



Mother McAuley

Liberal Arts High School

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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SEPTEMBER 2008

GREETINGS FROM DR. MELONE



Dr. Christine Melone, President/Principal

I am so very fond of this time of year. School is back in session, the hallways are bustling, activities abound and the feeling of a fresh beginning is in the air.

As an educator, I always look forward to the start of a new school year and all the possibilities it may bring.

Great possibilities were realized over the summer with the many building improvements that were made. The dining hall, student lounge, teacher workroom and bookstore were all remodeled. The remodeling included air conditioning in these areas as well as in the small gym. The restrooms in the auditorium were also remodeled this summer and the installation of 15 security cameras, seven inside and eight outside, was completed.

Academic possibilities are also abundant. For instance, your daughter may be a student in one of the science or art classes that will begin exploring the use of solar power from the six solar panels that were installed in August. If your daughter is an aspiring writer she may spend her time in the new writing center in our East building created specifically so students will have a dedicated space to focus on their writing skills. Many of our girls will benefit from a new self-defense program that has been made possible through a generous donation from the Sheffieck family. This program allows our PE students to complete a multi-week course in self-defense basics.

It is because of these and the many other new and established programs that I look forward to this year with great enthusiasm. May the spirit of inspiration and possibility continue with us on our journey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine M. Melone,
President/Principal

MCAULEY RECEIVES \$35,000 IN ENERGY GRANTS

Through the generous support of BP's A+ for Energy Program and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, McAuley will be introducing four new exciting alternative energy education programs this year. With \$25,000 of support from a global energy leader like BP and \$10,000 from a local conservation group like Illinois Clean Energy Foundation, McAuley students now have new opportunities to explore the important world of energy conservation.



Kathleen Gordon Davis (left) and Dr. Roz Iasillo

Science Department Chairperson Dr. Roz Iasillo designed "Energize McAuley – An Alternative Energy Audit" as an opportunity for students to learn how the school uses energy, to implement energy savings, and to learn about alternative energy sources. Art teacher Mrs. Kathleen Gordon Davis developed "Connections: Energy, Visual Arts and Our Environment" as an interdisciplinary project with the Science Department. Students in the Studio Art and Advanced Placement Art classes will work with the Environmental

science students to create visual art pieces directly related to the study of energy and alternative sources. Physics teacher Mr. Robert Thomas developed "Converting Solar and Wind Energy to Electricity" as a research project for his Physics Honors students. Approximately 100 students will work in teams to build and collect data from wind and solar energy kits, convert the energy into electricity and conduct experiments using different variables to try and obtain the most power from the energy sources.



Dr. Christine Melone (left) and Robert Thomas



The solar panels are located on the roof facing south near the Music Department.

BP's A+ for Energy program was created to recognize innovative energy education activities in the classroom. Awardees receive a grant to implement their program, a full scholarship to attend a three-day Energy Educator Training Conference, and a Science of Energy kit and other classroom materials valued at \$500.

Mother McAuley was also able to install six solar panels thanks to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The installation of the solar panels is an extension of the A+ for Energy projects. The focus of the project is to educate students regarding alternative energy sources for a sustainable way of life.

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation provides grants up to \$10,000 of the cost of installing a new 1kW photovoltaic (PV) system to convert sunlight into electric power. Although small, each system will generate free electricity. To enhance the educational value of the system, online monitoring to provide real-time data on the amount of electricity generated is included as part of the grant. Visit www.illinoisolarschools.org/solar-schools and click on Mother McAuley in the list on the right to find out how much energy the panels are creating.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: A LIVING CIVIC LESSON

Brother Rice and Mother McAuley co-hosted a mock Presidential Debate on September 17 with more than 1500 junior high students from area schools. The Debate featured speeches from historical figures,

vignettes about the 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments, and speeches by Senator Obama (Brother Rice junior Harrison Burt) and Senator McCain (Brother Rice senior Ben Grassi).



Students in Mrs. Haynes Theatre Seminar I class performed vignettes, portrayed historical figures such as Susan B. Anthony and Rosa Parks, and served as members of the Press Corps.

Guests speakers included Illinois State Senator Ed Maloney who spoke on the presidential election process and Superintendent of Catholic Schools Sr. Mary Paul addressed the importance of Catholics voting. Brother Rice Alumni parent and attorney Burt Odelson provided 15 touch screen voting booths and spoke on the two-party election system adding in the new Green Party.

Members of the Brother Rice/Mother McAuley Band, the Mother McAuley A Cappella Choir, and Mother McAuley Orchestra performed patriotic songs. Rice and McAuley students also acted as members of the Press Corps and as roaming reporters to take questions from the audience. Throughout the morning, the junior high students were able to cast their vote. The day ended with a game show style trivia contest.

ENGLISH NEWS

NEW WRITING CENTER

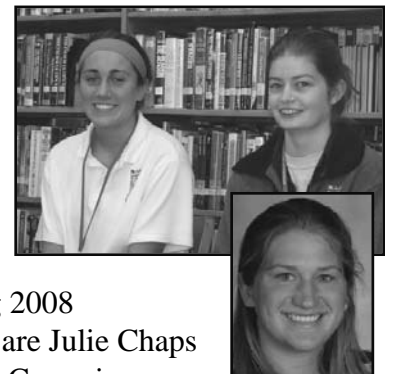
The English Department is proud to announce the reestablishment of the Writing Center. The Writing Center is staffed by an English teacher each period of the day and offers individual conferences for writing assignments in any subject as well as



for job applications, college essays, or contest/scholarship applications. As a resource for faculty of all departments, the Center will be invaluable in achieving our all-school goals to improve writing in all departments and prepare students for the newly required essay portion of the ACT exam. Located in room 127, it is also the office for the staff of the *Inscape* Newspaper and the *Equinox* Literary Magazine.

POETRY ACCOLADES

Three students from Mrs. Murphy's Freshman Honors class had poems selected for publication in *Creative Communications: Spring 2008* Anthology. The students are Julie Chaps (*inset*) for "Hate"; Molly Cummings (*above left*) for "Sunny Day in May"; and Kim Schmidt (*above right*) for "The Grade". Congratulations to them all for their perseverance and success in writing!



(top photo) Senior Carly Coffman visited the Writing Center to receive help for writing her college application essay. (left) Carly receives a few tips from Mrs. Mazzola.

ART NEWS

McAuley National Art Honor Society students were a hit again this year at Oak Lawn's annual "Fall on the Green" Festival. More than a dozen student volunteers spent two days giving free face painting to children.

All junior high girls are invited to the Junior High Art Workshop on Tuesday, October 21 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Please call 773-881-6511 for information and to register.

MUSIC NEWS

The Music Department will present "A Night at the Opera" on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Each of McAuley's performing groups, including the Brother Rice Band, will present pieces from the world's most popular operas. Admission is free and all are welcome.

COUNSELING INFORMATION

The Counseling Department is pleased to introduce our new College Counselor, Ms. Elizabeth Rozwadowski. Ms. Rozwadowski holds a M.A. in School Counseling from Concordia University and a B.A. from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. She is an Illinois State Certified School Counselor and High School Teacher.



COLLEGE NIGHT

All students and parents are invited to College Night on Monday, September 22 from 7- 9 p.m. Mother McAuley and Brother Rice will host over 150 colleges & universities. There will be a Financial Aid Presentation from 6 - 6:50 p.m. in the McAuley Auditorium. A list of the colleges and locations will be posted on the College Counseling page on Edline, but copies will also be available at the door.

TESTING INFORMATION

Wednesday, October 15 is National Testing Day. Juniors will be taking the PSAT, while Sophomores and Freshmen will take the PLAN test. Since Seniors will not be testing, they are encouraged to schedule college visits on that day.

THEATRE NEWS

ALL SCHOOL SHOW - "BABES IN ARMS"

"Babes in Arms" is one of Rodgers and Hart's musicals which features a score of great classic tunes including "Where or When," "I Wish I Were In Love Again," "Johnny One Note," and "Lady Is A Tramp." The show was also adapted for film starring Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney. The performances will be November 19-23rd in the McAuley Theatre.

The Theatre Department is looking for parents interested in assisting on the show. The department needs seamstresses, hairstylists, builders, and parents to help pick up costumes, serve dinners to the cast during production week, take pictures, and provide general assistance. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Haynes at 773-881-6512.



ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to senior Aimee Jarzembowski who was chosen for this year's all-state show "Hairspray" at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival. Aimee is the understudy for the lead role and a member of the ensemble. Also, Mrs. Haynes, Theatre Chairperson is a member of the Festival Executive Committee serving as Associate Director of College Auditions.

IMPROV NIGHT and OPEN MIC NIGHT

The Theatre Department is sponsoring two new events to provide more performance opportunities during the first semester. An Improv Night on Sunday, September 28th and an Open Mic Night on Sunday, October 26th. We will invite parents and friends to join the audience for both events.

NOT-SO-HAUNTED HOUSE

The Theatre Department and Thespian Troupe #443 of the International Thespian Society will present their annual Not-So-Haunted House for children pre-school thru 4th grade on Wednesday, October 29th from 3:30-6:30. Children will enjoy a fairytale theme with performances, games, and a magical Halloween journey. Cost is \$1 per child and \$2 per adult to help defray the cost of supplies and treats. This is a no trick event which uses drama and storytelling to enhance the little ones' Halloween fun.

THANKS TO ALL

Thanks to all who attended our summer productions of "Grease" and "Mame" and also all the families whose younger students were members of our Kids Kamp. The Kids Kampers performed in "Sleeping Beauty" and "Once Upon a Mattress" to the delight of our audiences.

RECRUITING NEWS

SHADOW DAYS

The Shadow Program at McAuley is an opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to spend the day at McAuley. Parents should register their daughter at least three school days prior to a visit by completing and mailing the Shadow Form available on our website; completing the online Shadow Registration; or by calling the Recruitment Office at 773-881-6566. The Shadow Day Program is offered until December 20.

OPEN HOUSES

McAuley has two Open Houses in the fall. They are scheduled for Sunday, November 2 from noon to 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

PARENT AMBASSADORS

McAuley parents interested in being a Parent Ambassador during our Open House may contact the Recruiting Office at lfleck@mothermcauley.org or 773-881-6511.

ALUMNAE AMBASSADORS

Any alumna interested in welcoming prospective families at Open House may become an Alumnae Ambassador by contacting the Alumnae Office at jmalloy@mothermcauley.org or 773-881-6565.

LEGACY STUDENTS

McAuley welcomes more than 300 legacy students this year. Like their mothers, aunts, grandmothers and thousands of other women before them, these young women share the educational journey begun by Catherine McAuley.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT

7th & 8th
Grade Girls

At McAuley,
the fun
doesn't stop
at 3 o'clock!

Friday, Dec. 12
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Fun!
Food!
Friends!

Join us for a night
of games and activities
hosted by McAuley's
Clubs, Organizations
and Intramurals!

Visit mothermcauley.org
for more information

FACULTY NEWS



Learning Resource Teacher Amanda Giordano completed a 40-hour domestic violence training with Pillars in order to become a state certified domestic violence advocate.

The English Department faculty attended a summer institute in the beginning of June focusing on ACT Preparation.

Theology teachers Teresa LeCompte and Liz Weigel presented at the Bishop Gordon Institute at Saint Xavier University on "Liturgy and Prayer Life of Schools."

Liz Weigel was a member of the planning committee for the World Youth Day 2008 Liturgy, celebrated at St. John of the Cross in Western

Springs, by Francis Cardinal George. Many of our students participated as choir members, dancers and attendees.

Art Sheridan, Theology, traveled from Seattle to Chicago by bicycle this summer with World Vision - Team New York. The team was riding to raise money and awareness for the plight of children in the world, particularly in Lesotho Africa. Children are being left orphaned for many reasons including HIV/AIDS and poverty. Along the ride they stopped at various youth groups to speak about what is happening to the children in Lesotho.



ALUMNAE NEWS

PUTT & PARTY 2008

The Annual Golf Outing (sponsored by the Alumnae Board) was Friday, August 8 at Stony Creek Golf Course in Oak Lawn. The outing raised more than \$10,000 which will provide tuition assistance to McAuley students. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



The grand prize-winner of \$1,000 was JoAnn O'Malley '87 (above left) with Dr. Christine Melone.

The Martin Family are proud supporters of the Alumnae Golf Outing. Family

members include (left to right) alumnae Rose Martin Parker '77, Beth Martin Kwiatkowski '80, sophomore Johanna Martin, future Mighty Mac McKenna Martin, alumna Maureen Martin Moskal '67, sophomore Melissa Marlin, Janice Martin and Michael Martin.



ALUMNA NAMED MRS. CHICAGO

Danielle Cortes DeVito '92 has been named "Mrs. Chicago 2009." She was chosen because of her community service and commitment to family.

In addition to her job as a Chicago Fire Department Paramedic, she finds time to teach CPR and First Aid in her community. She also volunteers as an American Heart Association Stroke Ambassador and is an advocate for research on women's heart disease.

On September 8, she visited Mother McAuley and spoke to the students about the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women." This "Go Red" campaign is a national movement to help fight back against the No. 1 killer of American women.



SAVE THE DATE!

McAuley
Mothers Club
Presents
The
3rd Annual



"Ladies' Night Out"
at Mother McAuley

VENDOR
FAIR

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Sandra Gamez, Charlene Edwards and Gayle Gilliam and all the volunteers who helped with the All School Parent Night Reception; to Julia O'Brien and Magalie Merisca who coordinated the Freshman Father Daughter Dance and made it a special evening for all; and to Marci Batsakis for making the Mother Daughter Mass and Reception a memorable event for our families.

Mark your calendars: The next Mothers Club Meeting will be on Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. and with upcoming meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 6 and our not-to-be missed famous Christmas Party on December 4. Come join the Mothers Club and be a part of McAuley. Hope to see you there!!

The 2008-2009 Mothers Club officers are President, Bonnie Murray, Vice President, Charlene Edwards, Treasurer, Kristine Sutich, Recording Secretary, Mary Fleming and Corresponding Secretary, Mary Ann Maslanka.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The "Soon to be Famous" Spaghetti Dinner on November 22 will be from 5 to 8 p.m. in the McAuley Dining Hall. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students 17 and under. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs and garlic bread. Join us for a delicious dinner and then attend the All-School Musical, "Babes in Arms". Watch the McAuley web site for more details

Wreath Sale: Pick-up will be on December 5. The sale includes wreaths, holiday crosses and door swags all decorated with a festive red bow. Wreaths will be on sale at the Mothers Club Vendor Night on November 8 or through the web site at: www.mothersclub.org.

Fathers Club meetings: Meetings are held monthly in the Faculty Lounge at McAuley. The next meeting will be Monday, November 3 at 7 p.m. Pizza and refreshments are always served.

The 2008-2009 Fathers Club officers are President, Chris Parker, Vice President, Rich Jakes, Secretary, Mike Filippone, Treasurer, John Frieson and Membership Secretary, Lou Lake. We invite all McAuley dads to join and become more involved in their daughter's school.

MCAULEY FATHERS CLUB WELCOMES FRESHMAN FAMILIES

The 5th Annual Freshmen Family Picnic was held on August 17, 2008. Incoming freshmen and their families enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of food, games and music provided by the McAuley Fathers Club. The freshmen were divided into homeroom groups to play games and get to know each other before the first day of school. The Tuition Raffle was also drawn at this event and the winner of one year full tuition was the Bennett Family.



MEMORIAL PRAYER CARD PROGRAM

The Sisters of Mercy offer the McAuley community two beautiful memorial cards to honor loved ones. They can be used as memorial cards, healing cards or for special intentions. All those being honored are remembered in a special monthly mass offered in Mercy Chapel and in the daily prayers of the Sisters of Mercy. Two sizes are available, either an 8x10 with a suggested donation of \$20 or a 4x6 with a suggested donation of \$10. Donations help support McAuley's endowment for student financial aid. To request a Mass Card, please contact JoAnn Altenbach in McAuley's Development Office at jaltenbach@mothermcauley.org or by calling 773-881-6559.

Mass/Prayers Remembrances

Olga Baccetti Aiello '39	Rosemary Gambla	Rosalie Morsovilla
John William Aird	Sister Laurus Gannon, RSM	Sister Chiara Mulligan, RSM '45
Shirley Allers	Mary Gergits	Lucille Murray
Harry Andrasco	Pete Goelz	Maureen Murphy
Mary Jane Mack Armstrong '38	William Goy	Kenny Myers
Barbara McCann Bansley	Janet Greksius	Leonard Noreikis
Rose Bissell	Walter Gruszecki	Kristin O'Brien
Renata Golden Braasch '34	Raymond Hall	Barbara Leonard O'Connor '57
Florence Rodney Brechting '40	Sharon Hallagan	Sister Mary Denis O'Grady, RSM '33
Catherine Brennan	Delores Hammond	Virginia Grabske O'Grady '57
Maureen O'Malley Drew-Brejcha '64	Mary Hardiman '44	Brian O'Neil
Rita Dee Burnett '58	Sister Norella Hartnett, RSM	Beth Evans O'Rourke '77
Eleanor McFarland Bush '40	Margaret M. Haran	Joe O'Shea
Mary Byrnes	Nancy Harmening	Mary Bullen Padgham '44
Mary O'Conner Byrnes '45	Leo Henning	Anne Walsh Pesavento '38
Mary Margaret Carmody '47	Ken Hesson	Sharon Sweeney Poull '55
Judge Thomas Carmody	Marion Higgins	Bill Powell
Bernard Carey	Edward J. Hosty	Lorraine (Tiny) Purdy
Thomas Carmody	Bob Houlihan	Pablo Reygadas
Rita Cary	Michael Igoe	Robert Ritchie
Arthur Caserta	Gihon Jordan	Marge Rizzo
Joan Leeney Coffey '50	Anne Jungwirth	Rosemary Roache
Barbara Costello	John Kearney	Annette Pusatera Rohe '452
Irene Byrne Coughlin '52	Marie McCarthy Keehan '38	Delores Rosetti
Geraldine Connell '35	Edward Koelikamp	Jack Ryan
Suzanne Tobin Coyle '49	Richard Lange	Barbara Sanford
Joseph Crean	Virginia Furey Lawler	Rosemary Stine Schubert '47
Doris Milner Cubalchini '45	John Leahy	David Skalski and Family
James Francis Cupp	Helen Lanning	Agnes Skrypkun
Mae Dahl	Julia Leahy	Nora Sloan
John Daly	Martha LeCompte	Sister Paulina Small, RSM
Ann T. Dennehy	Robert Liszka	Bertha Spalla
Ann Morrison Dietz '35	The Mucha & Luczynski Families	Patricia Quattrochi Sugden '69
Thomas Diggins	Mary "Marie" Luzzi	Michel Sullivan
Jerry & Gloria Dillon	Pasqualina Maietta	Dorothy Sutula
Betty Karcher Dolan '39	Jan Malloy	Jay and Mary Kay Sweeney
Virginia Faupel Doyle	Margaret Mally	Dorothy Kill Taaffe '34
Josephine Drabek	Anne Kiloran McCarthy '53	Joseph Tague
Margaret Durkin '69	Reverend Joseph McGinnity	Joann E. Tellers '66
Mary Dixon Dwyer '41	Daniel McGovern	Jackie Doyle Thomas '54
George Epich	Barbara Leonard McMann '64	Henry Thomas
Rita Fishman	James McMahan	Page Turner
Bessie Fitzgerald	Ann Vatter McNulty '63	Joan Kulovitz Uhlenberg '66
Carl Fogarty	Daniel McSweeney	Tim Unsworth
Catherine Ford	Evelyn McSherry	Maria Vallejo & family
Patricia O'Connell Frawley '79	James Melka	Joan Nelson Waddell '37 (SXA)
Rev. James Friedel, OSA	Don Michalek	Winifred Burke Whalen '38
Shirley Frigo	Don and Sylvia Miller	Lorraine Naddy Wilkins '37
Rita McNally Galindo '42	Ellen Mitchell	Paul Wisner
Evelyn Lynch Gallagher '26	Celeste Devane Moran '51	Joan Wolf
Bill Galate	Edward J. Mortimer	Rod Wymore

TUITION PAYMENTS

Tuition payments must be kept current. The outstanding tuition balance as of October 1 must be \$4,700 or less.

WORK PERMITS

Minor students (under the age of 16) can obtain a work permit from the Main Office. Students must present a birth certificate; a social security number, and a letter from the employer stating intent to employ the minor. There is no cost for the permit.

ASBESTOS NOTICE

The school's semi-annual asbestos inspection has been conducted and reports are on file in the school's management plan. The periodic inspection report and management plan outlines the method used to maintain asbestos containing material in a safe condition.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones are not allowed to be carried or used in the school building between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Any cell phone brought into school by a student must be turned off and placed in the student's locker until she leaves school at the end of the day. Cell phones found on any student during the course of the school day will be confiscated and a \$25 reclamation and a Saturday Jug will be imposed. Confiscated phones may be reclaimed from the level dean. Upon a second offense, the fine will be \$50, a Saturday Jug and a parent will be required to redeem the phone from the level dean. Continued offenses will result in Behavioral Probation and additional consequences determined by the level dean.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Please visit www.mothermcauley.org for times and details.

September 18Regular Schedule	October 25..... ACT at McAuley
September 19Happy Mercy Day! Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.	Open Mic Night
September 22College Night	October 29..... Not-So-Haunted House
September 24Pack the Place: Volleyball vs. Providence	October 30..... Parent Teacher Conferences: No Classes in Session
September 28Father Daughter Golf Outing Improv Night	October 31..... No Classes in Session
September 30Transfer Student Breakfast Senior Parent Meeting	November 2..... Open House
October 1.....Music Parent Night	November 3..... Basketball Tryouts
October 2.....Mothers Club Meeting Alumnae Volleyball Night	November 4..... Yearbook Retakes
October 7.....Quill and Scroll Induction	November 6..... Mothers Club Meeting
October 13.....Columbus Day: No Classes in Session	November 8..... Mothers Club Vendor Fair
October 15.....National Test Day	November 19..... Fall Sports Banquet
October 23.....NHS Fall Festival	November 20-23 All School Show "Babes in Arms"
October 24.....All School Liturgy	November 22..... Fathers Club Spaghetti Dinner
	November 25..... Dismissal at 1:40
	November 26-30 Thanksgiving Break