

*From the Desk of
Maria Cahill, Principal
January 24, 2024*

**St. Francis de Sales
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Feast Day - January 24**

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**:

Friday, January 26		End of 2 nd 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		½ Day for students- Professional Development Day for Teachers
Monday - Friday	Recess	Presidents Day - Mid-Winter February 19-23

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28th. Each day of the school week, we will feature a different theme or event.

The **Dress Down schedule** is as follows:

- Monday, January 29 - Mismatch Monday
- Tuesday, January 30 - Tie Dye Tuesday

Wednesday, January 31 – Wacky Hair Wednesday (students may also dress down this day in addition to wacky hair)

NO DRESS DOWN FOR GRADE 5, AS THEY WILL BE GOING TO JA BIZ TOWN

Thursday, February 1 – Throwback Thursday (dress in your favorite decade from the 60's through the 90's)

Friday, February 2 – **NO DRESS DOWN** – School Liturgy

Please refer to the dress down policy in the handbook for allowable dress down clothing. Please NO pajama pants! We also have some fun activities planned for the week!!

Please join us for the annual school Open House and **Ice Cream Social** on Thursday, February 1 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. This is open to all current AND Prospective families. Share our good news!

Our friends from the public library will be here to award a prize to those students who successfully complete our scavenger hunt!

Watch Facebook Live for our **Cereal Box Domino Challenge** on Friday, February 2. The exact time will be announced soon.



Our Cereal Box Challenge is Back!!

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

You may send in boxes of cereal with your children to be used for our domino challenge! Please see the flyer included this week!

We are a long way from our goal of 500 boxes. Please consider sending in boxes of cereal if you have not already done so. Thank you!



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 will 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.

***** 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.

It's Time to Order Your Spirit Wear!

Please see the flyer included this week to order your St. Pius Tenth School Spirit Wear. Orders and payment are due by February 7th.

We can also now add "SPX Parent" or "SPX Grandparent" to the logo. What a great way to advertise our school!

**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.

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.

**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.

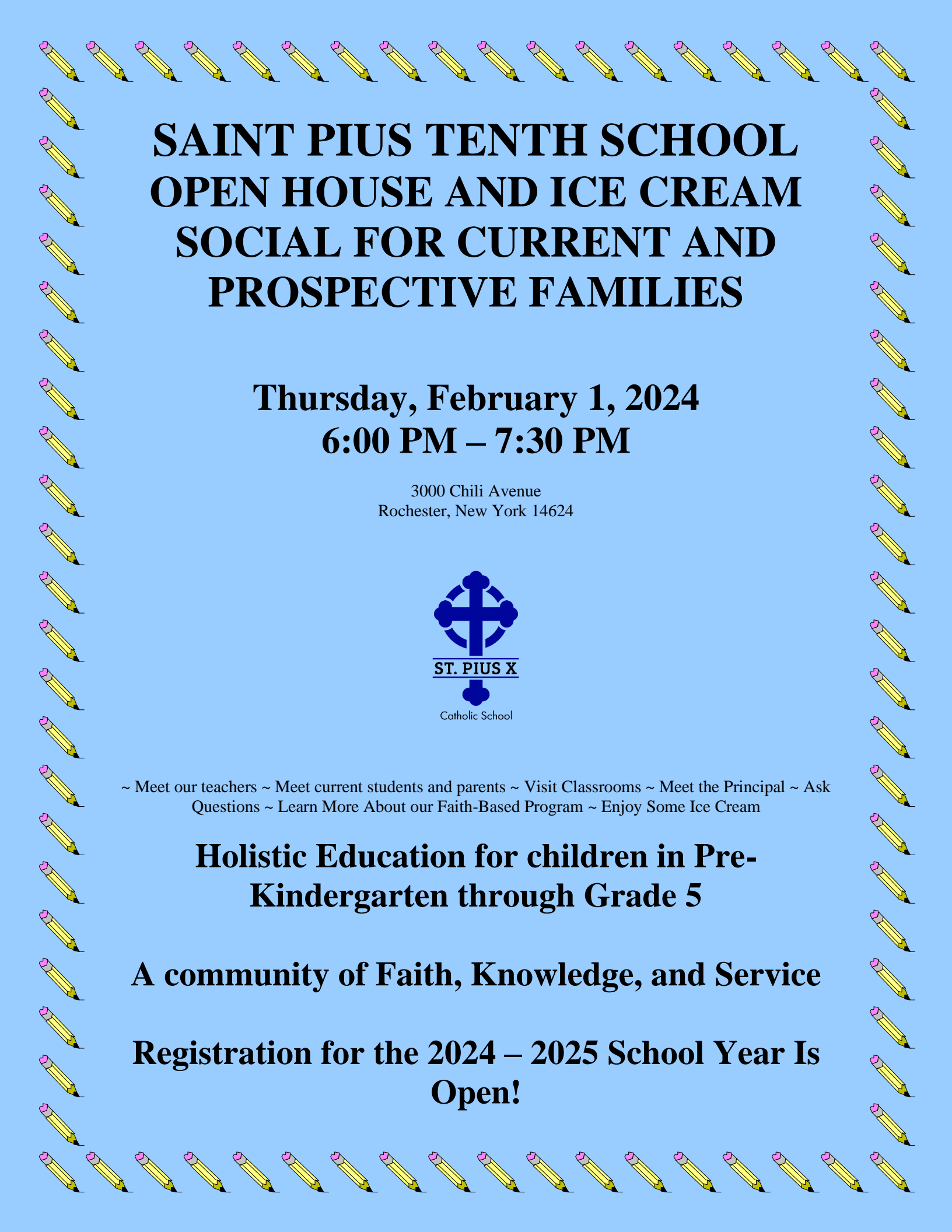
Box Tops for Education



It's neck and neck between Grade 2 and Kindergarten! Our Second Graders are in the lead with 593 Box Tops...and Kindergarten is right on their heels with 578! We only have a couple of days left in the challenge.

Great job everyone! Keep them coming.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!



SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

**Thursday, February 1, 2024
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**

3000 Chili Avenue
Rochester, New York 14624



~ Meet our teachers ~ Meet current students and parents ~ Visit Classrooms ~ Meet the Principal ~ Ask Questions ~ Learn More About our Faith-Based Program ~ Enjoy Some Ice Cream

**Holistic Education for children in Pre-
Kindergarten through Grade 5**

A community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service

**Registration for the 2024 – 2025 School Year Is
Open!**

It's BAAAAACK!!!

The 2nd Annual Saint Pius Tenth Cereal Box Challenge!

This year, we will be collecting for SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Services, Inc.). SWEM is in desperate need of boxes of cereal. In addition to helping our neighbors in need, we will be utilizing this school-wide service project as an opportunity to teach about Math and Physics, as well as mapping, problem solving, planning, spatial skills, and of course empathy, and kindness. Please consider donating regular sized boxes of cereal to help St. Pius Tenth School with our own Cereal Box Domino Challenge. The goal is 500 boxes of cereal to line the hallways of our school. All grade levels will be participating, and our 4th and 5th Graders will be leading the charge and setting up our domino course. We are accepting donations immediately. Also, when purchasing cereal, please be sure to scan your store receipts if there is a “Box Tops for Education” decal on the box. Receipts may be submitted online for St. Pius Tenth School’s credit.



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SAINT PIUS TENTH SCHOOL - APPAREL ORDER FORM

All orders and payment must be submitted no later than **February 7th, 2024.**

Send in your order form and payment in an envelope with your child and label it "PAC Apparel Order"

*Cash or Check (Made out to **Saint Pius Tenth School**) Accepted*

Questions? Email Annie Miraglia: anniemiraglia@gmail.com

****Please indicate quantity and color (example: (1)-Grey- Youth L)**

****Back for another year: SPX Parent/Grandparent (near Logo) can be added to any order for extra \$6.50 each item. Please indicate what garment you'd like it added too and we will make it happen. Thank you!**

Saint Pius Tenth T-Shirt - \$14.00 (Black, Navy, Gray)

_____ Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L
_____ Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL _____ Adult XXL (add \$3.00) _____ Adult XXXL (add \$4.00)



Saint Pius Tenth Sweatshirt (no hood) - Youth & Adult \$20.00 (Black, Navy, or Gray)

_____ Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L
_____ Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL _____ Adult XXL (add \$3.00) _____ Adult XXXL (add \$4.00)



Saint Pius Tenth Hoodie Sweatshirt - Youth & Adult \$30.00 (Black, Navy, or Gray)

_____ Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L
_____ Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL _____ Adult XXL (add \$3.00) _____ Adult XXXL (add \$4.00)



Saint Pius Tenth Fleece Zip Jacket (Full Zip) – Youth & Adult \$35.00 (Black, Navy, or Gray)

_____ Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L
_____ Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L
_____ Adult XL _____ Adult XXL (add \$3.00) _____ Adult XXXL (add \$4.00)



Total Number of Items Ordered: _____ Total Dollar Amount of Order: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Child's Name and Homeroom: _____

Catholic Schools Week 2023

By: Maria Cahill



“Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is January 28 – February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2023 is “United in Faith and Community.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation” (National Catholic Education Association).

At St. Pius Tenth, Catholic Schools Week follows the tradition of Dress Down Days, special activities, Open House, and Ice Cream Social. It also means Service. Each year, as one of our activities, our school focuses on one local agency and collects items of need to be donated to those less fortunate.

This year we are again collecting boxes of cereal to be donated to SWEM (Southwest Ecumenical Ministries), a non-profit coalition of churches and volunteers helping those in need in our local community. Our goal is a hefty 500 boxes of cereal! If you would like to help with our effort, please drop off regular size cereal boxes off at the school office.



To make this lesson of empathy, kindness, and answering our call as Catholic Christians a bit more interesting, our students, led by our 4th and 5th graders, will be extending their learning of planning, problem solving, Math, and Physics to design the 2nd Dominos Course throughout the school with the cereal boxes collected.

Watching our young scholars in the early planning stages brings back the same excitement that I remember feeling as a Catholic School student—especially throughout this very special week.

There is truly something that sets us apart from other places of learning—our undeniable value— and I know the students feel the same pride and excitement when I see the looks on their faces as they both learn and serve others!



Application Instructions

1. Go to 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-8th 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

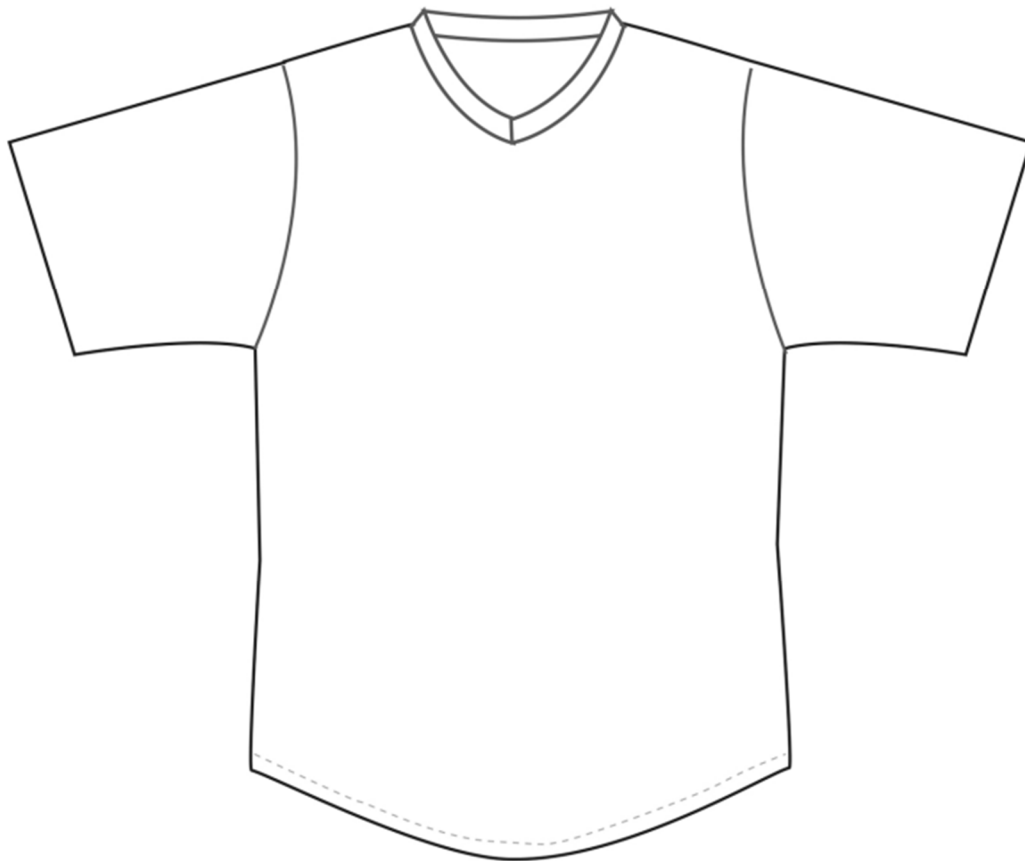
All materials will be reviewed by the Department of Catholic Schools in the order they are received. Additional documentation may be requested. After review, the Superintendent will notify the Principals of the selected Catholic schools and inform the families of awards.

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.

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

BISHOP KEARNEY



DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

BISHOP KEARNEY VS AQUINAS

**Bishop Kearney High School - Ed Nietopski Gymnasium
125 Kings Highway South**

JV @ 4:30 PM

VARSITY @ 6:00 PM

GRADES 3-8 WELCOME!

FREE HOT DOG & DRINK

EMAIL [VSTEED@BKHS.ORG](mailto:vsteed@bkhs.org) TO

RESERVE FAMILY TICKETS BY 1/31