



October 2026

Dear MSM Family:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year and the beginning of our Chrysalis event planning! Chrysalis is Mount St. Mary Academy's annual keystone fundraising event where funds raised support new programs and equipment, improvements to the facility, as well as help bridge the gap between tuition and our operating budget.

A key component of Chrysalis is our Grand Raffle, featuring \$5,000 in prizes, which is made possible through the generous support and contributions of our Mount families. The Grand Raffle plays a critical role in raising funds for Chrysalis and paving the way for its success annually. **We ask each family to sell 10 tickets (at \$10 each) per enrolled Mountie.**

Since implementing this policy in 2019, we have continued to give our families an option of how they can fulfill their Chrysalis fundraising requirement:

- **Option 1:** Have your Mountie(s) sell their 10 tickets for the Grand Raffle and return payment to the Mount St. Mary safe outside of Mr. Frank's office on the first floor by January 15, 2027.
- **Option 2:** Purchase your 10 tickets (per Mountie) outright by Monday, November 13, 2026.

For Option One (selling tickets): sell all allotted raffle tickets to family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. Share our social media posts regarding the tickets on your platforms if you'd like to get the word out. Your Mountie's name must be written on the seller line to receive credit for your sale. Friends may also purchase raffle tickets online and note that this sale should be credited to your family's required sales. Raffle tickets will be mailed to your home for you to begin selling! We certainly encourage our families to help us sell above and beyond the allotted 10 tickets per Mountie. Extra tickets will be available in the school's main office or with the Development Department.

- Please note: Any payment not received or any difference between the required ticket sales (\$100) and what has been fundraised will be added to your tuition account by March 15, 2027, through Blackbaud Tuition Management.

For Option Two (paying outright): Send in a check (made payable to Mount St. Mary Academy; memo: Chrysalis Raffle) for \$100.00 **OR:** Ask that the \$100 be added to your tuition account in writing via email to Mrs. AnnMarie Lepertine Barrick '15 at abarrick@msmacademy.org. Be sure to note that it is for the Chrysalis Grand Raffle. Your family will have their name entered ten (10) times into the Raffle. The Development Office will fill out the physical ticket for you; you will not receive any at your home. If you'd like additional tickets, please contact Mrs. Barrick.

If we do not hear from you for Option Two by the November 13 deadline, we will assume that you are participating in Option One, and your family will receive your raffle tickets in the mail.

We thank you for your support in this initiative as we come together to ensure the success of Chrysalis and our fundraising efforts. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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