



*Crusaders are becoming Crushers! Teachers prep for the new school year ... Building improvements ...
Meet Branden Miller ... Summer camps ... DMCA in the news ... and more*

Announcing the **DMCA CRUSHERS!**

Crusaders are becoming Crushers! Our new mascot name is part of our ongoing efforts to work with the Bishop McCort team to provide seamless experiences for our PreK-12 students.

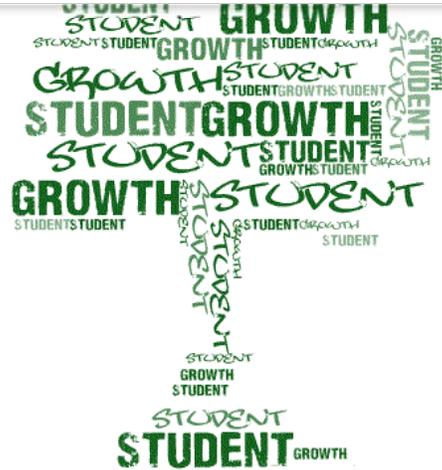
The name change takes effect this fall for our sports teams. However, it will be phased in over two years in the classroom to help keep costs down for families. As a result, both Crusher and Crusader sportswear can be worn through 2021. If you're interested in DMCA Crusher sportswear for the new school year, [click here](#) to visit our online store to see what's available.

Working together toward common goals is great news for our schools and the community. We look forward to seeing this partnership grow!

Planning for the Fall

hard at work preparing for the fall. Here's a sample of the professional development topics our teachers will explore this month:

- Integrating [Google Expeditions](#) into the classroom
- Using **individualized student data** to guide instruction
- Developing individual **Student Growth Goals** for each student
- **Behavior management** strategies
- **Writing and comprehension** skills



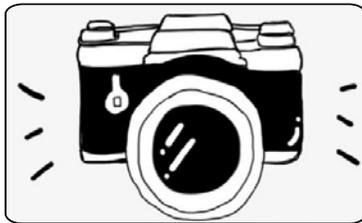
During our professional development seminars, DMCA teachers work with outside experts to learn more about the latest educational strategies. Professional development takes place all year. Look for more updates in upcoming issues of *DMCA Crusher News*.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

DMCA yard signs are coming! They'll promote some of the many things that make our schools different including the launch of **Google Expeditions** a growing emphasis on **individualized instruction** ... our **university partnerships** ... our **national accreditation** ... our commitment to developing lifelong **learners and leaders** and the guiding role of **faith** in our lives. Right now, we only have a limited number of signs. But if you'd like one for your yard or business, please [email us](#) and we'll do our best to get you one. Many thanks for your support!

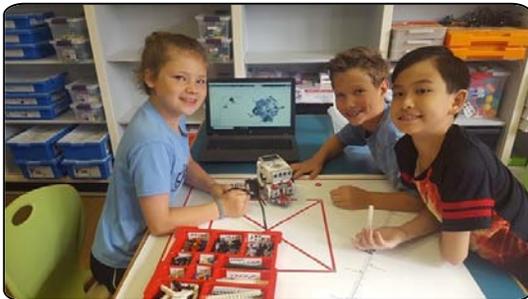
Technology Coordinator!

He's working with DMCA and Bishop McCort teams to strengthen our PreK-12 technology infrastructure, from general everyday technical support to website maintenance. This marks the first time that DMCA will have a dedicated technology coordinator to help us develop, coordinate and move our technology functions forward. Mr. Miller brings more than five years of experience to the position, including oversight of technology services at area schools, CamTran and other mass transit authorities. Welcome!



PICTURE THIS

*Capturing the
DCMA Summer Camp spirit!*



*Dozens of K-6 students from multiple school districts enjoyed our STREAM camps this summer. Enrollment exploded this year, attracting nearly 70 students - more than 3x the number of campers compared to last year. Wow! Campers delved into First LEGO League activities (above), imagined and produced their own films (below) and, this month, will create an array of artwork that will be displayed at an end-of-camp art show. Many thanks to **Mary Fleck, Justin Ogline, Shannon Stephens, Margaret Sindleri, Kathy Rosko, Marian Cyburt, Samantha Dravis, Cherie Bach, Maria Sanders, Branden Miller, our maintenance teams, the DMCA administrative team and McIlwain's Bus Line** for coordinating, teaching and supporting our summer camp program!*



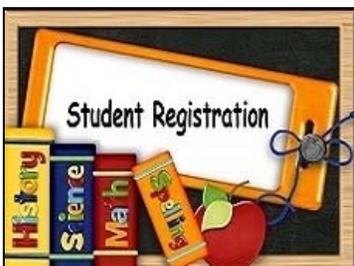
In case you missed it ...

['A lot of girl power'](#)

[Local students excel in nat'l tech competition](#)

[Four local girls finish 3rd in the nation](#)

[DeMarco, Oliveros and Pfiel appointments](#)



Just a quick reminder ... if you haven't yet registered your child for the 2019-20 school year, please take a moment to do so. It's easy - just [click here!](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

8/12 - RICH in CHRIST t-shirt orders due (for those who need them - [place orders here](#))

8/12 - PIAA 1st day of fall sports practice

8/18 - Arise Together in Christ, Commissioning Mass, Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, Loretto, 7 pm

8/21 - East Campus - PreSchool and PreK Orientation - 5:30 pm

8/21 - East Campus - K Orientation - 6:30 pm

8/22 - West Campus - PreSchool and PreK

8/23 - 7th Grade and Middle School transfer students orientation

8/26 - First day of school!

8/30 - No school - Labor Day holiday

8/22 - West Campus - K Orientation - 6:30 pm

Summer Hours! Our East and West offices are open Monday-Friday from 9 am - noon and by appointment; the Middle School office at Bishop McCort is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 2:30 and by appointment. Be sure to check out the [DMCA Google calendar](#) for school-wide events and specific happenings at each campus. Our 7th and 8th graders should also review the [Bishop McCort calendar](#) for important dates throughout the year.

The mission of Divine Mercy Catholic Academy is to empower our students through Christ-centered academic excellence within a safe and secure environment that will create a solid foundation of values, leadership, and commitment to self and community.

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