Mercyhurst Preparatory School is a four-year coeducational Catholic secondary school founded by the Sisters of Mercy to prepare students from all religious and ethnic backgrounds for a successful, productive, and compassionate life in an ever-changing and interdependent world. A Mercyhurst Prep education is based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ, the charism of Mercy, and a modeling of Judeo-Christian values. We strive for excellence in academic and co-curricular programs, we promote service to our local and global communities, and we foster the dedication and active support of the students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni of the Mercyhurst community.
A Laker has unique interests and talents that are embraced, encouraged, and respected by a welcoming, compassionate MPS community with a keen focus on academic success.

You, too, can be a Laker!

A Laker is inspired to find his or her niche through the numerous opportunities offered at MPS and can be an athlete, an artist, a scholar, a spiritual leader, or any combination of those.

A Laker is energized to give back to the community and become a responsible citizen.

A Laker learns to live the Spirit of Mercy, embracing the core values of Justice, Service, Hospitality, Compassionate Presence, and Concern for the Dignity of All Persons.
Every Laker finds his or her place at MPS

Customize your education from a wide range of program options:

→ **MPS is an INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) WORLD SCHOOL.** The IB program aims “to do more than any other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed.” [IBO.org](http://IBO.org). With IB earn Substantial scholarships / University credits / Advanced placement / Both an IB Diploma and a Mercyhurst Prep Diploma / Global opportunities (recent graduates have studied in Italy, India, Spain, Britain, China, Hungary, Germany, and more).

→ **COLLEGE COURSES** Academically eligible seniors may choose to pursue college courses for credit through our collaboration with local colleges and universities.

→ **HONORS** If you excelled in your middle school years and are looking for a rigorous academic experience in high school, then Mercyhurst Prep’s honors program is the best choice for you. The most challenging and diverse set of honors courses at MPS attracts the top students from the region to Laker Life.

→ **COLLEGE PREP** Many of our students choose College Prep as they progress on their journey from high school to university.

Our curriculum offers mobility among course levels, and our faculty and guidance counselors work with students to facilitate the best specific learning path for each individual.
Besides in-depth expertise in their specific fields, our faculty embody the Mercy charism, attributes that make them unique and exceedingly qualified to work with teens. Many teachers travel extensively during breaks and summer vacation, bringing a global perspective to their classes.

Department Chairs

MPS Department Chairs
Top from left: Nicole Wojciechowski—English, Jane Fisher—Science, Art Martone—Creative Arts, Gary Froehlich—Guidance, David Schroecck—Visual Arts, Paula Allhouse—Math; Bottom from left: Doug Bakka—Social Studies, Cindy Comstock—World Languages, Matt Ochalek—Theology, Sean Baer—Technology; Missing: Kirk Skelton—Physical Education/Health

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Academically advanced students may begin college coursework or pursue a subject in greater depth at Mercyhurst University. Some students may complete freshman year of college and senior year of high school simultaneously. The two schools are adjoined by a walkway, making each easily accessible to the other.

Collaboration with Mercyhurst University

Affiliations with Penn State University and Gannon University

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, offers the learning opportunities of a major research university in a welcoming, student-centered campus environment. Its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 854 acres.

Situated in downtown Erie, Pennsylvania, Gannon University is close to businesses, organizations, and government agencies that are active partners in helping students receive a hands-on education.

Partnership with Carlow University

Founded in 1929 by the Sisters of Mercy and situated on a beautiful park-like campus in Pittsburgh, Carlow University guarantees undergraduate admission and at least $22,000 (a four-year value of $88,000) per year to MPS graduates who possess certain academic qualifications and enroll at Carlow as first-time, full-time students in the fall semester following their graduation from MPS.

To learn more about these connections, visit mpslakers.com/academics.
Course offerings BY DEPARTMENT

THEOLOGY
Intro to Theology-CP (YR)
Scriptures-CP (YR)
The Catholic Tradition-CP (YR)
Christian Ethics-CP (YR)
Christian Ethics-H (YR)
Peer Leadership-CP (YR-Application)
Religions of the World-H/IB-SL (YR)
Senior Religion Seminar-CP (YR)
Christian Spirituality (T)
Death & Dying (T)
Love and Evil (T)
Atom and Eve (T)
Gospel Nonviolence (T)
Marvelous Justice (T)
Star Wars and Contemporary Myth (T)

ENGLISH
Intro to Genres-CP (YR)
Intro to Genres-H/IB PreIB (YR)
British and American Literature-CP (YR)
British and American Literature-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Humanities I-CP (YR)
World Literature I-H/IB-SL (YR)
World Literature I-H/IB-HL (YR)
Humanities II-CP (YR)
World Literature II-H/IB-SL (YR)
World Literature II-H/IB-HL (YR)
Research, Speech, and Digital Literacy (T)
Creative Writing (T)
Advanced Creative Writing (T)
The Twilight Zone (T)
Everything Harry Potter (T)
Mythology (T)

SOCIAL STUDIES
Global Studies-CP (YR)
Global Studies-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Government-CP (YR)
Government-H/IB PreIB (YR)
History of the Americas-CP (YR)
The 20th Century-H/IB-SL (YR)
History of the Americas-I (YR)
Psychology-CP (YR)
Modern American History-CP (YR)
20th Cent. World History-H/IB-SL (YR)
World History-I (YR)
Civil War (T)
Anthropology (T)
Sports and Society (T)
World War II (T)
Hollywood and History (T)
Nazi Germany (T)
The Vietnam Era (T)
9/11 and the Aftermath (T)
Model UN (T)
Global Perspectives (T)
History’s Mysteries (T)

MATHEMATICS
Algebra I Plus-CP (YR)
Algebra I-CP (YR)
Algebra I-H (YR)
Algebra I-MPS PreIB (YR)
Geometry-CP (YR)
Geometry-H (YR)
Geometry-MPS Pre-Ib (YR)
Algebra II-CP (YR)
Algebra II-Trig-H (YR)
Algebra II-Trig-IB (YR)
Math Studies (with Trigonometry)-CP (YR)
Trigonometry/PreCalculus-CP (YR)
IB Math Studies (YR)
Calculus I-H (YR)
IB Math-Standard Level (YR)
IB Math-Higher Level (YR)
Pre-Calculus-H (YR)
Probability and Statistics-H (YR)
SAT Math Preparation (T)

TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS
MS Office (T)
Advanced Computer Applications (T)
PhotoShop (T)
Intro to Media Production (T)
Modern Coding/Web Development (T)
Intro to 3D Printing (T)
Intro to Robotics (T)
Principles of Accounting (YR)
Your Financial Future (YR)
Financial Planning (T)
Banking & Credit (T)
Saving & Investing (T)
Intro to Marketing (T)

SCIENCE
Foundations of Scientific Inquiry-CP (YR)
Foundations of Scientific Inquiry-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Chemistry-CP (YR)
Chemistry I-H/IB (YR)
Chemistry II-H/IB (YR)
Biology-CP (YR)
Biology I-H/IB (YR)
Biology II-H/IB (YR)
Physics-CP (YR)
Physics-H (YR)
Sports, Exercise & Health-H/IB-SL (YR)
Anatomy/Physiology-H (YR)
Earth & Space Science-CP/H (YR)
Hydrologic Systems-CP/H (T)
Intro to Geology-CP/H (T)
Intro to Astronomy-CP/H (T)
Environmental Science-CP/H (T)
Atom and Eve (T)

ENGINEERING
Intro to Modern Engineering (YR)
Intro to Engineering-Design (T)
Intro to Engineering-Disciplines (T)
Intro to Engineering-Capstone Design (T)

WORLD LANGUAGES
French I-CP (YR)
French I-H/IB PreIB (YR)
French II-CP (YR)
French II-H/IB PreIB (YR)
French III-CP (YR)
French III-H/IB (YR)
French IV-CP (YR)
French IV-H/IB-SL (YR)
Spanish I-CP (YR)
Spanish I-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Spanish II-CP (YR)
Spanish II-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Spanish III-CP (YR)
Spanish III-H/IB (YR)
Spanish IV-CP (YR)
Spanish IV-H/IB-SL (YR)
Intro to Italian (T)
Learning Abroad at MPS (T)

VISUAL ARTS
Art Foundations (T)
Art Appreciation (T)
Ceramics (YR)
Ceramics I (T)
Ceramics II (T)
Advanced Ceramics (T)
Drawing I (2T)
Drawing II (T)
Sculpture (T)
Printmaking I (T)
Printmaking II (T)
Mixed Media (T)
Jewelry/Metal Working (T)
Stop Animation (T)
Painting-CP & H (YR)
Beginning Oil Painting (T)
Art History-CP & H (YR)
Art History: Non-Western (T)
The Renaissance (T)
Art Seminar-H/IB-SL (YR-Interview)
Independent Studio in Art (T)
Yearbook (2T-Application)
Photo I (T)
Photo II (T)
Advanced Photo (T)

PERFORMING ARTS-DANCE
Social Dance (T)
Beginning Tap (T)
Tap II (T)
Jazz (T)
Dance Styles (T)
Dance Company-Master (YR-Audition)

Dance Advanced (YR-Audition)
Dance Intermediate/Advanced (YR-Audition)
Show Choir-CP & H (YR-Audition)

PERFORMING ARTS-MUSIC/THEATRE
Music Appreciation (T)
Music History-H/IB (T)
Music History-H/IB (T)
Music Production (T-Audition)
Beginning Piano (T)
Advanced Piano (T)
Beginning Guitar (T)
Concert Choir 9/10-CP & H (YR)
Concert Choir 11/12-CP & H (YR)
Show Choir-CP & H (YR-Audition)
Orchestra-CP & H (YR)
Jazz Band (T)
Music for the Music Major (T)
Intro to Theatre and Acting (T)
Acting-Stanislavski Part 1 (T)
Acting-Stanislavski Part 2 (T)
American Musical Theatre (T)
Technical Theatre (T & YR-Interview)
Set Design (T)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH
Principles of Fitness & Wellness (T)
Cross Training (T)
Advanced PE Games (T)
Health I (T)
Health II (T)
Health III (T)

ZULAMA/DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES
($265 per course)
Evolution of Games (S)
Mobile Game Design (S)
Gamelab Programming I (S)
Gamelab Programming II (S)
Screenwriting (S)
Game Design (S)

SPECIAL INTEREST
Theory of Knowledge (T-Juniors)
Theory of Knowledge (2T-seniors)
Academic Skills (T)
Academic Skills (YR)
Career Internship (T) (Application)
College Course (S)
SAM (Senior at Mercyhurst)
International Students
Intro to Theology (YR)
ELL Writing (T)
The American Culture (2T)
English Language Learning (T)
Clubs & Activities

LEADERSHIP
National Honor Society
Student Government

SERVICE
Business Club
Calamari’s Thanksgiving
Dinner for the Homeless
Feed the Hungry
Mercy Service Group
Sertees
Women in Motion

SOCIAL AWARENESS
Anne Ryan Baltimore
Mission Trip

Critical Concerns Club
Ophelia Project
Joseph of Arimathea
Students for Life

CULTURAL LEARNING
Language Club
Mandarin Club
Travel Club

ACADEMIC AND COMPETITIVE
Literature and Writing Club
Model United Nations
Math Club
Robotics & Technology Club
Speech and Debate

ARTS
Chrysalis
Concert Choir
Dance Company
International Thespian Society
National Art Honor Society
Orchestra Ensemble
Show Choir

FUN AND FITNESS
Fitness Center
Minecraft Club
Ski Club
Spirit Club
Ultimate Frisbee Club

30+ Clubs and Activities
Laker Day is a tradition of friendly competition that students and faculty look forward to every year.

Trunk or Treat offers area youngsters a chance to observe the Halloween tradition in a fun, safe environment.

Tailgate Parties offer students & parents free hamburgers, hotdogs, music, bonfires, and great fun.

Touch of Class Day is an annual event that showcases talent, leadership, and fun!
Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” Mark 10:21

These are the Mercy Core Values:

Mercyhurst Prep is blessed to have a full-time Campus Minister/Community Service Learning Coordinator.

Lakers find diverse events throughout the Campus Ministry calendar. These include planning and participating in school liturgies, prayer, fellowship events, retreats, mission trips, and service opportunities. Campus Ministry at MPS offers you a place to belong, get involved, and grow closer to Christ.
Future Ready and Engaging

**BILL & AUDREY HIRT DREAM LABS**  
**Design-Research-Engineering-Arts-Math**  
1 DJI Mavic Air Drone • 4 Tello Edu Programmable Drones • 9 Touchscreens • 2 Video Walls • 40 Lenovo Intel Laptops • 14 Makerbot 3D Printers • 3 Workstations with Touchscreens • Conference Ready Room • Drones • Lego Mindstorm Kits • Virtual Reality • 3 Oculus Rift Immersive Virtual Reality Systems • 12 zSpace Combined Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality Systems

**zVIEW CAMERA FOR CAPTURING AR/VR EXPERIENCE**  
Utilizes the 4 Cs of 21st Century Education:  
Communication • Collaboration • Creativity • Critical Thinking

zSpace is an educational solution that creates the ultimate learning experience by combining Augmented Reality (AR) with Virtual Reality (VR).

zSpace uses an all-in-one computer to create a lifelike and interactive experience for students for use across the curriculum. Students can share their experience not just with a peer but with an audience as well. Through this system, they can touch a simulated beating heart, virtually tour Paris, build a virtual playground, and enrich their vocabulary in another language, among other numerous exciting adventures.

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PIAA State Championship teams
FALL SPORTS
Boys and Girls Cross-Country
Boys and Girls Golf
Boys and Girls Soccer
Cheerleading
Football
Girls Tennis
Girls Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS
Boys and Girls Basketball
Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving
Cheerleading
Dance Team
Girls Bowling
Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS
Baseball
Boys and Girls Rowing
Boys and Girls Track and Field
Boys Tennis
Softball

OUR ATHLETES WIN ON THE FIELD, IN THE CLASSROOM, AND IN LIFE! MANY GRADUATES GO ON TO COMPETE ATHLETICALLY AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL, SOME ON THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

288 Student Athletes

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MPS is fortunate to have nine faculty members who are active award-winning artists regularly engaged in exhibiting, performing, and teaching in the community. Students can participate in studio arts, dance, music, photography, and theatre. Mercyhurst Prep offers 54 courses in the performing and visual arts.
54 Performing and Visual Arts courses
ACADEMICS:
- Monthly parent update
- Parent access to PowerSchool grade reporting
- Dedicated study hall 5 nights a week from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- Parent communication and video conferences
- Private academic or ESL tutors available
- TOEFL prep program
- PIA Student Government
- Community service opportunities to enable students to exceed the 25-hour requirement

FACILITY:
- 10-acre campus that remains open over all school holidays from the time the student arrives on campus in August until they return home in June
- Spacious double or single dorm rooms
- Campus-wide Wi-Fi
- Free on-site laundry facilities
- Inviting common areas
- Team of professional chefs who serve rotating international cuisine
- Comfort food with parents supplying recipes from home
- Access to café and kitchenette
- Dedicated housekeeping staff

SAFETY:
- Secure wings for male and female students
- Constant fire and security monitoring
- Key fob access
- Security cameras
- Room inspections
- Employees with federal (FBI) background checks and clearances
### TRANSPORTATION AND ACTIVITIES:
- Transportation to all school functions and SAT, ACT, and TOEFL testing at select sites
- College tours
- Access to Erie Bank Sports Park, a community treasure with ice rinks, four basketball courts, sports dome, and fitness center
- Arranging mandatory vaccinations
- Scheduling and providing transportation to medical appointments
- Transportation to weekly shopping trips, movie outings, and local restaurants
- Numerous parties and events at the resident hall hosted by students throughout the year

### DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES:

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I will miss PIA so much! I like the people who work there. They are really nice. You have the chance to meet people who come from the cultures different from yours. You have the chance to try the food from the other countries at PIA. It’s very nice!

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Marika La Manna from Padua, SA, Italy
MPS class of 2017

For additional information about the boarding program, please refer to the PIA website at www.piacademy.org.
The McAuley Scholars Program, now in its 16th year, fulfills the needs of upper-level students from area grade schools.

The program is a flexible plan for talented students who have completed seventh grade and want to maximize their academic potential. Scholars have the option of selecting one or two high school courses in the areas of language, math, and science.

“I am so happy to have the opportunity to be a McAuley Scholar at Mercyhurst Prep! The teachers are fantastic, I’m learning a lot, and it’s really fun getting to know other students! I can’t wait to be a Laker!”

Kathleen Reddinger, Class of 2024
Just Some of the Colleges and Universities Our Lakers Are Enrolled in:

University of Alabama
Allegheny College
American University
Barnard College
Berklee College of Music
Boston University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Fordham University

Gannon University
Hofstra University
Holy Cross College
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Mercyhurst University
New York University
Northeastern University
Penn State University
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University

St. Joseph’s University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Vassar College
University of California
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
Villanova University
Washington and Jefferson College
Wheaton College

Outstanding Faculty and Academics

“The individual faculty, and each of their departments, encourage the development and foster the importance of each student’s success, not simply in relation to a particular letter grade, but in the promotion and development of creativity, critical thinking skills, and an understanding of the importance of finding their unique gifts and talents—all natural extensions of the school’s mercy charism.”

Sr. Camille Panich, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, ED.D.,
Chair of the Middle States Visiting Team
Admissions Dates & Deadlines

2019

NOVEMBER 8 – DEADLINE
Application for early admission DUE

NOVEMBER 16
Eighth grade entrance exam for MPS 9 a.m.

DECEMBER 20
Early admission acceptance letters mailed

DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020
Visit MPS and shadow with a current student. Call 814-824-2323 for an appointment.

2020

JANUARY 10 – DEADLINE
Application for admission DUE

JANUARY 17 – DEADLINE
Confirmation of registration and $100 deposit from first round acceptances DUE

JANUARY 18
Eighth grade entrance exam for MPS 9 a.m.

FEBRUARY 17
Acceptance letters mailed to applicants

MARCH 1 – DEADLINES
Diocesan Tuition Aid Application & FACTS Financial Aid Application DUE
Application for Academic and Creative Arts Scholarships DUE

MARCH 1 (continued)
Application for Alumni Scholarships DUE

MARCH 11 – DEADLINE
Creative Arts Scholarship auditions and portfolios DUE

MARCH 31
Notification of Scholarships and aid mailed

APRIL 20 – DEADLINE
Confirmation of registration and $100 deposit from eighth graders DUE

APRIL 27
Musical Production, Concert Choir, Show Choir auditions for the 2020-21 school year

APRIL 28
Dance Company auditions and Technical Theatre interviews for the 2020-21 school year

MAY 2
Math Placement Exam for MPS 9 a.m.

MAY 4
World Language Placement Test for MPS (test out) 3:15 p.m.

MAY 6
Freshman Scheduling Night

MAY 8
Freshman Welcome Dance 8–10 p.m.