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

(Cape May Courthouse, N.J.) May 29, 2015 – Parents and students interested in learning more about Bishop McHugh’s Little Storm Preschool and its new Exceed Programs may attend an Open House during June, or may stop in during summer recess.

Open Houses are scheduled as follows during June 2015:

- Tuesday, June 3, 8:30 am – 2 p.m.: Toddler & Transitional 3
- Wednesday, June 4, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.: PreK through Grade 8

The school will be open to visitors during summer recess on the following dates, any time between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.: June 29, 30 or July 7, 9, 14, 15, 21, 23 or 30.

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

The Little Storm Preschool has specially designed classes for infants through age 4. The curriculum includes 21<sup>st</sup> Century technologies with SmartBoards and iPad minis, Spanish, art, music, movement, physical education and social play. Parents may choose from the following programs:

- Transitional 3: This program is for children who are not yet potty trained or who are not yet three years old, but academically ready for beginning preschool instruction.

- PreK: This program provides a nurturing learning environment for children ages three and four.
- Transitional K: This class is for four-year-olds who are academically ready for Kindergarten but who would benefit from the socialization and developmental needs of their age group.

Most programs meet two, three and five days a week for full or half days. Because of its curriculum, the Transitional K class meets for four or five full or half days. After care also is available for all students.

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

In addition to a rigorous curriculum for elementary and middle school, Bishop McHugh is debuting several new Exceed Programs during the 2015-16 school year. These include:

- 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 also 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 also is in place.

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.

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](http://www.facebook.com/BishopMcHughRegionalSchool) and follow Principal McGuire on Twitter at @BMRCSPrincipal.

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