

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2011



Valedictorian Julia Kelly, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Kelly of South Glastonbury. Julia is an exceptionally distinguished student who has received numerous department awards for outstanding achievement in the areas of English, World History, Chemistry, Pre-Calculus, Journalism, Creative Writing, and AP US History.

Julia was named a Finalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program, an honor bestowed on less than one percent of the 1.5 million high school students participating in the program in their junior year. In addition, Julia was one of only thirty students in Connecticut to be named a Governor's Scholar. She also received the Harvard Book Award, is an AP Scholar and a recipient of the Mercy High School Merit Scholarship for the last four years.

Julia is an active member of both her school and local communities. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as Vice President of Tutoring. Her involvement in extracurricular activities includes the technical crew for Mercy High School theatre productions, Mercy Ambassadors, Sign Language Club, Cooking Club and Library Club. Julia has also volunteered numerous hours to the "I Have a Friend" youth center, the John Barry School Project, United for Sight Glasses Collection, and the W. Alton Jones Community Service Camp. Through the Edu-Culture International Total Immersion Program Julia spent two weeks in Estepona, Spain in the Summer Spanish Immersion Program. Julia will be attending Brown University in the fall.



Salutatorian Julia Kannam, is a resident of Durham, and the daughter of Thomas and Heather Kannam. Julia has been an outstanding scholar during her four years at Mercy High School and has received numerous academic awards in the areas of Geometry, World History, Latin, English, Pre-Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.

Julia has distinguished herself as the recipient of the Yale University Book Award, the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award, and the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. She was a National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist, and has received awards for excellence on the National Latin Exam. In addition, she recently received the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn.

At Mercy, Julia is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as the Vice President of Committees. Her extracurricular activities include the Mercy High School Show Choir, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Peer Ministry, Sign Language Club, Latin Club, Mercy Ambassadors, and the technical crew for the Mercy/Xavier Musical. An involved member of the community, Julia has volunteered extensively at "I Have a Friend" youth center, as a Sunday school teacher, and as an Acolyte at the Church of the Epiphany in Durham. She is also an Assistant Director at the Community Theater and works as a piano teacher. In the fall, Julia will be attending Dartmouth College.



From the Desk of the Principal...

BY SISTER MARY
McCARTHY, RSM
Principal of MHS

Dear Parents,

In this final letter of the 2010-2011 school year, I would like to thank the **Class of 2011** for the special gift they were to our Mercy Community. In my final remarks to the graduates, I reflected upon their responses to papers written in their senior religion class, where they answered the question, "How do you think the Mercy experience will affect your future?" Their reflections concentrated on **Community, Faith, Service, Education, Dedication** and being **Women of Mercy**. Of the many quotes (and there are many quotes), I would like to share, I present two to you:

"I gained the skills necessary to be successful and make a difference, but I am able to do so with compassion and respect for others as I was pushed in every aspect of my education at Mercy.

Mercy High School isn't just a school. It's more than a brick building, classrooms and long hallways. Ever since my first days here, I could tell something was different. The difference was love, care, community, friendship and dedication".

I thanked the graduates for their wisdom, their four years of spirit, of cooperation, of hard work – hard work that resulted in amazing college acceptances, well over \$5 million in scholarships and awards and, what I believe is a first, **100% going on for further education!**

As their principal, I count them among my blessings! It is here, at Mercy, that they came to know Catherine McAuley and how to be modern Catherines so that they can live out her vision and bring Mercy to a world that is, now more than ever, in dire need of love and compassion. As Our Lady of Baggot Street watched over those first Women of Mercy, may Our Lady of Randolph Road watch over the Class of 2011. I thank each graduate for being Women of Mercy. May each be blessed, as she assumes her new role as a Mercy Alumna!

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 \$60,000 for 2010-2011 was outstanding!

We endured a long and snow-filled winter; may these summer days bring some rest and relaxation to you and to

your families. May God bless you with vacation time that is both safe and enjoyable.

Gratefully in Mercy,

Sr. Mary

2011 TUITION RAFFLE WINNERS



Steven and Jo-Ann Didato Wollman'80, with their daughter Jillian '11, Sr. Mary McCarthy and Marilyn Skoge of Home & School following the Tuition Raffle.

The Wollman family of Berlin, CT was this year's winner of the annual Tuition Raffle. **Jillian Wollman '11**, will apply the \$25,000 prize money towards her first year tuition at Fairfield University's School of Business. In general, the \$25,000 prize is for tuition, books, and expenses at any accredited school in the U.S. including grades K-8, high school, technical and college/university.



Graduates, Julia Culhane and Katherine Kelly are all smiles on graduation night June 1st, 2011.

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 28

9:00 a.m. - New Players
10:00 a.m. - Returning players arrive
1:30 p.m. - Practice over

August 29 – August 31

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.- Everyone

September 1 & 2

2:30- 5:00 p.m. Everyone

SOCCER (at Mercy)

August 27 & 28

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Freshwomen
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – All others

August 29 – September 2

3:00 p.m. – All Players

SWIMMING

(Freeman Athletic Ctr. Wesleyan University)

August 27 & 28

8:15 – 11:15 a.m.

August 29 – September 4

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL (at Mercy)

August 27

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. all players
1:30 – 4:00 p.m. all returning players

August 28

12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – All Players – 1st CUT

August 29

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – All Players - FINAL CUT
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Varsity practice

CROSS COUNTRY (at Mercy)

August 27

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Freshwomen
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – All Others

August 29 – September 2

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Everyone

September 3 - No Practice

September 4

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

September 5 - No Practice

September 6 - 9

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Everyone

CHEERLEADING (at Mercy)

Cheerleading tryouts for the 2011-2012 school year will be open to all returning Mercy students, transfer students, and incoming freshwomen. The policy regarding sports physicals also applies to cheerleading. Cheerleading clinic will be held on **August 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Tryouts will be held on **August 29 from 3:30 p.m. – end.** Students must attend the clinic on Saturday in order to tryout on Monday.

...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 to *student and parent group* then school nurse. Also please read "Health Room Information".

Mercy Sports Physicals

Tuesday, August 9, 4:30 p.m. – Frosh. & Soph.

Tuesday, August 16, 4:30 p.m. – Juniors & Seniors

Students may switch dates if there is a conflict

Physical Examinations

Mercy High School's policy regarding sports physicals is that all sports physicals must be completed after June 1, 2011. **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 19, 2011 unless the student is taking advantage of the August 9th or August 16th sports physicals at Mercy.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

July 20 First Tuition Payment is due

- June 16 –
Aug. 16 Office Hours 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
Aug. 9 Sports Physicals Fresh/Soph. 4:30 pm
Aug. 16 Sports Physicals Juniors/Seniors 4:30 pm
Aug. 27 Tryouts for Fall Sports
Aug. 30 Senior Orientation 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
Transfers 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
Aug 31 Soph/Juniors Orientation 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Sept. 1 Fresh. Orientation 8:15 am – 2:00 pm
Sept. 2 NO SCHOOL
Sept. 5 NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY
Sept. 6 Regular Classes begin 8:10 am – 2:35 pm
Sept. 7 Fall Sports Parents Night 6:00 pm
Sept. 8 Fresh Parents Night 7:00 pm
Sept. 13 Opening Mass/Fresh Pin Ceremony 10:00 am
Sept. 16 Mercy Welcomes Class of 2015 3-5 pm
Sept. 19 Mini Class Night for Parents 6:30 -9:00 pm
- Oct. 7 Walk-a-thon kickoff
Oct. 10 NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY
Oct. 14 NO SCHOOL – Faculty In Service
Oct. 22 Yellow Rose Auction
Oct. 24 Junior Ring Ceremony 7:00 pm
Oct. 25 Junior College Night 7:00 pm
Oct. 27 Financial Aid Night 6:30 pm
Oct. 29 Junior Ring Dance 8:00-11:00 pm

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 2011-12 school year. **The packet is due the first day of classes Wednesday, September 6.** Summer math assignments are posted on the Mercy website 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.

Student Summer Activities

Kelly Lasko, '12 has been accepted into a two-week summer Pre-college Business program at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY; **Brianna McClelland '12** will be attending Harvard University's Secondary School Program studying neurobiology and modern dance; **Nicole Emanuelson '12** will be volunteering at Hartford Hospital in the Pharmacy and Neuropsychology Departments, last summer Nicole volunteered in the EMT Education and Nursing Education Departments, **Dinah Lensing-Sharp '12** is venturing to England as part of the Senior Youth Choir with St. Thomas's Episcopal Church of New Haven. The choir will sing choral renditions at Westminster Abbey

and Gloucester Cathedral with an additional service at the Chapel Royal, Windsor Castle. Dinah will also be traveling to France as part of School Year Abroad (SYA) an organization whose focus on intensive language instruction and immersion in the culture enables a student to make significant progress in the language while experiencing the sights and sounds of the city and country they are visiting. **Victoria Wright '14** worked in *The Hartford Project* this summer. The *Hartford Project* is an interdenominational out-reach ministry focused on providing free community services, free food, concerts and a "Love Wins" Fair which is open to anyone in inner-city Hartford. This year, 356 youth and leaders participated in the week-long ministry.

STUDENT OFFICERS 2011-2012

Principal, Sr. Mary McCarthy is pleased to announce the student leaders for 2011-2012 school year as:

Class of 2012: Senior Class Executive Board
Shannon Egan, Sarah Garvey, Bethany Mallick, Joelle Pisani, Rachel Woods Moderators: *Mrs. Lori Flynn, Mrs. Diane Santostefano*

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

Class of 2014: Sophomore Class Executive Board
Molly Breen, Alyssa Case, Stephanie Case, Olivia Fiasconaro, Christy Parmenter
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Meg Malafronte

STUDENT COUNCIL

President	Kristen Perrelli
Vice President	Maria Malafronte
Secretary	Sarah Bower
Treasurer	Claire Kimball

Moderator: Ms. Anne Drewry

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

President	Brianna McClelland
Vice Pres. (Committees)	Catherine Perrotti
Vice President (Tutoring)	Angela Pollard
Secretary	Catherine Oidtman
Treasurer	Tara Palnitkar

Moderator: Mrs. Daniela Esposito

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

President	Aubrey Yandow
Vice President	Kathleen Darling
Secretary	Catherine Perrotti
Treasurer	Jennifer Faenza

Moderator: Mrs. Patricia LaBella

... BUS REGISTRATION

NOTE: If you have not yet registered your daughter on the bus for the 2011-2012 school year, please do so immediately, by contacting Mr. Steve Brickley @860-346-6659