francisco
Fall 2008

SAVE THE DATES

Ticket Information:
415-334-0525 x242

The Visual & Performing Arts Department
presents

CONNECT

Winter Dance Concert

January 23, 7:30pm
Red Carpet Reception \$12

January 24, 30 & 31 7:30pm
\$8 in advance ~
\$10 at the door



"It's Beginning to Look
A Lot Like Christmas"
Mercy's Winter Pops Concert

~Featuring~

"Dolce" Mercy's Advanced
Musical Performance Group

Thursday, December 11
Mercy Theatre
7:00 pm

\$8 in Advance
\$10 at the Door

