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What makes Bishop McGuinness unique? Every school possesses its own charisms making that institution special in the eyes of their community. There is one key element, however, that connects one generation to the next, and that's tradition. Without traditions, schools experiencing multiple changes over time eventually become unrecognizable by alums and the community where they exist. Friday night football games, homecoming, pep rallies, graduation, and other annual events are just as important to the life of the school as the lessons taught in the classroom.

Traditions certainly exist at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. If I ask a graduate what tradition they enjoyed the most, I will hear things such as olympics, Bishop Kelley rivalry, canned food drive, prom, senior robing ceremony and activities that fostered relationships.

McGuinness families have uniquely bonded over time. These families come from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and life experiences, yet they have meshed together making our school one of the most uniquely connected communities in the state. Yes, our faith life plays a key role in this connectedness, but there exists a true sense of belonging to what has become one large family, a band of brothers and sisters.

I believe this special sense of connectedness would have never developed without the school's financial support program. Dating as far back as the 1950s, students whose families might not have been able to afford private Catholic education have found a way because need-based financial assistance was made available.

This year, 203 students will perform odd jobs around the school. Performing these tasks over a set period of time has provided the financial support that has allowed hundreds of students to continue their attendance. Because of this support many of these students have gone on to become some of the most prominent people in our community, including doctors, lawyers, university professors, school teachers, business owners, priests, nuns, corporate executives and a United States District Judge.

The goal of our school is to provide the best Catholic faith-based education designed to meet the needs of every student who enrolls. We strive to provide a path that ensures success for each student.

Pier Giorgio was chosen as our patron saint because he embodied what it means to be a person for others. Our students are confronted with this ideal on a daily basis. The Forever McGuinness Support Campaign provides everyone with an opportunity to be that person for others.

I pray that you will make a gift that will change the life of a student forever and continue his or her connectedness to this great community.

David Morton
President / Principal

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THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE GUZMAN FAMILY



Through three daughters graduating from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, we cannot express enough gratitude for the amount of educational, spiritual, and personality growth that the school has given to our daughters. From our first visit, our hearts were set on sending our girls to Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, but financially it seemed impossible. However, through financial aid scholarships that McGuinness provided, our family has been blessed by sponsors and contributors toward our daughters' education. With this support, all three girls were able to fit into a world that enabled them to be their authentic selves while learning the motto of being a person for others.

My husband and I grew up with the same goals for our kids, which was to send them to a better educational environment. However, finances were always an issue in giving our girls a chance to become the strong independent women we knew they were capable of. Bishop McGuinness gave us a once in a lifetime opportunity for our girls. We knew that sacrifices were going to have to be made in order for our girls to succeed in life. Yet, what's different about McGuinness is that we were not alone. McGuinness is more than just a school. McGuinness has been a place that impacted our lives because of the growth that we saw in our daughters' eyes. Our oldest daughter, Cenayda Guzman, class of 2011, was the first of our family to graduate from college and also be able to obtain a master's degree. With our second child, Samantha Guzman, class of 2021, we saw personality growth all throughout high school from being a shy timid child to now the laughter of the household. Lastly, with our youngest daughter, Sabrina Guzman, class of 2023, we saw spiritual growth in the way she was passionate in impacting God's people by chairing the annual canned food drive at Bishop McGuinness.

These three young women are hard workers, go getters, and faith-filled prayer warriors. As parents, we give each other high fives because, man, we did it. Yes, our girls pushed themselves beyond limits, but the gain that came out of high expectations and the new traditions they have to pass along for many generations stems from their experiences at Bishop McGuinness. Eager to be vulnerable and ask for help with those opportunities as parents was hard, but the support the McGuinness community provided for our girls to be a part of this is beyond measurable. The friendships with teachers, friends, and staff that these girls still talk about is another reassurance that it truly made an impact on them.

Their college education is one of the many results of them attending Bishop McGuinness. I hear them all say over and over again just how much they don't struggle as much as other students with writing a paper, solving math equations, and expanding their knowledge in the healthcare field. Bishop McGuinness prepared them for the next level.

They have leaned on the Lord to get them through the tough challenges life has brought them so far, and they know to lean on Him with the challenges to come. As parents, hearing your college kids still go to church is such a blessing. Knowing your kids are volunteering in their communities, still helping others, and still thanking Him for every meal touches our hearts deeply.

We are extremely proud of our Guzman girls and want to take the time to truly thank all of those who made this possible. We want to thank Mr. Morton, who sees our girls as ones of his own. Hearing that he is proud of them is such a great feeling.

The Guzmans will forever be thankful and will look forward to sending our grandkids and future generations to come. We appreciate the community and look forward to hearing the stories of more families to come.

Thank you Irish family,

The Guzmans