



## Four (4) FACTS

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit (EISTC) program provides low and middle income families the opportunity to send their children to a school of their choice using private scholarships from scholarship foundations.<sup>1</sup> Donors who participate in this program receive tax credits of 65% or more on their Virginia state tax.

**FACT 1** - EISTC enables students from low to middle income families an opportunity for private education that creates a path to successful futures. *You receive a tax credit.*

**FACT 2** - EISTC provides the path for young students to receive rigorous academic instruction, which is enhanced by our Catholic faith and morality along with a character and leadership component found in our “Leader In Me” program. *You receive a tax credit.*

**FACT 3 – We are more than just uniforms!** St. Matthew’s Catholic School accepts students of all faiths and learning abilities. We have one of the lowest tuition rates in Hampton Roads for private education. Our “Blue Ribbon” school was founded in 1963 and has adhered to its belief of making Catholic education affordable to all who desire a private education. 204 St. Matthew’s Catholic School students receive some form of financial aid, which equates to approximately 37% of our student population. *We awarded \$59,240.75 in EISTC funded scholarships for the 2017-18 school year. You receive a tax credit.*

**FACT 4** - Catholic school students score in the Top 10% in the nation on Standardized Tests. 12% above the national average on SAT scores. There is a 99% high school graduation rate & 99% of graduates attend post-secondary schools with over \$27 million in scholarships awarded to 236 members of the Class of 2016. *YOU can make a Catholic education possible, receive a tax credit, and contribute to a St. Matthew’s Student’s future success!*

*“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use  
to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela*

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<sup>1</sup> Virginia Alliance for Student Opportunity - <http://www.vataxcreditscholarship.com/>