

# MERCY McAULEY HIGH SCHOOL

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## TRANSITION COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

***Seat backs in the upright position. We are preparing for takeoff!*** On Monday, a professional photo shoot took place at the Oakwood campus in preparation for the coming admissions campaign efforts for Mercy McAuley. Yes, it is time to prepare the copy, snap the photos, and then get everything to the printer so it is ready for fall recruiting.

Admissions Directors Tricia Reisman (Mercy) and Maria Schweikert (McAuley) invited several current students to act as models for the project. You'll notice when you see the finished results that the students are wearing neutral colors and the familiar blue and gold make subtle background appearances. That's because the colors for Mercy McAuley haven't been chosen yet. Current students will weigh in on that as well as selection of the school mascot and uniform when school reconvenes this fall. Students' thoughts and opinions will be a major part of the new school's identity.

Next week the Academic Committee will review subcommittee recommendations for 2018-19. We're grateful to the faculty and administrators who worked long hours since April to draft recommendations for educational programs that will challenge and serve Mercy McAuley students.

Work continues in other committees, with our appreciation to students, parents, experts, friends, and of course, members of our faculties. Legacy/Rituals, Student Life, Spiritual Life, and Athletics all are moving forward, as is the Oakwood Campus Committee. Details of the research and resulting recommendations point to an outcome that will surely amaze.

The committee work is hard, requiring long hours devoted to research, discovery and comparison. Participants are weighing merits, investigating alternatives, and discussing and constructing well-written recommendations. Nevertheless, this work is rewarding because love and purpose drive it. Every person who has helped and those yet to be invited want Mercy education to continue in Cincinnati far into the future.

The primary question that the Sisters of Mercy insist upon, the initial filter that all recommendations *must* pass is: "What is best for the students?" Keeping that priority in mind ensures that the final recommendations have the best interests of students at heart.

In Mercy,

Tom Otten, chair  
Cindy Costello  
Denise Krueger  
Wayne Morse  
Kathy Schnier

*Mercy McAuley Transition Committee*



*McAuley and Mercy students posed on July 10 for the 2018-19 admissions campaign for Mercy McAuley High School. The girls represent a variety of interests, including visual and fine arts, athletics, dance, clubs, student council, and other leadership roles. Most of the girls will be members of the Class of 2019 at Mercy McAuley.*

*Quickly becoming friends over the course of the day, the girls exchanged phone numbers and made plans to get together.*