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BISHOP MCNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

State of Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program

The State of Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program is up and running! Families have begun to apply for these scholarships to attend Bishop McNamara. On the first day of the application process, 44,000 families applied for these scholarships across the state of Illinois. These scholarships are funded through donations made to Empower Illinois, the Scholarship Granting Organization, for the Diocese of Joliet. There is still time to secure your 75% tax credit for your 2018 Illinois state taxes. Every donation, no matter the amount, is eligible for this 75% tax credit. The process to donate is rather simple and the benefit to the donor is great, in many cases eliminating the 2018 state tax liability. Plus, you are assisting a student to receive an outstanding education that was once thought of as unattainable. If you or anyone else wishes to donate, you can go to empowerillinois.org and look under the donor tab for directions and answers to frequently asked questions. Or you can simply call 815-932-7413 and ask for Tricia Surprenant, Sandy Kuntz, or Terry Granger and we will gladly assist you and answer your questions.

An Example of How It Works:



A Taxpayer Donates \$1,000

Individual donor designates Bishop McNamara Catholic School as beneficiary.



The \$1,000 Becomes Student Scholarship

The donation provides \$1,000 in targeted scholarship funds.



The Taxpayer Claims \$750 on 2018 State Taxes

This 75% tax credit could be enough to eliminate a 2018 tax liability.



A Student Receives an Excellent Catholic Education

Students receive an outstanding education once thought of as unattainable.

To donate, please visit

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Preschool students used construction trucks to paint different paths and develop their fine motor skills.



Kindergarten learned about Chinese culture and traditions and even had a dragon parade to celebrate Chinese New Year!



1st grade celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by dressing up as Thing 1 and Thing 2!



2nd graders learned about the Stations of the Cross by drawing each one.



3rd graders selected an individual to research then presented their project to the class in character!



4th graders made boats out of aluminum foil. The goal was to see how many candy hearts they could fit before it sank!



In science, 5th graders studied the elements of the ocean floor and created their own 3D models!



6th graders shared "Read Across America" day with their 2nd grade prayer buddies.



Junior high students used board games like "Clue" to find probability.



High school students were inducted into the Sharon Club. The Sharon Club recognizes students who have completed more than 100 hours of Christian service during their high school career (the graduation requirement is 60 hours). The club is lovingly named after longtime Bishop McNamara supporter, Sharon Jackson.

SNEAK PEEKS & Shadow Days

Call now to schedule your Sneak Peek (March 26-28) for incoming PreK-8th grade students and Shadow Days (any remaining school day) for incoming 9th-12th grade students. They're the perfect opportunity to get an in-person glimpse of life at Bishop McNamara!

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