



St. Bernard Elementary Bradford, PA

St. Bernard School in Bradford opened its doors in 1888. The first graduating ceremony took place on June 24, 1889 with only 6 students.

Today, Kimberly Mooney is the Principal of St. Bernard School. As Principal, she feels that St. Bernard School prepares students for the future. "We take pride in our traditions, but strive to look forward to an advancing technological age. Our school has many strengths; our staff, supporters, and fantastic students. Our parents are tops when it comes to being actively involved in the education of their children." says Mrs. Mooney.

St. Bernard School is Middle States accredited. Total enrollment for PK – 8 is 200 students. There are 18 full-time teachers. Spanish is taught in grades K-8, as well as Band, Chorus, Technology and Art. Title 1 Reading, Remedial Enrichment and Speech teachers are on site to meet students' needs.

St. Bernard school has a Chapel located in the Lobby. The Chapel is used for individual class masses or prayer services.

This year the school added a climbing wall to its facility which is used for physical education classes and recess. The school recently purchased an LCD projector, new graphing calculators, and a SMARTBoard to enhance classroom learning.

Extra curricular activities include; Jazzband, Marching Band and cooperative sports for grades 7 & 8, an Intramural sports program, Challenge 24 and Reading Competition.

The purpose of St. Bernard School is to meet the spiritual and educational needs of the children as they grow. As an extension of the family and community, the school shares in the life of each child. Through example and genuine concern, the staff teaches the Catholic faith as it applies to daily living. Teachers are aware of individual needs and work with students in a way that allows each child to experience progress. The knowledge gained by each student prepares them for making choices and decisions that please God.

Motto
We are an extension of our Parish family and community carrying on traditions and moral values.



Students in Mrs. Swan's

When asked "What The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania means to St. Bernard School?" Mrs. Mooney answered, "The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania is important and significant in making private education dreams come true. Many of our families could not afford to send their children here if it wasn't for The Children's Scholarship Fund. Your encouragement through your financial sharing shows your commitment to affordable quality education for all families."



Students praying in the Chapel.



Students sharing a picture of Moses during a Catholic Schools Week presentation of the Exodus.



The Climbing Wall

2008-2009 CSF of PA Scholarship Applications

To ALL Families applying to The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania for the 2008-2009 school year; scholarship applications and FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment packets are available in your school office.

Please apply early to ensure your application is processed in a timely manner. The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA application deadline for the 2008-2009 school year is September 30, 2008.



Many Thanks to All of Our Contributors!

Please Thank Them by Giving Them Your Support

ADD Energy an oil and natural gas production company based in Butler, PA

Allegheny Toyota located in Franklin provides a variety of new & used cars along with great service and care.

American Refining Group in Bradford, PA has been supplying lubricants and refining specialties for 125 years.

AMSCO, Inc. Management of Real Estate development partnerships.

Anderson Metal located in Venango County manufactures nuclear, biological and chemical hardware for the U.S. Navy and sounding rocket hardware for the aerospace industry.

Barrs Insurance Is a multi-line insurance agency serving all of Venango County.

BK RV Local company designing Luxury buses for renting to the Rock-N-Roll industry.

Bronder Technical Services is an experienced electrical contractor providing engineering, installation and construction services.

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C&A Trees Unlimited, Inc. is a garden center with several greenhouses providing all your landscaping needs.

Clarion Animal Hospital, Inc. a Veterinary hospital providing health care to animals in Clarion and Punxsy.

Clarion Coach, Inc. builds custom coach interiors and leases luxury coach buses for the entertainment industry.

Clarion Fruit Co. distributes produce to the local area.

Clarion County Community Bank a community bank with emphasis on keeping the community bank spirit by providing top quality service to the local community.

Comet Food Warehouse a full service grocer in the Clarion area.

Commodore Homes is a builder of Affordable Modular Homes.

Crooks Clothing, Co. a contemporary men's & ladies retail clothing store servicing the Clarion community.

Davcol, Inc a research and development company that addresses energy & environmental issues.

Equitable Resources provides natural gas services for residential, commercial & industrial customers.

Farmers National Bank, Kittanning

assisting customers with their banking needs in Armstrong County.

Farmers National Bank, Emlenton servicing customers in Clarion, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson and Venango counties.

First Commonwealth Bank providing a variety of banking needs to customers in Western & Central Pennsylvania.

First United National Bank servicing customers in Clarion and Venango Counties.

Francis J. Palo Inc. constructor of bridges and roads in the surrounding area.

Gwen C. Eaker, DMD providing family dentistry in the Clarion area.

Greco & Lander P.C. providing legal services to the business community.

Howard Drilling, Inc. producer of gas wells in Clarion, Jefferson & McKean

Hunter Truck Sales & Service, selling Peter Built, International and Ford trucks. Also providing services & parts. Operating throughout PA & N.J. with over 500 employees.

Interstate Pipe & Supply Co. supplier of pipe valves, fittings & pumps. Servicing W. PA & S. W. NY.

The Kriebel Group of Companies investing in Natural Gas Development. "Developing Resources, Sharing Successes". (Kriebel Minerals, Inc., Kriebel Gas & Oil, Inc. and Kriebel Production Co.).

McCabe Drug pharmacy, gift shop & soda shop serving Brookville & surrounding areas.

McKean County Animal Hospital Dr. Bradley MacNeill, Doctor of veterinary medicine focusing on providing healthcare to companion animals. Servicing customers in Bradford, PA and surrounding areas within a 50 mile radius.

NBS Trucking Ltd. is a transport trucking company located in Bradford, PA. It's area of operation include the lower 48 states & Canada. The main commodities transported are paper, carpet and foam cushion, clothing, furniture, printer ink, plastic bottles, and auto parts.

National City Bank The company offers a full range of financial services, ranging from investment banking and brokerage services to traditional banking services for individuals and businesses.

Onyx Greentree Landfill, LLC is a solid waste disposal landfill located in Kersey, PA.

Peter C. Stubler, Inc wholesale beer distributor located in Franklin, serving Venango, Clarion, Forest & Crawford counties.

Pizza Pub-pizzeria family restaurant in Clarion. "Family dining at an affordable price".

Pure Tech Group is a multi faceted company with businesses in electrical construction, real estate, restaurant and travel industries.

Rosebud Mining Company providing jobs to the local community and supplying coal to local electrical utilities.

S&T Bank servicing customers in Allegheny, Armstrong, Clarion, Clearfield, Indiana, and Westmoreland Counties.

Seven Seas Pools & Spas, Inc. indoor & outdoor pools, patio furniture and accessories.

The Snyder Group of Companies is providing jobs and servicing customers in Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Elk, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, and McKean Counties. (Allegheny Minerals, Corp, Armstrong Cement & Supply Corp., Glacial Sand & Gravel, Co., Snyder Associated, Co., Inc., Snyder Brothers, Inc. and State Industries, Inc.).

Stubler Drive Thru Beverage retail beer distributor located in Oil City, Venango county.

Tunnelton Liquids, Inc. provides water treatment for the Natural Gas Industry.

Turn Oil Co. natural gas exploration & production.

UPMC a part of an integrated health care delivery system.

Venango Supply serving N.W. PA with plumbing & heating supplies.

Waste Management is the leading provider of comprehensive waste & environmental services in North America.

Witherup Fabrication & Erection, Inc. designs, fabricates, and erects carbon/stainless steel welded storage tanks and pressure vessels of all sizes.

W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company is located in Bradford, PA but is known world wide. Through the years, the company has been recognized as a leader in pioneering new materials and designs in the knife industry.

Act 4 of 2001 & ACT 48 of 2003
of the Education Improvement Tax Credit Program

\$8 million set aside for Pre Kindergarten Scholarships

- ◆ Businesses will receive a 100% credit for the first \$10,000, and up to a 90% credit on the remaining amount of the contribution.
- ◆ Requires only a 1 year commitment!
- ◆ Businesses can apply for up to a \$100,000 in credits.
- ◆ The school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

\$44.7 million set aside for K through 12 Scholarships

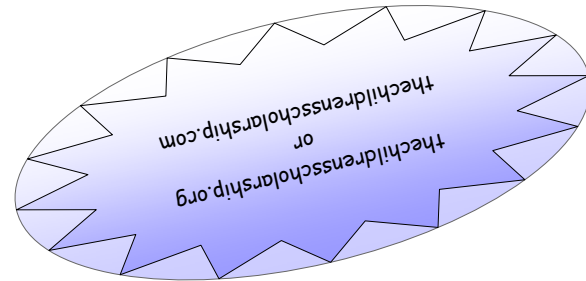
- ◆ \$18 million to Educational Improvement Organizations.
- ◆ Businesses can increase their Credit from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per fiscal year for the K through 12 program.
- ◆ The school must be within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A Great Way for Businesses to Re-Direct Their Tax Dollars

The EITC has accomplished what many in Pennsylvania have been advocating for years: to get the business community more involved in education. The EITC enables companies to support local non-profit scholarship organizations, at minimal cost, instead of sending their tax dollars to Harrisburg. It's that simple.

Taxes Your Business can Claim Credits Against:

- ◆ Corporate Net Income Tax
- ◆ Capital Stock & Franchise Tax
- ◆ Bank & Trust Company Shares Tax
- ◆ Title Insurance Companies Shares Tax
- ◆ Insurance Premiums Tax
- ◆ Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax



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"An Education is The Greatest Gift That One Can Give A Child"

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



AMERICAN REFINING GROUP



American Refining Group (ARG) produces a wide variety of petroleum commodities and specialties products including gasoline, fuel oil, solvents, distillates, lubricant base oils, waxes, extracts and resins. ARG also produces fully formulated lubricants under the Brad Penn® and Gulf® brands, as well as a host of other private label lubricants.

American Refining is proud of their commitment to refine only 100% pure Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil and have trademarked the symbol PENN-GRADE to signify their unique, premium-quality oils.

The Bradford, Pennsylvania refinery is conveniently located off of US Route 219 in Northwestern Pennsylvania. It is the main operating facility for American Refining. There is a corporate office located in West Conshohocken, PA and an administrative office in Pittsburgh as well as a crude oil terminal in Sandyville, Ohio. ARG employs approximately 325 people. The majority of the employees are located at the Bradford facility.

ARG is continuously improving their refinery facilities and operations by investing in new equipment and technology that enables them to consistently provide both domestic and worldwide customers with high-quality products. The American Refining

Group, Inc. is focused on being flexible and responsive to the needs of it's customers as they continue to grow.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC) was introduced to ARG by local religious organizations. ARG is a community minded organization and saw the EITC program as beneficial to all involved. They have been participating in the EITC program since 2005. Participation in the tax credit program has earned the company tax credits which they have been able to utilize to reduce the company's PA Capital Stock Tax. ARG believes that the EITC is a win/win program and is quoted as saying, "It provides a way for corporations to provide funding to a worthwhile cause at little net cost to the company."

When asked if there was anything The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA could do to make ARG's participation better they responded: "No. The application process is very straightforward. The fact that your organization was able to hand deliver our application was very beneficial in gaining approval for ARG's application."

The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania Our 2007-2008 Status

The Children's Scholarship Fund of PA has completed another successful year. We awarded 567 scholarships to students in PK -12th grade at 22 schools in nine counties throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania. The total dollar amount of scholarships awarded was nearly \$600,000.

Since our inception in 1998 we have raised nearly 3.7 Million dollars and awarded 90% in scholarships to children of financial need throughout our area of operation.

Because of the success of our fund, some of the schools we administer to have been able to add to their curriculum. Some are now able to offer Spanish, Art and/or Music classes to all grades.

Some of these schools have been able to expand technology programs and school libraries or have been able to purchase additional classroom supplies.

But more importantly our fund has helped schools to increase enrollment with students who otherwise would not have the means to choose their education.

The Children's Scholarship Fund believes that "An Education is the Greatest Gift That One Can Give a Child" and thanks to our many contributors families of need in our area have been given the chance to choose the best education for their children.

If you own a business or know of a business that would like more information about our fund, the EITC program or to see if your business qualifies for tax credits please contact The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania at (814) 226-9722 or (814) 226-9723.

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