

Cardinal Mooney High School CMHS



The Mooney saga continues in our love, faith

Dear Cardinal Mooney Family:

Last week, I addressed a group of Cardinal Mooney stakeholders, met with Cheryl Cooper-Perez '93 (Pres. Of Big-HR), Kim Simon-Cox '89 (Sure Line, Inc.), John Ferris '77 (Ferris Marketing), and walked the campus with Anthony Rubino '89 (Facilities Director at Robert Morris U). We also produced a Welcome Class of '24 video in which our girls varsity tennis players and alumni welcome our newest members to Mooney.

Through these and my other introductions, I have come to understand Cardinal Mooney as a narrative. It is a story of validating faith, fostering creativity, and of launching thousands of careers. It is a story unbound by time or place. It is a story of progress. It is a story that can go on forever. I hear this narrative — the importance of our school — in every encounter.

As we plan for the in-person reopening of school, I hope that all of us in the Mooney community and beyond will fall in love with what makes the school unique — its power and ability to make a lasting difference for our current and future students.

As the national debate continues about reopening schools, I have updated you on our progress based on guidelines from the state and local health-care workers. Today, I also want to assure you that the administrative team and I are looking at our options through the lens of faith, too.

Humans are social animals, designed for human contact. We are unique, made in the image of God. As a Catholic institution we are obligated to teach truth as a guiding principle. From that foundation, we aim to foster in students a natural reverence for the beauty and truth that rest in every course we teach.

Through example we teach Aquinas' basic maxim: "The pursuit of life is happiness; Happiness is found through the development of our capacities with excellence, expressed in the world through action; This path leads to God, the ultimate happiness."

Through rigorous education we invite students to learn more, and to experience a God much bigger than the one they have created in their own image and likeness. This is significant. The way we teach students to learn also influences what they can learn about God.

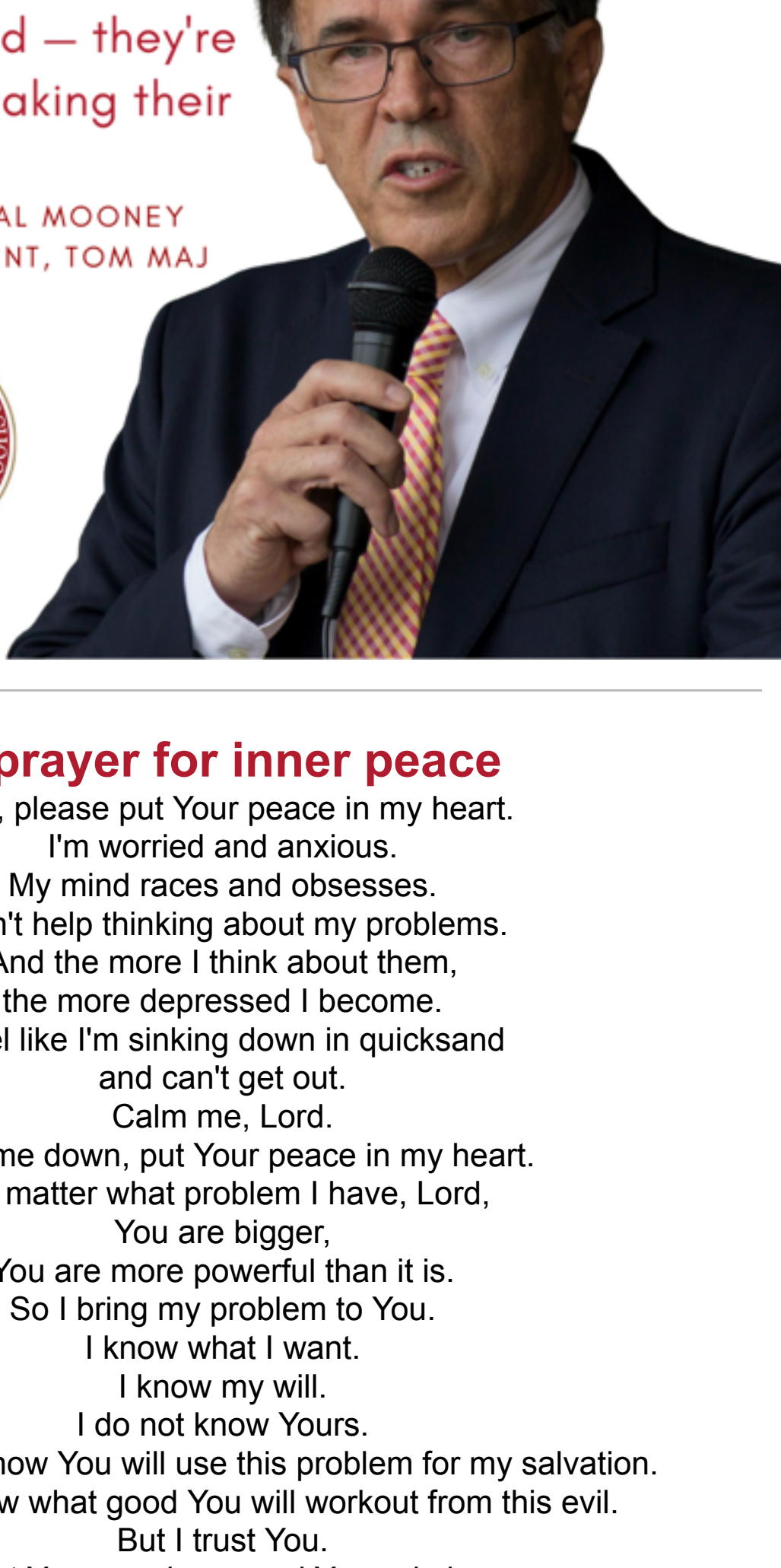
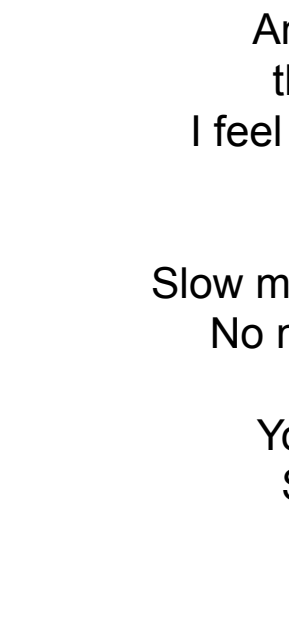
Our intellectual approach is a way of learning and has content. Our commitment to history and tradition leaves a deposit of faith that influences moral, political, and economic life. Our sacramental approach to life is where God is experienced through created order.

Our students need to develop what Aquinas calls a retentive memory of the experiences of faith believers (Catholic tradition). The content of what the Church has learned over centuries is not unimportant, and not to learn these places our students at a disadvantage. Nevertheless, Church content cannot be disembodied from a student's life or experience — otherwise it's like learning to skate or swim from a book: technically possible but highly unlikely. At some point, they must jump in the water or on the ice. Once they are in, they need some coaching or else they'll drown.

My point in opening in-person is this: Our Catholic education and religious experiences are not spectator sports. They require active participation if they are to be learned and played with excellence. It is the role of Cardinal Mooney to provide this training.

Sincerely,
Thomas Maj, President

Mr. Maj has spent the summer speaking to the Mooney Family about his vision for our school. He has continually pressed the narrative that we must continue our mission in guiding young people in the cultivation of their talents — to "welcome them at the door" and experience the intangible benefits of a Mooney education.



A prayer for inner peace

Lord, please put Your peace in my heart.

I'm worried and anxious.

My mind races and obsesses.

I can't help thinking about my problems.

And the more I think about them,

the more depressed I become.

I feel like I'm sinking down in quicksand

and can't get out.

Calm me, Lord.

Slow me down, put Your peace in my heart.

No matter what problem I have, Lord,

You are bigger,

You are more powerful than it is.

So I bring my problem to You.

I know what I want.

I know my will.

I do not know Yours.

I do not know how You will use this problem for my salvation.

I do not know what good You will work out from this evil.

But I trust You.

I trust Your goodness and Your wisdom.

So I place myself in Your hands.

Please fill my heart with peace.

- Author Unknown

Academic update

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

We continue to work on preparations for opening school next month. We are monitoring closely all the information that comes out from the governor, the state of Ohio, our local health department, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, and the Diocese of Youngstown's Office of Catholic Schools.

- On **Monday**, you will receive an email with the **plan of the Diocese of Youngstown**. That plan is our overall, local guide for our district policies regarding opening up during the pandemic. Please review it carefully. We will also post this plan on the Mooney website.

- On **Tuesday**, you will receive an email with a **survey** to ask you about the upcoming school year. Your responses will help us put the final touches on the Mooney plan for opening the school year. Please return your survey by **Friday**. If you include **your name and phone number** in the last question of the survey, we will be able to get in touch with you about any concerns that you mention in your survey responses.

- Next Sunday evening's bulletin** will include the Mooney plan for opening. The document will explain all the policies and procedures that will be different this year due to COVID-19. As we have learned, it is important to be flexible in this "new normal" of the pandemic, and we will continue to monitor conditions and keep you informed about any updates or changes that will occur to the plan.

- If you have any questions about the Diocesan plan, the survey, or the information you will receive next week about Mooney's plan, please contact me. (mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org).

As our preparations continue this week, we want to mention a few other items.

- Please be sure that you have submitted the course request and tuition intent forms so that we can ensure your son or daughter is registered for the new school year.

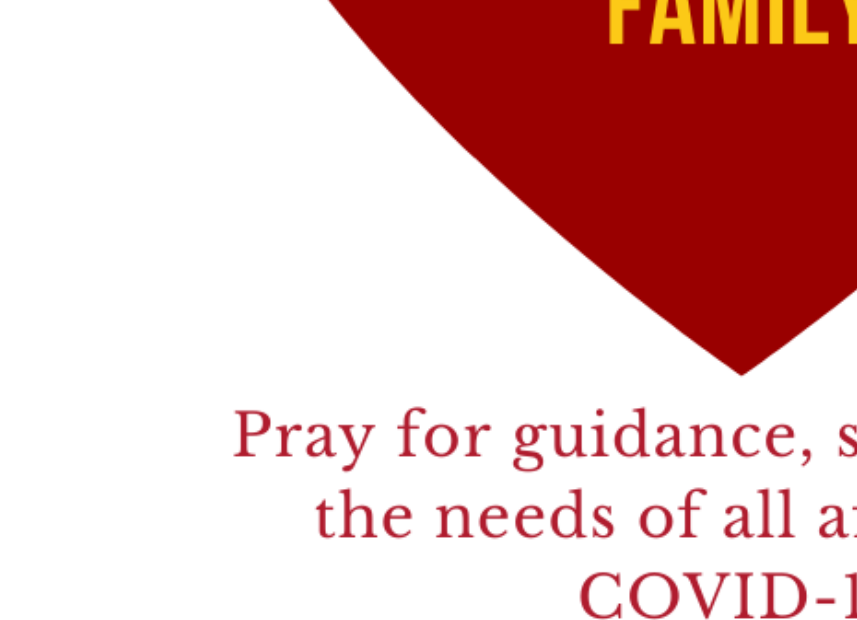
- EdChoice Traditional and Expansion Scholarships** are open, and new applications can be submitted. Please contact Mrs. Kalasky at pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org if you want to submit an application.

- We continue to monitor information from the OHSA about fall sports. Mr. Jablonski, our associate athletic director, will keep us up-to-date. We want to remind you that we did decide as a school community that our teams would not scrimmage other teams in July. We felt that was a more prudent decision since cases were spiking in some areas, and we thought that the weeks after the Fourth of July would be a good time to keep our student-athletes and coaches safe from exposure to new groups or locations.

- If you know people **interested in attending** Cardinal Mooney High School, please encourage them to [apply online](#) through the school website. We still have openings and we would love to talk with you!

We look forward to being together again soon. In the meantime, stay safe. Remember to do summer reading!

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Beiting, Ed.D.
Principal



Holly joins Dena O'Neill as a guidance counselor.

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HOLLY MARSHALL

As Cardinal Mooney High School forges into a new era, so does its commitment to produce leaders capable of hitting the ground running in an increasingly complex and diverse world.

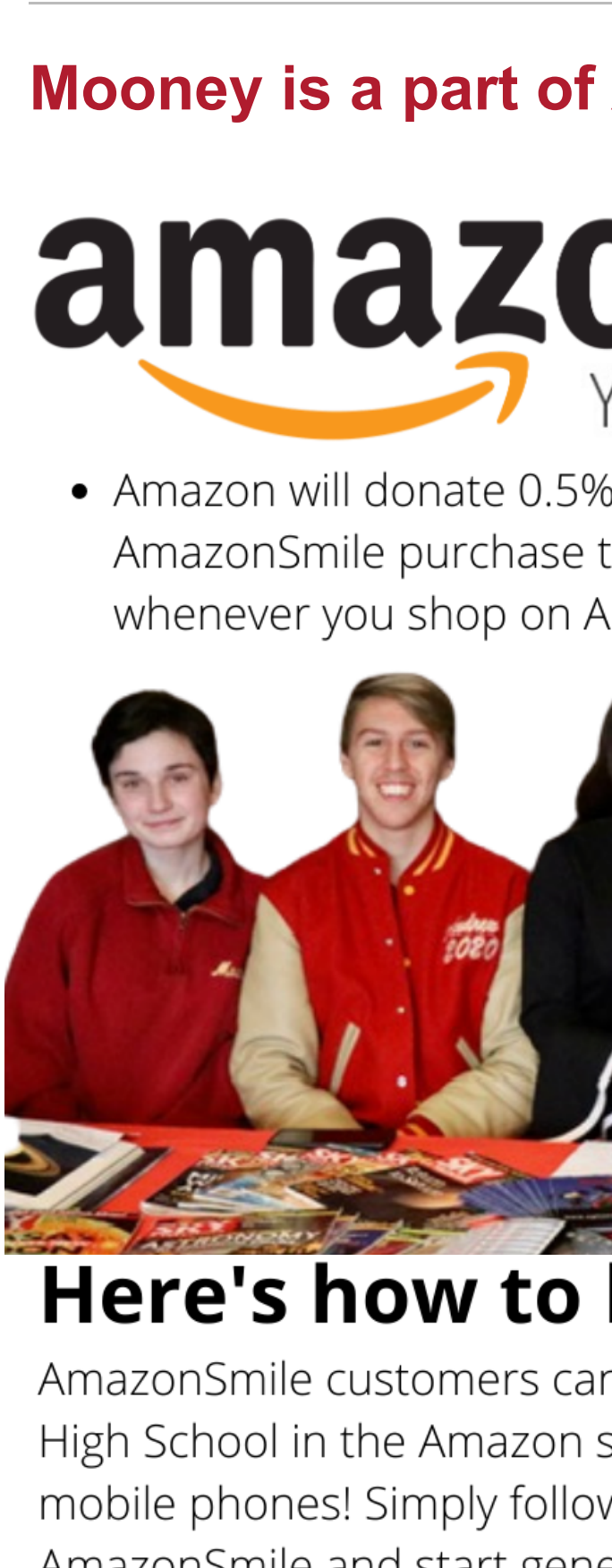
In a display of that vision, Mooney brought on a second school counselor, Holly Marshall. She will serve alongside Dena O'Neill, who enters her second year at Mooney.

"My vision is to join a team consisting of dedicated educators aimed at helping our students become not only great scholars, but great leaders and great people," Marshall said.

Marshall, a 2014 product of New Castle High School, graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Arts in public relations. She then earned her Master of Science in school counseling from Youngstown State University. From there, she worked as the counseling intern at Jackson-Milton Elementary School.

Her path to Cardinal Mooney reflects the school's tradition of welcoming students at the door, and helping them discover and grow their talents.

"I had wonderful high school counselors that guided me and always supported me" she said. "I have always known that counseling was my calling, and I have always had a strong passion for mental health, education, and teamwork."



M²⁰²⁰ Fall Sports Picture days

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

- Boys Soccer (football/soccer field): 8 a.m.
- Girl Soccer (football/soccer field): 9 a.m.
- Cross country (grassy tree-line area): 10:30 a.m.
- Boys golf (grassy tree-line area): 11:15 a.m.
- Girls tennis (tennis courts): 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

- Football (football/soccer field): 8 a.m.
- Cheerleaders (football/soccer field or gym): 11 a.m.
- Volleyball (gym): 12:30 p.m.

School notes

Tennis Team: If any girl is interested in playing tennis this fall, please contact Jennifer Policy at jpolicy@youngstowndiocese.org.

Seniors please see [this](#) link to the google form. In order to have your final official transcript sent to the college/university you are attending, you must fill out this form. All colleges / universities require a final official transcript. Mrs. O'Neill has also posted this on her google classroom.

Registration packet: If you have not yet returned your registration information, please email it to mbeiting@youngstowndiocese.org or mail it to the school. We want to be sure to include each of the students. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Beiting, or Mrs. O'Neill. If you need new forms or did not receive the original packet, please email Mrs. Kalasky at pkalasky@youngstowndiocese.org

As we work to prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we realize that uncertainties remain about whether COVID-19 will impact how the year begins. At this time of year we lay the groundwork for scheduling teachers and students. The more we can include each student's requests in the scheduling process, the better schedule we can develop. We know that the strength of the Mooney family will sustain us and continue to be strong as we look forward to next school year.



Pray for guidance, strength, and the needs of all affected by COVID-19

Community resources

Food

- An interactive Mahoning Valley Food Pantry Map has been put online by the Raymond John Wean Foundation, the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, and the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Also, follow [this link](#) for further information.

Legal Services

- Community Legal Aid — Ask a lawyer live on Facebook Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on their website, www.facebook.com/commlegalaids. You can attend any of their free events on the website.

Courses

- Eastern Gateway is offering free IT certification courses for displaced workers. Email [here](#) or call 740-266-9910 for information.

If you have any other concerns, please call the school at (330) 788-5007, and ask for Lori Radinsky.

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