

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Check your child's folder for four mini fliers for our Open House on January 27 and 30. Please hand these fliers out to your friends and contacts with school age children and encourage them to mention your name when they come through open house. If someone writes your name on their open house form, you could win a free night-off from Bingo!

All families mentioned on an Open House form will be entered in a drawing and three lucky winners will have their shift covered free. Help us spread the word about Open House, January 27 (noon-2 pm) and January 30 (5-7 pm).

The BISON scholarship application continues to be open until February 28th. Please use the following link to review eligibility and apply online. <https://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships/>

#### **What is the BISON Fund?**

Founded in 1995, the BISON Children's Scholarship Fund is a privately funded tuition assistance program for low-income elementary school children to attend private elementary school of choice. BISON's mission is to provide low-income parents a full range of choices for their children's education. Families awarded a BISON grant are able to enroll their child in a private school of their choice in any of the 8 counties of Western New York.

#### **How the K-8 program works**

Our K-8 scholarships are awarded using a lottery from submitted Pre-Application Forms. The Pre-Application Form deadline is February 28, 2019. The lottery will be conducted on March 1, 2019. BISON will notify families via email if they have been selected for a scholarship or placed on our waitlist. It is BISON's goal to assist families through the full nine years of grammar school (including grandfathering in younger siblings).

The maximum amount of assistance a family can receive per year is \$2,100 per child. Every family required to pay a portion (at least \$500) of the tuition each year. The parental contribution is a vital element in the success of the program, as families who must invest their own money for tuition have a stronger stake in their child's education.

Thank you!

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With Respect,  
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