



Hello, future Bishop McHugh families!

I am Carley Del Sordo, the Bishop McHugh Class of 2009 valedictorian, a 2013 honors graduate student from Ocean City High School, and a current Food Marketing major at Saint Joseph's University. I am writing to you to share a little bit about how my journey from Bishop McHugh has led to my present collegiate endeavors.

When stepping through the doors on September 6, 2000, Bishop McHugh's opening day, I was greeted with open arms and smiles from my principal, both future and current teachers, and soon to be friends. I wore my apple name tag proudly, as God's grace blessed me while approaching my new classroom. From that very moment, I knew, even as a six year old, that Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School was going to be my new home for the next nine years. And those nine years, may I say, were some of the best years of my life. I met some of my best friends at Bishop McHugh, most of which I am still close with to this day, developed personal and professional relationships with my teachers and principals, and most importantly, became closer with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Both academically and spiritually, I was pushed to be the best Carley I could possibly be. Attending this school, reinforced what my parents have always taught me at home – kindness, faith, and family values. Bishop McHugh is everything and more than any parent would ever want for their child. My Bishop McHugh experience has shaped me into the genuine, loving, and personable adult that I am today. Without these values, I could have never conquered half of the challenges that have been presented to me since I have graduated nearly five years ago.

I graduated Ocean City High School with honors tassels around my neck, proudly representing myself, my family, and Bishop McHugh as I accepted my diploma. This past summer, I was granted the honor of being crowned Miss Ocean City, specifically recognized for my intelligence and gentility in my private interview, and for my talent and stage presence. Bishop McHugh is where I developed the skills to interact with others, to be respectful and loving toward them. I also discovered my talent and love for the theater through the school plays and performing arts programs. Since that time, I have performed in many different theatres throughout New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. My most recent feat, college acceptance, could have never been possible without my Bishop McHugh foundation. Currently, I am so lucky to be a part of a Jesuit Catholic family that inspires its students to live the “magis” way of life, in other words, to live to ones greatest potential. Saint Joseph University reminds me of Bishop McHugh, and the values it has instilled within me. That’s why SJU was the college for me!

As I begin the next chapter in my life, I will carry along everything I have learned at Bishop McHugh, and I’ll bring those lessons into my everyday activities. Whether it be studying for five hours to clench that A+ on an accounting exam, serving my community as Miss Ocean City, singing in the SJU church choir, or even interviewing to be a marketing manager at Hershey’s, I will forever bring my values and talents to the table, and wear my Bishop McHugh mark proudly. I am grateful and thankful to be a product of this wonderful Catholic school, and I hope that I have helped to make your decision easier in regards to your children’s academic and spiritual education. Trust me, Bishop McHugh will be the best choice! Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Carley Del Sord*



Dear Friends of Bishop McHugh,

My name is Nicole Kuhar, and I am a 2005 graduate of Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School. My parents enrolled my older brother, younger sister, and me in Bishop McHugh the year it opened. I was in fourth grade and was anxious and scared about starting at a new school. However, the faculty, staff, and students at Bishop McHugh were welcoming, and I immediately felt a part of the Bishop McHugh family. Not only are the memories I have from Bishop McHugh some of the fondest of my childhood, but the education and guidance I received from the teachers at Bishop McHugh have shaped me into the person I am today.

Bishop McHugh was a place that I was challenged academically. I felt that the education I received adequately prepared me for high school. I graduated from Holy Spirit High School as Valedictorian in 2009. While at Holy Spirit, I was able to excel in the classroom, while taking the hardest courses the school offered. I believe this was possible because of the discipline, work ethic, and drive that Bishop McHugh instilled in me. In addition, Bishop McHugh was where I first fell in love with science. I remember some of my first chemistry lessons where I learned the basics of Lewis Dot Structures and understood the trends in the periodic table by demonstrating with various candies. This passion for science continued to grow for me as I recently graduated Marist College in 2013 with Magna Cum Laude honors as a double major in Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences. I will continue my education as I enroll in medical school next fall. For me, personally, the teachers at Bishop McHugh showed such joy in teaching that it made me excited to learn and grow as a person. My passion for learning was sparked at there, and I would not be where I am today without the foundations I gained at Bishop McHugh.

Outside of the classroom, Bishop McHugh's athletic program taught me the importance of teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship. While I was a student, I participated in the school's basketball and cross country programs. The school spirit shown by the entire student body and faculty was something special. Some of my favorite memories of Bishop McHugh involve CYO basketball Sunday's where the entire gym would be packed for a day full of basketball. Everyone was supportive of each other; it resembled a true family. The life lessons I learned while participating in athletics carried over throughout high school and to college. I continued athletics in high school focusing on soccer, which eventually earned me the opportunity to play in college. The work ethic I developed while at Bishop McHugh allowed me to stay focused and maintain a never-give-up attitude, which greatly helped me in other aspects of my life.

In addition to the academics and athletics, Bishop McHugh helped me find the morals and values that make me the person I am today. The school taught me that with faith and trust in God, anything is possible. The emphasis on community service and outreach helped me to grasp, at a young age, the importance of giving back to others and appreciating your own friends and family. The thing I value the most about my experiences at Bishop McHugh was the way that the school brought together the entire school community to make one big family. Whether it was through the prayer partner events, Halloween tailgates, the Penny Walk, or the annual Christmas play, it was evident that the students at Bishop McHugh had a special bond with each other. I honestly do not think I would have found that at a public school.

I am thankful that my parents chose to give me a Catholic education, especially at Bishop McHugh. Throughout grade school, you really grow as a person and having the foundations of a Catholic education helped guide me throughout this period. I was taught the importance of having respect and love for those around me. In addition, being willing to put others before yourself was a message that was instilled in all of Bishop McHugh's students. The Catholic School education I received at Bishop McHugh challenged me academically, spiritually and athletically; all of which I believe contributed to my future successes.

This past fall, I had the opportunity to come back to Bishop

McHugh as the soccer coach. Being able to witness the growth in the students each day confirmed my belief that Bishop McHugh is a remarkable place. The students have such positive attitudes and show respect and sportsmanship at each game. Seeing other students enjoying their time at Bishop McHugh, just like I did, makes me proud to call myself an alumnus. I would like to thank each and every teacher at Bishop McHugh for having guided me during my grade school years. Bishop McHugh is truly a special place and has given me countless memories to look back on and smile.

Thank you,

*Nicole Kuhar*