

MERCY McAULEY HIGH SCHOOL

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TRANSITION COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

Because of numerous questions arising from families and students, we again asked the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) to confirm that student athletes attending Mother of Mercy or McAuley High School would be immediately eligible to participate in sports at the new Mercy McAuley High School. Earlier this week we received that confirmation from the OHSAA.

Normally, under current rules and regulations, student athletes moving to another school must sit out half of the season. But because of the unique situation involving Mercy and McAuley, an exception applies to our student athletes.

So how does this play out in various scenarios? Student athletes attending Mercy or McAuley this school year, and completing this year at either school, will be eligible to participate next year at any school—public or private—that they choose to attend. However, students currently enrolled at *other* schools who enroll at Mercy McAuley *will* have to sit out 50 percent of the season at Mercy McAuley. This is because the schools they're currently attending are not closing; therefore, the exception does not apply.

Questions about school calendar, parking

There have been a few questions regarding the school calendar for 2018-2019, particularly concerning the start date. The calendar will be available within the next few weeks, as we continue to discuss the summer remodeling timelines for the Oakwood campus. We envision classes beginning no later than mid-August, and earlier if possible, so that first semester can conclude before Christmas break.

In response to a growing number of inquiries about student parking next year, a study is under way to evaluate parking needs. Currently both Mercy and McAuley students utilize on-campus parking (for a fee) and on-street parking. Results of the parking study will be shared with you in the weekly update before Thanksgiving.

Open houses, shadowing

We learned a lot from the October 15 Open House and are making slight adjustments for the November 12 Open House to improve the experience for our visitors. These changes are aimed at improving traffic flow as well as presentation areas. The actual presentations will not change.

We continue to be very encouraged by the number of eighth graders shadowing. More than 300 students have either shadowed or signed up to do so. As noted last week, 189 families attended the initial Open House, and registrations for the November 12 Open House indicate that we may have a similar number of visitors.

We want to thank you for your faith in Mercy education. Thanks to the continuing efforts of hundreds of individuals (faculty, staff, administrators, parents, students, alumnae, and friends), a truly amazing educational opportunity for young women will open in August.

In Mercy,

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