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### **Bishop McHugh Hosts Open Houses For Little Storm Preschool and Grades K-8**

(Cape May Courthouse, N.J.) March 24, 2016 – Parents and students interested in learning more about Bishop McHugh’s Little Storm Preschool and K-8 Elementary and Middle School may attend an Open House during April and May.

Open Houses are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (walk-in) and after school (by appointment) on the following dates: April 5, 7, 14, 18 and May 3, 10, 17, 19 and 24. Tours also are available with parent ambassadors on Wednesday mornings.

Parents and students will receive a guided tour of the school. Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School is a PreK-8 regional school in Cape May County with a student-centered curriculum grounded in the Gospel values. The school is located on a 10-acre campus at 2221 Route 9 North (mile marker 20), Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210. Transportation is available for enrolled students, including from Upper Township. Financial aid also is available.

#### **About the Little Storm Preschool**

The Little Storm Preschool has specially designed classes for ages 2-4. The curriculum includes 21<sup>st</sup> Century technologies with SmartBoards and iPad minis, art, music, movement,

physical education and social play. Most programs meet two, three and five days a week for full or half days. Because of its curriculum, the PreK4 (four-year-old) class meets for four or five full or half days. Aftercare is available for all students.

### **New Programs to Help Students Exceed**

In addition to a rigorous curriculum for elementary and middle school, Bishop McHugh offers several Exceed Programs:

- The **DRA2+** is the latest version of the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). DRA progress monitoring allows teachers the opportunity to monitor, enrich and support all learners in reading assessment and instruction.
- The **DRA Word Analysis** is an additional program initiated in the primary grades. Word Analysis assesses and tailors instruction for students, and provides teachers with an accurate tool to design phonic instruction.
- **Project Based Learning (PBL)** enables students to solve real-world problems and challenges using subject areas throughout the curriculum. Educators use the term **STREAM** when referring to PBL, as students call upon their knowledge of Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts & Languages, and Math to complete the enriching projects. PBL started in the school in 2014 and will continue into 2015-16. All students, starting at the youngest ages, take part in PBL.
- **Academic Support** is offered via a special service and academic intervention program. A supplemental educational program provides students with a Case Manager, Basic Skills Instructor, Learning Evaluator and Services, a Reading Specialist, and a Speech and Language Specialist.

### **Students and Families Enjoy Extracurricular Activities**

There also are extracurricular activities available at Bishop McHugh including cheerleading, basketball, baseball, soccer, cross country, band and chorus. The soccer and cross country teams compete in the Atlantic-Cape League. The basketball teams compete in the Atlantic Cape League, the Cape Atlantic League, and the South Shore Recreation League.

Students also participate in Team Mercy, a student council that teaches kindness and thoughtfulness through school-based, student-run activities and community outreach. This includes food and clothing drives, holiday outreach programs, Spirit Days, and Prayer Partners.

Students' families are invited to participate throughout the year. Family programs include an ice cream social, family fun night, laps for learning, movie nights, pep rallies, monthly liturgies, Halloween tailgate party, breakfast with Santa, casino night, fashion show, golf outing, mother's prayer group, and numerous student performances. An active parent volunteer program is in place.

For more information, visit [www.bishopmchugh.com](http://www.bishopmchugh.com). The community is invited to "Like" Bishop McHugh on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BishopMcHughRegionalSchool](https://www.facebook.com/BishopMcHughRegionalSchool) and follow Principal McGuire on Twitter at [@BMRCSPrincipal](https://twitter.com/BMRCSPrincipal).

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