

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

**Most of the student activities listed meet after school beginning at 3:20pm or 3:30pm. Students will attend the Virtual Club Fair on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> during Magic Time to learn more about these student activities.**

### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

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

Dance Troupe meets an average of 3 days a week after school and Apprentice Dance Company meets 1-2 days a week after school. Dance Troupe 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 designed for students with a desire, passion, and potential for dance, but with a 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 will perform in the Dance Troupe Concert in spring. 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).

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

This group performs music for small orchestra and piano quartet. Performances include the Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert, and selected events in the school. This co-curricular activity meets 2 times a week during C block. If a student is not in this class and is interested in Ensemble Players, email Ms. Thomas @ [jthomas@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jthomas@mercyhighschool.com).

#### **FOOTLIGHTERS**

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

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

Meets 2 times a week during pattern C block. 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 Ms. Casbarro @ [lcasbarro@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:lcasbarro@mercyhighschool.com).

#### **MADRIGALS (Choral Music)**

Performs at Christmas concert, Spring concert, and at selected events in and outside of school. This co-curricular activity meets 2 times a week during C block. If a student is not in this class and is interested in Ensemble Players, email Ms. Thomas @ [jthomas@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jthomas@mercyhighschool.com).

#### **MODEL DIPLOMAT TEAM**

Meets once a week on Tuesdays and as needed before conferences. Membership opens each year at the beginning of the school year. Model Diplomats become delegates representing other counties and attend Model OAS and Model UN conferences with other high schools. There is some expense associated with attendance at the conferences. If a student is interested in Model Diplomat Team, email Mr. Sullivan @ [jsullivan@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:jsullivan@mercyhighschool.com).

#### **SHIELD (School Paper)**

Meets 2 times a week during pattern C block. 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 Ms. Casbarro @ [lcasbarro@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:lcasbarro@mercyhighschool.com).

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR 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.

#### **BLACK AWARENESS CLUB (Ms. Cheese-Thornton [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.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CONTINUED:**

### **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 Bowl challenges students to develop a collaborative discussion 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 meet at least twice a month from November-February.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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. Members should not be involved in any sports teams but some exceptions will be considered by the moderator.

### **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. Goldbeck [cgoldbeck@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:cgoldbeck@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.

### **PEP SQUAD (Ms. Marion [memarion@mercyhighschool.com](mailto:memarion@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.

### **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.

### **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 is made up of elected Student Council officers, class officers, and representatives chosen from each class steering committee. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Active participants must be willing to accept a leadership role, work as a member of a team, and foster school spirit and enthusiasm. All students are encouraged to attend Student Council's monthly Thursday meetings.