

From the Desk of  
Maria Cahill, Principal  
February 14, 2024



## St. Valentine February 14

### 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, February 16

**½ Day for students-**  
Professional Development  
Day for Teachers

**\*\*\*Hilton, Spencerport, and Greece are the only districts that will be providing busing at the end of school on our ½ day - all districts should be providing transportation to school that day.**

Monday – Friday  
February 19-23

Presidents Day – Mid-Winter  
Recess

Friday, March 1

9:30 AM

School Liturgy

Sunday, March 3

1:00 – 3:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day Dance

Friday, March 8

Conference Day-No School

Friday, March 15

**½ Day for Students**  
Professional Development  
Day for Teachers

Friday, March 29

Good Friday – No School

Monday – Monday  
April 1 – 8

Easter Recess  
School Reopens on **April 9**



### **St. Pius Tenth School Easter Chocolate and Welcome Spring Fundraiser**

The profits from this sale will help fund programs and events for every St. Pius Tenth School student.

Go to: [onlinefundraisingstore.com](https://onlinefundraisingstore.com)

Enter Your Student's Participant ID

OR scan the QR Code:



### **Special Dress Down Day**



Students are invited to dress down this Friday, February 16, 2024, to celebrate Valentine's Day. They may dress in Valentine's colors.



### **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 Catholic School 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.

**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. If you would like more information, please contact the school office at (585) 247-5650.

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

**Reddington Scholarship**

Applications are now being accepted for the Reverend John A Reddington Scholarship Fund. This is a needs-based scholarship offered to students in good standing in Elementary, Middle, and High School. Please see the information included in this week's communication. The application may also be found on the DOR Financial Aid page at:

<https://www.dorschools.org/financial-aid>

**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!!

Look for the flyer that is coming home to send in your reservations!

**Box Tops for Education**



Kindergarten and Grade 2 are in another battle, with Kindergarten leading by 93 Box Tops! Grades 1, 4, and 3 are all on the board. Thank you for your continued support!

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

### Making Connections

By Judy Russell

Kindergarten students look so forward to their friends coming to teach them through play.

They learn math skills and speaking skills within the activities they participate in. The fifth-grade students learn patience, teaching others and the value of being a good role model for someone younger. This bond is evident when they see each other in the hallway or create pictures and cards for their buddy. Forming relationships is an important part of growing up. These students are creating a friendship where both are learning from each other and, of course, having fun!



School is about learning new things, but it is also about connecting with others. This year the fifth graders have joined the kindergarten class to form buddies. Once a month the two classes get together for an activity. These activities have been both fun and educational. The students created reindeer for the holidays and they wrote a letter to Santa. Fifth graders have also spent time reading the kindergarteners favorite books.

Our last get together involved doing math around the room. The students have formed a strong bond with each other- with both classes equally excited to see each other!



# Box Tops Bonuses



## Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops

when you buy any 2 participating products in a single transaction between 02/09/24 - 02/16/24.



Use this referral code O0GA5MOB when you sign up and you'll get 40 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 02/16/2024, while supplies last!

Download the Box Tops for Education app here:

[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=O0GA5MOB](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=O0GA5MOB)





## 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.

REVEREND JOHN A REDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This Scholarship Fund was established under the Will of Reverend John A. Reddington. Under the terms of the Will, **scholarship grants are to be based upon financial need to students in good standing.**

Instructions for application for a Elementary, Middle, or High School scholarships  
(2024-2025 School Year)

Student's parent/guardian completes the 4 page application and forwards it to:

Bowee Clark / Dario Saccente  
Canandaigua National Bank & Trust/CNB Wealth Management  
1150 Pittsford-Victor Road Suite A  
Pittsford, New York 14534

Attach to the application supporting documentation for income (copy of prior year US Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ or a current Budget Worksheet provided the County Department of Social Services), and expenses, and form FAFSA (for graduating High School Seniors).

**The pending recipient must provide CNB Wealth Management proof of school enrollment before payment is made, to be attached to application. Upon receipt of proof, payment will be made directly to the attending school.**

Guidance counselor or dean completes the recommendation/comment form for graduating high school seniors or college students and forwards it directly to:

Bowee Clark / Dario Saccente  
Canandaigua National Bank & Trust/CNB Wealth Management  
1150 Pittsford-Victor Road Suite A  
Pittsford, New York 14534

**Deadline for POSTMARK/receipt of all forms is April 30, 2024 and incomplete applications will not be considered - NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**The scholarship committee will only consider those applications for families with a maximum yearly income of \$60K or less.**

There is no limit on the number of times a student may apply for a scholarship as long as the financial need still exists and the student remains in good standing.

Notification of scholarships awarded will be made to the school and/or student by the end of June or July.

Checks for ½ of the total scholarship award will be mailed directly to each school on **August 15, 2024**, prior to the beginning of the first term, along with copies of the award letters indicating the scholarship winners. Checks for the remaining ½ balance of the scholarship award will be mailed directly to each school on **February 15, 2025**.



**Application**  
**REVEREND JOHN A REDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Student Applying for Assistance**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	School Year	School	Incoming Grade
Address:		City	State/Zip	Social Security #	Date of Birth

Any relationship to Father John A Reddington? No  Yes  If yes, please specify relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

**Father /**  **Male Guardian Information**

Last	First	Occupation
Address: # & Street		Home Phone ( )
City/State		Work Phone ( )
Zip		
Place of Work		
Marital Status (give full name of spouse if remarried)		
Relationship to Student		

**Mother /**  **Female Guardian Information**

Last	First	Occupation
Address: # & Street		Home Phone ( )
City/State		Work Phone ( )
Zip		
Place of Work		
Marital Status (give full name of spouse if remarried)		
Relationship to Student		

**Dependents for Income Tax Purposes**

Name	Age	School Attending in Fall

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Other dependents and their ages cont'd (attach additional sheet if needed)


Tuition and Expense Information

Tuition for upcoming school year	\$
Less scholarships & other assistance	\$
Books (estimate)	\$
Room & Board	\$
Travel Expense (estimate)	\$
Total	\$

Financial Information  
 Attach copy of prior year US Federal Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ or a current Budget Worksheet provided the County Department of Social Services

Family Gross Income for Prior Year (before deductions or taxes)	
Earned income for father/male guardian	\$
Earned income for mother/female guardian	\$
Earned income for applicant	\$
Other Non-Taxable Income	
Worker's Comp	
Unemployment Benefits	
Disability Benefits	
Social Security	\$

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Financial Information Cont'd

Other Non-Taxable Income cont'd	
Child Support	\$
Alimony	
Welfare ADV	\$
Rent Subsidy	\$
Etc.	
Other Sources of Tuition Assistance	
Scholarships	\$
Gifts	\$
Total Income	\$
Other Liquid Assets	
Bank Accounts	\$
Stocks	\$
Bonds	\$
Etc	\$
Total Other Assets	\$

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**Family Medical/Dental Expenses Not Covered By Insurance**  
Please supply supporting documentation

List and describe	Do you anticipate the same level of expenses for the up coming year Yes or No If no please give estimate

**Special or Unusual Circumstances for Consideration**  
List and describe


I declare that the information on this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete. I agree, if necessary, to send additional information to support statements on the form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Male Head of Household Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Female Head of Household Signature

REVEREND JOHN A REDDINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Guidance Counselor:

\_\_\_\_\_ (student) has applied for the John A. Reddington Scholarship, administered by CNB Wealth Management. Please supply your recommendation/comments for this Scholarship directly to:

Bowee Clark / Dario Saccente  
CNB Wealth Management  
1150 Pittsford Victor Rd Suite A  
Pittsford, NY 14534

Recommendation/Comments:

Is this individual working at or toward his/her potential?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: Guidance Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date