

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2010



**Valedictorian Jane McGuinness**, is the daughter of Paul and Judi McGuinness and sister of Noah of Killingworth, CT. Jane is an exceptionally distinguished student who has received numerous department awards for outstanding achievement in the areas of English, AP Latin Vergil, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, AP Physics, World History, AP US History, Geometry, and Algebra. Recognized for her academic excellence and outstanding character, she was the recipient of the Harvard Book Award and the AP Scholar Award.

Jane has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program and the Governor's Scholar Program. This past summer, Jane was selected to participate in the Yale Medical School *Discovery to Cure High School Internship Program* and the *Explore Engineering Program* at the University of Connecticut.

Jane is an active member of the National Honor Society and has been honored with the position of Vice President of Tutoring. Her involvement in extra-curricular activities include: Praise & Worship, No Ordinary Love, the Mercy Recruitment Team, Ballroom Dancing, Peer Ministry, and Home Room Representative to the Student Activities Council. Jane has also dedicated herself to service in her local community through Habitat for Humanity and has participated in mission trips.

In September, Jane will attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana to pursue an undergraduate degree in Engineering.



**Salutatorian Kelly Ann Conklin**, a resident of East Hampton, is the daughter of Arthur and Kathleen Conklin and sister of Christopher. An Academically stellar student, Kelly was selected as a candidate for the 2010 Presidential Scholars Program and is a commended National Merit Scholar. She also received the Smith College Book Award.

Described by her teachers as intelligent, creative, insightful, intuitive and highly motivated, Kelly has received several department awards for excellence, including AP United States History, Honors Physics, Honors Algebra II, Honors Geometry, Honors Civics, and Honors English.

Kelly is also an involved member of her community, volunteering at the East Hampton Public Library, Middlesex Hospital, Woodside Intermediate School, and the Middlesex Land Trust. Kelly is an athlete as well as a scholar, and has been a member of the Mercy Swim Team, Lacrosse Team, and Cross Country Team. Her extra-curricular activities include participation in Peace Jam, Mercy/Xavier Musicals, and the National Peace Alliance.

In September, Kelly will attend Middlebury College in Vermont.

MERCY'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS  
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
THROUGH AUGUST 20



## From the Desk of the Principal...

BY SISTER MARY  
McCARTHY, RSM  
Principal of MHS

Dear Parents,

In this final letter of the 2009-2010 school year, I would like to thank the **Class of 2010** for the special gift they were to our Mercy Community. In my final remarks to the graduates, I thanked them for living out, during their four years at Mercy, Catherine McAuley's mandate that *No work of charity is more productive of good to society, or more conducive to the happiness of the poor, than the careful instruction of women. Since whatever be the station they are destined to fill, their example and advice will always possess influence, and wherever a religious woman presides, peace and good order are generally to be found.*

I thanked them for their wonderful words which described their Mercy years, for their leadership of the underclasswomen, for welcoming all with their gracious Mercy hospitality, and, especially for showing us how Mercy Women give themselves in service to others!

As their principal, I count them among my blessings! I thank each graduate for making my job such a delight!

I thank you, parents, both current and those who "graduated", for the support you always give to your daughters and to Mercy High School. You have always been very much involved in their education, and it does make a difference!

I extend special thanks to the **Home and School Association** for all its members provided for Mercy High School during the past year. They are responsible for the elegant touches and the delicious food at all our special gatherings. Volunteers were out in full force for each event, demonstrating true Mercy hospitality! Their recent financial contribution of over \$70,000 for 2009-2010 was outstanding!

May summer days bring some rest and relaxation to you and to your families, and may God bless you with vacation time that is both safe and enjoyable.

Gratefully in Mercy,

Sr. Mary

### UNIFORM INFORMATION

Dennis Uniform Mfg. Co., 650 Wolcott Street, Waterbury  
(203) 597-9246, (800) 854-6951, Fax: (203) 597-8375.

Order online [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com)

Enter school code: WB00MH

Free ground shipping on orders over \$150.

### ANNUAL MAY CROWNING & GRANDPARENT'S DAY

The annual *May Crowning* and *Grandparent's Day* took place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Grandparents, students and children packed the auditorium to full capacity for this annual event. Members of the Senior class traditionally invite a child to accompany them and take part in the crowning each year. A complimentary breakfast was served to all attending grandparents following the crowning ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey, grandparents of the Dempsey triplets, l-r: **Jaime, Kaitlyn and Megan '13**, enjoy the special day with their granddaughter times 3!

### Graduation Night 2010



**Genieva Hylton** and **Jennifer Carta** are all smiles as they await their commencement ceremonies.

## ATHLETIC TRYOUT AND PRACTICE SCHEDULE

### **FIELD HOCKEY** (at Mercy)

Please bring your field hockey stick, molded mouth guard, shin guards, cleats, protective eyewear, sneakers, change of socks, a light snack for break, water/sports drink, sunscreen.

#### **August 23**

8:00 – 10:30 a.m. New Players  
10:30 – 2:00 p.m. - Everyone

#### **August 30 – September 3**

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.- Everyone

#### **September 4 – 6**

No Practice

#### **September 7**

2:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Everyone

#### **September 8 – 10**

3:00 – 5:30 p.m. – Everyone

### **SOCCER** (at Mercy)

#### **August 28 & 29**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Freshwomen  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Upper classes

#### **August 30**

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. – Freshwomen  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Upper classes

#### **August 31 – September 3**

3:00 – 5:00 pm – All Players

### **SWIMMING**

(Freeman Athletic Ctr. Wesleyan University)

#### **August 28 & 29**

8:15 – 11:15 a.m.

#### **August 30 – September 3**

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### **VOLLEYBALL** (at Mercy)

#### **August 28**

8:30 – 12:00 p.m. – All Players  
1:15 – 3:45 p.m. – Returning Players

#### **August 29**

10:00 – 1:00 p.m. – All Players – 1<sup>st</sup> CUT  
2:15 – 4:45 p.m. – Returning Players

#### **August 30**

10:00 – 12:00 p.m. – All Players - FINAL CUT  
1:15 – 3:45 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Varsity Practice

#### **August 31**

10:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Varsity  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs  
2:15 – 4:45 p.m. – Varsity

#### **September 1**

8:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Senior Orientation  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Tiger Cubs  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Varsity

#### **September 2**

1:15 p.m. Team Meeting-Varsity & JV  
3:15 – 5:45 p.m. – Avon HS, Bus @ 2:15 p.m.

#### **September 3**

10:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Varsity  
1:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs  
2:15 – 4:45 p.m. – Varsity

### **CROSS COUNTRY** (at Mercy)

#### **August 28**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Freshwomen  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Returning Players

#### **August 29 – September 3**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Everyone

#### **September 4 - No Practice**

#### **September 5**

Haddam Neck Road Race  
Haddam Neck Fairground 8:00 a.m.

#### **September 6 - No Practice**

#### **September 7 & 8**

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Everyone

### **CHEERLEADING** (at Mercy)

Cheerleading tryouts for the 2010-2011 school year will be open to all returning Mercy students, transfer students, and incoming freshmen. The policy regarding sports physicals also applies to cheerleading. Clinics will run on **August 30 and August 31 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**. You must attend both clinics in order to tryout. Tryouts will be held on **September 2 from 1:00 p.m.**

### Mercy Sports Physicals

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Fresh. & Soph. 12:00 noon

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Juniors & Seniors 12:00 noon

*You may switch days, if you are unable to make the appointed day for your class.*

### Physical Examinations

Mercy High School's policy regarding sports physicals is that all sports physicals must be completed after June 1, 2010. Students may not try out or practice until a report of their physical exam is on file in the Mercy High School Health Office. All forms must be in by August 20, 2010 unless the student is taking advantage of the August 9<sup>th</sup> or August 16<sup>th</sup> sports physicals at Mercy.

Only the school nurse can clear athletes for participation. *Do not have the athlete bring the physical form to practice, since the nurse will not be present to accept it.* The coaches cannot allow a student to practice until she has been cleared by the school nurse.

## IMPORTANT DATES

June 15	School office summer hours
Aug. 20	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>July 20</b>	<b>First Tuition Payment Due</b>
July 20	On-line bookstore will open (click on the <i>Follett Express Bookstore</i> icon on the Mercy Website <a href="http://www.mercyhigh.com">www.mercyhigh.com</a> )
July 26	Uniform measurements 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Aug. 9	12 Noon Sports Physicals (2014, 2013)
Aug. 16	12 Noon Sports Physicals (2012, 2011)
Aug. 20	Sports Physical forms due in Nurse's Office
Aug. 28	Tryouts for Fall Sports Begin
Sept. 1	<b>Seniors</b> - First Classes, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	<b>Juniors &amp; Sophomores</b> - First Classes, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Sept. 6	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Sept. 7	<b>Freshwomen</b> - Orientation & First Classes 8:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	Regular Classes Begin 8:10 a.m. – 2:35 p.m. All classes

## SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

Summer Assignments in Math – Each Student is required to complete a math packet during the summer as part of the Mercy High math program. The packet of math problems reflects the math background needed before the student enters the course she is scheduled to take in the 2010-11 school year. **The packet is due the first day of classes Wednesday, September 8.** Summer math assignments are posted on the Mercy website [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com).

Summer Reading – Each student is required to read three or four books during the summer as part of the Mercy High English program. The summer reading list and assignments are posted on the Mercy website [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com).

## BUS INFORMATION

**NOTE: If you have not yet registered your daughter on the bus for the 2010-11 school year, please do so immediately, by contacting Mr. Steve Brickey at 860-346-6659.**

**REMINDER**  
**THE FIRST TUITION PAYMENT IS DUE ON**  
**JULY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

## STUDENT OFFICERS 2009-2010

Principal, Sr. Mary McCarthy is pleased to announce the student leaders for 2010-2011 school year as:

**Class of 2011:** Senior Class Executive Board  
**Moira Dill, Amber Donovan, Catherine Kelly, Sophia Panaccione, Kristina Unikewicz** Moderators: *Mrs. Daniela Esposito, Mrs. Jennifer Larson*

**Class of 2012:** Junior Class Executive Board  
**Maria Malafronte, Brianna McClelland, Kristen Perrelli, Joelle Pisani, Rachel Woods** Moderators: *Mrs. Lori Flynn, Mrs. Diane Santostefano*

**Class of 2013:** Sophomore Class Executive Board  
**Kathryn Bauer, Danielle Carta, Jane Landy, Erica Naumann, Kelsey Pietruska, Hope Tiezzi** Moderators: *Ms. Gianna Iannucci, Ms. Sanchita Maitra*

## STUDENT COUNCIL

President	<b>Hanna Woods</b>
Vice President	<b>Victoria Caudullo</b>
Secretary	<b>Kara Urso</b>
Treasurer	<b>Alexandra Picard</b>

Moderator: *Ms. Annie Drewry*

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

President	<b>Maschal Mohiuddin</b>
Vice Pres. (Committees)	<b>Julia Kannam</b>
Vice President (Tutoring)	<b>Julia Kelly</b>
Secretary	<b>Allison Pearson</b>
Treasurer	<b>Jennifer Bentley</b>

Moderator: *Mrs. Daniela Esposito*

## ...From the Nurse's Office

The Connecticut State Board and the Middletown Board of Education policy states that no medication may be administered without the written order of an authorized prescriber and the written authorization of the student's parent or guardian. All medications, except those allowed for self-medication (Inhalers and Epi-Pens), shall be delivered by the parent or other responsible adult and given to the nurse. Students are not permitted to carry or take medication in school without the proper form on file. A new consent form is required at the start of each school year, even if there is no change in the health prescriber's treatment for the student.

You may obtain forms online by going to *Group Fusion*, at [www.mercyhigh.com](http://www.mercyhigh.com) to *student and parent group* then school nurse. Also please read "Health Room Information".

## WESLEYAN HUMANITIES SEMINAR

Wesleyan Humanities Seminar students from Mercy, Xavier, Vinal, Haddam-Killingworth, and Middletown High Schools collaborate during an activity session designed by Ellen Nerenberg, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures. After lecturing on Dante and the *Inferno*, Nerenberg directed students to consign historical and literary figures (post 1500s) to one of the nine circles of Hell and decide the punishment or each, using Dante's concept of the "contrapasso," the process by which souls serve penance based on the nature of their sins in life.



## FRESHWOMAN INVOLVED IN MERCY'S ECOLOGY CLUB



**Liz Falcigno '13** and **Emily Fritsch '13**, members of Mercy High's Ecology Club recently helped plant chestnut trees at Middletown's experimental American Chestnut Orchard. A crew of volunteers planted a total of 182 chestnuts on a sunny and very warm Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. These hybrid trees will hopefully produce nuts for further backcrossing to eventually provide blight-resistant, food-producing trees to help in reforestation of the Northeast deciduous forest. Ms. Jackie Ceberek, a science teacher at Mercy, is the Ecology Club's moderator.

## From the Guidance Department...

Director of Guidance, Mrs. Carolyn Garofoli along with her counselors, are pleased to share some of the summer activities that students will be involved in this year:

**Katie Nielsen '11**, will attend the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) at the Coast Guard Academy. AIM is a one-week summer program that gives students the opportunity to experience if the Academy is a possible choice for them, and if they have what it takes to succeed at the Academy. This program allows students to experience the rigor, discipline, and rewards of the Coast Guard Academy. During the program students will also meet faculty and staff, learn about academic and athletic programs and speak with cadets about their experience at the Coast Guard Academy. **Bethany Riedy '13**, will be attending Phillips Exeter Academy's Upper School in Exeter, New Hampshire. **Maggie Schumann '11** will be attending a summer program at Georgetown University, entitled "National Security and Counterintelligence", where she will explore issues concerning homeland security and other defense topics. Recent graduates **Alex Wallace '10**, will be studying Shakespeare in Italy before heading off to Villanova in the Fall. **Samantha Corsini '10** will attend the summer film program offered at Quinnipiac University. **Angela Pollard '12**, was chosen to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine at Georgetown University. In this program, Angela will have the opportunity to attend lectures, shadow doctors and observe medical procedures first-hand. Angela will also be attending The Taft School where she will be studying French. **Maschal Mohiuddin '11**, will attend the Discovery to Cure program at the Yale University School of Medicine. Discovery to Cure is a new program that combats women's reproductive cancers with a three-pronged approach, combining early detection, exceptional clinical care, and development of novel treatments.

## KUDOS

**Gabriella Santostefano '12**, received *Honorable Mention* (Donate Life Connecticut) as a finalist for submitting a poster to the 2010 Annual Poster Art Contest, to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation and was awarded a prize. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony for Organ and Tissue Donation Poster Contest Winners was held on April 1, 2010 at the Connecticut State Capitol Building in Hartford. **Betsy DelCiampo '10**, was recently awarded the runner-up prize of \$100 for her poster entitled, "From Anxiety to Schizophrenia" on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Institute of Living in Hartford. All Psychology students at Mercy and hundreds throughout the state competed in the contest. The Institute of Living/Hartford Hospital sponsored this academic/art competition designed to decrease the stigma of mental illness. The *BrainDance Awards* encourage student to gain knowledge about psychiatric illnesses and develop a more tolerant and realistic perspective towards people with severe psychiatric problems. **Katherine Corbett '11** and **Jacqueline Fischer '11** attended the first time ever Connecticut based Community Institute on Peace Education on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lyceum in Hartford with their teacher, Mrs. Jean Pepitone.

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Mercy alumna **Jill Franco '90** of Middletown, winner of this year's \$25,000 Education Raffle. Thank you to all who participated in this raffle to make it a success. The raffle will take place again next year in May at the spring concert. Prize winnings can be used at any accredited school, college and university in the United States.

The Mercy/Xavier Safe Graduation Party was a tremendous success thanks to chairpersons, **Chris** and **Kim Pisani**, all the parent volunteers who volunteered their time to plan and chaperone the event, and all the businesses and individuals who made donations to make the party possible.

The Officers for Home and School 2010-2011 are: **Joanne Bently** - President, **Kellyanne Kowalski** - Vice President, **Marianne Fitzgerald** - Treasurer and **Kim Pisani** - Secretary. All meeting and event dates will be listed on the Mercy website under "Parent Information."



**Principal, Sr. Mary McCarthy, RSM, presents the \$25,000 tuition raffle prize to alumnae Jill Franco.**

## A Message from the Math Department

The Math Department requires that all incoming **Freshwomen** have a **T1-nspire calculator**. All other **students** are expected to have a **T1-84+**. All students need to have their calculator available for use in the class and on homework.

## MERCY CLASSIC PLAYS FORE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Mercy Classic Golf Tournament, to benefit the Mercy High School Scholarship Fund, was held at Lyman Orchards on June 14. Keith Laursen and Ed Toledo, parents of Mercy students, served as co-chairs of the event. They were assisted by a large committee of parents, past parents, alumnae, faculty, staff and friends of Mercy High School. According to Barbara Miller, Mercy's Director of Alumnae and Development, "The Mercy Classic is a win-win event, everyone had a great day and we raised enough to help at least 25 girls attend Mercy next year."

**Anastasia Osadchuk**, Class of 2010, thanked the golfers during the dinner program. Anastasia's grandmother brought her to the United States from the Ukraine to attend high school as a Freshwoman. At the time, Anastasia spoke very little English, but quickly learned with the help of her teachers at Mercy. Early in her junior year, Anastasia's grandmother became very ill and passed away, leaving Anastasia's future in doubt. With the help of administrators, guidance staff, faculty and financial aid she was able to continue her education at Mercy.

Anastasia will remain in the States to attend college in the fall. Her life is back on track thanks to many in the Mercy community, including the golfers, sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the Scholarship Fund which supported her. If you would like to help with next year's Mercy Classic, please contact Barbara Miller at 860-347-8957 or via email to [bmiller@mercyhigh.com](mailto:bmiller@mercyhigh.com). There are lots of ways to help!

**CALLED TO PROTECT:** Each year parishes and schools are required by the Diocese of Norwich to sponsor a workshop, "**Called to Protect for Parents and Families**," for parents, families, and other interested people. "*Called to Protect*" is a video-based educational program designed to inspire and empower Catholic parents and families to protect children from sexual abuse. On **Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.**, this program will be available in the dining hall of Xavier High School for anyone interested in attending. Please respond to Mrs. Maria Bergan at 860-346-6659 or [mbergan@mercyhigh.com](mailto:mbergan@mercyhigh.com) by Wednesday, October 20, indicating the number attending.

## CRUTCHES FOR HAITI

Mercy students partnered with Dr. John Fulkerson of Orthopedic Associates of Hartford during the spring to donate crutches to those in need in Haiti following the earthquake. Dr. Fulkerson posted a sign at his office that was noticed by a patient of his who happens to attend Mercy. The student decided to get Mercy involved in this effort and "Crutches for Haiti" brought in money, as well as crutches from students and staff. A special "thank you" to those who contributed.



Donna of Orthopedic Associates of Hartford and Dr. John Fulkerson pose with the crutches that were donated by Mercy High School to send to the people of Haiti.

## BUNNY BUNDLES

Once again, the National Honor Society's "Bunny Bundles" event was a huge success during the Easter holiday. This year the Bunny Bundles committee worked very hard to put together a total of 470 Bunny Bundles! These packages went to the following agencies to make their season of Easter a bit more enjoyable: **Cromwell Children's Home, Mercy Baggot Street, Saint Mary's Home, Saint Elizabeth, The Shepherd House, Mercy House, I have A Friend Youth Center and Saint Vincent dePaul's.** Thank you to all the students that contributed and for your continued generosity.

## FACULTY NEWS

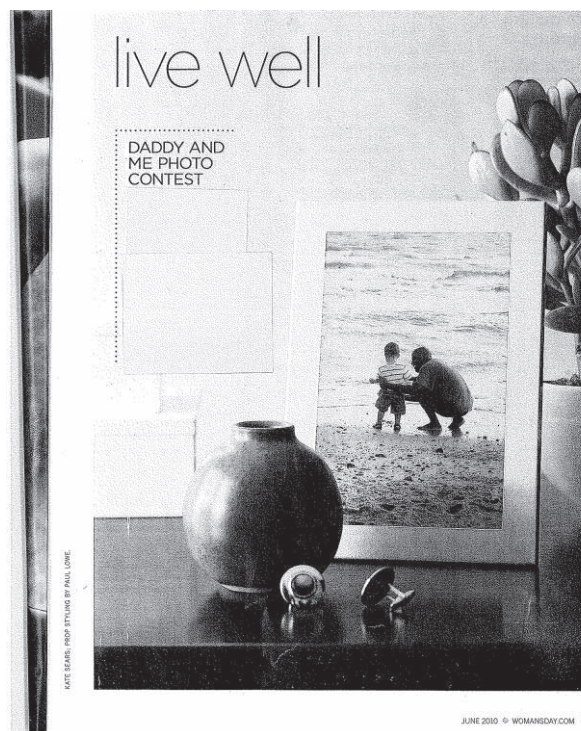
Faculty member, Mrs. Gail Mullaney, Moderator for the Rotary Interact Club at Mercy, was presented with a SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD by the Middletown Rotary Club. This is Rotary's highest honor recognizing those who have displayed exemplary humanitarian service with the aim of helping others through Rotary. Interact Clubs are involved in community and international projects which focus on:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
  - Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
  - Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
  - Advancing international understand and goodwill
- (source: Rotary.org)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR EXTENDED MERCY COMMUNITY!

Mr. and Mrs. Dylan Esposito (Daniela) welcomed **Marcello Salvatore Esposito** on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. Marcello was the fifth addition to Mercy faculty babies arriving during the 2009-2010 school year. On October 5, 2009 twin boys; **Jack and Brody Butterly**, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rory Butterly. On February 5, 2010 **Aiden Michael McCaffrey** was born to Mr. and Mrs. Terrence McCaffrey and on March 26<sup>th</sup> **Jenna Cecile Link** was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Link.

The June 2010 issue of "Woman's Day" Magazine had a "very special Dad" in its publication. Faculty member, **Mr. Marcus Harley** entered and won the "Daddy and Me Photo contest" depicting a father-child moment honoring Father's Day.



## MERCY HIGH SCHOOL FINALIST IN TEEN SAFE DRIVING CONTEST

A team of student film-makers recently produced a video which won them a finalist position in a statewide contest sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles. The 2009-2010 Teen Driving Safe Video Contest, called "From the Driver's Seat to the Director's Chair," challenged high school students to create a 25-second public service announcement on the perils of driving distracted.

Students who were enrolled in Mrs. Rose Morse's filmmaking class during the first semester, were among the eleven teams selected as finalists in the contest. Their video was directed and edited by **Victoria Piscatelli '11**, assisted by **Cristina Gutierrez '11**, **Julia Kelly '11**, **Chelbi Wade '10**, and **Chelsey Weise '10**.

On April 12, state and other highway safety advocates honored the teens from around the state for their efforts to show other teens that distracted driving can kill and injure by even a moment of inattention at the wheel of a car. The DMV plans to use the nearly 80 videos submitted in a variety of outreach programs, as well as offer them to schools, businesses, government agencies, advocacy groups and other partners in teen safe driving. WFSB-TV will also air the videos as public service announcements and students from the 11 finalist teams have been invited to appear on the Plaza during the CBS Network's Early Show.

The student videos can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.ct.gov/teendriving> by clicking on 2010 Winners.

## QUASSY WELCOMES MERCY



The entire student body, as well as faculty members and staff, enjoyed a day at Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury, CT in May. The day was spent with all four classes mingling, relaxing and having an enjoyable day prior to exams and graduation.



# Mercy High School

*Educating Today's Young Women in a Spiritual Community*