

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

# Lauralton Hall

To the Lauralton Hall Community:

I'm writing to wish you a belated Happy New Year and update you on a few of the good things happening at Lauralton.

Our search for a new Head of School is proceeding as planned. Through our search consultants at Educators Collaborative (EC), we have received application packages from a number of excellent candidates. The Search Committee is working with EC to review these packages and select candidates for interviews over the coming weeks. As promised in my November 16, 2022 message, I will continue to update you on important developments in our search process.

While the search for a new Head is ongoing, our school has maintained the high standards that are essential to Lauralton's value proposition and our mission of preparing young women to attend leading colleges and universities across the United States. We can all be proud of the academic, athletic and arts accomplishments of our students. At the same time, we are pleased at their living of Mercy values each day in their concern for our world and its people.

Financially, our school is in solid shape. We are tracking to our annual budget as expected. Elizabeth Miller and her team have continued to closely monitor operating costs. As result of their diligence, next year's tuition will increase only about 3% despite the extraordinary inflation experienced in our area and in the economy at large.

Our community's continued financial support of Lauralton has been and remains critical to the fulfillment of our mission. As previously reported, this school year Lauralton received a major bequest from the estate of Mary E. Monahan, '53, the largest in recorded school history. The success of our festive Christmas in the Mansion and a year-end uptick in Annual Fund contributions have given us a good foundation for the rest of our fiscal year. Thank you to all who have generously supported Lauralton.

Since becoming Board Chair in July, I have been gratified to receive many supportive messages and offers of help from across the Lauralton community. When our Head of School search consultants conducted a series of group interviews to develop a profile of Lauralton for candidates, they were most struck by the passion that our community has for our school. Thank you to the students, parents, alumnae, faculty and staff who participated in those interviews. The passion they showed is the fuel for our success. I encourage you all to keep up the positive energy, continue to be engaged and support our school whenever you can.

Sincerely,



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