

Cardinal Mooney educates for hope and happiness Dear Mooney Family: Autumn has arrived in the Valley, and as we approach the end of the first quarter, I thought I would share some thoughts on Catholic education — a Mooney education — and why it's vital to our community.

Our message rises above fear

PRESIDENT'S DESK

What we're experiencing with COVID-19 can be understood as a "somatic marker" — a bookmark of sorts in our brains that affects our behavior and decisions, as 9/11 did. COVID has had — AND is having — an impact on how we interact with others, how we live our daily lives, how we feel our sense of security, and much more.

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Amid uncertainty and fear, we opened school. Seven weeks in and we see an uptick in positive cases around the country. Fear has settled into a lot of what's been going on these past months. As humans, we are social beings, designed for social contact, and as such, we are very attached to our families, groups, and associations. COVID has triggered fear of

In 2009, the news reported that "billions were at risk of being infected by the H1N1 virus" and yet the global reaction was to keep on with their daily life. I'm not suggesting we shouldn't continue to be prudent in our responses to this global pandemic. I'm suggesting that a Catholic education — a Mooney education — provides us with another way to respond.

being separated from each other. For many, that fear has been realized.

Since 9/11, an accumulation of fear has been building up in our brains. We see the anxiety in our students. You have heard me and other educators speak to the mental health concerns

we have in schools. Movies were made about this, namely Contagion. Our news is bleak. As a result, when we heard the word pandemic, we were preconditioned to have an extreme reaction to it. Social media does not help either, as it tends to amplify our fears. The hoarding

of consumer goods last spring is a prime example of how our thinking and behaving had been conditioned with fear.

Enter Mooney, and what you are providing for your children. There is a distinct way that Catholic schools educate, and it extends beyond our theology department and the school itself. Mooney is a place where our Catholic approach to

intellectual life is practiced. What is it that makes the Mooney education distinct? Unique? The essence of Mooney's approach to education is based on our Catholic worldview. A view that: Has a deep commitment to truth found in the experience of history and tradition; Has a positive anthropology that acknowledges human failings, yet also sees humans

as being essentially good and drawn toward the good; • Our sacramental approach to life where God is experienced through the created order; A rationality — a passion for reasoned approaches to the world.

In the context of the fear surrounding COVID, Mooney teaches Thomas Aguinas who, posited

creations. Human beings, made in the image and likeness of God, have the capacity for both love and truth, and thus the pursuit of truth and love is the pursuit of God. Our happiness and

fulfillment is found precisely in learning and loving." Through our questioning of students' conclusions and assumptions, and of their meaning and implications, we invite students to learn more and to experience a God much bigger than the one they've created in their own image and likeness (Sanctity). This is significant because the way we teach students to learn

that "God who is love is the first cause, the prime mover of things. All that is created, including our students, participate in the Creator God, whose will be to be known by his

• The pursuit of life is happiness: Happiness is found through the development of our capacities with excellence, expressed in the world through action;

Equally important in our world of uncertainty we teach Aquinas' maxim:

also influences what they're able to learn (Scholarship).

This path leads to God, the ultimate happiness.

our students at a great advantage.

has content.

• Our commitment to history and tradition gives our students a deposit of faith that influences moral, political, and economic life. Thus, our graduates become bridge builders, among others. I'm certain this is why so many of our graduates are successful and skilled in the art of service to others (Discipline).

Mooney theology teaches our students to develop what Aguinas calls a "retentive"

memory" of experiences of faith believers which is our Catholic tradition. The content of what we've learned over 2,000 years about life is not unimportant and learning it gives

At Mooney, learning is a virtue to be pursued. Our Catholic worldview is a way of learning and

experiences. A Mooney education is not a spectator sport. Throughout the first quarter, our students have been active participants in learning and playing with excellence. You can see the proofs in the pictures below my letter.

Lastly, Mooney education is not disembodied from our students lives or their

Thank you for your confidence in and support of Mooney as we move into the second quarter. Autumn's

Fear can inhibit us, and for some, it promotes innovation, creativity, problem solving. As we

all begin to reimagine the future, Mooney is educating our students in a worldview that

prepares them to be the innovators, problem solvers, and leaders.

- change invites reflection









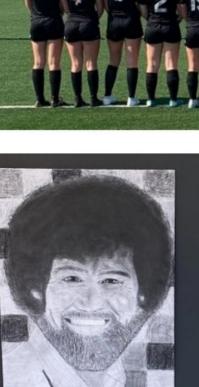














EVENTS

Girls soccer: Sectional tournament

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at Salem (if we win on Monday)

Speech & Debate: JFK

Boys soccer: Sectional

Campbell Memorial

Cardinal Mooney and engage in a virtual competition.

week, but we invite the entire Mooney community to help.

Your help is GREATLY appreciated. Thank you very much!

Invitational Tournament

tournament vs. winner of

Ashtabula St. John and

Volleyball: Sectional tournament: At LaBrae

WWW.CARDINALMOONEY.COM/CALENDAR

This week at Cardinal Mooney, Speech & Debate students make their final preparations for

storied past, because instead of traveling to John F. Kennedy High School, we will all meet at

This doesn't take away from the massive amount of effort it takes to be successful each and every week. Among the many challenges we face in upholding this history is finding enough judges to avoid weekly fees. Our speech parents will have a volunteer sheet sent to them this

Thanks to an amazing ELEVEN newcomers this season, we will require roughly seven judges

per week. If you competed in the past, and would like to help — or would just like to see

brilliant debates and performances by our young people — please contact me at

the season's first tournament. This year's opener will be like any other in the program's

§Speech&Debate

vs. Jefferson Area at YSU



Volleyball: Sectional

tournament at Burton

Cross Country: Division II

District meet at Canton

GlenOak High School

Berkshire if we beat LaBrae



DAY

Mon.

Wed.

Thu.

Sat.

Director of Forensics Basketball program ads Show your support for the basketball team, or promote your business to thousands of readers. Here is the order form!

Program ads are now on sale for the 2020-21

basketball season

VTaddei@CardinalMooney.com.

Sincerely, Vince Taddei

Inside front full cover Inside back full cover Outside back full cover Full page

STATE

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

• Wednesday, Oct. 21 6:30

• Tuesday, Oct. 27 6:30.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN OF STUDENTS.

• If you or your student is having any trouble logging into Powerschool, please send an

a.m. and the tardy bell is at 8:00 a.m. We are noticing more students that are arriving late to school. If your student is late to school and they are driving, please remind them that they will need to park in the tennis court parking lot and enter the school through

• As the weather is getting cooler, all jackets (including letterman jackets, full zip up sweatshirts) need to be kept in the students' lockers. Hooded sweatshirts are to be worn ONLY on spirit days. Even if your team is in season, hooded sweatshirts are not to be worn on regular dress code days. Any Cardinal Mooney crewneck sweatshirt, quarter zip or fleece may be worn on regular dress code days as well as spirit days. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Cadman at jcadman@cardinalmooney.com

Thank you, students, for a great week! Keep your grades up, do your best work, and have a

WEEKEND MEALS AVAILABLE: Students will be eligible to take home two breakfasts and two lunches for the weekend. These packaged meals will be free and come with milk. The National School lunch program will offer this every Friday for the rest of the year. Students must sign up for their weekend meal at Thursday's lunch period. Meals will be distributed from the cafeteria at dismissal on Fridays. Ken Stablein of AVI Food Service will be walking table to table on Tuesday to answer students questions regarding our meal programs.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM is temporarily offering students free meals. According to the USDA, students will have free meals as late as December 31, 2020, or until funding runs out to help

Free and Reduced School Meal Applications are available on our website for the 2020-2021 school year. We encourage all eligible families to fill out the application in order to be ready to resume the Free and Reduced

CAFETERIA NOTES — Mooney families can access important cafeteria information, including this week's menu here. For any questions, please contact Lori Radinsky at LRadinsky@youngstowndiocese.org or by

SENIOR PICTURES are due December 7th. The pictures need to be head and shoulders, color and done by

cannot be wearing earrings and cannot have visible tattoos. Girls cannot have other piercings than their ears, no visible tattoos and cannot be showing cleavage. The yearbook staff reserves the right to deny photos not

a professional photographer. No homemade pictures will be accepted. Boys need to be clean shaven,

children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

School Lunch program in January 2021 and for other qualifying purposes.

Login and stream the event to learn the basics about applying for financial aid, have the opportunity to call in with questions and speak with one of the financial aid counselors, and schedule an appointment for direct assistance with submitting the necessary online

Half page

Quarter page

Cardinal Patron

YOUNGSTOWN

UNIVERSITY

Virtual Financial Aid Night

Gold Patron

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SUPPORT

SHOW YOUR

\$350

\$350

S350

S75

S75

S37

S15

S10

CADDY'S CORNER

Here is a few reminders for the week:

the main doors.

School notes

email to jcadman@cardinalmooney.com.

wonderful week! Smile and make a new friend everyday!

applications. Registration is required for this event.

Register online at www.ysu.edu/finaid/night

• A friendly reminder from the main office: If your student is leaving early, please have the student drop the note in the morning before 8:00 They can pick up their early dismissal slip after the first period. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept phone calls for students leaving. If a student would need to leave, please email the dismissal to jcadman@cardinalmoonev.com. • It is very important that your student arrives on time for school. The warning bell is 7:55

MRS. JANET CADMAN

meeting the set criteria or are not in good taste or quality.

Email pictures to <u>jpolicy@youngstowndiocese.org</u>.

prescription for a mammogram if you have one.

phone at (330) 788-5007, ext. 123.

WRTA BUSSING: For our Youngstown families in need of transportation, WRTA is free through the end of 2020. Passes are not required at this time. Should the situation change, we will let you know immediately. The Joanie Abdu Mammogram Van will be stationed at Cardinal Mooney on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the tennis court parking lot. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Kalasky at 330-788-5007 to schedule a time. You will be required to bring a photo ID, a copy of your insurance card, and a

R FUNDRAISING Earn money for Cardinal Mooney every time you shop at Rite Aid. Sign up and get started.

Community resources

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES: If you're having issues with your unemployment claim, legal aid may be necessary. Call 1-800-998-9454 for information. **WRTA:** All rides are free, but masks are required. Call (330)941-5789 for more information about the route.

SALVATION ARMY: Christmas assistance is available to Mahoning County residents.

Register for Christmas toys (up to age 12) and / or a food vouchers every Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (330) 270-5999 for more information.

School, and East High School.

locations are open: Paul C. Bunn Elementary, Harding Elementary, Martin Luther King Elementary, Volney Rogers, Williamson Elementary, Wilson Elementary, Chaney High FARMERS AND FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION: God's Warehouse food pantry at New

YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOLS is expanding its food program, feeding all students ages 1-18, regardless of what school they attend. On Wednesdays from 2 until 5 p.m., the following

Life Church (2250 E. Western Reserve Rd., Poland) Boxes will be distributed every Saturday in October at 8:00 a.m. Boxes will contain produce, dairy, milk and meat. First come, first served. **NOW YOUNGSTOWN:** Every Friday in October from 1:00-3:00 Free meal box distribution at 554 S. Meridan Rd. First come, first served.