Winter, 2023



IN MEMORIAM



Sister Rosemary Herron, RSM

Sunrise April 23

Sunset December 17

"In her day, listening and hearing, looking and seeing, Catherine found her response-misericordia... She connected the rich to the poor... the educated and skilled to the uninstructed.

-Tender Courage, Sister Mary Joanna Regan, RSM and Sister Isabelle Keiss, RSM

ADMISSIONS

Enrollment season is underway, and with that, the Admissions office has been very busy assisting families through the application process and interviewing potential students.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SAVE THE DATE!

Seventh Grade Visitation Thursday March 23, 2023

If you have a child or know of an interested family, please join us for that day.

Register using this link 🔭 to complete the google form.

Thursday, April 27th 5:30 PM - 7:30PM

Come explore our shops, meet the faculty, learn about tuition and financial aid, and more. To register, please

visit https://www.mercycte.org/admissions/apply1 🔭

Please share the date with interested families you know.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the mission of Mercy Tech

As always, if you ever have questions of an Admissions and/or scholarship nature, please call or email us at admissions@mercycte.org or 215-226-1225 ext 153 or 148

GUIDANCE



Relationships are an important part of any person's life. Increased interest in friends and movement away from family is a normal part of adolescent development, but can nonetheless be nerve wracking and, at times, frustrating for parents. A way to help your teen navigate relationships is by helping them be able to identify when they are healthy and when they are not.

https://www.acs-teens.org/developing-healthy-relationships-in-adolescence/ 🌾

100 DAYS

Our Class '23 recently celebrated their last 100 days at school, complete with their Senior hoodie, lunch, and games.

This time will go more quickly than they realize, but they were happy to stop and enjoy the moment with a few photos.



ALUMNI



Hello to all Mercy Tech Alumni!

I hope and pray that all is well with you and yours.

I would like to share events past and future with you.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO is an Alumni event, fast approaching on **April 22, 2023**. Doors at school open at 12:00 noon. Bingo games begin at 1PM and last until 4PM. Chances will be sold for raffle baskets and a 50/50. Admission (\$30) includes one bingo card for each of the 10 games. Bingo players can buy a card for games 11 and 12 for the very special designer bags. Expert players can buy extra cards for the 10 games, if they wish. Tickets do go quickly so plan ahead.

We can use **any new items** for our gift baskets at Designer Bag Bingo. If you have something you do not want or wish to donate, I would be happy to find a home for them in a gift basket. Just drop them off at school any time before April 14.

Sign up for the event here 🔭. Contact me with any questions about this event. swalsh@mercycte.org or ext 149 at 215.226.1225.

OUR SENIORS are preparing their **Capstone Projects**, which are being presented on May 12, 2023. Time for this event is 8:30 AM to noon. All of our career paths can use **judges** to come to Mercy Tech that day and witness the creativity of our seniors. If you can spare the morning and help with this endeavor, please call me at 215.226.1225 ext. 149.

SEVERAL ALUMNI CAME BACK TO SCHOOL as presenters during our **Occupations Day** for freshmen and sophomores on February 17. We appreciate their time and expertise. Consider helping us next year for Occupations Day and/or Career Day for the older students.

WE HAD a "virtual" gathering on February 21, taking time to prayerfully remember Sister Rosemary. Current Mercy Administrators and staff joined with some Alumni from multiple graduation years. We spent an hour together reminiscing about Sister Rosemary, and applauding her goodness. Consider joining in when this virtual opportunity comes around again.

Provided we continue our better trends in the COVID situation, we will be able to have more in-person events. Please be sure that we have your **correct contact information**. That way, you can hear about events and join your classmates.

Peace and Blessings, Sister Susan

Susan Walah, R.S.M.

CTE SELECTION

If you or someone you know is looking for the next generation of builders, cosmetologists, Certified Nurse Assistants, graphic designers, entrepreneurs, chefs, and/or computer tech specialists, our 9th grade class officially chose their career paths and will be ready for you.



Culinary & Pastry Arts



Advertising Art & Web Design



Cosmetology



Computer Tech



Health Occupations



Building Trades



Business

OCCUPATIONS DAY

We were honored to have **George** Matysik '99 Share Food Program keynote our Occupations Day for 9th and 10th grade students. His words were nothing less than inspirational:

"The Mercy spirit is something they will never understand. That spirit gives you an advantage over everyone else. We all know the neighborhoods we come from and we don't always get second chances. But you've been given this great thing called Mercy. Please remember that."



Many thanks to our Alum who came out in force and made incredible presentations, leaving generous time for Q&A from students. Thank you for your life lessons, honest mistakes, comebacks, and success stories. You always have a home here.



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SHOP SPOTLIGHT



Computer Tech

Computer Tech students recently visited Abington Friends School, and worked with their students on basic computer components. See what they had to say about the day:

- Very cool experience, I enjoyed teaching youth about things I'm genuinely passionate about.
- I liked the trip, if anything it was very eye-opening for those of us who plan to do a help desk-type job. A technician has to know what they're doing and make it interesting.

Teaching children basic computer components could be lifechanging for them and maybe interest them as a career.



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Mercy Weekly Update

Make sure to check your email each Friday for updates about the coming school week, including important dates, early school dismissals, sports and E-Sports schedules. You can also update your emergency contact information, access PowerSchool, and more.

Interested in buying Mercy Tech fleece?

We recommend the purchase of a Mercy fleece, as hoodies are NOT part of the required school uniform. The Mercy Tech fleece is a navy blue quarter-zip with an embroidered logo. Many sizes are available. Please bring \$20 to Mrs. Vollaro's office, directly across from the elevator on the 1st floor, in the main building.





Voted Best Trade School in Philadelphia 2 years running and 2022 Best High School Spirit.



Mercy Career & Technical High School provides a Catholic education and a comprehensive academic, career and technical experience which prepares students for the workforce and/or post-secondary education. Compelled by Mercy, faculty and students live the Gospel in word and action and promote service to others. Mercy Career & Technical High School graduates a highly competent, compassionate, contributing member of the global community.