



## BISHOP McDEVITT HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Future Crusader,

My name is Autumn Askins and I am currently a freshman at Bishop McDevitt High School. For the 2011 – 2012 school year I am in all honors classes, except for Spanish. Honors classes at McDevitt are a great way to challenge yourself academically and gain excellent knowledge you may need in your future profession. So far, I have gotten decent grades on my report card, and if you want to do the same it is essential that you study! Studying helps you to do wonderfully on tests and quizzes, and when those good grades add up; they result in a high GPA!

Extracurricular activities are a big part of McDevitt. McDevitt offers a variety of activities ranging from being a member of Pro-Life Club to starring on the Crusaders' football team. I am a part of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club, I am a student ambassador, and I plan to run track in the spring. Being a part of clubs and teams strengthens the bond between McDevitt students and is a great way to make new friends. When you enter into your high school years, I recommend getting as involved as possible! Join some of the most popular clubs like Christian Service and Pro-Life. You should also play sports that you have previously played or even try something new!

Although academics and activities are outstanding attributes McDevitt has, to me, the best part of McDevitt is the religious aspect. Being a Catholic high school, each and every day begins and ends with a prayer. In fact, each and every *class* begins with a prayer. The McDevitt Crusaders come together as a family once a month for school Mass and you can also go to Mass before school starts every day in the chapel. Participation in Mass brings you closer to God and at McDevitt, participation is easy! All the songs and responses are printed on a paper that each student and teacher received before every service. Besides going to school Mass, joining religion-based clubs can also assist in strengthening your faith. Christian Service and Pro-Life

are great examples of clubs you can join that will draw you closer to God. Also, every year, each grade is sent on a retreat to help strengthen their faith. By going to a Catholic high school, such as McDevitt, it not only gives you an excellent education, but it keeps us close to our religion.

Coming into high school can be a little scary – I know I was afraid to start ninth grade! But once you come to McDevitt, all the fear is gone. McDevitt is filled with kind, helpful, and wonderful people who will do whatever it takes to make you feel at home during your freshmen year. My advice to you would be to participate in sports and clubs, but to make sure that your studies always come first. Academics are the priority but getting involved with your fellow classmates is important as well! If you ever have any questions, just ask! Anyone would be more than happy to help you settle into high school a little easier. Good luck during the rest of your school year! Go Crusaders!

Sincerely,

Autumn Askins