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BISHOP MCNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Bishop McNamara Jr. High Families,

As educators, we are blessed with a special privilege. Every day when we go to work, we are literally going to something that is more than a job. We go to a place where minds are formed, voices are encouraged, hearts are changed, and young lives blossom. We go to our vocation, our ministry that is known as Catholic education!

Being able to assist a child in learning and growing is a tremendous privilege. But, what we teach is far more than the subjects we cover, we, along with you their parents, teach our students as much about life as anything else.

Like any privilege, it is a great responsibility. One that we do not take for granted and one that we recognize is a shared responsibility with you, our parents, as your child's primary educator. As we enter into this 2018-19 academic year, I have asked our faculty to focus on our culture, and I ask you, as parents, to do the same. The Bishop McNamara culture is one in which we are committed to helping our students with any of life's challenges which have been thrown at them. Students may forget the state capitals or how to divide fractions, but they won't forget that teacher who listened and helped them maneuver through a difficult time or inspired them to be better in more than just academics. This is what I call the "McNamara Difference." I am often asked what exactly is the "McNamara Difference"? It is truly difficult to define in words. It is much easier to witness on a daily basis. In an attempt to write exactly what the "McNamara Difference" is, I came up with, "We serve in a ministry where we are blessed everyday with the opportunity to help change the course of someone's life in our words, our actions, and in our beliefs in their abilities."

Once again, thank you for entrusting us with your child. We look forward to an incredible 2018-19 academic year, as we partner with you as parents, to provide your child the opportunity to be part of something amazing, the "McNamara Difference"!

God bless,

Terry Granger
President/Principal

Bishop McNamara

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7th graders work on a Crime Scene Investigation on the Boston Massacre- murder or self-defense?



7th graders create their own cell models and label the organelles.



7th graders practicing word problems that incorporate the importance of fiscal responsibility.



8th grade art students happily working with watercolors.



8th grade students are preparing for the IESA Speech Contest to be held on November 3rd.



8th grade tackles their first lab of the year searching for the measurement of a given item and converting the units using dimensional analysis.



Junior High Religion classes have been learning the Cardinal and Theological virtues. They recently played a review game with large dice in preparation for an upcoming test.



Junior High students learning about rhythm.