



We will be hosting our annual Open House at Bishop Chatard this evening. In preparation for this event, the students were asked to complete a brief survey to “weigh in” on their high school experience.

Sometimes as adults working with young people, we can feel like we are spinning our wheels. However, when we had the chance to read some of their responses to our questions, it all seems worth the effort. Here are a few of those questions and responses:

What does Bishop Chatard mean to you?

- “It’s my home away from home. It is my family and my community.”
- “It a place where I can be who I am and not be judged.”
- “It’s one of the best things that have ever happened to me.”
- “At Bishop Chatard, I know what’s really important.”
- “It’s a place I can go where I know people care about me.”

Finish this sentence: “Bishop Chatard taught me _____

- ...to trust.”
- ...that God makes better plans for me than I could ever make for myself.”
- ...how to live a faith-filled life.”
- ...the value of hard work and kindness.”
- ...how to be the face of Jesus to others.”
- ...to appreciate the little things in life and to not take things for granted.”

Why did you choose Bishop Chatard?

- “When I shadowed, I felt right at home; it felt good and right.”
- “I saw it was a great community where everyone accepts each other.”

What is the best thing about Bishop Chatard?

- “I love the way no one is alone at Bishop Chatard. Everyone has someone and no one is left out.”
- “I like the strong sense of family, faith, and unity.”
- “Walking in every day knowing that I am part of something special.”
- “I like how easy it is to walk up to a teacher and ask a question or just have a conversation.”

I have used the term “walking billboards” when talking about our students (or our “product” in marketing terms). They are the best advertisement we have for Bishop Chatard and for Catholic education in general.

Thank you for allowing us to be partners on this journey with your children!