

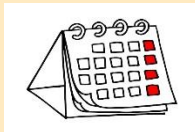
From the Desk of  
Maria Cahill, Principal  
January 10, 2024



**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
January 8, 2024**

**Greetings St. Pius Tenth School Families!**

There is a great deal of information in this week's communication, which is our **main tool for sharing information** with families. Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read it, in its entirety, to keep up with what is happening in our school. We will do our best to send text reminders for certain events, though that may not always be possible. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Monday, January 15		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School
Friday, January 26		End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
Sunday, January 28		Catholic Schools Week begins
Thursday, February 1	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Open house and Ice Cream Social
Friday, February 2		Report Cards scheduled to be sent home
Friday, February 2	9:30 AM	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
Wednesday, February 14	9:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Friday, February 16		<b>½ Day for students-</b> Professional Development Day for Teachers
Monday – Friday February 19-23		Presidents Day – Mid-Winter Recess

**\*\*\* REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR \*\*\***

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open to all current and prospective families! Before the Christmas Recess, we sent home hard copies of the registration packet to current families. If you need another copy, please let us know, and we will send one home with your student. Please return your completed paperwork as soon as possible to guarantee enrollment.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Milk**

Orders and payment for milk for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the school year must be received no later than Friday, January 19, 2024.

The order form is included in this week's communication.

**Let's Go, Buffalo!!!**

This Friday, January 12, students are invited to dress down in their favorite Buffalo Bills jersey or sweatshirt. If they do not have Bills clothing, they may certainly dress in the team colors. They may also wear another NFL jersey if they choose.

Some students have asked if they can wear hats. They may; however, **they should not wear helmets, pajamas, face paint, hair coloring, or any other clothing that does not fall within the non-uniform dress code.**

**Save the Date  
St Patrick's Day Dance**



Please save Sunday, March 3, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM for the St. Pius Tenth School St. Patrick's Day Dance. We will once again be in the Parish Center, and anyone who was at last year's dance will tell you how much fun it was!!

More information will follow in late January.

**Box Tops for Education**



Kindergarten is still in the lead in our Box Top Challenge – with a total of 450 box tops submitted to date.

Their closest challenger is still Grade 2 with a total of 349! Grade 2 has made quite the jump from last week.

Great job everyone! Keep them coming.

**Boy Scout Troop 178 Pancake Breakfast**



Please see the flyer from Boy Scout Troop 178 for this year's Pancake Breakfast-sponsored by SPXFCU!

**Diocese of Rochester Building a Brighter Future Scholarship  
2024-2025 School Year**



The application period is now open for the 2024 – 2025 **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Please see the information included in this week's communication for information and application instructions.

This is an eligibility-based scholarship opportunity for registered students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Please note that there is a \$40 scholarship application fee.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**



Please see the flyer from the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship to be held on January 21 and open to all boys and girls ages 9 – 14!

**Our Cereal Box Challenge is Back!!**

**Please help us help our neighbors – All boxes will be donated to SWEM**

See the flyer in this week's communication.

**Fr. Murphy Scholarship 2024-2025**

The window for application for the Fr. Murphy Scholarship is now open. Information is included in this week's communication.

The financial awards of up to \$3,000.00 per scholarship per year are granted for up to 4 years from grades nine through twelve to students attending McQuaid Jesuit, Bishop Kearney, Aquinas Institute or Our Lady of Mercy High Schools.



**Catholic Schools Day at the Ballpark!**

This year, Catholic Schools Day at Innovative Field is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 2024, when the Red Wings take on the St. Paul Saints at 1:05 PM. Tickets will be on sale for \$10. We will be sharing the link to purchase tickets as soon as it is made available to us.

This season there is a fun new twist! The Red Wings are asking for our students to help **design a special jersey!** In this week's communication, there is a template for students to draw/color.

Once the design is complete, simply send it back into school, and we will make sure the Red Wings receive it.

**Have a Wonderful Rest of the Week!**



**SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL**  
 3000 Chili Avenue  
 Rochester, New York 14624-4598  
 Telephone: (585) 247-5650 Fax: (585) 247-7409



**Lunch Milk Order Form**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2023-2024**

Student Name	Grade	Number of Cartons Per Day	Indicate Choice 1% White Milk (X)	Indicate Choice Low Fat Chocolate Milk (X)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

Milk for the Second Semester will be available at lunchtime beginning **Monday, January 29, 2024**.

The cost of milk will be \*\$25.00 (for one ½ pint carton per day) per student for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. No refunds will be given for absences. If you would like your child to have two cartons per day, please double the cost.

**\*\*Orders must be either all White Milk OR all Chocolate Milk. We cannot split orders.**

\*The cost for those students in our 2 or 3-Full Day, Pre-K Program is \$15.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

No milk for half-day students in Pre-K.

Please send in order form **and** payment, made by cash or check (payable to St. Pius Tenth School), **no later than Friday, January 19, 2024. We will not be able to accept late orders.** Payment must be submitted with order.



## SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL NEWS

**Saint Pius Tenth School**  
585-247-5650

**Maria Cahill, Principal**  
email: maria.cahill@dor.org

1st Grade News  
By: Trevor Freed

It's been an exciting few months in the first grade! Although the holiday season is coming to and end, the students' excitement hasn't dwindled in the slightest.

On our last day together before Christmas break, the first grade class had a very fun Christmas party. We started the day off with a little dance party while we listened to some holiday favorites followed up by some Christmas themed games. After that we watched "A Charlie Brown Christmas" while enjoying some sugary treats that the students brought in to share with each other. It was a fantastic, fun-filled day that the class was sad to see end even with Christmas so close!



Even with all the craziness and distractions that the holiday season can bring, the first grade has been hard at work right up to the start of our break. Recently,

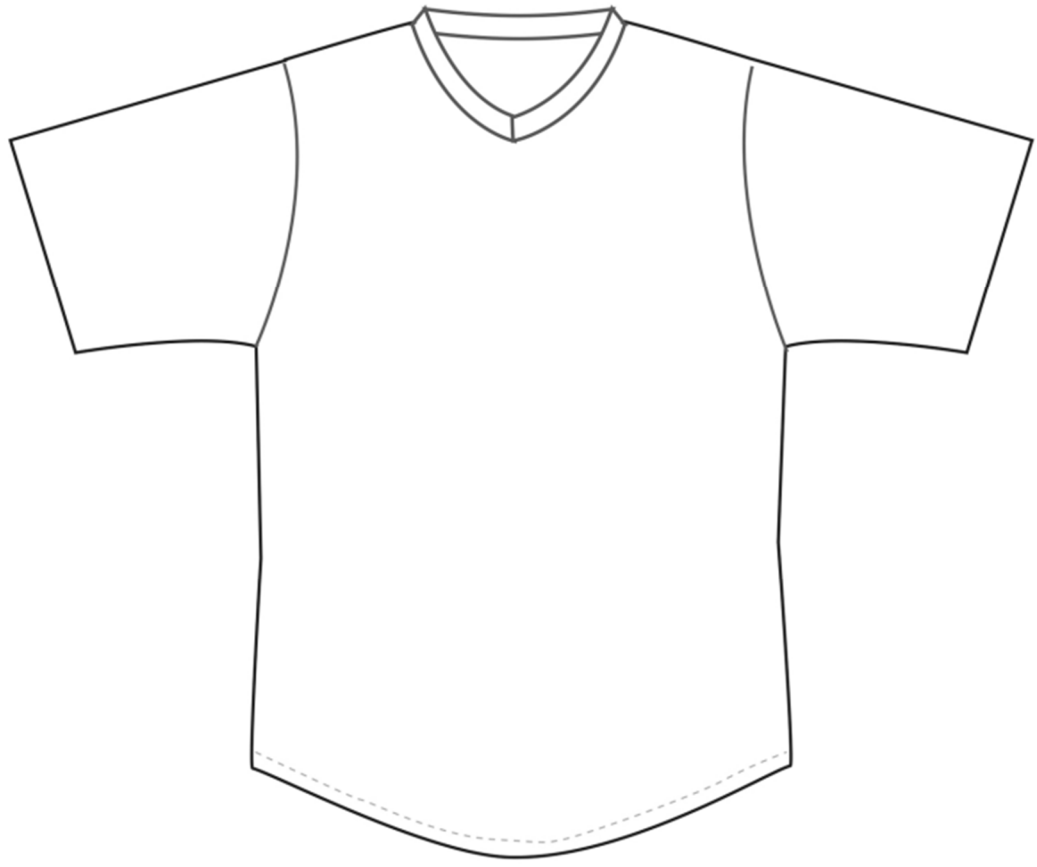
we've been focusing on becoming more independent in the classroom, and more confident when it comes to trying things on our own. This work has predominantly been done with regards to our reading and math practice. They have been doing a fantastic job so far and have come such a far way since the beginning of the year.

Once we are back together in school we will be looking forward to all that we still have to accomplish this year. In the coming months, the first grade will begin taking on many new challenges in all subject areas. I am grateful to have such a brave group of students this year who are all willing to put forth their best efforts to learning new things even when they seem impossible in the moment. I'm sure the second half of the school year will be just as great as the first. We're ready for it!



Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

# ***DESIGN A RED WINGS JERSEY CONTEST!***



Winning jersey will be worn by the Rochester Red Wings on Catholic Schools Day - June 2, 2024



## Application Instructions

1. Go to [online.factsmgt.com/aid](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid).
2. If **new parent** to the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools network, create an account by setting up a username and password with your information. If **existing parent** at one of our Diocesan schools, use your current FACTS credentials.
3. Select the **2024-2025 term**.
4. Review the FACTS platform information. **As with all financial aid applications, there is a \$40 fee to apply. This is not covered by the Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools. All applicants must pay this fee in order to apply for the scholarship.**
5. Select **Begin Application**.
6. Click **Add School / Organization**.
7. Type in the search box **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Select the checkbox and click **Add**.
8. Click **Save & Continue** to proceed with completing the application.

**Under the STUDENT section of the application:**

- Enter students **grade level for 2024/2025 School Year**
  - Enter **\$1** in the box for: Tuition
  - Enter **\$1** in the box for: How much of this child's tuition can you and/or the co-applicant pay?
  - Enter **\$1** in the box for: Annual tuition support required from this child's non-custodial parent as a result of legal separation, etc.
9. Continue completing all application sections.
  10. Finalize the application by uploading your tax documents and reviewing your submission.
  11. A Department of Catholic Schools representative will be in contact with you regarding your Building A Brighter Future Scholarship application and next steps with the school at which your current student(s) is enrolled at, or new student(s) may be enrolled.





## Eligibility

The **Building A Brighter Future Scholarship** provides a tuition assistance scholarship opportunity for eligible students, K-8<sup>th</sup> grade, across our Diocesan schools for the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship supports the Department of Catholic Schools' mission to educate, inspire, and develop children into future leaders of the Church and community.

An online application process will assist in determining eligibility based on the National Standards for Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch. The Department of Catholic Schools will assist **new** families with selecting and enrolling in a school location throughout the application process.

To qualify, you must meet the income standards for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch below:

### Income Eligibility Guidelines for Scholarship Program

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
2	\$36,482
3	\$45,991
4	\$55,500
5	\$65,009
6	\$74,518
7	\$84,027
8	\$93,536

*\*For each additional family member, add \$9,509*

Applications will be submitted online through the **FACTS Tuition Management** website. Please download the **"How to Apply" application instructions guide** at [dorschools.org/scholarship](https://dorschools.org/scholarship)

All materials will be reviewed by the Department of Catholic Schools in the order they are received. Additional documentation may be requested. After review, the Superintendent will notify the Principals of the selected Catholic schools and inform the families of awards.

Scholarship recipients are required to be in good academic standing and are expected to follow the rules and procedures outlined in the school's Code of Conduct. They should contribute to a positive learning environment and show respect to other people and to property. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible for a scholarship regardless of their financial needs.

This scholarship is for one full school year. Families who have received this scholarship in the past must reapply each year.



January, 2024

TO: Parents/Guardians  
FROM: Father Murphy Scholarship Committee  
RE: Application and Notification

Attached is the financial application form for the Father Murphy Catholic High School Tuition Assistance Program. **Please fill out this form and return it to:**  
**FMS Fund,**  
**P.O. Box #64823,**  
**Rochester, New York 14624-7223.**

The financial awards of up to \$3,000.00 per scholarship per year are granted for up to 4 years from grades nine through twelve to students attending McQuaid Jesuit, Bishop Kearney, Aquinas Institute or Our Lady of Mercy High Schools. Awards may start any year from grade nine through grade twelve and continue throughout a student's high school career.

The criteria for the Father Murphy Catholic High School Tuition Assistance Program are the following:

1. Member of Saint Pius Tenth Parish and or graduate of Saint Pius Tenth School.
2. Financial need, academic capability and character.

You are encouraged to include a cover letter with this application attesting to the applicant's character and academic capability. Additional information indicating any unusual circumstances that may apply to your situation (recent loss or change of employment, uncovered medical expenses, etc.) may be provided. Documentation regarding special circumstances will be required.

**All applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2024.**

The committee will notify the recipients of the tuition assistance, on or before June 30, 2024.

Individuals requesting additional information or having questions regarding this program may direct their inquiries to Stephen Oberst, c/o FMS Fund, **P.O. Box #64823, Rochester, New York 14624-7223.**

**The Father Murphy Scholarship Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, national origin (ancestry), disability, or sexual orientation in awarding financial aid.**

**FAMILY INCOME:** *Money earned before deductions and taxes.*

DUE: April 15, 2024  
Return to: FMS Fund  
P.O. Box #64823  
Rochester, New York 14624-7223

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|----|---|----------|
| 1. | 2023 earned income for financially responsible female parent or guardian      | \$ _____ |
| 2. | 2023 earned income for financially responsible male parent or guardian        | _____    |
| 3. | <i>Other Household Income:</i>  |          |
|    | Social Security   | _____    |
|    | Child Support   | _____    |
|    | Dividends and Interest  | _____    |
|    | Unemployment/Disability/Workers Comp Ins.                                     | _____    |
|    | Other   | _____    |
| 4. | Current value of cash, savings account, checking account, stocks, bonds, etc. | _____    |
| 5. | Other financial aid and/or scholarships.                                      | _____    |

***In addition to your application form, please submit a copy of one of the following which substantiates the above information.***

- A. A signed copy of your 2023 U.S. Federal Income Tax Forms including copies of W-2 and 1099 forms.

***Please answer the following:***

Number of dependents claimed \_\_\_\_\_ (must correspond with attached documentation).

I hereby submit this application and documentation as verification of my/our Family Income for 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature of financially responsible person*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

***NOTE: Applications without documentation of income will not be considered for tuition subsidy funding. Please submit copies of any documents because they will not be returned to you.***

**Incomplete forms will be returned!**

**Due: April 15, 2024**

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**Return to FMS Fund**

**P.O. Box #64823**

**Rochester, New York 14624-7223**

**FATHER MURPHY TUITION SUBSIDY  
2024-2025 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION**

*Please print, use pen, and answer all questions. This material is kept confidential.*

<i>Student's Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>M/F</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Present School</i>	<i>School September 2024</i>	<i>Grade September 2024</i>
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
6.						

Financially responsible female parent/guardian:

M/M Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(circle one)* *Last Name* *First Name* *MI*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City/Town* *zip*

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Financially responsible male parent/guardian:

M/M Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(circle one)* *Last Name* *First Name* *MI*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City/Town* *State* *zip*

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents'/guardians' marital status:**

single       married       both deceased       separated       divorced

Religious Affiliation:       Catholic       Other

I/We are registered members of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/Church.



Knights of Columbus

Free Throw

Championship

*Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14*

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_



Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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# Boy Scout Troop 178

Sponsored by St Pius X Federal Credit Union

Pancake Breakfast

## Fundraiser

Sunday, January 21, 2024

\$6 tickets



Dine-in

Or

Take-out

7:30-11:00 AM

St. Pius Church

3010 Chili Ave.

Includes:

2 pancakes, 2 Sausage, Syrup

For more information email us at [chilitroop178@gmail.com](mailto:chilitroop178@gmail.com)