

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2021-2022

**Most of the student activities listed meet after school beginning at 3:20pm or 3:30pm. Students will attend the Club Fair on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> during Magic Time to learn more about these student activities.**

### **ANIME CLUB (Ms. Roque [eroque@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:eroque@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Anime Club is for any students who are interested in Anime and Manga. Meetings are held once a month after school.

### **ASIAN STUDENT UNION (Ms. Mallory [mmallory@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mmallory@mercyhighschool.com))**

The newly-founded Asian Student Union serves as a club for all students of Mercy to celebrate and appreciate Asian heritage and culture. ASU is a welcoming community for students to learn and grow in their awareness of Asian celebrations, traditions, and current events. ASU will promote racial and social justice, participate in service outreach and fundraising for charities that benefit Asian communities, and hold social and educational events.

### **BLACK AWARENESS CLUB (Ms. Cheese [ncheese@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:ncheese@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Black Awareness Club is devoted to being a comfortable space for Black students to share experiences, foster self-awareness, promote health and wellness, build networking skills, and discuss and explore the various aspects of Black culture. Meetings are held twice a month.

### **CRAFT CLUB (Ms. Cernik [mcernik@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mcernik@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Craft Club is an after-school activity for students to express their inner DIY skills and have fun. At meetings, members will have the opportunity to create a trendy craft while socializing with fellow club members. Meetings will occur twice a month on Thursdays from 3:20 to 4:45 in the Mercy Center Lab.

### **DANCE TROUPE & APPRENTICE DANCE COMPANY**

Dance Troupe & Apprentice Dance Company are co-curricular activities that are part of Mercy's dance program. Dance Troupe meets an average of 3 days a week and explores the genres of ballet, modern dance, jazz dance, and improvisation/composition in addition to offering students a variety of performance opportunities throughout the year. The dual emphasis on both the technical and artistic training provides the student with not only a solid, comprehensive foundation, but also a stimulating and enjoyable artistic encounter. Master classes taught by guest artists further enrich the learning process. Apprentice Dance Company is meets 2 days a week and is designed for students with a desire, passion, and potential for dance, but with a more limited dance background or no prior dance training. The program focuses on building a technical and artistic foundation by developing technical skills in the genres of ballet, modern dance, and jazz dance with exposure to improvisation and composition. Students perform several times throughout the year and has the opportunity to work with guest artists. Auditions for both Dance Troupe and the Apprentice Dance Company are in the Fall. For students interested in Dance Troupe and Apprentice Dance Company, please email Ms. May @ [mmay@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mmay@mercyhighschool.com).

### **THE DUBLIN DANCERS (Ms. Hogg [rhogg@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:rhogg@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Dublin Dancers is open to all students who are interested in learning the art of Irish dance. Weekly classes will include instruction in foundational Irish dancing moves and steps that will be incorporated into choreographed dances. The Dublin Dancers will have opportunities to share the Irish heritage of the Sisters of Mercy through performing at events like the St. Patrick's Parade and Mercy-sponsored events. Practices will be once a week for an hour immediately after school. No prior dance experience is needed!

### **ENSEMBLE PLAYERS (Instrumental music)**

This group performs music for small instrumental ensemble and possibly piano quartet. Performances include the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert, and selected events in the school and outside of school. This activity meets 4 times a week during the school day. If a student is not in this class and is interested in Ensemble Players, email Ms. Thomas @ [jthomas@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jthomas@mercyhighschool.com).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CLUB (Ms. Ness [sness@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:sness@mercyhighschool.com))**

This organization is devoted to the care of our planet, enhancement of environmental qualities at school and the education of students in the area of living in a healthy, environmentally friendly manner. Meetings are held once a month after school.

### **ETHICS TEAM (Mr. Davis [jdavis@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jdavis@mercyhighschool.com) and Ms. Fierro [dfierro@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:dfierro@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Mercy Ethics Team works together over several months to analyze and develop positions on a case set provided by the High School Ethics Bowl committee. Team members complete their preparation with the goal of competing in the regional High School Ethics Bowl in February. The Ethics Bowl challenges students to develop collaborative discussions about a variety of contemporary ethical issues in which they determine the underlying ethical issue and the best ethical action in response to a question posed by the judges. The Team will practice at least twice a month from November-February.

## **FOOTLIGHTERS**

This theatre arts organization produces two full scale productions each year. Students experience all aspects of the theatre arts: acting, make-up and costumes, improvisation and monologues, stage lighting and scene design. Members may serve as the technical crews for school-wide functions. Meets 1 -2 times a month. If a student is interested in Footlighters, email Ms. Carlson: [ccarlson@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:ccarlson@mercyhighschool.com).

## **GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (Mr. Gill [ngill@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:ngill@mercyhighschool.com))**

This association provides support, spirit, awareness and service for all athletic events. Officers meet weekly with the Athletic Director. Meetings for members will be held 3-4 times after school.

## **GYM CLUB (Ms. Bossle [sbossle@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:sbossle@mercyhighschool.com))**

Gym Club is a club where we will meet once or twice a month and play games usually played in gym class. This could include kickball, dodgeball, floor hockey, swat ball, etc. This club is for anyone who wants to join from any grade level, and it will be a good way for students who aren't taking a gym class to play the games they might enjoy. The meetings will be held for about an hour on the grass by the softball field, the turf field, or the gym depending on availability.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLUB (Ms. Adler [ladler@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:ladler@mercyhighschool.com))**

The purpose of this club is to promote cultural awareness to the Mercy community. Meetings will be held once a month after school.

## **LANCE (School Literary Magazine)**

The Lance meets during the school day. Members are selected primarily from the Digital Publication: (Imaginative Writing) elective course. If a student is interested in creative writing and is not in this class, email Mrs. Mallory @ [mmallory@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mmallory@mercyhighschool.com).

## **MADRIGALS (Choral Music)**

This group performs vocal music accessible to everyone from the beginning vocalist to the experienced singer! Performances include the Christmas concert, Spring concert, and selected events in and outside of school. This activity meets 4 times a week during the school day. If a student is not in this class and is interested in Madrigals, email Ms. Thomas @ [jthomas@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jthomas@mercyhighschool.com).

## **MAGIC MEDIA CLUB (Mr. Gill [ngill@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:ngill@mercyhighschool.com))**

Magic Media Club is a club that will specialize in game day production, creative content, graphic design and communications. Members are required to go to Varsity & JV home games all year. This club will meet before school once every 2 weeks.

## **MERCY MEZZOS (Choral Music)**

This vocal group is for the experienced vocalist. The Mezzos will perform mostly four part, a capella music and must audition to become a member. Performances will include the Christmas concert, Spring concert, and special events inside and outside of school. Auditions will be held in late September. If a student is interested in Mercy Mezzos, email Ms. Thomas @ [jthomas@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jthomas@mercyhighschool.com).

## **MODEL DIPLOMATS**

Meets once a month for general meetings with additional meetings for training and preparation for conferences and events. Membership opens each year at the beginning of the school year. Model Diplomats become delegates representing countries or individual roles for conferences including Model UN and Model OAS conferences with other high schools. Some conferences and events may have expenses or fees associated with attendance and/or travel. If a student is interested in Model Diplomats, email Dr. Sullivan at [jsullivan@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jsullivan@mercyhighschool.com).

## **NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY/ART CLUB (Ms. Coburn [mcoburn@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mcoburn@mercyhighschool.com))**

NAHS is designed specifically for high school students in grades 9-12 for inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding interest in art. Meetings are held monthly after school. Any student interested in visual arts may participate in **Art Club** which does not have a course or grade average requirement.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (Ms. Fontinell @ [dfontinell@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:dfontinell@mercyhighschool.com))**

Members are selected for membership at the end of sophomore and junior year. This national organization recognizes students who exemplify scholarship, character, service and leadership within the school and the community. Meets monthly after school on Mondays.

## **PEER MINISTRY (Ms. Cuddeback-Gedeon @ [lcuddeback-gedeon@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:lcuddeback-gedeon@mercyhighschool.com))**

As a peer minister, you have the opportunity to help your fellow students reflect on their spirituality, faith, and personal beliefs. You will have leadership with planning activities for the Emmaus Days and our liturgies and prayer services. You can also create other opportunities for students to share and learn with one another. We encourage girls from any faith background to take part in this group, to reflect the diversity and faith of Mercy itself.

**PEP SQUAD (Ms. Robinson [drobinson@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:drobinson@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Pep Squad shows their Mercy pride and talent through stepping at basketball games and other spirit activities. Try-outs occur in early October. Meets 2 times a week after school from late October through February. Shirt purchase required.

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM (Ms. Collector [rcollector@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:rcollector@mercyhighschool.com))**

The Science Olympiad Team meets to practice skills in general categories including science content knowledge, laboratory skills, and the engineering and design process. Students come together to continue honing science skills outside of the classroom while preparing to send a team to represent Mercy High School at Science Olympiad competitions.

**SHIELD (School Paper)**

The Shield meets during the school day. While Mercy's newspaper is published in the class Digital Publications: (Journalism), any student from any year level who wants to write for the paper is enthusiastically invited to join the staff. If a student is interested in writing for Mercy's newspaper and is not in this class, email Mrs. Mallory @ [mmallory@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mmallory@mercyhighschool.com).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIETY (Dr. Wharton [mwharton@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:mwharton@mercyhighschool.com))**

The purpose of this club is to promote awareness and civil discussion of social justice issues in our society. The members of this club are young women striving for societal equality among all cultures. Meetings will be held once a month after school.

**SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (SHH) (Ms. Fetzer [MFetzer@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:MFetzer@mercyhighschool.com))**

Students in Sp. III and up who meet the requirements for membership are eligible to be invited for membership. The purpose of the society is to recognize high achievement of high school students in Spanish. This national organization recognizes students who exemplify scholarship, character, service, and leadership within the community. There are service hours involved. Meets monthly after school.

**STUDENT AMBASSADORS (Ms. Kottraba [bkottraba@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:bkottraba@mercyhighschool.com))**

Open to ALL students. Students become members of the admissions team, honing their public speaking skills at events for prospective families and current parents. They give tours at Open House and share their Mercy story with visitors! Interested students attend an information meeting in the Spring and training sessions in the Fall.

**STUDENT COUNCIL (Mr. Frank [jfrank@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jfrank@mercyhighschool.com))**

Student Council organizes and promotes school-wide spirit and service activities throughout the year to create and reinforce the unity of Mercy High School's student body. Active members will share their ideas and originate, lead, and assist with activities under the direction of the Student Council officers. Student Council meets monthly on assigned Thursdays.

**VALID (VALUING ALL LIVES WITH INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY) (Ms. Hogg [rhogg@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:rhogg@mercyhighschool.com))**

VALID is a safe space in which all members of the Mercy High School student body can feel included and accepted in their identities. VALID looks to support LGBTQ+ youth at Mercy by connecting them with allies and other students like themselves. VALID aims to educate and raise awareness of topics that impact LGBTQ+ students.

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