

August 26, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Mercy's Annual Bowlathon is a fun-filled event for our students. This year "Bowlchella" will take place on Thursday September 17th, at Bel Mateo Bowl in San Mateo. The information packet that your daughters received today is attached.

The fundraising goal for this year's event is \$55,000. All funds raised support our Annual Fund which benefits every student through support of curricular and co-curricular programs. As our only annual student fundraiser we aim for 100% participation by our students.

Each student is expected to raise a minimum of \$55 for the Bowl-A-Thon and turn in their donations by **Friday, September 11th**. Bowlathon permission slips, signed by parents, must also be returned by that date. Because this is a school sanctioned activity, students who do not participate are expected to report to school on the day of the event.

There are special prizes for various levels of participation. Including:

- \$150 in donations – Freshmen and Sophomores can have Winter Formal Day off (1/22); Juniors and Seniors can have Prom Day off (5/13). **NOTE: students have until September 25th at 3:00 p.m. to turn in the additional turn in all donations over the minimum \$55.**
- Special prizes for Most Sponsorship Money Raised and Top Advisory.
- Earn a chance to spin and win a gift card or Mercy swag at the Bowlathon Prize Wheel during specific lunch periods. More information available in your attached info packet.
- [Online donations can be made by clicking here.](#) Friends, relatives, co-workers can support the Bowlathon and, in turn, your daughter with online donations.

Each class will be bowling at a specified time on September 17th (Freshmen 8:30 to 10:15/Sophomores 10:00 to 11:30/Juniors 11:15 to 12:45/Seniors 12:30 to 2:00). Parents are responsible for arranging their daughter's transportation to and from Bel Mateo Bowl.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Munsey, Advancement Event Coordinator, at 650.762.1199 or jmunsey@mercyhsb.com.

"Bowlchella" is a great day for students and one that the student body enthusiastically asked administration to continue. This is also a fun way to do some fundraising for Mercy. Thank you for your continued support of Mercy!

Sincerely,



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Bowlathon 2015

General Information

Mercy High School's Bowlathon is one of the *highlights* of the fall semester, thanks to the Student Body Officers (SBOs) who put on an amazing day for all of our Mercy students! This is our annual student fundraiser, and the only time we ask our students to help us raise money. With support from the entire student body, our goal is to raise over **\$55,000** for Mercy's academic, extracurricular and athletic programs!

This year's SBOs have picked the theme:

BOWL CHEER 

Here are some important details about Bowlathon:

DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2015

TIME:	8:30 to 10:15 a.m.	Freshmen
	10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Sophomores
	11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Juniors
	12:30 to 2:00 p.m.	Seniors

There is bowling only on Sept. 17th, no school classes. Go directly to Bel Mateo Bowl for your bowling session. This is a minimum day for all participants. Arrive at your scheduled time, and after your bowling session is finished, you will be dismissed for the day. Parents are responsible for arranging their daughter's transportation to and from Bel Mateo Bowl and each class will bowl at their designated time.

PLACE: At Bel Mateo Bowl, 43rd & Olympic, San Mateo

PRIZES: Fabulous prizes for students who bring in the most money! (See attached pages)

If you have any questions, please contact

Jennifer Munsey, Advancement Event Coordinator at 650-762-1199 or jmunsey@mercyhsb.com

Sponsor Information

This goal of this event is to raise over \$55,000 for academic, extracurricular and athletic programs at MHS.

3 Simple Steps:

1. Ask people to sponsor you for Bowl-A-Thon

Who: Parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles, friends, neighbors, local businesses, doctor, dentist, etc. Ask your parent(s) to take the sponsor sheet to work.

How: Call or email your relatives and friends and explain to them that the Mercy Bowlathon is the one opportunity for **YOU**, as a current Mercy student to raise funds that directly impact the programs that **YOU** benefit from as a student. All of the funds raised from this event, support every program, department, and student at Mercy High School.

2. Collect the money from your sponsors.

- Sponsors can pay by check, cash or go online (see below).
- All sponsors should pledge a flat amount: \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 OR MORE!
- Don't forget to say "THANK YOU!"
- Keep track of who may be making a donation on for you online and provide them with your graduation year and Advisory Room number.

3. Fill out a sponsor sheet and turn your money into Advisory starting, Aug 27th, 2015!

Remember to fill out a sponsor sheet with the collected money or online pledge amount in a sealed envelope with your **Name** and **Advisory Room Number** on it and turn it into your Advisor or on non Advisory days to the main office.

MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE!

For supporters far and near, use this easy way to make a donation for Bowlathon.

Go online to **www.mercyhsb.com** and click on Bowlathon on the Home page.

Follow directions for online donations.

To be eligible for prizes or Formal or Prom day off, all money MUST be turned in by 3 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015 No Exceptions!

Important Dates

Thurs. Aug 27th Students begin bringing money into Advisory. Each time a student turns in money it should be with a filled-out sponsor form in an envelope with their name and Advisory. Advisors will collect money and turn in to the Main Office or on non Advisory days turn in your forms & donations to the main office.

A minimum of \$55 is due from every student to participate.

If a student turns in the minimum by **Friday Aug. 27th**, she will earn 1 Bowlathon Prize Wheel Spin at her lunch period on **Thursday September 3rd** and a chance to win a prize!

Sample Prizes will be; Itunes cards, Jamba cards, visa gift cards and Mercy Swag.

BUT if a student brings in **\$150** or more she can earn some great prizes:

1. With the collection of \$150, a student will have either

- Formal Day off on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 (if a Freshman or Sophomore) or
- Prom Day off on Friday, May 13, 2016 (if a Junior & Senior)

*you do not need to attend either dance to have either day off (1/22/16 Frosh\Soph only, 5/13/16 Junior\Senior only)

IN ADDITION!

2. If a student brings in **\$150** or more by **Friday Aug. 28th**, she will earn 3 Bowlathon Prize Wheel Spins at her lunch period on, **Thursday Sept. 3rd!**

Sample Prizes will be; Itunes gift cards, Jamba gift cards, Visa gift cards and Mercy Swag!

3. If a student brings in **\$150** or more by **Friday Sept, 4th**, she will earn 2 Bowlathon Prize Wheel Spins at her lunch period on, **Thursday September 10th!**

****Students will be notified on Monday Aug. 31st & Tues. Sept. 7th if they qualify for Bowlathon Prize Wheel Spins****

Fri. SEPT. 11th Last day to turn in the minimum of \$55 to participate. A student who does not bring in at least \$55 will report to school at Mercy on the day of the Bowlathon.

Thurs. September 17th **BOWL CHESS** at Bel Mateo Bowl! 43rd & Olympic, SM

8:30 - 10:15 a.m. Freshmen

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sophomores

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Juniors

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Seniors

This is a minimum day for all students. Dismissal for each grade will be at end of class bowling session. *Note: any student who is late to Bowlathon will receive a "cut" - not a "tardy".*

Fri. September 25th: Last day to bring in money to qualify individual and Advisory prizes!
Money must be in by 3p.m. to get Winter Formal day off or Prom day off! No exceptions!

Individual Top Prizes!

Prizes for the Top Sponsorship amounts collected by a student are:

1st place: \$150 gift certificate package

2nd place: \$75 gift certificate package

3rd place: \$50 gift certificate package

Advisory Top Prize!

The *Top Advisory* that has collected the largest amount of money will receive **3% of the total amount back to their Advisory**. It will then be up to the winning Advisory what they would like to do with their money. They can plan their own pizza party; donate it back to the school or to a Mercy Charity.

The Advisory with the highest Bowling score at the Bowl a thon itself will receive \$100 for their Advisory.

Because we always play fair...

The winning Advisory in each case will be determined by dividing the total dollars brought in by number of students in the Advisory. The Advisory with the *highest dollar average per student* will receive the prizes.

*Note: to be eligible for prizes, including Formal or Prom day off,
all money must be in by 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015*

****No exceptions!****

Mercy High School Bowl-A-Thon 2014
Sponsor Form

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ ADVISORY: _____

Mercy High School Bowlathon 2015 will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Bel Mateo Bowl in San Mateo. Sponsors are asked to pledge a flat rate for the bowling and money is to be collected at time of pledge. All students must bring in a minimum of \$55 in sponsors by Friday, September 11, 2015 to participate in Bowl-A-Thon. Thank you for your support!

Funds raised from Bowlathon will be used to support academics, technology, athletics, and extracurricular programs. Mercy High School is a non profit organization and contributions are tax deductible as allowable by current law. Mercy High School's tax identification number is 94-1230999. Make checks payable to Mercy High School.

DONATE ONLINE: Use this easy way to make a donation for Bowl-A-Thon. Go online to **www.mercyhsb.com** and click on Bowl-A-Thon on the Home page. Follow directions for online donations. Make sure to include the name of the student you're sponsoring with your online donation!

SPONSORS:

Name: _____ Pledge Amount Received: \$ _____ Payment Method:
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Total Money Turned In With This Form: \$ _____

Please return form with money and checks in an envelope to your advisor as soon as possible. Get more sponsor forms online or from your Advisor. If you have any questions, please call the Advancement Office at 650-762-1199.

All money must be received by 3 p.m. on Friday Sept. 11, 2015 to qualify for prizes, including formal or prom day off. \$150 qualifies for day off on either Jan. 22, 2016 for freshmen and sophomores or May 13, 2016 for juniors and seniors. No exceptions!

This Section to be completed by the Advancement Office: Total verified by _____ Date form received _____

