



Mercy Catholic High School

Red Bluff, CA

November 2008



Red Ribbon Week Celebrated on Campus

Friday Night Live hosted Red Ribbon Week activities from October 27- 31, celebrating a drug-free life-style. Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping and murder of a DEA agent, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. His hometown community in

California wore red ribbons to show support and respect for Agent Camarena. The symbol of the red ribbon grew into a nationwide response to the need for drug prevention, early intervention, and treatment services. At Mercy High School, students wore red bracelets proclaiming "My extreme commitment: I'm living drug, alcohol and tobacco free." Drawings were held daily for all students wearing bracelets. Students also signed a large pledge banner, vowing to remain drug free. On Tuesday, members of the varsity football team traveled to Sacred Heart Parish School to spread the message that athletes don't do drugs. On Wednesday, Greg Cohen, District Attorney, spoke to the student body about the prevalence of drugs in Tehama County. Students received valuable information about the effects of drugs on the abusers and on the community. *Right: Alaina Germano, Cameron Vietti, and Kayleigh Mincer pledge to remain drug-free.*



Seniors Attend Mass at Sacramento Cathedral

On Wednesday, October 15, all the Mercy High School seniors went to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento for the annual senior Mass. All seniors from Catholic high schools in the Sacramento Diocese were present. Bishop Jaime Soto presided. Audra Muller gave the first reading, and Kevin Thibert read a petition. Camille Gunsauls placed our school colors on the altar during the preparation for the Eucharist.

After Mass, students went to the mall or to the Hard Rock Café for lunch before returning to school. *Left: The senior class in the Cathedral.*



Dates to Remember

- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 13 MASS
- Nov. 14 Cinch Day
- Nov. 17 Parent Guild Meeting 6pm
- Nov. 18 LATE DAY
- Nov. 20 Meet Mercy Day
Newsletter articles due for Dec.
- Nov. 21 ASVAB
- Nov. 22 *Night at the Copacabana-*
(auction) 5:00pm
- Nov. 26 Minimum Day
- Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 1 Advisory Commission meeting, 6 PM



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Principal's Message



Meeting our Mission

Recently, I was asked to consider how many of my parents or students are aware of our school's mission statement. It really should be at the core of all that we do as a school. So, if you were to ask yourself today if you know the mission of Mercy High School, what would your answer be? It is important that we are all aware of why we are here, so I thought I might review that mission statement with you now:

Mercy High School is a Catholic diocesan, college preparatory school. The objective of the school is to develop the whole person through a nurturing environment in the areas of spiritual and moral formation, intellectual, personal, social, physical and aesthetic development. Mercy combines with the home, the church, and the civic community in the common effort of developing young men and women who will effectively play an important role in changing our society to be more responsive to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of its members.

We are always challenged to ask ourselves if what we do and how we spend our funds leads us in the direction of accomplishing our mission. I know that October has been a very busy month for us. I sat down the other day to think of how we have spent our time, efforts, and treasure as a school. I am sure that as you review this newsletter, you will see much evidence of our effort to accomplish our mission.

In the past month we have focused on spiritual and moral formation. Our students attended the 9th and 10th grade retreats with the Reach Retreat Team. Our seniors, along with the other seniors of the Catholic high schools in the diocese, attended the Senior Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento with Bishop Soto as the main celebrant. This month we also celebrated Mass with Father Michael Hebda. Our students have been collecting gently worn shoes all month for the Soles for Souls project to distribute to those in need. Many students provided service at the Dairyville Orchard Festival. As a staff, we attended Mustardseed with the other teachers of the diocese and focused for the day on the *Spirituality of Welcome*. As an administrator, I attended a retreat with the other principals of the diocese on Gospel Driven Leadership and also the Diocesan Assembly *Stir Into the Flame the Gift of God*. At school, we begin our day together in prayer. Each class throughout the day opens with prayer. Many of our athletic events begin with prayer. Students are not reluctant to share their personal intentions aloud. God is good all the time. I am so glad to be working at a school where spirituality is at the center of all we do.

In the area of intellectual development, the freshmen and sophomores have taken the National Educational Development tests and many sophomores and juniors chose to take the PSAT. Seniors are busy with the SAT and ACT and their college applications. Parents were invited to Report Card Night. All of these are opportunities to check academic growth. They also provide opportunities for teachers to let results drive instruction. To supplement the academic curriculum, the Biology class took a field trip to the Coleman Fish Hatchery. The counseling department attended annual conferences for high school counselors and held the Senior Parent Forum to counsel senior parents in the events of the senior year and the college application process. The Theater Arts department took interested students to CSU Chico to a series of workshops. Friday Night Live brought a speaker to our campus and provided activities to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in promotion of healthy lifestyle choices.

To strengthen our community, we held the Alumni Day and Barbecue after a home football game, and the Student Council sponsored the Fall Formal Dance that was well attended by our students. Madrigal production is underway and the Fall sports teams are winding down their activity after a full season.

We might be a small school, but we have a mighty mission. We work hard to achieve it.

Cheryl Ramirez

Principal

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Burger King Scholars Program – Burger King Scholars Program assist students who work part-time and excel academically. The Burger King Scholars Program has granted more than \$11.7 million scholarships throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. These scholarships are \$1,000 each. Applications are available online Sept. 15, 2008 – Feb. 2, 2009. To learn more about the BURGER KING Scholars Program or your eligibility, go to <http://www.bk.com/scholars>. You will need the following ACCESS KEY: BKS.

The California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarship – This scholarship is based upon a simple one-page application and a three to four page essay on “Importance of Establishing and Maintaining Good Credit during Your College Years”. First Award is \$2,500, 2nd Award \$2,000, and 3rd Award \$1,500. Deadline is Feb. 2, 2009. Application details are available on their website at www.cacesf.org or from Mrs. Agundes.

John F. Kennedy Profile In Courage Essay Contest – See Mrs. Agundes for information. 1000 word essay, \$5000 first place, \$1000 second place, and up to 5 finalists each receive \$500. January 10, 2009 deadline.

AXA Achievement Scholarship – To qualify, you must demonstrate: Ambition & drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and the ability to succeed in college. Go to www.axa-achievement.com to learn more about the scholarship program. Apply by December 15, 2008.

MetroPCS Community Scholars – MetroPCS and ZTE are awarding \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors who get involved in their communities. For more information visit www.metropcs.com/scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2008.

Big Sun Scholarship – The Big Sun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Deadline – June 27, 2009 - Amount of Award - \$500. Visit their website at www.bigsunathletics.com to learn how to apply.

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program – The National Security Agency (NSA) is a world leader in protecting U.S. government information systems and producing foreign signals intelligence information for our Nation’s key decision makers. They are looking for intelligent and imaginative critical thinkers to help meet these goals. With the Stokes Program, you will attend college full time, and then work during the summer at NSA for 12 weeks. You must have a minimum SAT score of 1600, or ACT of 25. You must also have a 3.0 GPA and must demonstrate leadership abilities. Apply between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 at www.NSA.gov/Careers. Click on Apply Online link and type in keywords “Stokes Educational Scholarship Program”.

KFC Colonel’s Scholars – Up to \$5,000 per year to a graduating senior with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, enrolling in a public, in-state college or university and pursuing a bachelor’s degree. Apply online at www.kfcscholars.org from Dec. 1, 2008 through Feb. 10, 2009.

Helpful Websites to Use When Searching for Scholarships

www.finaid.org - Set up a profile and receive information about scholarships

www.fastweb.com - Search for local and national scholarships on this page

www.srnexpress.com - Set up a profile and receive information about scholarships

www.scholarships.com - Search for local and national scholarships on this page

www.collegeboard.com - Search for local and national scholarships on this page. Go to the “Pay for college” tab.

www.gocollege.com - Search for local and national scholarships. Click on the “Financial Aid” tab.

www.petersons.com - Find scholarships, learn about loans and learn how to save for college.

Family Work Day Saturdays

Nov. 1 Dec.6 Jan. No Work Day

Feb. 7 Mar. 7 Apr. 4

May 2 (Spring Musical)

June School is out! Summer help will be needed!

If you have any questions about Family Work Day Saturdays, contact Jerry at 527-8313.



2008-2009 SAT Dates

2008-09 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*		Internat
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)	Early (Internati only)
December 6, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008	October 15, 2008
January 24, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2009	December 3, 2008
March 14, 2009	SAT only	February 10, 2009	February 24, 2009	N/A
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009	March 11, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009	April 15, 2009

2008 - 2009 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee)
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 10, 2008
February 7, 2009**	January 6, 2009	January 7, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 9 - 2009

AP Scholars Named

Four graduates from Mercy High School have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams. Jillian Jefferson (far left) qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of three or higher on four or more of these exams. Dana Meith (second from left), Kathryn Ward (third from left) and Benjamin Williams (far right) qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of three or higher.



The College Board's Advance Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams.

About 18 percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

Dean's Corner

I would like to clarify the attire for Mass at Mercy High. When students are asked to dress up for Mass, business attire is the appropriate type of clothing. Girls should wear skirts and blouses or dresses that are sufficiently long and appropriate for the business world. Shoes should also be the type that would be appropriate in an office. Party dresses, even though dressy, are not business attire. Boys should wear shirts, ties, slacks, and dress shoes. Athletic shoes are not appropriate. Our students are wonderful, and we would like this to be reflected in their dress at Mass.

---Eileen Bauer

Madrigal Comes to Mercy

Every year Mercy High School hosts the Madrigal Dinner at Sacred Heart Parish School. The dinner a medieval feast featuring a play and music. This is a family event, so bring the whole family along to enjoy the night of laughs, good times, and good food. This year the king is played by Danny Sandoval, accompanied by the queen, Angie Poundstone. Starting at 7:00 PM on December 9th and 10th, the Madrigal is a fundraiser for Mercy High School. Tickets are \$30. A flyer can be found in the newsletter with information on ordering tickets. You may also call the school at 527-8313 for more information.

The rest of the cast consists of Alaina Germano as Jester; Audra Muller as Mertonshire; Jackie Cendejas as the Captain; Camille Crowley as Matey; Teresa Francis as Ahoy; and Daniel Hammond as Admiral. Guards are Jess Foss and Alex McFadyen, and the Royal Court members are Mariah Lowe, Laura Germano, and Patricia Korbackova. The servers are Marina Gist, Samantha Mondragon, Brady McDonald, Steve Kim, Tommy Wilson, Diana Van Ert and Maggie Keller.

Students Travel to Fish Hatchery

On Tuesday, October 28, the Biology classes traveled to the Coleman National Fish Hatchery east of Anderson. Students were treated to a tour of the hatcheries various operations, including the fish ladder, the holding tanks, the spawning shed, the nursery, and the tanks in which the fish grow to releasable size. Students learned the life cycle of salmon and why the hatchery was established. This was a very interesting trip. Thanks to all the drivers who made this trip possible. Also, thank you students for your interest in what was happening at the hatchery.

---Eileen Bauer

Drama Club

The Drama Club went to Chico State to attend the High School Drama Festival last October 24th. There were seven students in attendance. There were lots of different workshops in the morning. Some students went to the workshop on acting for film, while other students learned about lighting, movement, singing, dance, and improvise. After the workshops, we went out to lunch in downtown Chico. The day was concluded with a presentation of all that the Chico State Theater Department had to offer, including tap dance, hip hop, improvise, and a five minute sample of their current production of Ubu Roi, a French Absurd production. The students had a good time and enjoyed it a lot.



Music Notes

On October 13 the Mercy choir traveled to Chico to hear the Soweto Gospel Choir. They are a Grammy award winning choir who sing unaccompanied except for drums. They were amazing. They sang in English and native dialects and also did native dances.

Mass was held on October 23 with Alex McFayden singing Psalm 98. The choir sang the familiar hymn "How Can I Keep From Singing" as their anthem following communion.

We are continuing to work on music for the Madrigal Dinner on December 9 & 10. Mark your calendars. Hope to see you there!

Science Class

Mrs. Bauer, along with being the teacher of Chemistry, Algebra 1, Biology, and AP Biology, is also the dean of students and the sophomore class advisor. All of her classes have been going extremely well this year and have been working hard, exceeding expectations. In AP Biology, one of the hardest APs taught at Mercy High School, the students have been working hard and non-stop on many different labs and projects on many different subjects such as photosynthesis, cellular respiration, diffusion and osmosis, and enzyme catalysis. Mrs. Bauer has a big Chemistry class this year with high hopes of top-notch performance. Both Algebra 1 and Biology have exceptionally bright students and are predicted to excel throughout the year. Good luck to all the students of room 1! —Ali Syed and Katie Sullivan

November 2008



- Nov. 1** Football - Hayfork @ Mercy Varsity only 2:30
Swim Finals @ Shasta College
- Nov. 4** Volleyball - Liberty Christian @ Mercy 5:30
Elk's Student of the Quarter Dinner 6pm
- Nov. 5** Kiwanis Lunch
- Nov. 6** Volleyball - Redding Christian @ Mercy 5:30
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Honor Roll Announced

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 & higher)

Carter Mudd
Hee Yang
Kyle Crowley
Harmony Lange
Christina Ordorica
Kevin Thibert
Lora Trout
Audra Muller
Allison Wong
Teresa Francis
Camille Gunsauls
Haley Kavanagh
Kathleen Sullivan
Sarahminda Czajka
Daniella Gutierrez
Maureen Dorsett
Alaina Germano
Ryan Ward
Jared Brown
Camille Crowley
Natasha Czajka
Jessica Foss
Ryan So
Thomas Wilson
Emily Crowley
Jennifer Gentry
Maggie Keller
Isaac Williams

"A" Honor Roll (3.5-3.99)

Michael Burns
Nicholas Cook
Michael Estrada
Shelby Duivenvoorden
Angela Poundstone
Jin Fu
Bailee Kernaghan
Sienna Retzer
Eric Moskal
Shelby Brohn
Wagner, da Rocha Jr.
Bianca Torres
Marta Espinosa
Patrick Farmer
Benicia Grace
Dylan Thomas
Mark Eachus
Giselle Espinosa
Laura Germano
Mitchell Inman
Kayleigh Mincer
Jacqueline Cendejas
Julene Stokes
Daniel Sandoval
Steve Kim

"B" Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

Tatiana Hernandez
Eric Lindeman
Felipe Carvalho
Gerald Bartlett
Seong Jang
Brandon Trapozzano
Mariha Lowe
Christopher Rosauer
Scott Farmer
Gabriela Reynoza
Aaron Gash
Hana Hederova
Hector Rodriguez
Cameron Vietti
Henry Wan
Wesley Inman
Alexandra McFadyen
Jennifer Payne
Michael Uhalde
Diana Van Ert
Marcus Estrada
Mitchell Lopez
Sean Kearns
Brady McDonald
Marina Gist
Emyleigh Nelson
Logan Baer
Samantha Mondragon

Fall Formal Held Oct. 25

Friday Night Live hosted Fall Formal at Mercy High School Gymnasium on October 25, 2008. Marta Espinosa and Audra Muller were the dance chairmen and decided on the theme *Afterglow*. From the entrance to the gym, you saw tables aglow and blue, black, and silver balloons surrounding the dance floor. Students were given glow bracelets to add to the the atmosphere. Mr. Cherveney acted as our d.j., presenting a colorful light show and music that led students to dance the night away. Parents donated wonderful food for the students' enjoyment. Food and drinks were served in the courtyard, which was lit with tiny white lights for the occasion. Mark Thau, our photographer, created a picture backgrounds where students appear to be standing on top of the world among the stars. Overall the dance was a complete success that the students enjoyed all night. FNL would like to thank all parents who chaperoned and prepared food for this event, as well as teachers and students who participated in organizing this dance.



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---Marta Espinosa and Audra Muller

Top left: Students dance the Macarena. Bottom left: Students danced the night away. Bottom right: Ashley Raschke, Alex McFayden, and Jenna Payne lit up the evening.



Students Collect Shoes

Our Soles4Souls shoe drive was a great success! Thank you to the many friends and families who donated shoes. Soles4Souls facilitates the donations of shoes which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. We will be shipping the shoes to their Las Vegas center where they will then be distributed to people in need to over 60 countries on 5 continents, including the U.S., Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Swaziland, Uganda, Iraq, Peru, Thailand and Nepal. The money that was sent with the shoes will help with the cost to ship the shoes to the distributiou center. We still have more shoes to ship, so if you would like to make a donation to help ship the remainder of shoes you can still participate.

In Christ Peace!

“We are the hands and feet of Christ”

Richard Cherveney

Director of Campus Ministry



CSF Projects

This year the CSF chapter at Mercy High School is trying to raise money to sponsor tuition for deserving students at Mercy. Toward that goal, CSF members have sold salads at lunch and will also sell hot chocolate at break during the school year. Thanks to all the members of CSF who have helped with these activities! ---Helen Arbini

Mercy High School would like to express its condolences to the family of Frank "Skip" Jones, who passed away on Oct. 22. Your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Varsity Football

The Warriors have had many leaders in statistics this year for their league. Michael Burns leads the Evergreen League with over 700 yards passing. Scott Farmer is 5th in league for rushing yards with 540 yards. Eric Lindeman leads the league in receiving yards with 391, and Kyle Crowley is 2nd in league in total tackles with 93. The Warriors will play their last league game on Nov. 1 at Sacred Heart field, before heading off to division playoffs. Good luck Warriors, and keep up the good work!

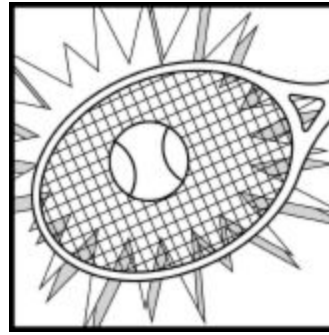
JV Football

This has been a great year for the 2008 JV football team(3-3). They had a bit of a rough start, but now are doing better than ever. They won two of their last three games. They beat U-Prep 15-14, and they also beat Tulelake 28-6. The season closed with a loss to Maxwell. Playing against larger numbers, the JV team showed a lot of determination and drive throughout their season.

Swim Team

The Swim Team ended their season at Winters High School. Two of our swimmers qualified to go on to the N.S.C.I.F. Division 2. Hana Hederova swam the 50 freestyle, and Ryan Ward (below) swam the 100 fly. Angie Poundstone, Marina Gist, and Daniel Sandoval, and Michael Estrada swam their hardest in the 50 freestyle. Ryan So, a new swimmer, and Kit Waits also did well swimming the 100 freestyle.

It has been one of the most exciting and memorable swim seasons ever. All of the swimmers worked extremely hard and it showed.



Girls Tennis

Over the last month the Lady Warrior's tennis team has had its share of ups and downs. The team has been

struggling to put wins on the board, and each player is improving constantly. Lora Trout defeated 2 of the 3 of the number 1 seeds in the Sacramento Valley League. Lora and Audra Muller have grown as a doubles team. Over the course of the last month every player has shown improvement. Teresa Francis has improved her consistency of both her backhand and forehand. Mariha Lowe and Jackie Cendejas have been improving their footwork, and it's paying off in matches. Sienna Retzer and Emily Crowley have improved their serve percentage. Laura Germano has worked extensively on her backhand. The team headed to Yuba City for playoffs, and Lora Trout advanced to the next stage.



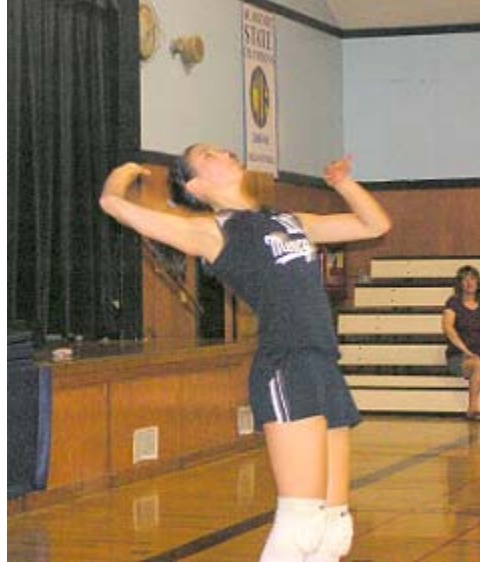
J.V. Volleyball

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team is working well as a team. Many players are realizing their specialties. For example Ashley Raschke, Kayleigh Mincer, and Emy Nelson are doing a great job as outside hitters, and Diana Van Ert has been able to hit a few quick sets placed by Julene Stokes in the middle. Both Alex McFadyen and Camille Crowley are also attacking from middle front. Key defensive back row players, Giselle Espinosa and Jennifer Gentry are passing right to our setters, Julene Stokes, Maggie Keller and Natasha Czajka. The team is working very hard and I am proud of each player's efforts. Our most challenging match will be against Uprep on Oct. 30-come support the girls if you can. I would like to thank all of the Varsity and Junior Varsity parents who have helped with the gate, snack bar, clock or as scorekeeper at our home games. We couldn't play without all of your efforts! ---Coach Keller



Varsity Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team are doing really well so far. Between Sept. 24 and Oct. 21, they only lost 1 out of 6 games. They beat Champion Christian, Tulalake, University Prep twice, Redding Christian once and lost to Redding Christian once. They have four more games to play in this season. We look forward to some more exciting play on the court from our Lady Warriors! *Right: Allison Wong shows her amazing serve.*



Dia de Los Muertos

Normally in our Spanish class, we celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, a special day honoring family and friends who have passed away. In the Spanish 1 class we made candy skulls decorated with colorful icings and sprinkles in remembrance of a loved one who passed away. In the Spanish 2 class we made offerings and brought in home made gifts and pictures for passed loved ones. Spanish 3 won't be doing any special offerings like candy skulls or home made gifts, but we will take time on November 1st to remember and pray for passed loved ones.

All-Saints Day

All of the Christian Leadership religion classes will be doing saint reports for All Saints Day, which is November first. The reports will be displayed for students and teachers to view. Currently, the religion classes are watching a movie about Saint Therese of Lisieux, approved by the Vatican. Students are also planning the All Soul's Day prayer service, which will be held on Oct. 31.

3-D Art

In 3-D Art and Design, students learn the fundamental basics of creating art in a three-dimensional way. Mr. Cherveney allows students to unlock their creative capacities, by allowing much leeway in the choice of the shape department. Students use such tools as clay, paper, even tiles to capture the creative abilities lurking in their bodies. This semester the 3-D Art class is developing their interest in clay. They have made tiny rattles, tiles, and alaqbrijes, which are colorful little Aztec animals made out of clay.

Athletes Sell Dough

Thanks for all the support in selling cookie dough for MHS Athletics!

The results are in and your students sold 260 tubs of cookie dough and collected over \$3700 in orders and donations!

The Stats:

Tennis: 38 tubs - \$193.04 + (\$180 additional donations)

Swimming: 47 tubs - \$238.76

Varsity Volleyball: 72 tubs - \$365.76 + (\$122 additional donations)

JV Volleyball: 93 tubs - \$472.44 + (\$30 additional donations)

Due to shipping costs, our income per tub was \$5.08. (If we had sold 336+ tubs, there would have been a \$6 per tub profit.) The JV Volleyball team also gets a \$50 bonus for their awesome efforts!

Congratulations also to Danny Sandoval and Maggie Keller, who sold 25 tubs each, and split the \$50 top-seller prize!

The Cookie Dough delivery date is Thursday November 13th at 12:30 pm. We will need to distribute the dough that day, so please plan accordingly.

Many teams received flat or additional donations from supporters. There were also a few "unassigned" tubs ordered from our newsletter mailing.

Congratulations Mercy High!

A check for \$6,062.26 in Annie B donations was received from the North Valley Community Foundation on Friday, October 17th. This included the 10.6% grant on top of the donations made in Mercy High School's name to the foundation. The Annie B's Community Drive was for the month of August and September. Kelly Crane, representing Mercy High School, attended the closing celebration at Chico City Plaza on Saturday, October 11th. Friends and supporters of Mercy High School again responded generously, in spite of the recent economic climate. This confirms our feeling that difficult times often bring out the best human qualities. Most donors understand that their support is still needed and they are willing to continue their charitable commitments, even as their household income is squeezed. For those of you who participated, THANK YOU!

October Parent Guild Meeting

Auction Report: Diane Poundstone reminded everyone that the auction is November 22 at Rolling Hills Casino. Large oral auction items are what make the auction successful. We already have a few great items such as: use of a house in Almanor and one in Trinidad, a Stay and Play package worth over \$600 from Rolling Hills, a fishing trip, hayride/picnic, Reno rodeo tickets, etc. There was discussion about who to contact for other large items. It was suggested to contact Jim Hanks, an alumni and brother of actor Tom Hanks. Dayvene said she would contact him along with her other contacts. Auction meeting will follow this meeting for further discussion.

Booster Club Yard Sale- Club made \$2,500 last weekend which is twice what they made last year.

Alumni Day Report: Mary O'Keefe reported that the Alumni Day went very well. 165 people were served dinner. There were 30 people from the class of 1988 and 14 from the class of 1993. It is likely that the school will not have Alumni Day next year because of the school's 50th anniversary.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Arbini provided a Notification of Asbestos Program Management Plan dated August 2008, which is in compliance with EPA's asbestos in schools regulation 40 CFR763. The plan is available for review in the office and the Diocese office for anyone interested.

Development Director Report: Mary O'Keefe reported that Mrs. Ramirez asked for marketing donations at all the Masses last week.

-There is discussion of conducting a television campaign for three months to be run after the first of the New Year. Proposals are being compared between Channel 7 and the Cable Channel.

-The past fundraiser list of attendees was fine-tuned and cleaned up (there were 434 names). Invitations were sent out to this list, the Mercy Families, the former Bishop Quinn families plus priests and nuns.

-This week Mary and Brenda Snider are planning on visiting Our Lady of Mercy, St. Joseph's and other Catholic grammar schools to place Mercy information on their bulletin boards. All schools have been notified that Mercy is the only Catholic high school in the North State.

-Six students helped with Sacred Heart School's Calico Faire on October 11. The Mercy Key Club volunteered at the Dairyville Festival this past weekend.

-Meeting adjourned by Dorothy Sandoval at approximately 6:30 p.m.; Auction Meeting held immediately afterward by Diane Poundstone.

-Next PG meeting is at 6pm in Teacher's Lounge on November 17, 2008.

Alumni Day is Great Success

Alumni Day, October 11 was a great success! For all of you who were unable to attend, we hope to see you at a future Alumni event.

The day started out with an open house at the school where alumni and their families enjoyed strolling up and down the halls looking at sports photos and plaques. As alumni proudly pointed out their teams, they were met with responses such as, "you really wore your hair like that?" Coffee and pastries were served in the lobby where old yearbooks were displayed and enjoyed by the visitors. The gym was set up for the dinner along with class posters. Numerous alumni took advantage of the open house. Then off to the football games to watch Mercy's JV and Varsity victories over Tulelake. The games were very well attended by visiting alumni and their families. Then back to the high school to share a BBQ dinner and more memories. The classes of 1988 and 1993 took advantage of Alumni Weekend to hold their own class reunions. It was wonderful to hear so many positive remarks and stories of how Mercy High School helped shaped their future. The friendships they made at Mercy are still a part of their lives. The alumni attending represented the classes from 1941 to 2008.

We thank all of you for attending, a strong alumni make for a stronger Mercy High School. GO WARRIORS!

Kavanagh Places 3rd

Haley Kavanagh, a MHS senior, placed 3rd in Division IV in the Tehama County Autumn Art Contest. Haley's entry was an interpretation of the theme "Tehama County Wildlife." Over 180 entries from 16 different schools were entered. Congratulations Haley!

