

MERCY McAULEY HIGH SCHOOL

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TRANSITION COMMITTEE

November 10, 2017

Dear Friends,

Late last week, Wayne Morse and Denise Krueger, members of the Transition Committee, led a late-afternoon tour of the Oakwood facility and campus with 14 professionals—architects and those connected with construction trades. The purpose was to take the next steps in the process of opening Mercy McAuley by mid-August 2018.

Up to this point, we have had only architectural renderings of renovation options that will transform the Oakwood campus into a brand new school. The tour helped us define the scope of work to be completed next summer. The architects now are working to specify the details. Then, contractors will bid on the projects according to those specifications. Finally, we will determine our priorities in a cost-effective manner and within budget, effectively deciding which renovations will be included in Phase 1—the summer of 2018. All of these decisions must be finalized as soon as possible in order to secure specific contractors for the roughly nine weeks we have to complete the work in time for the first day of classes in August 2018.

November is also a very busy month for the Mercy McAuley admissions process, and we remind all eighth-grade parents of several important deadlines. Admissions applications and FACTS Financial Aid applications are due on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Also, the High School Placement Test (HSPT), which is required for admission to Mercy McAuley, will take place November 18 at the Oakwood campus. And, applications for the Catherine McAuley Excellence Scholarships are due Friday, December 1. These one-time awards in the amount of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 are available to incoming freshmen who best exemplify excellence in their area of submission (fine arts, performing arts, creative writing, math, science, or social studies). Information about these scholarships, along with links to the admissions, financial aid applications and HSPT registration, are available at both the Mother of Mercy and McAuley websites. For answers to admissions questions, please contact either Lorraine Effler (EfflerL@live.mcauleyhs.net) or Tricia Reisman (Reisman_t@motherofmercy.org).

Last but not least, we invite all prospective students and families to attend the second of two Open House events Sunday, November 12, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at 6000 Oakwood Avenue. The newly named president, Patty Ragio, and principal, Connie Kampschmidt, will be available to greet and speak with visitors. All of the features of the initial Open House on October 15 will again be available to our

guests. Whether you're exploring your options for high school, or you're simply curious about Mercy McAuley and want to see firsthand what all the excitement is about, YOU are invited. We look forward to seeing you Sunday!

In Mercy,

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

Mercy McAuley Transition Committee