



Catholic College Preparatory  
School for Young Women

August 2016

Dear Parents of the Class of 2018,

Welcome to a new school year from the Pastoral Ministry Department at Mercy High School! Your daughter has an opportunity to attend a Junior Overnight Retreat sponsored by Mercy's Pastoral Ministry Office. There are two retreat dates to choose from: **October 4-5, 2016**; or **Jan 19-20, 2016**. The theme of junior retreat is "*Finding God in All Things*" and it is the next step of the four-year retreat plan at Mercy.

The girls will be away for two days and one night while we focus on who God is and where God can be found in our lives. Your daughter will leave for the retreat at the beginning of school day and return to Mercy by sign-out on the second day.

The retreats are held at the Colombiere Retreat Center, in Clarkston, MI. The cost of the retreat is \$90.00, which covers transportation, room and board, and a portion of retreat expenses (the rest of the cost is covered by the activities fee). You may speak with Judi Dennis in the Pastoral Ministry Office about the availability of scholarship. No student will be turned down because of financial need.

It is important that both you and your daughter are aware that she will be fully responsible for making up the school work missed while she is on retreat. We believe that retreats are an important part of the total education of your daughter, but her academic work should not suffer because of them. We also feel that students who have either under a 2.0 cumulative GPA or many absences should not miss any more school days. We reserve the right to not permit students to attend the retreat due to grades, behavior, or absences.

All retreats are filled on a first come first serve basis. If your daughter is interested in the October Retreat, we recommend completing the attached forms and returning them with your deposit (\$40) as soon as possible. The attached forms include: permission slip, behavioral contract, and medical release form. Deposit checks should be payable to Mercy High School. The forms and payment should be turned in to the Pastoral Team Room.

We hope your daughter decides to join us for this opportunity to spend time away from her busy schedule to focus on her relationship with God. We look forward to this special time with your daughter. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact us by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

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