



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Vision: Centered on Jesus Christ and His Church, we partner with families to nurture young people’s spiritual, intellectual, physical, and moral formation through a PreK-12 Catholic liberal arts education and vibrant student life of discipleship, athletics, and the arts.

Our Mission: MACS will be a beacon of faith, hope, and love by inspiring each student to embrace his or her identity as a beloved son or daughter of God, while discovering and developing their unique gifts. We will immerse students and families in an authentic Catholic culture which fosters love of truth, beauty, and goodness. We will challenge all students to pursue academic excellence, critical thinking, and intellectual inquiry. We will prepare McDonnell graduates to be a transforming force within society, sharing the Gospel and working for the common good as productive, virtuous citizens.

Education Commission - Summary

January 18, 2024

5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

| AGENDA | LEAD | | NOTES |
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| Welcome and Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome | Andy | 5:30 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to all by the Chair Guest Daniel Minter |
| Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Prayer | Priest | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led by Fr Burish |
| Evidence of Mission/Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> | Andy | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Grade - virtue of honesty Logic class - teacher states the students are truly enjoying the class Discipleship - prayer ending - invite students - centered on Jesus Christ - encourage students to be disciples with others Athletics showing referees appreciation for their time spent officiating. Received a kind email from one of the officials recognizing our student body and system as a positive example. |
| CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance and Facilities Report Technology Report Advancement Report Long-Range Planning Report | Andy | 5:40 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advancement - Witness the Difference - we have received about 90% of the donations. Sent out a reminder this week. Transition to FACTS - work in progress. Over 200 current MACS students enrolled |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Report • Principals' Reports • Dean of Academics Report • Student Services Report | | | <p>for next year. Enrollment available as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 12 - current MACS families ○ January 22 - adding any 4K and any parish family ○ January 28 - all families |
| <p>Reports from Parish and Student Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | Fred Blair | 5:50 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Shack selling \$15-\$20 per day • Schools focusing on virtue of Honesty for the month of January • Molly attended St Paul's and St. John's (Bloomer) this weekend |
| <p>Committees/Department Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Presentation: AI policy committee proposal | Fred Blair and guests | 6:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached presentation. • Questions in regards to the honor council • Consensus was reached that a policy could be created, but there was not consensus on adopting the policy as presented, largely due to the constraints of time, which truncated the discussion. It was requested that the AI Committee update the proposed policy using the suggestions/feedback provided by the Commission, and the president and dean will review again. • Proposal started in October and the committee meets once a week • Request to know what other Catholic schools have in place • Further questions can be directed to teacher, Justin Kuehl j.kuehl@macs.k12.wi.us and copy m.bushman@macs.k12.wi.us and anjshakes71@gmail.com • Please send additional questions by January 29, 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Campus Ministry and City Youth Ministry | Michael Van Hemert | 7:00 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Michael as the MACS new Director of Campus Ministry and City Youth Ministry • Shared a brief job description |
| <p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall of Fame update | Andy | 7: p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching suggestions of how to determine people for the wall |
| <p>President's Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New rolling enrollment dates • New budget deadlines • Catholic Schools Week and invitation to Bishop's Mass • Mardi Gras February 10! • Accreditation March 4-7 | Molly | 7: p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSW Mass opened to the public, Tuesday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m. • Mardi Gras February 10 - we encourage all to attend • Accreditation March 4 - lunch at St Charles • Move April meeting to April 11 • |

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| NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Plan preview and feedback process Guest presentations: student life (campus ministry, athletics, and the arts) | ALL | 7: p.m. | February 15, 2024 5:30 p.m. |
| Closing Prayer and Adjournment | Priest | 7: p.m. | Glory Be |

Membership

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| X | Andy Shakal | Staff Engineer Executive Committee Finance & Facilities Committee Strategic Plan Steering Committee Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee | Chair/St John's Rep 1st Term |
| X | TJ Proue | Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair | St Charles Rep 2nd Term |
| | Brian Eslinger | Eslinger Insurance Strategic Plan Embracing Our Community Committee | All Saints Rep 1st Term |
| EX | Tamara Bohaty | Bohaty Trucking Long Range Planning Committee | Holy Cross Rep 1st Term |
| X | Erin Brick | Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees) Strategic Plan Steering Committee Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee | Holy Ghost Rep 1st Term |
| X | Chad Brady | Construction Consultant Executive Committee LRP and Finance/Facilities | Vice Chair / Holy Ghost Rep |
| X | Mike Crawford | Access Security Sales and Estimations Finance & Facilities Committee | Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term |
| X | Matt Elstran | Hideaway Resort & Francesca Resource Center Strategic Plan Steering Committee | Notre Dame Rep 3rd Term |
| X | Scott Siegenthaler | Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC Long Range Planning Committee | Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term |
| | Vacant | | Sacred Heart Rep |
| EX | Tracy Bormann | Director of Human Resources Advancement Advisory Committee | St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term |
| EX | Justus Busse | Deputy Chief Fire/EMS | St Charles Rep 2nd Term |

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| | | Safety and Emergency Procedures Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee | |
| X | Regi Geissler | Registered Nurse HSHS Safety and Emergency Procedures Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee | St Charles Rep 2nd Term |
| X | Victoria Silvas | Ad Hoc Tuition | St Paul's Rep |
| X | Diane Herron | Homemaker Faith Boosters | St Peter's Rep 2nd Term |

Ex-Officio

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| X | Fr Jesse Burish | Chippewa Falls Deanery | Dean |
| X | Fr Alex Kren | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Chaplain |
| X | Molly Bushman | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | President |
| X | Mary Huffcutt | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Dean of Academics |
| X | Eric Wedemeyer | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Principal ND/McD 6-12 |
| X | Gwen Doyle | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Principal HG 3-5 |
| X | Jamie Dodge | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Principal SC Pk-2 |
| EX | Scott Sokup | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Controller |
| X | Kathleen Adams | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Exec Admin Asst Admissions Coordinator |

Student Representatives

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| X | Frederick Blair | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Senior Representative |
| X | Ben Siegenthaler | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Junior Representative |

Guests

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| X | Daniel Minter | | |
| X | Michael Van Hemert | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | JDirector of Campus Ministry and City Youth Ministry |

Reports

Director of Finance and Facilities Scott Sokup

- The budget for 2024-25 is now due in April to the Diocese

Director of IT Josh McCormick

- Looking into updating our doorbell/ door control system with Access Security.
- Live streamed the Rope Jump competition at St. Charles. Holy Ghost's competition was rescheduled due to weather.
- Performed Firmware upgrades on Security Cameras and copiers

- Several UPS batteries need to be replaced, currently gathering quotes to replace them
- The IT department is going through Google Workspace Training, focusing on best practices, configuration, and security policies
- Migration from Infinite Campus to FACTS is still in progress. We have completed Milestone 3 (of 5) training.

Director of Advancement

- A.B. McDonnell Vision Fund exceeded the goal by 152% with 27 new donors to the organization.
- Temporarily Restricted Funds is over \$100,000 with 3 new donors to the organization (this includes grants)
- 3 donors re-engaged from our alumni trip to CA and AZ. Multiple donors were identified as planned giving sunset prospects.
- The Spaghetti Spectacular brought in just over \$30K and with a net profit of \$25,600. This is down from the previous 2 years. We did a full event evaluation this year, changes are recommended as the full potential of the event is not being met within the set up currently.
- Mardi Gras planning is in full swing. The ticket sales are live. Raffle tickets are available. Sponsors and Donors are being secured. The attendance goal is 300. The Fund-A-Need this year will be a MACS Program Mini Bus. The goal is to raise \$50K to purchase and insure it through the Fund-A-Need. Event goal is to gross \$75K not including the fund-a-need.
- The Fundraising Policy Draft Steering Committee kicks off its first meeting on January 17th. We have 13 team members invited, 6 yes and 7 awaiting a response.
- Develop Alumni Giving Plan Class Competition and Roll Out Before Alumni Tournament
- Plan Spring Alumni Visit in MN with a student component
- WTD Pledges continue to be fulfilled.
- 7 grants will be applied to by February 1st.

Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams

| Grade | Total Students 2023-24 | Students Rolled Over From MACS 2023-24 | Inquiring for 2024-25 | Total Potential With Inquiring Students | Total Students Enrolled 2024-25 | New Students 2024-25 (included in total students enrolled) |
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| 3K | 15 | 0 | 17 | 21 | 4 | 4 |
| Total 3K | 15 | 0 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 4 |
| 4K | 23 | 15 | 11 | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| K | 39 | 23 | 6 | 29 | 6 | |
| 1 | 40 | 39 | 0 | 39 | 12 | |

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| 2 | 28 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 9 | |
| Total 4K-2 | 145 | 117 | 17 | 128 | 27 | 0 |
| 3 | 34 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 8 | |
| 4 | 34 | 34 | 1 | 35 | 8 | |
| 5 | 42 | 34 | 1 | 35 | 11 | |
| Total 3-5 | 110 | 96 | 2 | 98 | 27 | 0 |
| 6 | 53 | 42 | 0 | 42 | 15 | |
| 7 | 42 | 53 | 0 | 53 | 13 | |
| 8 | 53 | 42 | 1 | 43 | 10 | |
| Total 6-8 | 148 | 137 | 1 | 138 | 38 | 0 |
| 9 | 44 | 53 | 7 | 60 | 9 | |
| 10 | 55 | 44 | 0 | 44 | 9 | |
| 11 | 48 | 55 | 0 | 55 | 13 | |
| 12 | 51 | 48 | 0 | 48 | 12 | |
| Total 9-12 | 198 | 200 | 7 | 207 | 43 | 0 |
| Total 4K-12 | 586 | 550 | 27 | 571 | 135 | 0 |
| Total w/3K | 586 | - | 45 | 587 | 139 | 4 |

- Enrollment opened for returning families January 12, 2024
- Enrollment will open for parish families January 19 and all new families January 28.
- Currently the max classroom size for 3K will be 16 and max for 4K will be 20.
- We are enrolling 2024-25 students through the new FACTS student system
- I will be available to talk with families at the Kids Carnival January 28 at St Charles kickingoff Catholic Schools Week.

St Charles Grades Pk-2 Principal Jamie Dodge

- SC will be having a fun Christmas Community Day on December 22nd. Mrs. Adams (2nd Grade Teacher) it was an awesome experience. Click [Here](#) to view pictures from this event.
- Kobe Club will be coming to talk to 1st Graders about the virtue of Honesty on January 17th.
- Our virtue of the month is Honesty. We spend time each Merry Monday talking about what this looks like and sounds like.
- **24-25 4K Changes:** 4K next year will be moving to ALL day 4K. All programs at SC will start at 7:20-2:30 p.m. like the rest of SC. More details to follow.
- St. Charles Preschool and Primary School Open House will be on Wednesday, January 31st.
- Jump Rope for Heart Association Competition at SC is January 11th. Our goal of \$7,000 is close to be reached between both SC & HG. So proud of these kids.
- Catholic Schools Week January 28th-February 2nd: We have different dress up days planned. Rally Day with Mass with Bishop on January 29th and after Mass different activities. St. Joseph's in Boyd's 3K & 4K will be coming to join our 3K & 4K for some fun activities and community building.
 - Kids Winter Carnival Information [HERE](#).

Holy Ghost Grades 3-5 Principal Gwen Doyle

Review:

Our Community Day on December 22nd went very well! The highlight was being able to visit three different long-term care facilities in Chippewa Falls, a childcare center as well as St. Charles to bring some Christmas cheer. After lunch and recess, we had a badminton tournament and classroom Christmas parties. I especially appreciate our teachers and staff and volunteer bus drivers who made the activities and day happen.

Our Giving Tree totals were almost \$500. These proceeds went towards MACS families in need.

Present:

Easy CBM and MAPS testing is happening throughout the month of January. These tests help us analyze data so

that we can modify our instruction and identify the students who need help.

We have our final Jump Rope contest on Friday, January 12th. The winners in each category will compete in Bloomer later this month.

Students from each class will have an opportunity to participate in a spelling bee on Monday, January 22nd. The winner from each class will compete at the district level in February.

As a building, we are working on choosing a math curriculum in the future as well as solidifying our accreditation evidence.

Future:

Catholic Schools Week will be January 27-February 4th. Here is what Holy Ghost has planned:

| | Monday January 29 | Tuesday January 30 | Wednesday January 31 | Thursday February 1 | Friday February 2 |
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| Theme | ICLE - Celebrate Our Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Beauty. • Your School or Parish Patron. | ICLE - Celebrate Our Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Truth. • Blessed Carlo Acutis - Patron Saint of Youth. | ICLE - Celebrate Our Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Piety. • Saint Frances Xavier Cabrin - First American citizen to be canonized. | ICLE - Celebrate Our Vocations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on Listening for God's Call in Our Lives. • Saint Paul - A great convert and important apostle. | ICLE - Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff & Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on Self-Gift. • Saint John Neumann - Patron Saint of Teachers. |
| Dress-Up Days | Wear MACS Spirit Day | Wear Uniform | Wear Red, White & Blue | Wear "What do you want to be when you grow up?" OR Dress like your mom and dad. | Hawaiian Day (No Bathing Suits, please) |
| HG | Valentine's Day cards honoring our Fire Fighters/Law Enforcement | Rally Day Busing Schedule SC/HG +Why I love my Catholic School | International Student Presentations in the AM | Adoration 8:30 -9:00 Confirmed with Fr. Guenther | Staff Appreciation/Gwen covers Religion for an extra prep |

Notre Dame/McDonell Grades 6-12 Principal Eric Wedemeyer

National Honors Society

On Monday, Jan 15 McDonell High School formally inducted this year's chapter of the National Honors Society. 19 students were chosen by a select number of faculty for this year's chapter. The ceremony was led by our NHS advisors Mrs. Greta Jorgensen and Mrs. Wendy Buchman. Honorees were selected under the four criteria: Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service. Congratulations to our newest members!

Student community visits

The week before Christmas provided community involvement opportunities for a few of our High School groups. On Wednesday, December 20, members of our high school ambassadors visited the Knights of Columbus hall to help at a lunch event. On Thursday, December 21, members of the McDonell show choir and concert band traveled to Christ Lutheran school to perform a few numbers for the students and staff at the school.

2nd Annual Denny Laramy Classic

On Thursday Thursday December 28 and Friday December 29, both McDonell girls & boys basketball programs hosted the second annual Denny Laramy classic. Both programs played a game on each day. Teams from Regis, Athens, Ladysmith, Luck, St. Croix Central and Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau participated in the tournament.

Diaper Drive

This month the McDonell student ambassadors have begun their yearly diaper drive. Students, families and community members are asked to donate diapers size 1-4. To encourage more participation, a competition between students and staff has been set up with the class and teacher that has donated the most diapers receiving a prize.

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

- Virtue Initiative
 - This month is the month of Honesty - I send out an email every week to engage staff in ideas around the virtues
- Diocesan Curriculum team
 - I am a part of the Diocesan curriculum team and the team presented to diocesan administrators what to look forward to in the way of “standards”. One of the developments is the integration of the Cardinal Newman society’s catholic education standards.
- Accreditation
 - Continuing to work on accreditation reports and working with principals in preparation for our first site visit in January (the 17th) and the team visit the first week of March

Student Support Services Coordinator Diane Hietpas

Winter benchmark testing for grades K-8 will begin this week and be completed by the end of the month. At that time data will be reviewed and adjustments made to intervention services as indicated.