

Dear Future Crusader,

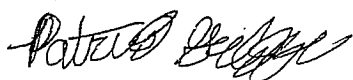
Worried about high school? Well thanks to Bishop McDevitt, now you don't have to be! My name is Patrick D. Griffin. Currently, I attend Bishop McDevitt High School as a junior. My schedule for the school year is quite interesting. The classes I take are the following: C++, Academic American History, Academic Algebra II, Honors American Literature, Academic Spanish III, Religion III, and A1 Biology II. C++ is a computer programming class that uses code to make many things. It's a hard class, but it is also very fun and you learn a lot. My grades, as of now, are above average. The classes I am doing well in are C++, Algebra II, American Literature, Spanish III, and Biology II. Although I am doing well in these classes, I can still always improve my work. I must improve in my bad classes by putting in much more extra work to those classes.

For my extracurricular activities, I do not currently play any sports, though I am contemplating playing lacrosse. The availability for the school activities and sports go on and on. We have a majority of all of the sports, and if we don't have them, then we have a club for them. I would recommend doing as much as you are thinking about doing because it is always fun to be a part of a team or group. I also enjoy supporting my school teams by cheering at the football games, and also the basketball games when I can attend them.

Catholicity is a major part of our schools atmosphere and it also brings us together, as a family. We say prayers everyday, before every class period, and in the morning as well. We attend mass usually once every two or three weeks, and all Holy Days of Obligation. For a McDevitt mass, it is great to participate by doing the following: paying attention, saying the prayers, and most importantly, singing (even if you aren't the most skillful singer, like me). We also have many clubs and missions available for the students to participate in. Getting involved in these is a great way to come closer to your fellow Crusaders, and also God. Going to McDevitt makes you a better person because we are taught how to be a better Christian, and overall person. Along with what we are taught, we enjoy being apart of the sacraments.

There are a few helpful tips you eighth graders should know before coming to McDevitt. Most importantly, don't be nervous! We are one big family and love to welcome our new students. As for academics, just do your work and pay attention and it will be a piece of cake. Clubs, sports, and activities are a great way to make your years at Bishop McDevitt much more memorable and enjoyable.

Sincerely,



Patrick D. Griffin