



Catholic College Preparatory  
School for Young Women

September 2016

Dear Parents of the Class of 2020:

Pastoral Ministry welcomes you and your daughter to Mercy High School. As your daughter's first year of high school is well underway, we hope she is becoming more familiar with her Mercy Community and our Pastoral Team Room. We are anxious to explore with your daughter her God-given gifts and talents.

On Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> your daughter will be participating in a Freshman Retreat. This day will include a visit from APeX Ministries. APeX Ministries consists of two Catholic youth ministers who are committed to presenting the gospel in a fun and fresh way. As the first retreat experience at Mercy, the activities and presentations of this day encourage the students to see what gifts God has given them and to think how they can use these gifts as new members of the Mercy community. **This retreat is mandatory** as it is the foundation of Mercy's four year retreat program.

- **Where:** Mercy Auditorium
- **When: Wednesday, October 19, 2016-** Sign in begins at 8:00 am in the lobby.
- **What to wear:** Jeans and other appropriate casual dress are allowed (no shorts or leggings).
- **Conclusion:** 11:45 am
- **Optional:** APeX Ministries have T-shirts that they bring and sell to help fund their ministry. If your daughter is interested, she can stop by the Pastoral Team Room to see some samples or check their web site at APeXMinistries.com. The shirts cost just under \$20 **and are strictly optional.**

Mercy is proud of our four year retreat program and we look forward to working closely with your daughter. **The freshman and sophomore retreats are mandatory** and are held here at school. Junior and senior retreat are optional and are held at Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston. You can learn more about the progression of the retreat program under Spiritual Life on the Mercy website.

We look forward to spending the morning of October 19<sup>th</sup> with your daughter at the Freshman retreat. If you have any questions regarding this retreat or any of the future retreats please contact us in Pastoral Ministry. Besides participating in retreats, students are invited to be a member of the Pastoral Team. There are a variety of opportunities for active membership including Spirit Choir, liturgy planning, daily prayer, and developing faith displays. We encourage you to discuss with your daughter how she may use her gifts and talents to become an active member of Mercy High School.

Sincerely in Christ,

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