

Monsignor Donovan High School



Donovan Dialogue

"We have found Monsignor Donovan to be the "perfect fit" in high school choice for our daughter. This unique environment offers academic opportunities for the ambitious student as well as a myriad of activities that foster self discovery and growth. Her success, both in and outside the classroom, has been significantly influenced by the compassionate faculty who are attentive to individual needs while providing experiences in group dynamics. Most importantly, this school engages the teenage spirit in the ongoing development and practice of Christian values which she has incorporated into her personal endeavors and future goals."

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kreutz, parents of Anne '10

"I have been extremely pleased to have my four children attend Monsignor Donovan HS given its commitment to excellence in academics and a foundation in Catholic educational principles. Two of the kids have graduated and moved on as planned to college at Saint Peter's College and MIT. It only reinforces my own great experience when I attended what was then St. Joseph's HS with my three brothers."

Richard Ensor '71, father of Kaitlin '06, Brendan '08, Kiernan '10 and Colleen '12

"There are no sacrifices too great to help our children achieve all that they can become. We are thankful that Monsignor Donovan High School is helping our child to reach her goals and dreams, to give her the sense of accomplishment that every child so richly deserves, and to enjoy the ability to be able to learn."

Bonnie Brown, mother of Tammy '02 and Nicole '11

"Tradition is so important at Monsignor Donovan High School. My family has a strong SJHS/MDHS legacy, including graduates from the classes of '80, '82, '93, '95, '97 and future graduates who will represent the classes of 2009, 2012, and 2015. Monsignor Donovan is a tight, close-knit community that will always have a special place in my family's heart."

Kerri Wasielewski Davenport '82, mother of Brooke '09 and Carly '12

"I have been very impressed with our son's experience at Monsignor Donovan High School. It was both academically fulfilling and complete with extensive co-curricular activities. Tommy was able to flourish in the Monsignor Donovan Catholic school environment. After this experience, I can highly recommend the school, its programs and its values."

Thomas DeNoia, father of Tomaso '09

"The quest for excellence and the caring, nurturing environment that is Monsignor Donovan both on and off the football field, have afforded my son the opportunity to grow as a student but more importantly, as a man."

Kim Pizzarelli, mother of Rocco '06 and Robert '09

“Monsignor Donovan High School has provided our children with opportunities that they would not be able to receive at any other learning institution. The quality of education, the professionalism of the staff, the dedication to excellence and the overall focus on the development of a value driven, Christian centered young adult can not be quantified. Monsignor Donovan provides the framework for continued success in a society that is increasingly challenging and competitive. There is no doubt that the life skills they impart have significantly enhanced our daughter’s ability to gain acceptance to some of the finest colleges in this country, including the United States Military Academy at West Point. While sacrifices must be made in order for our children to be part of this environment, the return on this investment far outweighs its initial cost.”

Neil and Lisa Brosnan, parents of Meagan ’10 and Abigail ’13

“Whether it is academics, acting, sports, or music, we have found that Monsignor Donovan High School offers every student the opportunity to flourish in an environment small enough for students to be recognized for individual achievements, yet big enough to be highly competitive with much larger schools. As parents of a recent alumnus and two current students, we are proud to be members of the Mon Don community, a school whose Catholic ideals, such as Christian Service in the community and around the world are imbedded into the very core of the Mon Don experience. We are continually impressed by the Mon Don Nation.”

Nick and Kathy Scerbo, parents of Nick ’08, Tom ’11 and Chris ’13

“Everything we do in life depends upon the things that we’ve learned along the way. Lessons learned become building blocks that shape who we are and who we are yet to be. Having our son attend Monsignor Donovan High School has given him the building blocks of academic excellence, personal achievement, strong values and a deepened faith that will carry him successfully into the future. We are thankful for Monsignor Donovan High School’s commitment to academic excellence, a nurturing environment and traditional values which have given our son a solid foundation for every chapter of his life.”

Wayne and Joann Duszczak, parents of Anthony ’11

“I am a 2007 graduate of Monsignor Donovan High School. In December 2009, I graduated Magna cum Laude and with University Honors from Georgian Court University with a BA in Communications. I was admitted to the University of Miami School of Law’s Class of 2013 and will be pursuing my Juris Doctor degree in Entertainment Law and a Master of Music degree in Music Business and Entertainment Industries. I am forever grateful for the excellent education I received at MDHS and hope that the school continues to be successful in all of its endeavors. Go Griffins!”

Dana Vouglitois ’07

“Though we will be struggling to finance tuition, we have seen the value of a Monsignor Donovan High School education. Our child has benefited from all the personal help received at MDHS. Mrs. Wallace is always there to guide, the Jump Start Program made the transition from elementary school to high school so much easier and the Foundations class helped steer our child in the right academic direction. Our child would never have received this type of help at any other school.”

Parent who wishes to remain anonymous

“I believe in the special value of Catholic education for the moral teaching, academic excellence and nurturance of a student's faith. Monsignor Donovan High School succeeds in providing a Catholic college prep education based on "Modern Excellence, Rich in Tradition." This motto is carried through in the academic, co-curricular, and spiritual dimensions of MDHS. As a result, I feel my children experience a positive, dynamic and service based high school education for which I am most thankful and proud.”

Lisa Martin, parent of Jacob ’10 and Sydney ’13

“Our two daughters have passed through the halls of Monsignor Donovan over the last six years. While we have seen many changes, one constant remains: an overall sense of community displayed by the students, faculty, administration and staff. We made the correct choice in allowing our daughters to choose Monsignor Donovan. We have always noticed that students attending our local public school have an attitude of "am I going to college?" whereas Donovan students seem to think from day one "where will I go to college!" Thank you to all those who foster that goal.”

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meyer parents of Ashley '09 and Brittany '11

"Monsignor Donovan High School is like an extended family. Everyone genuinely cares and is ready to help in any way. In fact, there is a link on the MDHS website called "Griffin Caring Community" which reaches out for prayers and support for families in need. It is important to me that prayer be a main ingredient in my family's life. It's nice to know that the students of MDHS can pray and know that God is right there with them in times of need. My family experienced that caring spirit most recently when the school rallied in support of my 8-year old son Mark and his battle with juvenile diabetes. Three days before our family's very first JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes, and knowing it was last minute, I asked if somehow the Mon Don community could help support Mark at the Walk. That evening, information about the Walk was posted on the website and the next morning Mark's brother, Kyle '11, spoke on MDTV. On the day of the Walk, I was moved to tears to see how many students, teachers and staff came out to walk with us. Team Mark was announced to be the biggest team at the Walk and over \$3,000 was raised on his behalf that day in support of research for a cure. Words cannot express the gratitude and heartwarming feeling I experienced that day. This coming together of support, at such short notice, is priceless. Mon Don will forever hold a special place in my heart.”

Kathy Finnegan, mother of Tim '06, Andy '07, Katie '09, Kyle '11, Ryan '13