

MOONEY MESSENGER

A production of the Cardinal Mooney Hospitality Team

Dear Members of our Family,



As this school year winds down, we at the Messenger wanted to share with you from our students' perspectives what makes Cardinal Mooney High School a standout in Education, Spirituality, Athletics, Academic and Elective offerings. Therefore, this issue has been entirely authored by students! Please enjoy

what our school has to offer as you read through our thoughts on what makes Mooney the premier Catholic high school in the

Mahoning Valley! For your convenience, we are also providing a list of our Summer 2017 Enrichment and Athletic Camps. We are sure that you'll find something that interests your child with camps that range from our Legendary Football Camp of Champions to Speech & Dramatic Arts! Register your child today at www.cardinalmooney.com/camps! We're also still accepting applications for 2017-18 so click on Apply Now while you're on our website to start the admissions process!

Have a happy and healthy Summer! Hope to see you in our Camps and Classrooms in the coming months!

– Nico Marchionda, '19

Electives: Deepen Current Interests or Discover New Ones

Here at Cardinal Mooney we offer an abundance of electives created for students to explore current interests as well as discover new ones. For instance, Cardinal Mooney provides Accounting I & II classes for students that have an interest in Business. We also provide many different types of



Art classes from studio Art, to Woodshop, Ceramics, 3D Printing and Digital Photography. There are some scientific electives like Earth Science, Astronomy, Anatomy, and Psychology designed for students to enrich their core learning. Cardinal Mooney provides many different musical electives that let students get a closer look and hands on experiences with the instruments. We have Piano, Choir, Marching Band, and Percussion. There are classes as diverse as a Creative Writing class, Drama, and a new class called Law and Action that teaches the basics of Law to students. Easily said, Cardinal Mooney provides many electives to help students learn more and have fun at the same time. – Tyler Petrey, '18

The Pillar of Sanctity

Theology is what makes Cardinal Mooney different from other schools, as it creates a special environment. It is the one thing that unites all people under a common ideal. As a community, we strive to unite as a people and to do God's work at school and throughout our lives. Religion class at Cardinal Mooney helps cultivate the faith, service, and love that is essential to living a good Christian life. This sense of community and faith is apparent not only when we celebrate Mass and pray as a school, but also in the friendliness of those in the hallway, and in the helping hands of those who tutor others. At Cardinal Mooney, we love to help others, and we like to help those in need by raising money and joining in service opportunities. Mooney is a very service-oriented school and this comes from the encouragement of the theology teachers and in from our faith in God. The Mooney family is united as God-loving people willing to help and serve anyone in need.



– Isabella Francisco, '18

Leadership and Service

Leadership at Cardinal Mooney plays an important role in student life. It is one of the key aspects of what Mooney offers its students. It is my belief that it is CMHS's Leadership opportunities that make Cardinal Mooney the best school, within the Diocese of Youngstown and beyond. Not only are we the largest school in the diocese, but 98% of our graduates go on to institutions of higher learning thanks in no small part to their leadership skills. Opportunities of leadership range from Link Crew mentorship, Hospitality team, Interact club, "Yes-Fest", and Service class and club. One of the most valuable lessons I have taken from Cardinal Mooney is how to affect positive change throughout inspired leadership, impacting not only our school but our community at large.

– Marco DiVincenzo, '17



Leadership & Service

A Way of Life at CMHS



Operation Color: The Importance of Service



My Senior Year at Cardinal Mooney was memorable to be sure! From emceeing our pep rallies to lettering in Lacrosse, I can definitely say that this year was the greatest by far! However, there is one lesson I take from Cardinal Mooney that drives me forward in life and prompted me to embark on an independent project this year. That lesson is service. This January, I developed Operation Color as a way to gather donations for local organizations. Through this effort I collected nearly \$3000 in coloring supplies for donation to Akron Children's Hospital and the Purple Cat workshop for adults with special needs. To accomplish this, I set up donation sites at several local businesses and neighborhoods collecting enough art supplies to keep the residents and patients busy for many, many hours!

–Nick Blasko, '17

Hospitality Team

The Cardinal Mooney Hospitality Team is a prestigious organization of select students that help with numerous community service projects through and outside of school. The Hospitality Team gives tours to prospective students, facilitates our Open Houses and our grade school Welcome Days. As members, we also serve the community in many other ways. Recently, girls on the Hospitality Team collected school supplies and women's hygiene products for young girls that attend the New Abentensu School in Ghana, Africa. We gathered a substantial number of products for the women in Ghana and were very proud to have helped others in need. We also helped out with the Celebrate Mooney Auction this past year. The Hospitality Team is an amazing team to be a part of and a valuable way to serve my school!



– Mackenzie Hammond, '18

Scholarship: Advanced Academics

Cardinal Mooney Academics are a consistent source of strength for our school. CMHS maintains 26 AP and Honors courses with over 132 course offerings through our different Academic



Pathways. AP and Honors courses extend from core subjects, like Math and English, through Languages and the Arts. As I enter my Senior year, I find that the AP and Honors courses that I have taken give me the advantage as I plan my collegiate career and professional path. Classes such as these teach students that not everything is going to be easy, and that there will be many situations where a student must work diligently to accomplish a task. When these challenging courses are coupled with our unique, content driven Block Scheduling, a student is well positioned to achieve greatness!

– Vinny Gentile, '18

Academics & Technology



Robotics & Technology: A Club & Camp Unique to CMHS

The education offered by the Cardinal Mooney Robotics Team and our participation in the F.I.R.S.T Robotics Competition offers valuable experience that can't be achieved individually. It teaches cooperation and other team based skills that are extremely useful in computer science fields and throughout life. The program allows students, who are new and have an interest in robotics, electronics, or computer science to get their feet wet with the various parts of the design and fabrication process. The program also allows experienced students to flex their skills and their creativity. Most importantly, it's a fun program where you and your friends can work together to create something awesome. Students that are interested in exploring Robotics and Technology should join our camp this Summer on June 14th, 15th & 16th



– Parker Spielvogel, '18

Technology: Looking Toward our Future

Technology at Cardinal Mooney is an integral and required part of a student's life. Each classroom is equipped with state of the art smart televisions that teachers utilize during instructional time. The presence of technology spans from Woodshop with our 3-D printer to authoring computer programs in our Computer Applications course. Students at Cardinal Mooney also have the option to take other specialized computer courses that deal with programs such as the Microsoft Office Suite and Photoshop, as well as courses that deal with website development. Another way that our students have access to technology is through the iPads that can be used in any class so that our students can do research from the classroom itself. Lastly, we use technology here at Cardinal Mooney by giving each student his or her own Gmail account which in turn are used to sign in to Google Classroom, a device used to share information about lessons and homework with the students. Overall at Cardinal Mooney we believe that with the world becoming more interconnected our students should have the best technological foundation possible.



– A.J. Pepperney, '19

Music Courses



While most people see Cardinal Mooney as purely a sports and academics school, the Music and Drama programs are beginning to make a comeback behind the scenes. This year with Cardinal Mooney Chorus, the resurgence of our band and in various other music courses, Mr. Matthew Ohlin, our Music Director, is making big changes and plans! This year the chorus sang at our masses, had two showcase concerts and hosted the 1st Annual CMHS Family Music Night. Mr. Ohlin and some of his dedicated students are working to make our music department, drama department, and our shows unlike any Mooney has ever seen!

– Kate Pelini, '19

Theatre Department



While I am currently only a Sophomore, I can honestly state that participating in our Theatre Department is a definite highlight of my time at Mooney! Not only have I made lifelong friendships, but I have learned how much work goes into putting on a show. During my time, we have staged a broad range of shows, from the serious *The Miracle Worker*, to the kid-friendly *Seussical the Musical*. Both of these shows were an absolutely amazing experience to be a part of and I hope that everyone at least once, participates in a show at Mooney.

– Mary Kate Zeno, '19

The Arts at Mooney:

Lessons Learned and Lifelong Friendships



Speech & Debate Team

Cardinal Mooney's Speech and Debate Team is a place for student growth in developing speaking and social skills. It gives each and every competitor the chance to learn to be fair, tolerant, and to win or lose graciously. More importantly, the team fosters independent thinking and lifelong friendships



that are strengthened by our wins, losses, and everything in between! The speech and debate team offers twelve different categories to participate in, (3 debate categories and 9 speaking categories), which gives every member a chance to explore different aspects of their personalities and meet others with common interests. It is well known that our Speech and Debate Team are perennial National participants with our definite share of State and Regional Champs too! Memories of my teammates, competitors, and coaches will last a lifetime and I truly wouldn't trade my time on the team for anything!

– Alexis Santor, '19



Cardinal Mooney Camp of Champions

Down...Set...Hut...These are the three simple words that start a path of becoming champion. At the Cardinal Mooney Camp of Champions athletes not only get in two days of hard work and football training, but gain confidence. To accomplish this, camp athletes learn drills, precision, quickness, and most of all discipline. Discipline in becoming a team player, because to become a champion one has to learn the values of a team. Head coaches from all over come to share their success stories, and during each of their speeches they state the importance of teamwork and how only champions know how to work together. The Camp not only prepares athletes for football, but for life and how to become a CHAMPION. Join us on June 22nd & 23rd and start on a road to your own championship!

— Louis Gentile, '20



Student Athletes' Perspectives



Cheer Camp

The Cardinal Mooney Cheer Camp is such an enjoyable experience! Children in grades K-8 are able to participate in either a "mini camp" (K-4) or Cheer Camp (5-8). The children always have a huge smile on their faces as they walk into the gym for camp. Participants learn sideline cheers, a main cheer, a dance, and jumps! They will also receive a Cardinal Mooney Cheer Camp T-shirt which they proudly wear when they perform what they have learned in front of their family and friends on the last day of camp. The Cardinal Mooney Cheerleaders teach the children all of this material in three days and the children learn it quickly! Our camp dates for this year are August 1, 2, and 3. Thank you to everyone who participates in this program! The CMHS Cheerleaders look forward to seeing you at Camp! GO CARDS!



— Gina Ricciardi, '20

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CMHS Summer Camps



Cardinal Mooney High School 2017 Athletic and Enrichment Summer Camps

Enroll your child in an enriching and exciting CMHS Camp this Summer! We are offering our most varied camps to date! From Football to Music, Basketball to Drama, CMHS Camps have something for every child, every age group, and every skill level! Secure your child's seat today by visiting www.cardinalmooney.com/camps.

All incoming Freshman can register for any camp free of charge! Please call Mrs. Hughes at 330-788-5007 or email her at phughes@youngstowndiocese.org to take advantage of your Mooney Family discount and enjoy Camp for free this Summer!

CAMP	DATES	TIMES	GRADES	COST
Girls' Basketball	June 13-15	8:00-11:00	4th-9th	\$50.00
Technology & Robotics	June 14, 15 & 16	1:00-4:00	7th-8th	\$40.00
Music	June 15 & 16	9:00-12:00	6th-8th	\$40.00
Football	June 22-23	8:30-11:30	3rd-8th	\$60.00
Boys' Basketball	June 27-29	1:00-4:00	4th-9th	\$50.00
Boys' & Girls' Soccer	June 29 & 30	10:00-12:00	K-8th	\$40.00
Mini Cheer Camp K-4th Grade	August 1, 2 & 3	9:30-11:30	K-4th	\$40.00
Cheer Camp 5th-9th Grade	August 1, 2 & 3	8:30-11:00	5th-9th	\$50.00
Speech & Dramatic Arts	August 7, 8 & 9	9:00-12:00	6th-8th	\$40.00