

## MAGAZINE



### Congratulation to the TOP SELLERS:

Grace Hay (K-B)	87 orders
Siara Clemmey (5-11)	80 orders
Theodore Fenton (5-12)	76 orders
Austin Clemmey (5-12)	72 orders

### TOP CLASSES:

1. Sister Marilyn 5-12
2. Mrs. Renaud 5-11
3. Mrs. Ziegler K-B

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and to everyone who supported the Sale. Special thanks to the committee, led by Kimberley Poirier, Kim McLaughlin, Martha Collins and Lyse Lepine. There is a definite link between this Drive's huge success and the effort and level of participation from everyone at Mercymount. Thank you, also, to the teachers for their patience, cooperation, and welcoming spirit during the daily interruptions. We're very happy with the results and are already looking forward to next year!

Although the Magazine Drive is over, Mercymount will still get credit for magazine subscriptions if you order online. Go to QSP.com and designate "Mercymount" as the school to support.

## NOTICE

In accordance with federal regulations, schools are required to notify parents and employees of asbestos in the schools. Mercymount conducts regular inspections and has a Management Plan available upon request.

## MEEN:

This acronym was given over 20 years ago to a network of Sisters of Mercy and their co-workers who were engaged in elementary education, hence the name Mercy Elementary Education Network (MEEN). The national conference is held each year on Columbus Day weekend and so we will have Sisters of Mercy and Dr. Gannon will attend next weekend in Manchester, NH.

## BLESSINGS



As you know, St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, was a great lover of animals. He cared for them so much he called them his brothers and sisters.

In honor of St. Francis, we invite all students to bring their favorite stuffed animal to school on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. (Parents may need to intervene as to the appropriate size and value of "pet".) A blessing ceremony will be held in each classroom.

*"The Rosary has ever been the fruitful source of benediction to the devout sons and daughters of Mary."*

Venerable Catherine McAuley



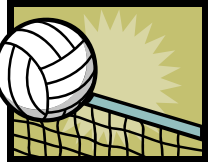
## LADIES NIGHT



Ladies Basketball Night will return on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. All levels are welcome. It's fun and it's great exercise! Grab your sneakers and a water bottle and "come on down" to Mercymount. Call Kim McLaughlin for more information.

PS. Gentlemen, your night is Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

## CO-ED BALL



For those of you who are interested in volleyball you are welcome to play with other adults on Sunday nights in October, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Mercymount. This is another "first" so be among the tradition setters!

PS. Volleyball coaches are needed for our Middle School teams in the spring. Contact Renee Gould if interested at (401) 769-3932 or [pnrsgould@cox.net](mailto:pnrsgould@cox.net).

## SAFE SCHOOLS

Dr. Gannon will host another Safe Schools presentation on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room. Anyone who volunteers at Mercymount must have attended within the last 3 years and be certain that we have a copy of your license and notarized Disclaimer on file.

## RAFFLE

Congratulations to winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade raffle held recently. The Ipod was won by Gary Robison (Emily and A.J. Welt's step dad) and the 50/50 pot of \$172.00 was happily received by Mr. and Mrs. Genest (Peter's parents). The Graduating Class of 2008 is \$576.00 richer because of Mercymount's support. Thank you!

## TERA NOVA/ITBS

The standardized testing program for Grades 3 – 8 will take place in October. Please do not schedule appointments, vacations or arrive late any morning, all of which interrupt and distracts from the testing schedule and focus of the children. (see calendar)

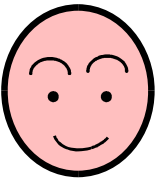
## SANTA'S STORE



Each year Mercymount students do their own Christmas shopping at school. Volunteers are needed to set up, wrap presents, sell gifts and cleanup. To facilitate the very busy Santa's Store day (December 11<sup>th</sup>) wrapping is done in advance. The night of October 23<sup>rd</sup> has been set aside to wrap hundreds and hundreds of gifts so Santa needs you! No experience necessary, just come anytime between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

NB. Wrapping paper is needed and rolls can be dropped off at the Office. Contact Chairpersons Donna Barrows, Therese Barry or Carolyn Frangos for more information.

## SCHOOL PICTURES



Students will have their school pictures taken on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> by Lifetouch. They may wear uniforms but other suitable clothing is allowed. Forms will be provided soon and are to be brought to the photographer by each child on that day.

## PROGRESS

Progress Reports will be sent home to all parents on October 18<sup>th</sup> via students. Be sure to check backpacks!

Parent-Student Conferences for grades 5-8 with the teachers will be held on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and again for grades 6 – 8 only on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for grades PreK – 4.

## KUDOS



Over the summer Lois Gorman purchased and installed new computers in each classroom to prepare for our new independent reading program called Accelerated Reader. Our thanks to Kevin Poirier for assisting Mrs. Gorman in setting up everything!

## REMINDERS



Almost 100% of Mercymount families attended the annual Parent Association Meeting (Open House) and Hall of Fame ceremony. Just in case you were not able to attend, here's what you missed from me and others:

1. Volunteers are needed for recess and lunch duty (contact Pam Nelson or Jen Marcotte)
2. Volunteers who supervise at recess should refrain from using their cell phones during those 15+ minutes.
3. No dogs, cats or horses, are allowed where children congregate (recess, dismissal, etc). Viewing through windows only.
4. Hot lunch prices are posted in the cafeteria but parents take note:  
\$3.00 full lunch including milk or juice  
\$2.00 grilled cheese  
\$ .50 side item or dessert  
\* ice cream varies in price (Monday and Thursday only)
5. AM/PM procedures have been favorably received and executed but just in case...
  - Grades 4-8 pm “early birds” dropped off at North door in am.
  - Children needing assistance causing driver to get out to help should “park and walk” using cafeteria door
  - Children needing **NO ASSISTANCE** go to the front doors for “stop and drop”
  - Please pass on to grandparents, nannies, etc.

## MANGIANO...

MCD will hold its second annual Family Night and Spaghetti Supper on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be a slew of activities to make the night fun and memorable for old and young alike. Donations are a minimum \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 per child. Wait until you see our raffle prizes this year...hot tickets, surprise conveniences, and more. Proceeds will benefit the Endowment Fund. First seating is full, so new sign-ups, please think about coming between 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Capuano or Maryanne Panaro-Grady at (508) 353-2389. (see attached)

## PARENT ASSOCIATION



The Executive Committee met on September 12, 2007, led in prayer by **President** John Rinkacs. **Secretary** Holly McClanan and **Treasurer** Kevin Poirier's reports were accepted with corrections. **Principal** Sr. Martha's report updated the Committee regarding enrollment, the National Junior

Honor Society and the Strategic Plan. **Sports** New teams have been organized for the fall leagues: tennis, soccer and cross-country. **Sunshine** Deidre O'Sullivan sent congratulations to the Molloy's on the birth of their son. **Enrichment** Lynn Smith booked Radio Disney for the first program of the year to be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. **Hospitality** Reginald Barrows and Melissa Maxim contacted parents in grades Pre-K, K and 1<sup>st</sup> for refreshments for Open House night. **Volunteers** Jen Marcotte and Pam Nelson attended the Safe School presentation with Dr. Gannon for input and processing new volunteers. More help is needed for cafeteria and recess duty. **New Business** The Magazine Sale went over goal (again) helping with the operational expenses of the budget. The Spaghetti Supper volunteers are working overtime to make the second Supper a success. The Open House/Hall of Fame particulars are in order for the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 2007-2008 budget was reviewed and approved by the members and Sr. Martha sought recommendations for new Committee members. The next meeting will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The Trustees met on September 11<sup>th</sup>. **Chairperson** Chris Keyes introduced the newest members, Karen Brennan and Mary Beth Barretta to the members. For the opening prayer Sr. Martha used the "Circle of Mercy" video about the life and ministry of Catherine McAuley. **Secretary** Karen Brennan's report was accepted by the Board. **Principal** Sr. Martha highlighted the summer programs and their positive impact on the budget, enrollment figures, the National Junior Honor Society for Grades 7 and 8 and the Strategic Plan. **Building and Grounds** Committee will finalize the drainage improvement plan not to exceed \$20,000 and put the faculty parking lot on hold until the spring /summer of 2008. **Finance** Kathy McGuire gave an overview of the on-going audit and the approval by the Committee for the principal's car purchase. **Development** Lisa Lydon's report was informative regarding the Annual Appeal, Endowment Fund, Capital Campaign gifts, Legacy of Mercy Society and coming reunions for alum (all details included in the fall newsletter). **Nominating** Resignations were accepted from Ken Hopkins, Hugh O'Donnell and Suzanne Lachapelle, RSM. New members are being sought for the Board. **New Business** The Strategic Plan draft will be forwarded to the Trustees for review and voted upon at the special meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Vision Statement was discussed at length and with one revision, accepted by the Board. Karen Brennan was appointed by the Trustees as Secretary to the Board. Committees were selected by the new members and the meeting adjourned.

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As you all know by now either through the grapevine or from Mercymount's fall newsletter, I am celebrating my 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Sister of Mercy. This Golden Jubilee year is truly a gift so I am celebrating every day!

Perhaps the best-kept secret amid the recent liturgies and parties was the celebration in my honor from the students at Mercymount. Somehow, 440 children kept a big secret from me for weeks. Money was collected, speeches and songs rehearsed, family albums secreted away for the larger-than-life presentation and all right under my nose! I was deeply touched by the beautiful tribute given me by the school community. The gold mums along with \$550.00 to start a garden is such a perfect gift – one that will beautify our grounds and hold lovely memories for me.

Thank you for all you did to surprise me and for your kind words and deeds on this very happy occasion!

Happy October!

*Sister Martha*

Martha Mulligan, RSM  
Principal



## Math Olympiad

Who: Interested Mercymount 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders

When: Wednesday mornings, 8:00-8:35: First meeting: October 24<sup>th</sup>.

What: Mathematical Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools is a nonprofit foundation that provides math contests and gathers results. The students participate in five contests ( the first on Nov. 21, ½ day of school).

The contests are done at the school. The results are reported to Math Olympiad. Last year, 150,000 students from about 5,000 worldwide teams participated in the Olympiads in the elementary and middle school categories. All 50 states and 25 countries were represented.

Until the first contest, MCDS students will meet on Wednesdays to work on practice contests, puzzles, and learn math fun facts (like “if the sum of the digits of a large number is divisible by 3 then so is the large number”). These “practice mornings” problems are done in pairs or groups of their own choosing. At the contest, each student completes the contest individually within a time frame ( 30-35 min for 5 problems). The average student will get two of these problems correct. A perfect score of 5 is rare.

The results are then reported to MOEMS individually by student and together to form the Mercymount Team. Each student who participates in 3 or more contests will be awarded in June. If you have other questions, check out Math Olympiads website at [www.moems.org](http://www.moems.org)

Parents: Interested in staying mentally sharp? Volunteers are needed to work through the problems with the students in groups of 2-3. Contact Jean Roche at 508-528-9395.

**Important:** If school is cancelled or delayed on a Wednesday, Math Olympiad follows. Before care is available for siblings.

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### *MATH OLYMPIAD*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT VOLUNTEER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Junior Achievement News

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to lead a Junior Achievement program this year. More information will be coming soon.

The Junior Achievement after school program for middle school students, *JA It's My Business!*<sup>TM</sup> begins on Tuesday, October 16. This six week program teaches the students about entrepreneurship through a variety of fun and educational hands-on activities that focus on social studies, reading, and writing skills. Please return the registration form that was sent home (or the form at the included in this P.I.E. memo) by October 1.

Also beginning on October 16 is the seventh grade program *JA America Works*<sup>TM</sup>. Through a variety of fun and educational hands-on activities this program provides examples of how business and entrepreneurship affected the economic development of the United States during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The key topics in this six week program are immigration, agriculture, natural resources, transportation, communication, and industrialization.

For a program calendar and additional information please visit [schoolnotes.com](http://schoolnotes.com). Questions about the Junior Achievement program at Mercymount may be emailed to [mcdsja@mailaka.net](mailto:mcdsja@mailaka.net).

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## *GIRLS SCOUTS*

The Mercymount Girl Scout Troops are beginning their meetings soon. All troops have limited space available. If you would like to register your daughter, please contact the following:

# Mercymount Country Day School Junior Achievement After School Program for Middle School Students

*(Limited to the first 20 students who register)*

## ***JA It's My Business!™***

JA It's My Business!™ teaches middle school students about entrepreneurship through a variety of fun and educational hands-on activities that focus on social studies, reading, and writing skills. The use of critical thinking skills is encouraged.

Students learn the following business and finance concepts: advertising, apprentice, auction, auctioneer, being creative and innovative, believing in yourself, bidding, business, business plan, civic responsibility, customer, entrepreneur, fill a need, know your customer and product, market, marketing, and profit.

The following skills are taught and/or reinforced: active listening, analyzing information, brainstorming, creative thinking, critical thinking, decision-making, deductive reasoning, estimating, following directions, group work, interpreting information, measuring, money management, oral and written communication, problem solving, and self-assessment.

Email any questions to [mcdsja@mailaka.net](mailto:mcdsja@mailaka.net)

Program Leader:	Kevin W. Poirier
Program Fee:	Free!
Dates:	Tuesdays, 10/16, 10/23, 10/28, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20
Time:	3:15 To 4:15
Location:	Room 15

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## **JA It's My Business!™ Registration Form Due October 1**

Child's Name: _____	Grade/Room: _____
Parent's phone #: _____	Parent's email: _____

AFTER SCHOOL ART  
BACK FOR OCTOBER

What's the month of October without a jack-o-lantern?  
In this class students will construct a papier mache  
pumpkin and turn it into a spooky or beautiful!

JACK-O-LANTERN



This will be a 4 week session and will be held on ~~Thursdays~~  
Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 3-4:30.  
This class is for students grades 1 to 4, with the fee of \$75.00.

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JACK-O-LANTERN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to: Lisa Masterson

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OCTOBER  
MAKE A MASK MONTH!



Students in grades 4 and up can participate in this awesome mask making class!  
Students will design and create a "wearable" mask that can later be displayed as a work of art! Just think, a home made costume!

*This will be a 4 week class and will meet on ~~Tuesdays~~  
Oct. 12, 19 and 26 from 3-4:30.  
Class cost will be \$55.00*

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MAKE A MASK MONTH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to: Lisa Masterson

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MERCYMOUNT \* MOMS

Ever thought about painting a table, a chair or even a shelf, but didn't know where to begin...Well start here!

Friday night, October 26, I'll be offering that sometimes needed support to get you started! For those of you that have already ventured into the painting world, I'll introduce new ideas and techniques. All you'll need is something to paint and the desire to be creative, and you're on your way to a work of art!

Space will be limited, so check the calendar and join us in the Art room for a "creative" ladies night out!



*Supplies will be provided.\**

*October 26 from 6:00-10:00. Class fee of \$45.00*

*\*Friends are welcome*

*\*Please check with me if a particular color is needed!*

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Moms Painting Class

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to: Mercymount Country Day School

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Now that it's Fall and a new school year is beginning...  
Before the holidays start pulling us in all different directions...  
Let's sit down and have...

## *"Dinner Together"*



A chance for Mercymount families to get together in a casual, relaxed environment!  
Enjoy a quiet dinner with your kids, stress-free!  
Reconnect with old friends – and make new ones – over a home-cooked meal!

**Saturday, October 13, 2007**  
**5-8 p.m.**  
**Mercymount Cafeteria**

An old-fashioned "spaghetti supper" to strengthen the Mercymount community:

- Home-cooked pasta, meatballs, and sauce
- Salad and bread
- Water and juice
- \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, with all profits donated to the Endowment Fund
- **RSVP by October 5, 2007**

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**Due by October 5, 2007**

Sign us up for "Dinner Together"!

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to eat between (check one):  5-6:30  
 6:30-8

It would be nice to showcase some Mercymount family recipes for dessert. Please indicate if you would like to bring your family's favorite!

I would be happy to bring a dessert.   
I'm sorry, I can't bring a dessert.



## Biddyball Girls & Boys

Students in Grades 1st-3rd will have the opportunity to learn and/or improve their basketball abilities at a Saturday morning basketball. Limited space is available, so sign up soon!!!!

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**When:** December 1, 2007 - February 9, 2008

**Fee:** \$25.00 Submit payment with application to: "Mercymount School"

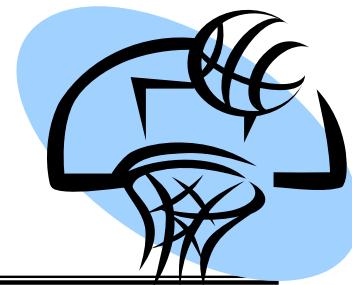
**Where:** MCDS Gym

**Who:** Students in Grades 1, 2, & 3

**Time:** Saturdays

8:00am - 9:00 am	1st Grade
9:00am - 10:00 am	2nd Grade
10:00am - 11:00am	3rd Grade

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade / Rm:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt Size:**      Youth Small    Youth Medium    Youth Large    Adult Small    Adult Medium

**Please Circle One**

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Allergies:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ability Level: (Please Check One)**

Beginner       Never played before

Intermediate       Have had some lessons

Advanced       Have Played in a league

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_ Make check out to Mercymount

**Assistant Coaches are Needed for ALL grade Levels !!**

Attended the Safe Schools Lecture Y\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_

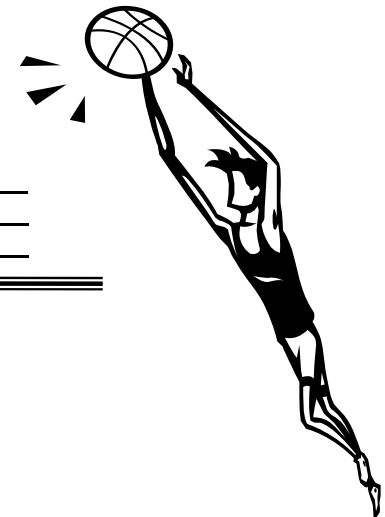
Yes I am Interested in Coaching

Yes I am Interested in Helping Out in Other Ways

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Day-Time Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_




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**Questions: Contact Joe Doucette**

**Phone:** 508-528-7209

**E-mail:** doucettejs@comcast.net

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