

THE DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, February 22, 2018



Day 1: Special Bell
Black History Month
Chinese/Lunar New Year
Guidance movie screening in homeroom followed by advisory groups
31 minute periods; 32 minute lunches; no co-curricular

"You must be cheerful and happy, animating all around you."
~ Catherine McAuley

BRAVA: Congratulations to the gold Mock Trial team for winning their match against Ridley High School this week! Ava Pecora received the best attorney award and Ciara Philips-Darby received the best witness award. With the win the gold team joins the blue team in advancing to the district playoffs, which begin next week. Good luck to both teams!

STUDENTS: The documentary film *Screenagers* will be shown to all students in homeroom today at 8:45am. *Screenagers* examines the impact of technology usage on teen development, relationships, and family structures. Not including school work, teens spend about 6.5 hours per day in front of a screen. The film explores the impact of this screen time and ways in which to "navigate the digital world and find balance" for teens and families. It also examines technology addiction, the pros and cons of technology, and how to handle the meteoric rise of technology in schools. For more information visit www.screenagersmovie.com or see Miss Savarese. Following the screening, all students will meet in advisory groups.

**FACULTY,
STAFF, &
STUDENTS:**

The cast and crew of Merion Mercy Music Theater (MMMT) are proud to present *9 to 5: The Musical*, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick. The show opens on our Convent stage tomorrow (Friday) at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale for \$13/adult and \$11/child; purchase at the door or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3325540. Additional performances run on February 24th, March 2nd, and March 3rd at 7:30pm; and February 25th and March 4th at 2pm. Here's a plot preview...Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! The women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down and learning there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world.

PREP BUS: Riders of the Prep Bus system are reminded that only "modified" service will be provided tomorrow (Friday) in the morning and the afternoon. St. Joe's Prep students do not have school that day.

NHS: The next meeting of National Honor Society will take place on Tuesday, February 27th during co-curricular period in the gym. No food or beverage is permitted in the gym, but we invite you to bring non-perishable, healthy, after-school snacks for the young students who meet at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries. Please refer to the list of donation suggestions on the "Service" note of the NHS eBoard.

MUSICIANS: The Liturgical Choir is looking for more guitarists, a drummer, and an electric bass player. Please come and see Ms. Latham if you would like to pursue this opportunity; it would be especially wonderful if you already know how to play.

STUDENTS: Attention writers, artists, photographers, playwrights, and musicians! *Image Explosion* is looking for submissions for the 2018 edition. The deadline for written pieces has passed. Photography and art are due by Wednesday, February 28th. Look for an email with more information on how to submit. Or see Keara Gilligan, Molly McDermott, Zenia Nasevich, or Miss Savarese.

SENIORS: The Senior Sleepover has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, March 10th into Sunday, March 11th. This is the only remaining plan that is viable given our school calendar and usage of facilities. Mr. Pidot has now emailed the seniors (and made available on the website) an updated permission form with details about the event. A clear *majority* of the class must hand in signed permissions and payments of \$25 per person by Friday, March 2nd in order for this fun privilege to become a reality.