

Your Gifts to MPS This Year Will Be Matched Dollar For Dollar!

Now through **June 30, 2022** gifts you make to Mercyhurst Prep will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$2 million! MPS is humbled and grateful to accept this match challenge from a generous donor.

It is the wish of the anonymous alumni donor that we all do our part to help ensure that MPS can provide tuition assistance now and into the future, and continually strives to offer the highest quality Mercy, Catholic education.

Please help us to realize this amazing opportunity by prayerfully and thoughtfully considering an increase in your annual donation this year. If you have been thinking about creating a scholarship or special fund, or adding to one that already exists, this would be the year to do it!

This 2021–2022 Matching Gifts Campaign has two goals.

1. That no student who wants and needs an MPS education will be discouraged from applying and attending because of an inability to pay.
2. That Mercyhurst Prep have the solid financial foundation needed to continually develop educational programs, making MPS the first choice for students and families wanting an outstanding education, and unparalleled preparation for higher education and for life.

Gifts made through the MPS Advancement Department including the Mercyhurst Prep Fund and other campaigns, corporate and individual gifts, and school fundraising events will be matched dollar for dollar with Unrestricted funds to MPS. Unrestricted funds are the engine that drives Mercyhurst Prep, with funding available as needed to any MPS department for the benefit of MPS students.

Gifts made to specific MPS scholarship and academic funds will be matched dollar for dollar within those funds!

Some of Your Best Ways to Make a Positive Impact

MERCYHURST PREP FUND [Mercyhurst Preparatory School - Acceptiva](#)

The MP Fund provides vital student programs and services as well as being an important source of scholarships and financial aid. Each member of the MPS community is asked to consider a gift to the MP Fund each year in an appeal that goes to your home each November.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS [Mercyhurst Preparatory School - Acceptiva](#)

Gifts to MPS Dollar for Scholars are used exclusively for scholarships and financial aid.

MPS NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS [Mercyhurst Preparatory School - Acceptiva](#)

If you are thinking about someday setting up a fund, or adding to your family fund, remember that donations made from now through June 30, 2022 will be matched dollar for dollar within that fund. A list of existing scholarships can be found at mpslakers.com/scholarshipfunds.

**Matching funds cannot be used as part of the minimum \$25,000 needed to establish an endowed fund. Donations to a newly established fund or existing fund will be matched dollar for dollar within the fund.*

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY FUND [Mercyhurst Preparatory School - Acceptiva](#) (new Acceptiva page)

Mercyhurst Prep is investing in additional STEAM technology resources to transform current Room 201 into a coding and robotics hub. Additionally, a recording studio and small television production room will be open to students interested in the audio and visual field. The addition of Oculus Go2 virtual reality headset will dovetail with our zSpace virtual reality machines and allow teachers to adopt technology and bring it directly into their classroom. The DREAM Lab will now also be home to our new eSports team and high-end gaming computers.

MERCY MERIT PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP [Mercyhurst Preparatory School - Acceptiva](#) (new Acceptiva page)

awards an annual scholarship to each of the top 15 scorers on the high school placement test taken at MPS by potential incoming freshman. This award is in addition to any other scholarships and financial aid for which they qualify. The award follows the students for all of their 4 years at Mercyhurst Prep as long as they remain academically qualified.

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=KpfkCc> (new acceptiva page)

Unrestricted funds are the engine that drives Mercyhurst Prep, with funding available as needed to any MPS department for the benefit of MPS students.

Donor recognition for gifts over \$25,000 may include Legacy naming opportunities.

**Best Ways to Give*

(Some provide positive tax benefits.)

- Gifts of cash
- Gifts of appreciated stock
- Gifts through Donor Advised Funds
- Gifts through required minimum distribution of an IRA (for those 70½ or older)

* *Gifts can be pledged for up to three years*

If you would like help matching your desire to give from the heart, with a way to help MPS students, please contact MPS Advancement Director **Lisa Nietupski** at lnietupski@mpslakers.com or **814-824-2408**.

**Matching Gifts notes and exclusions:*

*The matching gift offer includes funds raised through the MPS Advancement Department including the Mercyhurst Prep Fund and other campaigns, corporate and individual gifts, and school fundraising events. These donations will be matched dollar for dollar with Unrestricted Funds to MPS.

*Unless designated to a specific scholarship or academic fund, or to become part of the MPS endowment, unrestricted gifts may be invested with the principal retained. Interest will be drawn and used annually, generally 4% to achieve the school's above stated goals.

**The principal can be accessed in case of dire need by order of the MPS Board of Trustees.*

*Gifts made to MPS scholarship and academic funds will be matched dollar for dollar within those funds.

*Part of the match for gifts over \$10,000 to a specific MPS scholarship and academic fund may be designated as unrestricted in the case where the fund or program is unable to use the full matched amount (with the donor's approval).

*Matching funds cannot be used as part of the minimum \$25,000 needed to establish an endowed fund. Donations to a newly established fund or existing fund will be matched dollar for dollar within the fund.

*Scholarship funds raised through PA tax credit programs, and planned gifts are not eligible for the match offer.

Another Way to Leave Your Legacy

PLANNED GIFTS

- Planned gifts can be as easy as naming Mercyhurst Prep in your will or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. These gifts help to ensure Mercyhurst Prep's future and may provide you with significant tax benefits.
- Please consider joining our **McAuley Legacy Society** by including Mercyhurst Prep in your will or as a beneficiary of an insurance policy.

**Planned Gifts are not part of the match offer as they are the promise of future generosity.*