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McGuinness Honors Veterans

Bishop McGuinness held their Veterans Day assembly on November 11. Veterans Day is held to honor and pay tribute to all who have and are now serving in the United States of America Armed Forces.

Every year the assembly is planned and executed by Bishop McGuinness' Leadership Class. This year I am in Leadership Class. I played the role of producer of the assembly and **Megan Noble** was the director. We wanted to make this year different, and we wanted to highlight individual's talents.

Megan Noble, MaryAnn Grover, Nicole Frazier, and Vina Nguyen sang the Star Spangled Banner, with help from **Brandon Ilechukwu, Mikey Wilson, Jeffery Pozo, and Armando Melendez**. That was not the only show of talent. **Vina Nguyen** performed a special poem she had written about her mother's and grandfather's experience in the Vietnam War. This year the assembly included heartfelt letters from various wars. Letters were chosen and read by a group of students. **Joe Edmonds** was the master of ceremonies. But none of this could have been possible without **Kody Bollenbach** and **Nick Pallotta** who worked closely with the tech crew. **Ms. Hathcoat** was the sponsor for the event.

Once again Bishop McGuinness students and parents answered the call when it was time for the Canned Food Drive. With the leadership of **Nick Aguilera** and **M.K. Tyler**, Irish students contributed over 70,000 pounds of canned goods, which is 11,000 more pounds than we collected last year. Great job!

Congratulations to the Bishop McGuinness football team who finished 8-2 in their regular season with a victory against Elk City. The team is in playoff action this week at home.

Congratulations to **Kimberly Boross** who made first-chair flutist in this years CODA Symphonic High School Honors Band.

We would like to offer encouragement to all Bishop McGuinness students as we continue our last six week grade period before finals.