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MCAULEY MIXES IT UP

On November 13, Mother McAuley High School joined the more than 10,000 schools across the nation participating in the sixth annual Mix It Up Day. Designed to teach tolerance, students are encouraged to interact with new people at lunch and during activities. By sitting at a new table, students meet new people, make new friends and become more comfortable interacting with different kinds of people.

According to the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance Program, "Students often choose to hang out only with people who they believe share experiences, interests or backgrounds that can help them define and better understand themselves. Such divisions can make it hard for different student groups to understand each other and can lead to challenges and difficulties in school communities. Mix It Up seeks to break down the barriers between students, improve intergroup relations and help schools create inclusive communities where there are fewer misunderstandings that can lead to conflicts, bullying or violence."

Other activities included a bake sale, games and classroom projects. Mix It Up Day was sponsored by McAuley's Unity Club.



Mother McAuley Unity Club members Rachel Montes of Chicago Lawn, Leslie Rogers of Ashburn Park, Jasmine Hawkins of Burnside, and Brianna Washington of Calumet Heights during Mix It Up Day.



Students at Mother McAuley High School participated in National Mix It Up day by getting to know new people during lunch. One such group that participated included (clockwise from left) McAuley sophomore Arielle Guzman of Clearing, sophomore Megan O'Keefe of Evergreen Park, junior Beth Long of Burbank, junior Carolanne Hornung of Beverly, sophomore Rocio Velazquez of Gage Park, sophomore Sam Juarez of Oak Lawn, sophomore Andrea Calderon of Gage Park, sophomore Jamie Vences of Mt. Greenwood, junior Kristen McCloskey of Morgan Park, and sophomore Vivian Estrada of Chicago Lawn