

Dear Senior Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to senior year! As your daughter begins her busy senior year schedule, we hope she will take some time to deepen her spiritual life as well. Senior year offers her a chance to step away and attend a four day, three night retreat at Colombiere Retreat Center in Clarkston. This retreat is the KAIROS Retreat and Kairos is Greek for "God's Time." We feel this is a very important part of your daughter's formation. We offer three opportunities for your daughter this year: November 4-7, 2014; February 10-13, 2015 and March 17-20, 2015. Some of the themes that will be covered on this retreat are: Christian Ideals and Values, God's Friendship, Living the Message of Christ.

The cost of the KAIROS retreat is \$185.00, which covers transportation, room, board and a portion of the retreat expenses; the rest is covered by the activities fee. Fifty-five dollars of the fee will be a non-refundable deposit. We realize that this is a substantial fee for you and your daughter and so we offer an installment payment option to assist with making this cost more manageable. We feel this experience is important for everyone to have an opportunity to experience so no student will be turned down because of financial need (please contact Carol MacLennan for details on applying for assistance).

If you would like to donate to the Retreat Scholarship Fund to sponsor or assist with the cost of a student's Kairos Retreat please indicate this on your daughter's registration form. Please include the amount of your donation with your payment and you will receive acknowledgement of your donation.

It is important that both you and your daughter are aware that she will be responsible for making up the school work missed while she is on retreat. We do believe that retreats are an important part of the total education of your daughter, but her academic work should not suffer because of them. We also feel that students who have either under a 2.0 cumulative GPA or many absences should not miss any more school days. We reserve the right to withhold consent for a student to attend the retreat due to grades and/or absences. "In addition, the school reserves the right to prohibit a student from attending a retreat due to school rule violation(s) and/or inappropriate behavior."

Your daughter is now able to register for any of the three retreats by accessing forms on the MHS Pastoral Ministry Retreats: Section 1 - Schoology Courses. Please go to <https://mhsmi.schoology.com> click on Courses at the top and then select JOIN and use this code in the

box: 4C588-MQPS7. Then click on the Kairos Folder. The mandatory forms include: permission/registration form, behavioral contract and medical-release form. These forms along with a fifty-five dollar deposit payable to Mercy High School are required to register your daughter for a retreat. Please have your daughter return the forms and payment to the Pastoral Team Room. This should be done **ASAP. All retreats are filled on a first-come-first serve basis. Note: There are registration deadlines for each retreat and these will be strictly enforced. Please contact Mrs. MacLennan (Mrs. Mac) if you have questions or concerns regarding this.**

We are looking forward to sharing this special time with your daughter. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. On behalf of Pastoral Ministry, may your family enjoy this special time and enjoy God's blessings as you and your daughter begin this eventful year.

Sincerely,

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