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Baltimore High School Girls Basketball Tradition Continues

On Friday, February 25th, Mercy High School and Maryvale Preparatory School will face off in The Classic, a match-up that continues a time-honored Baltimore tradition of excellence in girls basketball. The Mercy Magic and the Maryvale Lions will play at 7:30 p.m. at Towson University's SECU Arena.

This signature event builds on a friendly rivalry between Mercy and Maryvale spanning more than 50 years in multiple sports. The Classic will be the culmination of a week of spirited activities between the two schools, including JV and alumnae games, pep rallies, and a fundraising challenge among each school's graduates.

The contest has its roots beginning in 1964 when Mercy High School competed against the old Seton High School in a 3-year series at the Civic Center. In 1967, a new rivalry formed between Mercy and the Institute of Notre Dame. For 54 years, "The Game" between Mercy and IND was the largest girls athletic contest in the State of Maryland.

Tickets for The Classic will go on sale in mid-January. Fans are encouraged to check mercyhighschool.com/athletics/the-classic or www.maryvale.com/the-classic for updated information.

"Mercy is thrilled to partner with Maryvale on The Classic, which highlights the excellence of our two schools and highlights how an all-girls environment empowers girls as leaders--on and off the court!" said Mary Beth Lennon, president of Mercy High School and a 1985 graduate of the school.

Mercy Athletic Director Nick Gill added, "We are excited to give Mercy and Maryvale athletes the opportunity to showcase their abilities on a big stage. This is a big win for girls' athletics."

"It is an honor to have been asked by Mercy to join them as new partners in this long-standing athletic tradition," said Tracey H. Ford, president of Maryvale Preparatory School. "Maryvale looks forward to our first game and the unique opportunity it provides for students, players, alumnae, and the community."

"We are excited to launch a new era of this tradition with Mercy!" adds Maryvale Athletic Director Terri Moeser. "This will be a great game and a fantastic experience for all of our student athletes."

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Founded in 1960 by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy High School provides a Catholic college preparatory education to 446 girls from Central Maryland and Southern Pennsylvania in

grades 9 through 12. Mercy, a founding member of the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland, fields 19 teams in 12 sports and has won 11 championships since 2016. Opened in 2019, the school's state-of-the-art Sisters of Mercy Athletic Complex is a premier facility for girls' athletics that honors the dedicated service of the Sisters of Mercy. An International Baccalaureate World School, Mercy provides an education that is distinguished by rigorous academics, enabling students to form habits of lifelong inquiry, critical thinking, and courageous action in a global society. For more information about Mercy High School, visit mercyhighschool.com.

Maryvale Preparatory School is a Catholic independent girls' school enrolling 440 students in grades six through 12. Affiliated with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Maryvale provides an environment in which each student can reach her academic, spiritual, physical and civic potential in a loving, supportive and diverse community. Maryvale's Athletics program, which has captured over 15 championships since 2016, enhances and supports the school's academic and leadership mission, assisting students in their personal growth and development. Building upon its unique and special heritage, Maryvale's mission is to provide an exceptional education that responds to change and prepares young women for life. For more information about Maryvale, visit maryvale.com.

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