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Mission Statement

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School develops students in their pursuit of excellence.

In partnership with committed families, our dedicated faculty form the faith, character, and intellect of young men and women within an engaged, diverse community grounded in the Catholic tradition

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Bishop McGuinness Families,

I warmly invite you to join us this evening at 6 PM for the annual Music Department Christmas Concert, a cherished tradition that celebrates the incredible talents of our students and the joy of the Christmas season. Arrive early and enjoy fellowship at the BMFA-sponsored social hour beginning at 5 PM in the lobby. This gathering is a wonderful way to connect with other families while savoring refreshments and the spirit of the season.



The Bishop McGuinness Family Association (BMFA) plays a vital role in strengthening our school community. Through their initiatives, the BMFA provides spiritual, social, and service opportunities for students, parents, and faculty alike. I

encourage you to learn more about their important work by attending their next open meeting on Monday, December 16, at 6 PM in the library. This is a perfect opportunity to hear about their priorities and explore how you can get involved in supporting their mission.

As we draw closer to the end of the calendar year, I also invite you to our final all-school Mass of 2024 on Tuesday, December 10, at 10 AM in the Krispy Kreme Activities Center. This special celebration offers us a moment to gather as a faith community and give thanks for the blessings of this year.

Finally, as we approach the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, let us reflect on the beauty of Mary's "yes" to God. May her example inspire us to embrace God's call with faith and joy. Together, let us entrust our school and our families to her loving intercession: *Blessed Mother, pray for us.*

Under the Mercy,
Dr. Jared M. Rashford
President

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Dear Bishop McGuinness Families,

I hope this note finds all of you well, and that you had a restful and blessed Thanksgiving holiday. In just a few more weeks, the semester will be over, and we will be celebrating Our Lord's birth at Christmas.

In these weeks leading up to Christmas, the Church celebrates a special liturgical season: the season of Advent. In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I think it can be easy to put Advent on the back burner, but to do so is to miss out on a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to Our Lord.

So, what is Advent? Advent is essentially a time of preparation: preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. As we go through the year, it is very easy for us to become distracted by the business of daily life, and Advent provides us a time to refocus and prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas.



During the season of Advent, there are two main ways we can go about this preparation: drawing nearer to Our Lord, and removing obstacles in our relationship with Him. On a practical level, some ways we can draw nearer to Our Lord are: prayer, making visits to the church, reading Scripture, and receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. In terms of removing obstacles, this can mean going to Confession if we haven't been in a while, and also seeking to detach ourselves from worldly things that take up too much space in our hearts: things like food and drink, television, social media, video games, etc., in order to make more room in our hearts for Jesus. If we choose to engage in some of these practices, we will be doing ourselves an incredible favor, and preparing ourselves well to experience the joy of Christmas. You will all be in my prayers during this Advent season, and I hope you all have a blessed and joyful Christmas.

In Christ,
Fr. Christopher Brock



REMINDER
NO SCHOOL

December 9th
*Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception*

Observed

Please make note of an important change to the upcoming school calendar. Monday, December 9, 2024, will be observed as a holy day of obligation in honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. As a result, there will be no school on this day.

[More Information
Here](#)

Calling all Christmas Cookie Bakers & Candy Makers!

The Bishop McGuinness Family Association Hospitality Committee requests homemade Christmas cookies and candies for faculty and staff goodie boxes as we celebrate the Christmas Season! Cookies and candy may be delivered to school by the end of the day Thursday, December 12th.

[Sign Up Here](#)

West Point Academy Visits Bishop!





Book Club **Book Drive**



We are accepting old, gently used books this Holiday Season to give others the joy of reading. Drop your books off in the designated bin located in the lobby the week of December 9th. Happy Holidays!



WNC Support Update

We're continuing our efforts to support our Catholic school communities in Western North Carolina, and your help is invaluable!

This Week's Needs:

- Electric Heaters
- Children's Warm Clothes
- Feminine Hygiene Pads
- Diapers: Size 6 & 7
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
- Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping our communities recover and thrive!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

SERVICE HOURS FOR STUDENTS!

Questions? Reach out to support@mobileserve.com.

Mobile Serve Codes are:

Class of 2025 - 6653D1

Class of 2026 - 9EBFB9

Class of 2027 - 29A176

Class of 2028 - 12EACF

[MobileServe Guide](#)

COUNSELING CENTER

First Semester Exams

December 16th - 19th

[Exam Schedule](#)

[Bus Schedule - Exam Week](#)

CLASS OF 2026!!!

It's that time of year when we start the process for **Junior Interview Sign Up**.

Please click on the appropriate link below to sign up for a 60-minute time slot to meet your student's counselor. Available times include before school, lunch, or after school, as we do not want students to miss instructional time. If your student has a Study Hall, please contact Mrs. Ehmig and/or Mrs. Gehling directly.

We are so excited to meet with you and your student to officially begin the college discussion. We will cover senior course selection, picking a good fit school, navigating Naviance and steps moving forward.

Joy and love to you and yours over this Holiday Season.


Sincerely,
The Counseling Center

**Last Name A-K- Mrs.
Ehmig, tehmig@bmhs.us**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com
/go/60B0C48A8A728A1FD0-
53103826-class#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48A8A728A1FD0-53103826-class#/)**

**Last Name L-Z- Mrs.
Gehling, jgehling@bmhs.us**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com
/go/30E084CACAD2CA6F58-
53305973-class](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084CACAD2CA6F58-53305973-class)**



Parents and Students of all grade levels are invited to join us for a

COLLEGE CONVERSATION

With our recent graduates from the Class of 2024 and their parents.

Tuesday - January 7th, 2025
6pm - 7pm
Bishop McGuinness HS Library

Discussion Questions:
What do you wish you knew in HS about the college process?
What was the most important thing you learned about the process?
What was the summer before college like?
How did First semester go in college?
How you meet people?
What advice do you have to share?
Q&A Time!

The Counseling Center

Schedule of Upcoming Events

DEC
6

JUNIOR INTERVIEWS
Sign Ups Open

DEC
7

SAT TEST*
Sign up for test and testing site at www.college.board.org

DEC
10

SAVANNAH SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
8AM
Counseling Center

DEC
14

ACT TEST*
Sign up for test and testing site at www.act.org

DEC
16-19

EXAMS
Please see exam schedule

DEC
20

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas Break!

JAN
03

ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINE
February 8th ACT Test Registration Deadline

JAN
06

WELCOME BACK!
We hope you had a restful break!

JAN
07

COLLEGE CONVERSATION
6-7PM
Library

JAN
21

JUNIOR INTERVIEWS
Junior Interviews begin

FEB
21

SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE
March 8th SAT Test Registration Deadline

**Please be aware that both SAT and ACT testing are not held on the BMCHS campus. You must register through the respective website, where your designated testing location will be provided upon registration.*

ATHLETICS



The Bishop McGuinness Varsity Basketball Teams will be competing against the top Guilford County Public Schools in the HAECO Invitational at the Greensboro Coliseum and The Greensboro Swarm Arena Dec. 19-21. Coach Stoller has discounted sleeves of tickets for the tournament. They are \$20 per sleeve, and one sleeve is good for admission into all games each day. All of the proceeds on tickets sold at BMHS benefit the Bishop Athletic Program.

Contact jstoller@bmhs.us if interested.

Attention all returning athletes and parents:

You must log into your Finalforms Portal and register for your sports again this year (click on box next to each sport the student anticipates playing). This is the only way to be added to the roster for that sport.

Bishop McGuinness is seeking a Head JV Baseball Coach

Spring (Mid Feb through early May). Paid Stipend.
If interested, contact Pat Bowen at pbowen@bmhs.us.

**If you are interested in purchasing a Villains Club Membership,
which includes season passes, please click below**

[VILLAINS CLUB MEMBERSHIP](#)



**[Bishop Athletic Events
Live Stream NFHS
Network](#)**

If you are interested in purchasing a subscription to view live stream of all BMHS Home Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer, Lacrosse and Baseball Games, please visit:

[NFHS Network](#)

NCHSAA Attendance Policy Information



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Tonight!

Friday December 6th - 6pm
4th Annual BMCHS Christmas Concert
Home for the Holidays



ARTS DEPARTMENT

Senior Services Donation Drive



The National Art Education Association, as well as some of our teachers, collected art supplies, puzzles, and games to donate to Senior Services in Winston Salem. Adults in the program enjoy participating in arts and crafts.

2024 - 2025 Performing Arts Season Schedule



2024 | 2025

Performing Arts Season



Wednesday | Oct 16, 2024

FALL MUSIC CONCERT

DEPARTMENT *of* MUSIC



Nov 21 - 23, 2024

RADIUM GIRLS

DEPARTMENT *of* THEATRE



Friday | Dec 6, 2024

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

DEPARTMENT *of* MUSIC



Mar 27 - 29, 2025

THE ADDAMS FAMILY

DEPARTMENT *of* THEATRE



Friday | Apr 11, 2024

SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

DEPARTMENT *of* MUSIC



Purchase show tickets

BISHOP
MCQUINNNESS
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

www.bmbh.org

1725 NC-66 Kerneraville, NC 27284

336.564.1010

ADVANCEMENT



End-of-Year Benefits for Donating to the 1959 Fund

As the calendar year comes to a close, donating to the 1959 Fund offers a unique opportunity to support Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School while also benefiting from potential tax advantages. Here are some key reasons why year-end giving can be especially impactful:

1. Tax Deductions for 2024

Donations made before December 31st are eligible for tax deductions on your 2024 tax return. As a 501(c)(3) organization, gifts to Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. A year-end donation can reduce your taxable income, potentially lowering your overall tax liability for the year.

2. Maximize Your Impact with a Charitable Gift

For those looking to make the most of their charitable giving, year-end contributions to the 1959 Fund can help you maximize the impact of your gift. Donating before December 31st ensures that your generosity will support the school in the current fiscal year, directly benefiting students, programs, and initiatives that will have an immediate effect.

3. Matching Gifts

Many companies offer matching gift programs for charitable donations made by employees. If your employer participates in a matching gift program, your donation to the 1959 Fund could be doubled or even tripled at no additional cost to you. It's a great way to increase the value of your gift while supporting the students of Bishop McGuinness.

4. End-of-Year Giving Challenges and Incentives

Throughout the end of the year, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School may offer special giving challenges or incentives that make your gift go further. These opportunities often include matching funds, recognition for giving levels, or special recognition at school events, helping you to make a tangible impact on the school community.

5. Building Your Legacy

Contributing to the 1959 Fund before the end of the year also gives you an opportunity to join one of our giving societies, such as the 1959 Society, and become part of an important group of supporters who help shape the future of BMCHS. Your gift now ensures that you will be part of a legacy of support that benefits generations of students.

6. Peace of Mind

By making your donation before the year ends, you can cross this meaningful task off your to-do list, ensuring that you've fulfilled your charitable goals for the year. It's an opportunity to reflect on the positive impact you've made, knowing that your support is helping to shape the educational experience of current and future students at BMCHS.

The end of the year is the perfect time to reflect on the values you support and make a meaningful contribution to Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. By giving to the 1959 Fund, you help ensure that our students receive the best possible education, opportunities, and experiences. Take advantage of the tax benefits while making a lasting difference today!

Give Today



To better serve our families, alumni, and friends, our new Spirit Store is now open. More items, better prices, and open all year round. More items are coming soon, so check back weekly. Get ready to show your Villains pride by clicking the link below.

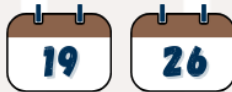
Bishop Spirit Store

ADMISSIONS

For Admissions information, please contact Paola Scilinguo-Mendoza,
Director of Admissions at 336-564-1011 or psmendoza@bmhs.us

VILLAIN WALKS **2024-2025**

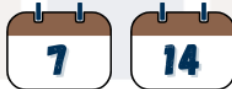
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OCTOBER



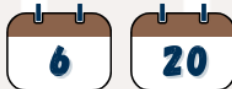
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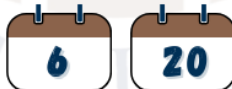
JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



**SCAN CODE TO RSVP
FOR A VILLAIN WALK**



RSVP for a Villain Walk



- › Tuition Assistance Available
- › Transportation Available
- › Tours & Villain Walks by Appointment
- › Academic Achievement Program
- › Priority Admissions for Partner Schools

2025-2026 School Year


Now Accepting
Applications



Scan QR code to apply online
or visit www.bmhs.us



For more information contact the Admissions Office:

 (336) 564-1011

 psmendoza@bmhs.us

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Immunization Records

Each student must have a current, COMPLETE Immunization Record on file. (PLEASE INCLUDE ALL PAGES OF THE RECORD)

Rising Seniors, Class of 2025, are required to have two (2) doses of the Meningococcal conjugate.

All new students (rising Freshmen and Transfer Students) must also have an Immunization Record on file.

Please *DO NOT* upload the immunization records to FinalForms.

Please send a paper copy of the Immunization Records to Mrs. Mary Moon, either by mail or email at mmoon@bmhs.us.

Thank you!

Diocese of Charlotte Immunization
Requirements

Diocese of Charlotte Immunization
Exemption Form

Driver Eligibility Information

When your student is ready to go to the DMV to get his/her permit, a **parent will need to call The School Office to request an official transcript and Driver Eligibility Certificate.**

Please allow 48 hours notice to process any transcript requests.

A parent must bring the student's Driver's Ed Completion Certificate to The School Office and sign the Driver Eligibility Certificate. The Driver Eligibility Form is good for 30 daysonce it has been signed. Please keep this in mind when making plans to go to the DMV.

The DMV is now requiring official transcripts as a proof of residency. Please contact the front office at 336-564-1010 to make this request.

Driver's Ed is offered through the NC Driving School. You can visit www.ncdrivingschool.com for instructions to sign up. North Carolina requires that Driver's Ed be taken in the county of the high school. (i.e. Bishop McGuinness is in Forsyth county. If you live in Guilford county, you must take Driver's Ed in Forsyth county.) You can sign up on their website at one of the public high schools. You may choose to do private Driver's Ed, which may be completed in any county.

Thank you for your attention to this and congrats to your new driver. Drive safe, Villains.

2024-2025NC Driving Permit Information

**2024-2025 Parking Permit Form
for ALL Students**

**2024-2025 Parking Passes and
Regulations**

Bus Application Information

To reserve a seat, please email the contract to tjones@bmhs.us or mail to

Tracy Jones, Bishop McGuinness High School
1725 NC Hwy. 66 S, Kernersville, NC 27284.

Click the buttons below for information and application.

[2024-2025 BUS SERVICES CONTRACT](#)

[2024-2025 BUS PICK UP/DROP OFF INFORMATION](#)

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS:

The Diocese of Charlotte Diocese has changed to **CATHOLIC MUTUAL GROUP (CMG)** for certifying volunteers and employees. All who volunteer at Bishop McGuinness must complete the CMG certification.

Please click on the buttons below for directions and the CMG website. If you have questions, please contact Nichole Wood, nwood@bmhs.us.

[CMG Connect Website](#)

[Catholic Mutual Group VOLUNTEERS Directions](#)

CAFETERIA INFORMATION:

New Cafeteria Payment System is Active!



[Meal Magic Information](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[2024-2025 Calendar](#)

[Website Calendar](#)

Event Calendar

December 9, Monday

- No School - Observe Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Swimming vs Cornerstone @ Kernersville YMCA 6:30pm
- Track Invite @ JDL 5pm

December 10, Tuesday

- All School Mass 10am - Assembly Dress Required

- JVGB/JVBB vs Albermarle 4/5:15pm
- VGBB/VBBB vs Albermarle 6:30/8pm

December 11, Wednesday

- Early Morning Mass 7:55am
- JVBB @ Covenant 4:30pm
- Wrestling vs High Point Central & Boone Cone @ HPC 6pm

December 12, Thursday

- JVBB @ Millennium 6:45pm

December 13, Friday

- VGBB/VBBB @ Cornerstone 5:30/7pm

December 14, Saturday

- Wrestling Nick Sgroi Invite 9am
- Track Invite @ JDL 9am
- VG/VB Basketball @ Williams HS Invite TBD

Looking ahead...

December 16 - 19

- 1st Semester Exams

December 16, Monday

- BMFA Open Parent Meeting 6pm - Library

December 18, Wednesday

- Early Morning Mass 7:55am

December 20, Friday

- End of 2nd Quarter / End of First Semester
- No School - Christmas Break Begins

**** Please note that the calendar is subject to change.**

***** Athletic Events are only put on the calendar for the following week due to scheduling changes. Athletic events may be cancelled/postponed due to weather.**

****** For all school events, please check the full calendar on our website.**