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### **Bishop McGuinness' Senior Project**

Every year the seniors from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School participate in a community service project. This year Bishop McGuinness seniors are collaborating with Rebuilding Together.

Rebuilding Together is a program based in Oklahoma City, which is designed to help senior citizens who are fifty-five years old or older. The average senior citizen has a monthly income of \$1,150 and cannot afford to pay for these fixtures themselves. The goal for Rebuilding Together is to provide a safe, warm, and dry environment for senior citizens in need. They host an Annual Work Day, scheduled for May 1, 2010, in which many citizens come out to help this worthy cause. There is also a Year-Round Program which offers emergency service, and allows local associations to schedule dates in which to serve.

Rebuilding Together provides all the supplies needed for the work site. The McGuinness seniors will help paint and caulk a total of nine houses throughout the metro area. They began work on Monday, October 12, and concluded on Thursday, October 15. Because of rain last week, some dates will be rescheduled for a later date. The students will give each resident a unique item which will be decided by the individual teams. One team plans on buying and planting mums in their resident's lawn.

McGuinness has once again joined Barnes and Noble Booksellers to host a second annual Bookfair to benefit the McGuinness library, the Rother Media Center. The Bookfair takes place on October 23, 24 & 25 at the Barnes & Noble location on Memorial Road. Barnes & Noble has issued a special voucher just for Bishop McGuinness purchases. Vouchers will be available online at McGuinness' website [www.bmchs.org](http://www.bmchs.org) and in hard copy at the school.

The Irish kicked off their annual Canned Food Drive last week. The food drive is sponsored by the Oklahoma City Regional Food Bank and provides food to Oklahoma families that are in need of help and assistance. Bishop McGuinness has been involved in the Harvest Food Drive since 1988. Last year students collected a record setting 58,857 pounds of canned goods, an Oklahoma high school record. Chairman of the drive this year is **Nick Aguilera**.

- Congratulations to the Senior Homecoming Queen, **McKenzie Smith** and her escort **Conner Tharp**. We would also like to congratulate everyone who was on the Senior Homecoming Court.
- We would like to wish luck to those Cross Country athletes who are traveling to Fayetteville, Arkansas October 16 to compete in the Chile Pepper Race.
- Congratulations to our Volleyball team for qualifying for state by winning regionals. The girls will begin the state tournament at Will Rogers High School in Tulsa against Skiatook.

- We would like to say congratulations to all the newly elected homeroom representatives who will conduct the upcoming Canned Food Drive: **Kelsey Ritz, Nicole Voss, Trevor Ford, Toyo Shogbamimu, Tyler Lucas, Samantha Kelly, Eric Hughes, Andrew Head, Tommy Bailey, Stephanie Milligan, Anna-Ruth Lewis, Kristen Taylor, MaryAnn Grover, Olivia Lane, Paul Rosencrans, MK Tyler, Chelsea Coffee, Maddie Coffey, Katie Massad, Addam Francisco, Brooke Shewmaker, Alexis Smith, Ashleigh Chiaf, Mackenzie Smith, Matt Renz, Michelle Oliphant, Stephen Young, David Murray, Megan Wilson, Nick Staples, and Anna Levine.**