

Dear Parents of Juniors,

Greetings and welcome to a new school year from the Pastoral Ministry Department at Mercy High School! Your daughter has an opportunity to attend a Junior Overnight Retreat sponsored by Mercy's Pastoral Ministry Office. There are three retreats to choose from: October 9-10, 2014; or November 18-19, 2014; or April 23-24, 2015. The theme of the retreat is "Finding God in All Things" and it is the next step of the four-year retreat plan at Mercy.

The girls will be away for two days and one night while we focus on who God is, where God can be found in our lives and how to work on her relationship with God. Your daughter will leave for the retreat at the beginning of school day and return to Mercy by sign-out on the second day of the retreat.

The retreats are held at the Colombiere Retreat Center, in Clarkston, MI. The cost of the retreat is \$80.00, which covers transportation, room and board, and a portion of retreat expenses (the rest of the cost is covered by the activities fee). You may speak with Carol MacLennan in the Pastoral Ministry Office about the availability of scholarship. No student will be turned down because of financial need. If you would like to donate towards the retreat scholarship fund, to sponsor a portion or an entire retreat for another student, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please designate this on the registration form with the amount you wish to donate and include it with your payment. You will receive acknowledgement of your donation from the Advancement office.

It is important that both you and your daughter are aware that she will be fully responsible for making up the schoolwork 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 not let students attend the retreat due to grades, behavior and 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. This will allow you access to the "course" then click on the Junior Retreat folder. All retreats are filled on a first come first serve**

basis. Therefore, if your daughter is interested in the October Retreat **action is required ASAP**. The following completed forms: permission, behavioral contract, and medical release forms are required along with the deposit of \$40.00 payable to Mercy High school. The forms and payment may be turned in to the Pastoral Team Room ASAP.

We hope your daughter decides to avail herself of this opportunity to spend time away from her busy schedule enriching her relationship with God. We look forward to the possibility of this special time with your daughter. If you have questions do not hesitate to contact us by phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

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