

2019 Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School Information Sheet

Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School (BMRCs) is supported by the Diocese of Camden and four regional parishes including: Our Lady of the Angels Parish, CMCH, Saint Brendan the Navigator Parish, Avalon, Saint Joseph Parish, Sea Isle City and Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marmora. We are grateful for the support of the Diocese of Camden and our local Board of Pastors - affording us the ability to offer a quality Catholic Education to our regional school community. Following is a brief summary of several key areas in our school community. A contact/point person is listed for more information.

Athletic Association: This association supports the extracurricular athletic program at BMRCs. Noteworthy achievements include individual and team successes and the formation of a “Steps to Success” Homework club, to support student success. Prayer has been infused into many teams to start games and meets. Additionally, our sport offerings increased last year, as we added track for the first time. Contact: Crissy Donohue, Coordinator of Athletics, crissysab1@gmail.com

Arts: This department provides students with experiences in the arts, including instrumental and choral music, theatre and art. Chorale is new this school year, and several new instruments have been added to the band program. Contact: Kathleen Getka, kgetka@bishopmchugh.com, Lisa Barry, barryl@bishopmchugh.com, Joseph McLaughlin, band@bishopmchugh.com

Communications and Development: A branch of the office of the principal, this department is charged with marketing the school, and with communicating information to BMRCs families and the community. In addition, the Director, Communications is responsible for all aspects of school advancement and support. The Communications department continues to get the word out about BMRCs, by focusing on social media and more. Contact: Felicia Niven, felicia@bishopmchugh.com

Curriculum: Working within Diocesan guidelines, the administration and teachers regularly review curriculum options, with the goal of providing a high-quality student-centered education in a safe and supportive environment, focused on the whole child and grounded in the Gospel values. About five years ago, we added DRA Assessments and Daily 5 to our instructional repertoire. Our language arts program achieved great heights in 2015-16, notable in the test scores and through anecdotal/ survey feedback from recent graduates. Focuses of the past several years have moved to math. Our school participates in key initiatives, such as STAR assessments, to inform teaching practices. In addition, with “teacher coaching” mentioned in vision 2020, we have a teacher leader representing us at the Diocesan level, in a course sponsored by the Penn Literacy Network. Contact: Principal Tom McGuire, principal@bishopmchugh.com

Finance: This department is responsible for accounts receivable and accounts payable, plus the general business operations. Contact: Jeff LaFrance, financialoffice@bishopmchugh.com

Finance Council: In the process of being formed, this Council will consist of three to seven members of the BMRCs Community, with Principal McGuire and Jeff LaFrance serving the Council ex-officio. Contact: Principal Tom McGuire, principal@bishopmchugh.com

Grants Team: Our grant writers prepare grant applications, striving to secure funding for programs and supplies to enhance the educational experience. Recent grants over the past five years have included grants for field trips and autism education. Our new grant writer/contact person for 2019 is Tamara Brown, werniktam@hotmail.com

Green Thumb Committee: Also known as the Gardening Committee, this is a group of individuals working to help realize the BMRCS S.T.R.E.A.M. Garden. They are currently raising money for pavers and Stations of the Cross to create a beautiful space to learn and pray. Contact: Anita McMahon, a_mcmahon@hotmail.com

Lay Advisory Board: Made up of individuals appointed by the pastors, this board advises the office of the principal on matters pertaining to the school. Recent accomplishments include successful suggestions in-line with Vision 2020, and general effective support of all programs. Contact: Eric Reich, President of the Lay Advisory Board, eric@reichassetmanagement.com

Little Storm Preschool: The preschool program offers a quality education for students aged 2 to 4, based on the Creative Curriculum framework. The goal is to continue to build the preschool/ PreK programs with this concept/ framework. Contact: Kathleen Getka, kgetka@bishopmchugh.com

Parents, Administrators and Teachers working in Harmony (PATH): PATH is our PTA, which runs social programs, and holds fundraisers to meet an assessment goal each year. Contact: Mike Edwards, President of PATH, mje643@yahoo.com

Religion: Working collaboratively with the office of the principal and the main office, this department coordinates school-based liturgies and prayer services, Christmas program, Christmas cards to the community, and special projects for Advent, Lent, and Catholic Schools Week. This department also oversees faith development for faculty, parents and students through monitoring of religion curriculum, Bible verses of the month, planning of Catholic Schools week events, and Sacramental preparation. The principal works collaboratively with the Diocesan Office of Lay Ministry Formation regarding upcoming course offerings to share with faculty. Contact: Tom McGuire, principal@bishopmchugh.com, Cheryl Freeman, cfreeman@bishopmchugh.com

School Safety Team: Formed several years ago, this team is in the process of expanding, and this year for the first time includes additional daily traffic personnel in addition to school security support personnel. Contact: Andrzej (Andrew) Majewski, andrew@bishopmchugh.com

Summit: Discussed as an important next step in Vision 2020 calling for both “active and open communication,” the Summit structure allows boards/committees to come together to inform one another, and to plan for future endeavors. Contact: Felicia Niven, felicia@bishopmchugh.com

Technology and Technologic Systems: Technology 2.0 and 3.0 steering committees have made recommendations to the administration to establish a state-of-the-art technology program. Between 2018 and 2025, our Middle States goal is for a 50% expansion in technology, schoolwide. Contact: Tom McGuire, principal@bishopmchugh.com
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