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Valedictorian Maggie Meinen
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Summer/Fall 2016 Issue

The McDonell Area Catholic Schools are committed to the formation of community, academic excellence and the spiritual and physical well-being of each student in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.



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After blessing the Madison Diocese Bishop Morlino, Father Baker '06 blessed his parents Kay and Mark Baker. See story on page 2.

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Parishes

St. Charles Borromeo

Msgr. Michael Gorman
Associate Pastor Rev. Charles Richmond
Deacon Thomas Kinnick '80



The Church of Holy Ghost

Rev. Justin Kizewski



The Church of Notre Dame

Very Rev. Msgr. Mark Pierce, Dean

Thank you to the area priests and parishioners for your support of Catholic education.

Other Chippewa Falls Deanery Supporting Parishes

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Jim Falls

St. Anthony Drywood

Rev. Eric Linzmaier

St. Paul Bloomer

Rev. John Potaczek '88, Deacon Dick Kostner

St. Bridget Springfield

Rev. Justin Kizewski

St. John the Baptist Cooks Valley

Rev. John Potaczek '88

St. Peter the Apostle Tilden

Msgr. Michael Gorman, Deacon Dan Rider
Associate Pastor Rev. Charles Richmond

All Saints Catholic Parish Boyd, Cadott, Stanley

Rev. William Felix '73, Deacon Ned Willkom



Jeff Heinzen

Letter from the President

Dear Alumni, Staff, Families and Supporters;
What a year of highlights!

We are blessed with a great staff. Indeed that was taken to a higher level at the middle and high school when they were asked to form a leadership team last year. Thank you to the teachers and former McDonell Principal John Flanagan who led the decision making process at the two schools this past school year. We thank them greatly for their dedication to the position. The good news from this, we had time to hire a new principal Mr. Brian Schulner, who we believe to be a very good fit with our mission and vision.

We are pleased to announce our school system has been internationally reaccredited for the next five years through AdvancED. In addition to the reaccreditation, our Early Childhood program joined in the success of being accredited!



The accreditation process assures our families and stakeholders that we seek the "best practices" for educating our students at all levels and challenges us to improve where needed. The accreditation engaged not only all our staff, but also the community, parents and the Education Commission who has oversight for our Vision and Mission. The accreditation process was one of the steps toward updating our Strategic Plan. Administration along with the Education Commission will be taking our current plan and conducting "listening sessions" with our families and stakeholders from which we will prioritize and move forward with the updated Strategic Plan.

As I begin my third year, I continue to find myself giving many thanks to God for all of you who are part of the great MACS family. I continue to pray God will bless our families, graduates, alumni and staff and in a special way for the 2016/17 academic year. That it be filled with moments of grace and celebration. Know that my door is always open and I value the input of all members of the MACS family.

Jeffrey Heinzen, President

Welcome Mr. Schulner

Please join the school system in welcoming Mr. Brian Schulner as the new McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School Principal for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Heinzen said this past spring, "Mr. Schulner brings a wealth of experience to this position and we are delighted to have him become part of our MACS community."

Mr. Schulner has been in education over 30 years and as an administrator for 20 years, four years at Eau Claire North and most recently 16 years at the Fall Creek School District. However, he is no stranger to Catholic Education. He commented, "I have truly enjoyed my years as an administrator in Fall Creek and confident I am leaving the district a better place. Having attended Catholic Schools in my youth at Saint Mary's Elementary in Altoona, Saint Patrick's Middle School in Eau Claire and graduated high school from Eau Claire Regis, I am excited to be returning to my roots and playing an active part as an academic and spiritual leader within the McDonell Catholic community.

Welcome Mr. Schulner!



Brian Schulner



Keep up with all the latest news from the La Crosse Diocese with Catholic Life, the Bishop's Blog and more!
Go to <http://diolc.org/>



Deacon Joe Baker lay prostrate on the floor “dying” to his old self and then rising to his new life and ministry ahead as a priest. During the Litany of Supplication a litany of saints was sung.

Photos by Lindsay Becher



After Bishop Morlino placed his hands on Deacon Baker’s head, conferring upon him the gift of the Holy Spirit, priests of the diocese then took turns also laying their hands on his head, symbolizing his ordination to the presbyterate.

McDonell Alumnus Joe Baker ‘06 ordained a priest for the Madison Diocese this past summer

On June 24, 2016 Bishop Robert C. Morlino of Madison ordained Fr. Joseph “Joe” Baker ‘06 to the priesthood at St. Maria Goretti Church in Madison. Father Joe is the most recent alum of McDonell Central Catholic High School to be ordained to the priesthood.

During the homily at the ordination Bishop Morlino reflected on one of the ordination rites -- the Laying on of Hands. “It’s always been a matter of silence and there’s a very good reason for that and the reason is that we humans, we mortals, should just clam up and let the Holy Spirit at that moment speak actually unspeakable words that only Joe can hear,” Bishop Morlino said. “Nobody else can hear them

and he may not even hear them tonight clearly. But as the days go on, one of the things that he can look forward to is the coming of clarity to the words the Holy Spirit spoke to him in silence tonight.”

Fr. Joe started his undergraduate at UW-Madison where he chose to pursue the priesthood. He continued his studies at Immaculate Heart of Mary seminary in Winona, MN before finishing at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Fr. Joe concluded his studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy for his theology studies where he was ordained a deacon last October.

Editor Note: Excerpts were taken from the Catholic Herald newspaper.



Celebrant Rev. Joe Baker at his first Mass held at Holy Redeemer Church in Madison on Saturday, June 25, 2016. His first assignment is parochial vicar at St. Cecilia Parish in Wisconsin Dells, then returning to Rome for the 2016 to 2017 school year to continue Licentiate studies in Moral Theology/Bioethics at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Excellence in Education Banquet

On Wednesday, May 4, the 31st Annual Excellence in Education Banquet was held at Avalon Convention Center in Chippewa Falls with the Class of 2016 seniors from both McDonell Central Catholic High School and Chippewa Falls High School represented.

The McDonell Jazz band entertained the attendees before the night event started. Students recognized from McDonell were the top three academic students Maggie Meinen, Madeleine Rietschel, and Derek Zumbrock. They were honored with a meal and program, along with their most influential teachers by area businesses, school administrators, and the hosts for the night, the Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Speaker at the event McDonell Alumni Dr. Kristie Franz '91 encouraged the



Speaker Dr. Kristie Franz '91

students to be open to change, "Sometimes it just takes one thing to put you in a certain direction, and you can end up somewhere you never thought you would be." Dr. Franz is an associate professor at Iowa State University where her area of expertise is Surface Water Hydrology.



Valedictorian Maggie Meinen with her parents Dave '81 and Diane Meinen along with her most influential teacher (right) Mrs. Tammy Postl Christopher '77.



Salutatorian Madeleine Rietschel with her most influential teacher (left) Mrs. Carolyn Peloquin '14 and parents Melissa Bowe '86 and Jerry Rietschel '85.



Derek Zumbrock with his parents Roger and Lori Zumbrock along with his most influential teacher (right) Mrs. Jean Wacker.



Congratulations to the entire class of 2016 for their academic achievements.

Bless you for your service to our schools



Carolyn Peloquin '14

Mrs. Peloquin was a math teacher at McDonell Central for 37 years. During this time she taught different courses within the mathematics curriculum and was the junior class advisor. As the advisor, she helped students organize the prom each year. She also coached the JV volleyball team during her first six years at McDonell.

Besides being in the classroom, the past 28 classes will always remember

Mrs. Peloquin for chaperoning their senior class trip as well as organizing it for most of those years.

What did Mrs. Peloquin enjoy most about MACS? She answered, "I love the family atmosphere and that I can share my faith with my students. I love the students who I have been given the opportunity to work with, as well as their parents, of which some were also once my students. I have made many lifetime friends of the staff who I have worked with over the 37 years." She went on to say, "McDonell has truly been a blessing in my life. Little did I know when I started here 37 years ago, I would still be here, but I could not see myself anywhere else. It has been an amazing place to work."

Mrs. Peloquin is planning on traveling with her husband, who has been patiently waiting for her to join him in retirement after he has traveled alone for three years. They have six beautiful grandchildren who are involved in their school programs and sports and she is looking forward to attending these events. Now that Mrs. Peloquin is retiring, she can join her three retired sisters and spend more time with them as well.

When she is available, look for Mrs. Peloquin as a substitute teacher next year.



Becky Bowe

Mrs. Bowe has been working in the food service for 10 years at MACS. She was at the Notre Dame Middle School building on the East hill before moving with the students to the McDonell High School building. Mrs. Bowe has enjoyed the students and her co-workers and especially getting back to making home-made meals in the kitchen instead of using

frozen foods.

What does her future plans include? She answered simply, "Growing older with my husband!!"

Carolyn Peloquin - 37 years

Dave Schoch - 29 years

Sandy Molumby - 27 years

Becky Bowe - 10 years



Dave Schoch

Mr. Schoch came to Holy Ghost Elementary School 29 years ago as the afternoon-evening custodian. He kept the school sparkling and in tip-top shape. When we asked what he enjoyed most about working at MACS he said, "The working atmosphere and

the faculty and staff."

Now that Mr. Schoch has retired, his plans include working around his house, catching up on some fishing and hunting, and doing some sightseeing.

“We appreciate you and your dedication to the students, families and co-workers who were blessed each year by your presence.”

Sandy Molumby

Mrs. Molumby has been the St. Charles Borromeo School administrative assistant for 27 years. She was there to greet and comfort anxious parents when they brought their oldest child to school as well as helping the shy, and not so shy, students as they came into a school office for the first time.

While at work, Mrs. Molumby said she enjoyed, "The little ones making each and every day a new adventure, and my St. Charles co-workers (past and present) as they are the very best!!!"

Her future plans include visiting her family more often and attending some of her grandchildren's many activities. She noted especially, "To be able to do what I want, when I want, will be wonderful. It's the simple things, like wearing jeans!"



Employee end of school year recognitions for 2016

This year the staff came together on Monday, June 6 for Mass at St. Charles Borromeo with Chaplain Father Charlie Richmond as celebrant. The breakfast was held at McDonell Central Catholic with food service staff preparing a very nice meal. Faculty and staff were recognized by President Jeff Heinzen following the breakfast. He thanked them for their years of service, presenting scholarships, and honoring those who have chosen another path outside of MACS.



DZIALOWY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS, in memory of Anthony Mikolaitis, President Jeff Heinzen awarded scholarships to Renee Ruf David '84 (McDonell), Tony Reiter '74 (McDonell), Kari Roesler Stepp '00 (Notre Dame) and Justin Kuehl (Notre Dame).

5 YEARS

Deb Blake
Jaynee Armstrong
Brannen '03
Mary Sue Briggs
Mary Huffcutt '16
Krista Bowe Misener '90
Tami Pieper

10 YEARS

Becky Bowe
Chris Boos Cook '71
Katie Hamm

20 YEARS

Julie Pomietlo

25 YEARS

Rita Nowak

30 YEARS

Debra Krejchi Dahl '80

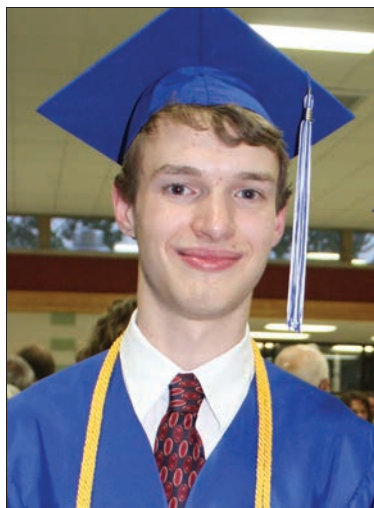


On behalf of the Bischel family Ms. Rita Nowak, first grade teacher, presented retiring teacher Mrs. Carolyn Peloquin '14 with the **Joseph & Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship**. Parents wrote in nominating teachers who they believed best exemplified Catholic education both in and out of the classroom. Mrs. Peloquin also received the Clarence Rushman McDonell High School Teacher Award. *Congratulations Mrs. Peloquin and thank you for being a wonderful Christian role model to the children and the staff.*

Diocesan Holy Family Award recipient Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer



Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer was recognized by the Diocese of La Crosse Office for Catholic Schools for the spiritual leadership she gives to her students and colleagues, the personal connections she has made with her students and their families, and the impact she has made on people far beyond the classroom at Notre Dame Middle School and the McDonell Area Catholic Schools in Chippewa Falls.



Senior Samuel Huffcutt National Merit Scholar

McDonell Central Catholic High School Senior Samuel "Sam" Huffcutt, son of Tom '81 and Mary Huffcutt '16, has been announced as a National Merit Scholar. He has received a \$2,500 Scholar award as well as the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh National Merit Award, which is four years full tuition, with room and board included. Sam will be attending UW-Oshkosh in the Fall.

This past February Sam was notified he was one of about 15,000 seniors named nationwide as a finalist. Approximately half of the finalists are named "Merit Scholars" and receive National Merit Scholarships. These winners are notified beginning in March. About .05% of students per state are Merit Scholars.

Sam Huffcutt joins McDonell Central Catholic High School alumni Ann Kuehl, class of 2012 and David Plendl class of 2011 who were National Merit Scholar winners. Congratulations, Sam!



Music provides Junior John Francis Europe opportunity

This past June-July, John Francis, a junior at McDonell, traveled to Europe to play with the Wisconsin Ambassadors of Music. The group was comprised of 250 talented high school musicians from all over the state of Wisconsin. John auditioned and was selected to play the trumpet in the band, and his mother Laurie Francis also went and played Euphonium. They traveled to London, England; Paris, France; Venice, Italy; Crans-Montana, Switzerland; Seefeld, Austria; and Rothenburg, Germany.

The experience actually began in June, when the entire group met for the first time at UW-Whitewater for camp. After three days of intense rehearsals, the musicians had prepared an extensive collection of repertoire and were ready to perform in Europe. The sixteen day trip was filled with sightseeing of the most famous landmarks in each country; like Buckingham Palace, Notre Dame, the Matterhorn, and the canals of Venice. The 150 piece band performed concerts in parks, villages and medieval town squares.

The 100 member choir had the experience of singing in some of the most famous cathedrals and churches throughout Europe. John summed it up by saying, *"It was an amazing adventure! Traveling like this opens our minds up to people and cultures that are uncommon to our way of life. It encourages us to include the rest of the world in our thinking. I will share the things I learned to my fellow band members in hopes of making them realize there are so many fantastic music experiences available if you set your goals high and never say it's impossible!"*

MACS is now live streaming school concerts, programs and home games at www.macs.k12.wi.us
Look for Live Stream in footer.

Badger Girls and Boys State Delegates



Olivia Parkhurst

The girls selected to represent McDonell Central Catholic at the Badger Girls State held at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh were Jasmine Davis and Olivia Parkhurst. Badger Girls State is designed for students interested in the study of government and citizenship.



Jasmine Davis

Peter Stoffel and Samuel Zwickel were selected as delegates to represent McDonell Central Catholic in Ripon, WI. Timothy Buchmann originally an alternate participated when a spot became available.

Badger Boys State celebrated their 75th anniversary of the program. The program is for individuals who are selected by high school faculty based on qualities of scholarship and leadership. Local American Legion Posts serve as the clearing center for sponsoring delegates to these events.

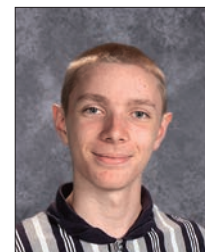
Congratulations to all the incoming seniors for being chosen!



Samuel Zwickel



Peter Stoffel



Timothy Buchmann

13th Annual Fall Frolic 5K

Saturday, September 17

Irvine Park Flag Hill

10:30 a.m. (Rain or Shine)

The McDonell Cross Country team is hosting a public 5k (3.1 miles) Fall Frolic Run/Walk. The event starts and ends on Flag Hill in Irvine Park.

Registration is \$20 the day of the race.

Register online at: <http://fallfrolic.webs.com/>

Post race awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group. Grill out following.

More information contact

Marty Bushland 715.723.5525

mbushlandmowerins@hotmail.com

Day of the race registration and packet pickup starts at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 10:15 a.m.

MACS on the move

By Val Knobloch

Director of Technology

This summer we continued a number of technology updates. MACS will have improved connection speed meeting the Gig by 2017 national recommendation plus additional wireless in all buildings to meet more and more wireless demand from school and personal devices.



The Chromebooks 1:1 initiative expands beyond middle school and will include freshmen in 2016-2017. Incoming sixth graders will be assigned a Chromebook this Fall along with a case. Families will be given an option to purchase a device for their student again this year.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) also moves forward. We have much to be thankful for with this STEM program. Teaching staff again attended PLTW and other curriculum workshops over the summer.

We have heard many positive comments about our new website and live streaming via **MACSTV**. Check the **MACSTV Live Stream** site to view recorded concerts and events. All these projects that include improved infrastructure, staff training, curriculum development and other improvements would not be possible without your support. Thank you. We are excited for the future.

McDonell seniors place third in Junior Achievement Business Challenge

Three seniors Jacob Lindsley, David Van Dyke and Bryan Misener each received a \$200 scholarship from the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) for their third place finish in the Junior Achievement (JA) Business Challenge. Their team was sponsored by JAMF Software and mentored by Tom Huffcutt '81 from CVTC.

More than 100 high school students from 16 school districts across northwestern Wisconsin competed for scholarships. The teams competed on who could run the most successful business during the JA Business Challenge. *Congratulations to the seniors for their fine finish to the challenge.*

Craft Country Expo '16

32nd Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 19, 2016

McDonell Central Catholic High School

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • \$1 admission

Stop by and see all the wonderful homemade crafts just in time for Christmas shopping.



*Spirit of
the Macks*

26th Annual Silent-Live Auction

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. • \$10 Admission

Live auction starts at 7:30 p.m.

McDonell Central Catholic High School

The Annual Silent/Live Auction hosted by the McDonell Athletic Booster Club is scheduled for October 1. This is the 26th year for the event and we are looking forward to a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

Besides the live and silent auctions, you will enjoy 52 card raffle games, paddle wheel, men's and women's specialty tables, plus beverages and food with your admission. All proceeds benefit our student athletes. This event is a fantastic community builder, so grab your neighbor or someone you graduated from McDonell with and come up to the McDonell gym on October 1 and be part of the fun!

Contact for donations or information on the event:

Sarah Schultz

sarahandthegang@charter.net • 715.559.6403



Father Mac Award This award is presented to the outstanding male and female senior athletes. The award is based on grade point average, number of years of participation in athletics at McDonell, and number of varsity letters earned. Receiving the award for 2016 is Zach Gilles and Maddie Rietschel.



Norm Rubenzer Courage and Desire Award This award is based on nominations submitted by coaches. Coaches nominate senior athletes who display the characteristics of courage and desire, as well as sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership and a good work ethic. Receiving this award from the left: Henry Erickson, Taya Kremer and Ben Retzlaff.



Lifting their individual awards are juniors Emily Krause second place, Eric Ohde (be low left) placing third and Eric Bromeisl bringing home second.



Photos by Scott Bromeisl '87

IronMacks bring home state trophies from their individual classes

The Wisconsin High School Powerlifting Association (WHSPA) Raw State Championships were held in Cudahy Wisconsin on July 23, 2016. Despite the heat, three students competed from IRONMACKS.

Raw powerlifting is when a competitor lifts without the benefit of a Squat suit or bench shirt.

In the girls 48 kg class Emily Krause took second with a 57.5 kg squat, 40 kg bench press, and a 67.5 kg deadlift, equalling 126.5 lb squat, 88 lb bench press, and 148.5 deadlift.

In the boys 82.5 kg class, Eric Ohde took third place with a 115 kg squat, a 102.5 kg bench press and a 152.5 kg deadlift equalling 253 lb squat, 225.5 lb bench press and 335.5 lb deadlift.

In the boys 110 kg class, Eric Bromeisl took second place with a 195 kg squat, an 85 kg bench press and a 210 kg deadlift, equalling 429 lb squat, 187 lb bench press and 462 lb deadlift.

All weights are displayed in kilograms in keeping with USAPL standards. USAPL is the United States governing body for the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF).



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Showing their Fine Arts Awards from left: seniors Bryan Misener, Maggie Meinen, Derek Zumbrock, Sam Huffcutt and Frank Rineck.

Forensics State Results 2016

Gold Medal:

Frank Rineck

Silver Medal:

Maggie Meinen,
Anna Rasmus,
Taya Kremer, Molly
Schwandt, Rachel
Kopp, Kennedy
Eslinger, Scott Wild,
Gordy Schafer,
Tati Broses, Olivia

Burmeister, Sam

Zwickel, John Francis,
Hannah Ullom,
Paige McCabe

Bronze Medal:

Anna Klimesova
Autumn Bresina
Adrienne Polus
Belinda Neff
Jalen Tozer

Fine Art Teachers

Amy Vogt, Choral
Sean Hanson, Band
Amy Recob, Forensics
Julie Pomeitlo, Art

***Look for recorded
live streaming of the
concerts and music
programs on our
MACSTV webpage.***

Fine Arts Awards

Fine Arts Award: Frank Rineck

National School Choral Award: Maggie Meinen

Patrick Michael Kelly Forensic Award: Frank Rineck

Woody Herman Award: Bryan Misener and Sam Huffcutt

Patrick S. Gilmore Award: Derek Zumbrock

Louis Armstrong Award: Frank Rineck

John Phillips Sousa Award: Sam Huffcutt and Frank Rineck

McDonell Art Scholarship: Carly Eystad and Maddie Newton

McDonell musical set for January 2017 - *big the musical*

A frustrated adolescent magically becomes an adult, discovering life is not simply child's play.

The classic 1987 motion picture fantasy bursts onto the stage in the unforgettable theatrical experience, *Big The Musical*. Featuring a witty, moving, and insightful book by John Weidman (*Assassins*, *Pacific Overtures*, *Road Show*) and a dazzling, energetic, heartfelt, contemporary score by David Shire and Richard Maltby, Jr. (*Baby*, *Closer Than Ever*, *Starting Here*, *Starting Now*) *Big* is a perfect show for audiences of all ages!

Josh Baskin is sick of being an awkward kid. At a carnival, he makes a wish to the Zoltar machine to become "big". To his shock, his wish is granted. After an understandably awkward beginning, Josh is forced to do "adult" things like getting a job and a girlfriend.



In the end he discovers there's much more to being an adult than he's bargained for, and learns we must all grow up at our own pace, in our own time.

Complete with Zoltar, a giant floor piano and stand out roles for teen/adults and children, *Big* is a great choice for a family friendly smash hit full of high-energy singing and dancing.

Directing the musical will be Sue Decker who states there will be many

AUDITIONS

November 14

CALL BACKS

November 15

PERFORMANCES

Friday - Sunday

January 27, 28, and 29

parts for not only high school students but also for middle school boys and girls as well. Students should watch for signing up to audition in the school office by the middle of October.

We hope everyone will come to see the performance by our students. Purchase tickets early to guarantee a seat!

Congratulations McDonell Central Catholic Class of 2016

Brady Bauer, Parents Troy & Jamie Bauer

Plans to attend CVTC for welding and liberal arts to possibly transfer to Marian University.

Mackenzie Baughman, Parents Ritch & Pam Baughman

Plans to attend St. John's University in Minnesota for accounting.

Jake Bowe, Parents Gary & Lynn Bowe

Plans to attend UW-Milwaukee with the ROTC program.

Autumn Bresina, Parents Bill and the late Janet Bresina

Plans to attend UM-Duluth for a major in early child education.

Tatiana Broses, Parents Mark & Kim Broses

Plans to attend UM-Twin Cities in journalism.

Henry Erickson, Parents Deb Erickson and the late Mark Erickson

Plans to attend UM-Duluth for a degree in chiropractic.

Michael Farrow, Parents Peter Farrow & Michelle Farrow

Plans to attend Marquette University for economics.

Zachary Gilles, Parents Dan & Joni Gilles

Plans to attend Central Michigan University for pharmacy or physical therapy, and will play baseball.

Samuel Huffcutt, Parents Tom '81 & Mary Huffcutt '16

Plans to attend UW-Oshkosh with a STEM focus.

Dalton Hutton, Parents Troy & Wendy Hutton

Plans to attend Marian University for forensic science or criminal justice.

Jarret Jordan, Parents Mike & Carol Jordan

Plans to attend St. Norbert College to major in criminal justice and run in both cross country and track.

Rachel Kopp, Parents Ian Kopp & Jenna Schafer '88

Plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stout for apparel design.

Taya Kremer, Parents Bob & Sheri Kremer

Plans to attend the UM-Duluth and major in communication science disorders or physical therapy.

Jenna Larson, Parents Jon & Wendy Wittrock Larson '90

Plans to attend CVTC to major in nursing.

Joshua Leibrandt, Parents Jamie & Amber Leibrandt

Plans to join the United States Marine Corps.

Jacob Lindsley, Parents Bob & Andrea Lindsley

Plans to attend the UW-Madison to major in nuclear engineering.

Thomas Longbella, Parents Chris & Kathy Longbella

Plans to attend UM-Twin Cities for business and to play golf.

Paige McCabe, Parent Karen McCabe

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for music education.

Maggie Meinen, Parents David '81 & Diane Meinen

Plans to attend UW-Madison with a major in elementary education and special education minor.

Bryan Misener, Parents Shawn & Krista Bowe Misener '90

Plans to attend UW-Superior for marine biology.

Lincoln Mlsna, Parents Bruce & Beth Mlsna

Plans to attend UW-Platteville in economics.

Tung Ngo, Parents Phmong Ngo & Ngoc Doan**Host: Craig & Cari Everson**

Plans to attend University of Nebraska to major in finance and media production.

Caleb Parkhurst, Parents Robert & Barbara Parkhurst

Plans to attend UW-Stout for health, fitness, and wellness with a minor in coaching. Asked to attend football tryouts.

Silvia Pretti, Parents Mauro Pretti & Mana Grarsia Comcetta Rossi**Host: John & Wendy Schmidley**

Plans to attend a University in Italy.

Yucheng Qiu, Parents Guoan Qiu & Jiayi Zhang**Host: Dennis '86 & Annette Hunt**

Three years at MACS he plans to attend University of San Francisco.

Anna Rasmus, Parents Pat '83 & Melissa Rasmus

Plans to attend the UM-Duluth for business/marketing.

Benjamin Retzlaff, Parents Scott & Michelle Franz Retzlaff '85

Plans to attend St. Norbert University in education or communication, also to play basketball.

Madeleine Rietschel, Parents Jerry Rietschel '85 & Melissa Bowe '86

Plans to attend UW-Madison for psychology with a neuroscience focus.

Frank Rineck, Parents Brian '82 & Susan Zwiefelhofer Rineck '82

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for a major in English education and minor in theatre.

Anna Rocque, Parents Sally Bohl Rocque '85 & the late James

Rocque Plans to attend the University of Kansas for a major in pharmacy.

Nicholas Rooney, Parents Jim & Jen Rooney

Plans to attend Colorado State University for construction management.

Molly Schwandt, Parents Dan & Kathy Schwandt

Plans to attend UM-Twin Cities for communications and law.

Elliot Shakal, Parents Bob & Jennifer Shakal

Plans to attend CVTC for business-marketing.

Alice Soster E Silva, Parents Adauto Filho & Marilani Soster**Host: Anita Wahl**

Plans to attend UW-Superior.

Evan Smith, Parents Regi Geissler & Jedd Smith

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire in health care.

Austin Thalacker, Parents Tony & Julie Sokup Thalacker '87

Plans on joining the Marine Corps.

David Van Dyke, Parents Jerry Van Dyke and the late Alice Van Dyke

Plans to attend CVTC for manufacturing engineering technologist.

William Wahl, Parents Scott & Anne Wahl

Plans to attend the University of Mary for exercise science.

Jacob Wiensch, Parents Steve '82 & Kim Schultz Wiensch '82

Plans to attend UW-Stout.

Derek Zumbrock, Parents Roger & Lori Zumbrock

Plans to attend the UW-Madison for engineering.

Blessings to the Class of 2016

Classmates gather around Wilf Hebert '69 at the conclusion of Baccalaureate Mass held at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.



On May 25, 2016 the class of 2016 and family members enjoyed a gathering of dinner and sharing of future plans before the evening Baccalaureate Mass. Celebrating the Mass was McDonell Chaplain Rev. Charlie Richmond. Attendees were blessed to have present five additional priests and three deacons.

Graduation for the 40 McDonell Central Catholic seniors was held on Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 PM in the school gymnasium. The McDonell band led by Director Sean Hanson played the traditional processional "Pomp and Circumstance." Father Charlie led the invocation while Steve Roesler, Lead Team Representative welcomed everyone before presenting the Salutatorian Award to Madeleine "Maddie" Rietschel.

Maddie shared the fears of the unknown after graduation with encouraging her peers to dream how you want it to be but to remember reality belongs to God. She shared, "You have reached the next step of your life. . . you have to go make the choices, go meet the deadlines, and go live as God wants you to live."

Following her speech Choral Director Amy Vogt asked the senior choir students to join the choir one last time in song, sharing with those present "I Was Here".

Deacon Tom Kinnick then presented the Valedictorian and Bishop's Award for Excellence to Maggie Meinen. Maggie reflected on how books have played an important part of their lives, life resembles a book. She went on to reflect on each chapter of their life beginning

with the early years, with advice from an author at the end of each chapter. From Dr. Seuss, "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose." To the best book to give advice from, the

Left: Maddie Rietschel, Salutatorian with Maggie Meinen Valedictorian and Bishop Award for Excellence recipient.



Chippewa Falls Deanery Priest support the graduates with their presence at graduation. From left: Very Rev. Msgr. Mark Pierce, Rev. Eric Linzmaier, Rev. Charlie Richmond, Rev. Justin Kizewski, Rev. Ed Shuttleworth, Rev. Al Sonberger.

Bible. Galatians 6:19 says, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap harvest if we do not give up." She concluded, "Remember we are all just stories in the end, so make yours the best that is ever written."

The commencement address was given by McDonell High School teacher Mr. Roger Sahs, who was chosen by the class. As a science teacher Mr. Sahs encouraged the seniors to use how they have learned to process and evaluate information in order to make informed decisions. ". . . your own decisions, your own mistakes, and you can never blame others for the inevitable consequences of the choices you make." He also encouraged them to travel as it is a profound educational experience and also to serve others. He concluded, "Wherever you may find yourself and whatever challenge you may have chosen to explore, hold true to your relationship with God, and with those who have helped you shape your yesterdays, acknowledge and appreciate what you are today, and dare to reach for your goals tomorrow."



Mr. Roger Sahs

Director Sean Hanson invited the senior band members to join the band one last time for "Eric Clapton" before they presented flowers to their families. The Alma Mater was sung by all with Monsignor Mark Pierce ending graduation with Benediction.

Pat "Bubba" Davis '83
sends one down the
fairway.



Photos by Kris Horan

Above: Dressing up for the occasion are Craig Swoboda, Kent Vandehaar, Wayne Jensen, Dale Slaby, Dan Hunt '75. Left: Enjoying the weather and just being on the golf course are MACS President Jeff Heinzen, Father Justin Kizewski, Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71, and Pat Buchberger '85.



26th Annual McDonell Athletic Booster Club Golf Scramble

The club had a great turnout with close to 80 golfers at Timber Terrace on Saturday, May 21. A wonderful banquet followed at the high school. The McDonell Golf Scramble brought in \$7,800 for MACS athletics! Look for the date for 2017 coming soon on the alumni page on the MACS website. We hope even more alumni and supporters will be able to participate next year. Listed below are the results from the day with the top team winners in each category receiving a plaque from West Trophy and a sleeve of balls from Scheel's.

SENIORS:

Fred Kuss, Walt Hebert '64, Steve Cyr '64 & Dick Monarski '59 - score 67

MIXED:

Andy Pearson, Satch Hrdlicka, Lance Lundell, Rolly Enderes '96 & Kendra Pearson-score-66

MENS:

Dan Globensky '79, Pat "Bubba" Davis '83, Tim Conner '79, Jim Anglum '80 and Kevin Stevens '79 - score 58 (tie breaker was on hole #11)

CLOSEST TO THE PIN: Winners each received a \$100 certificate to Mason Shoe Store. First place - Troy Taylor, 2nd place - Dan Hunt '75

How many alumni does it take to line up
the ball?



YOUR GIFTS from the Director of Advancement

Greetings!

Congratulations to the Class of 2016! All of us here at the McDonell Area Catholic Schools are very proud of you and wish you well on your next journey. I want to say thank you to all of our alumni and supporters for another fantastic school year. Your generosity of prayers, treasure and time are a blessing. *Thank you!*

Thank you to the donors who helped provide enough funds to obtain new student desks and chairs for four of our teachers at McDonell Central High School! These new desks are much more comfortable for the students, which allows them to concentrate on learning rather than trying to get comfortable in an undersized desk. We have two more classrooms to go that need desks and chairs, plus four classrooms in the high school and middle school that need new chairs (an additional 112 chairs). We are asking our McDonell alumni and friends to help us provide our students with the best possible learning environment to help them achieve academic excellence.



Jenny Schafer

Will you help with this project?

- One Desk = \$118
- One Chair = \$71
- One classroom = \$4958 (26 desks and 26 chairs)

Thank you to the McDonell Alumni Association 2.0 (MAA 2.0) for all the hard work this past year organizing events for alumni to gather and celebrate their Alma Mater. The regional alumni gathering we had in Appleton was a great success – keep your eye on the alumni page of the MACS website for upcoming events, including two gatherings we are planning in the Minneapolis area for this fall. These events are great for reconnecting with old friends and building new networking relationships.

As you look back on your time here at McDonell and reflect on the impact McDonell had on your life or the life of your children, please consider supporting Catholic education. Your gift will help provide an “Education for Life” for our current generation of students.

If you would like to help, you can make your donation online at www.macs.k12.wi.us under “Support MACS” or by mailing a check (payable to MACS) to:

Attn: Jenny Schafer
McDonell Area Catholic Schools
1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Thank you for all that you do to support McDonell. May God bless you and your families.

In loving service,
Jenny Schafer, Director of Advancement
j.schafer@macs.k12.wi.us

Please help us honor our outstanding alumni through nomination!

Do you know an alumni from McDonell Memorial or Central Catholic High School who has either served their community or country in an exceptional way, thus exemplifying the McDonell way? Or how about an alumni who was an exceptional athlete while at McDonell and possibly after high school? How about someone who is not an alumni, but has dedicated numerous hours to McDonell and should be recognized as an honorary alumni? Please help us in honoring our outstanding alumni!

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Hall of Fame and the Class of 2018 Honorary Alumni awards. The awards banquet will be in the spring of 2018. Click on Alumni link on our website to read the criteria for nominations and for the official nomination forms.

**** NOMINATIONS ****

Hall of Fame 2018
Honorary Alumni Class of 2018
Contact Jenny Schafer for forms or go online
at www.macs.k12.wi.us then ALUMNI

**Support MACS, support your alma
mater in celebration of 135 years!**

If you, or an alum you know, have a legacy story to share, please send to:
McDonell Legacy Story, c/o Alumni Office, 1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-1908
Or email MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us

McDonell Central Catholic High School Hall of Fame Inductees



Hall of Fame Inductees from left: Greg Devine '52, Jim Scheidler '64 on behalf of Joe Scheidler '72, Joe Werner '02, Matt Monarski '88, and James LeClerc '59. Unable to attend Lisa Fehr Steinmetz '88.

The McDonell Central Catholic High School is proud to announce the 2016 Distinguished Alumni inducted into the McDonell Hall of Fame. The recipients reflect the mission, vision, and values of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools and have had a positive impact on McDonell Central Catholic High School.

This year the selection committee chose four nominees for athletic achievements and two for outstanding achievement or service to the school or community. These recipients were honored at the Annual Alumni Celebration, which was held on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Distinguished Athletic:

Joe Scheidler, Class of 1972,

was a versatile athlete, participating in numerous sports. As a sophomore he was part of the football team that won the school's first Central Wisconsin Catholic Conference (CWCC) crown and



played for the Wisconsin Joe Scheidler '72 Independent School Athletic Association State Title. A year later he quarterbacked the football team that defeated Regis 7-0 for the second straight win over the Ramblers.

Joe won the city tennis title nine years in a row. He was a Little League All Star as a 10, 11 and 12 year old. Joe played on Chippewa Falls most successful Little League Team at that time and reached the District finals in 1966. Joe's pitching and timely hitting led his team to championships in the city high school softball leagues.

“He [Joe] was the kind of guy that reached out to everyone so that their “game” would be better.
-Dan Meagher '72”

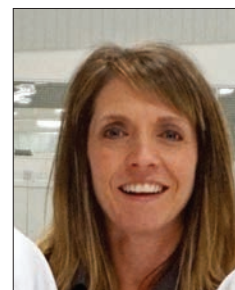
In his senior year he was captain of the tennis, basketball and newly formed baseball team.

Joe was also the quarterback of the football team and won 10 letters during his high school career.

Dan Meagher, a teammate and classmate, nominated Joe for this award. Dan wrote these words about Joe, “Joe's contribution to McDonell sports was enormous. Joe was always interested in everyone else and how they did in sports. He did not draw any attention to his excellent play. He was the kind of guy that reached out to everyone so that their “game” would be better.” Joe died of a brain injury on August 31, 1973. He was only 19 years young.

Matt Monarski, Class of 1988, was a multi-sport athlete who was a two year letter winner in Cross Country and a four year letter winner in Track and Field. While at McDonell he ran the 100M, 200M and 400M dashes, 220M and 300M

hurdles, 4x100M and 4x400M relays and long jumped. He was named to the All-Conference track team ten times and is still the CWCC record holder in the long jump. He finished in the top five at the state track meet six times and was state champion in both the Long Jump and 300M hurdles in 1988. He was also a member of the Conference Champion team in 1986, State Runner Up teams in 1985 and 1988 and a member of the 1986 State Champion team. He remains the school record holder in long jump and was the school record holder in the 200M dash and 300M hurdles until recently. He went on to letter in track all four years at the University of St. Thomas and earned “All America” athlete honors. He is currently the Senior Director of Global Marketing for a Medical Device company and lives in a suburb of Minneapolis with his wife (Elizabeth Lindsay, Chi-Hi Class of 1992) and two children, Anna and Johnathan.



Lisa Fehr Steinmetz '88

Lisa Fehr Steinmetz, Class of 1988,

was an outstanding athlete in addition to being Valedictorian. Lisa was a three season athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball and track. She was a three year letter winner in each sport, was

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named to the CWCC first team volleyball in 1986 and 1987, CWCC first team basketball in 1987 and 1988 and second team basketball in 1986. Lisa competed at the State level in track and medaled in several events each year. Lisa graduated from UW-La Crosse with a BS in Medical Technology and is currently employed by Mayo Clinic as a laboratory manager of two hospital labs and three clinic labs. She married fellow classmate, Mitch Steinmetz '88, in 1994 and the couple currently live in Chippewa Falls with their five children, Drew, Jordan, Lucas, Ben, and Paige.

Joe Werner, Class of 2002, participated in golf, basketball, football and soccer while at McDonell and was a key player on the 2002 Cloverbelt Conference Champion basketball team. Joe went on to play basketball in college for the UW-La Crosse. Joe received the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Conference (WIAC) All Conference First Team award three times, WIAC player of year in 2007, National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III First Team two times and NABC Second Team All American two times, and was one of 10 finalists for National Player of the Year.

Joe signed with the Green Bay Packers in 2007 where he participated in mini camp, training camp and pre-season as a tight end. Joe then joined the Southeast Australian Basketball League (SEABL) later in 2007. He played center position for the Kilsyth Cobras, a semi-professional team, near Melbourne. He was named All Star 5 in his first two seasons and named the SEABL Most Valuable Player in 2009. Joe then moved to Germany to play professional basketball as a power forward for the Geissen 46ers in the German Professional Basketball League from 2009-2010. Afterwards, he moved Austria to play professionally for the Raiffeisen Wels basketball team in Wels, Austria for 2010-2012, again as a center. He was named to the Austrian All Star Team in 2012. Joe graduated from UW-La Crosse in



Alumni, teachers, and friends fill **Bye the Willow** hall.

2007 with a Bachelor's in International Management and then went on to obtain his Master's in Business Administration. Joe is married to Katy and they have three children, Myla, Haven and Rhys.

Achievement and Service

Greg Devine, a 1952 graduate from McDonell Memorial High School, grew up during the Depression and W.W.II. Like his eight siblings, he

excelled in academics and athletics – serving as Captain of his football and basketball teams. He was selected All-Diocesan his senior year.

Greg began his lifetime of service to others as a youngster helping Gold Star Mothers by shoveling snow, etc. While in high school he was a volunteer grade school coach and referee. After graduation, Greg bypassed college to support his mother. At Uniroyal he worked hard to become the only building superintendent without a college degree.

Volunteering is a way of life for Greg. Nicknamed "Coach", Greg found time, with four children of his own. He was watching them grow into teachers, coaches, counselors and a school principal, to volunteer in youth sports as a coach, referee and sports director at Sacred Heart grade school and was a registered official for the WIAA.

Upon retirement, he continued his life of service. For the last three decades, Greg has volunteered at the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp "teaching" youngsters about the proud history of the Chippewa

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Robert Reiter '57 with his wife Eve.



Above, Advancement Director Jenny Schafer congratulates the new McDonell Honorary Alumni. Pictured from left: Alice Butler, Mary Huffcutt, Marty Bushland, Jenny Schafer and John Flanagan.

The Hall of Fame inductees were honored and we embraced their stories. A surprise for the night was the announcement of four Honorary McDonell Alumni: Alice Butler, former teacher who retired in 2015 from the middle school level. Mary Huffcutt currently Academic Affairs and worked to achieve McDonell School System Accreditation, Marty Bushland supporter and successful coach of the boys and girls cross country teams, track and field, along with a cross country skiing club at the school. John Flanagan, former teacher and principal who retired in 2015 but returned to support the Lead Team model at the high school for 2015-2016.



Enjoying the evening from left Dan Meagher '72, Dan Leis '72 and Carol Steinmetz Meagher '78.

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Valley. Greg is also involved with Kiwanis club working at both hospitals in Eau Claire and is a proud bell ringer for the Salvation Army every Christmas season. Greg's legacy of service can be evidenced by the fact that he was nominated for this award by three different individuals!

James LeCleir, graduate of 1959
was born and raised on the East Hill in



Dick Monarski '59 and Alumni Association President Rolly Endres '96

Chippewa Falls. He attended Notre Dame Grade School and McDonell Memorial High School. The following year, Jim entered the U.S. Air Force and earned an officer's commission and wings in 1961. In that year, he also married his

high school classmate and sweetheart, Kathy Kleusch, in a military chapel near Sacramento, CA. Soon, daughters Jill and Wendy rounded out the young LeCleir family and they began what would be a 32 year military career for Jim, at 16 military bases across the world including Vietnam, England, Panama (twice) and Hawaii. Jim credits the ability to cope successfully with the hardships, imposed on the family that come with moving so often, with a strong Catholic faith, which they have passed on to their children. Jim and Kathy point to their Catholic school upbringing as providing the moral compass which helped them navigate through a challenging life.

Jim retired from the Air Force in 1992 as a Major General and Commandant of the Inter-America Defense College, Washington DC. Over his career he

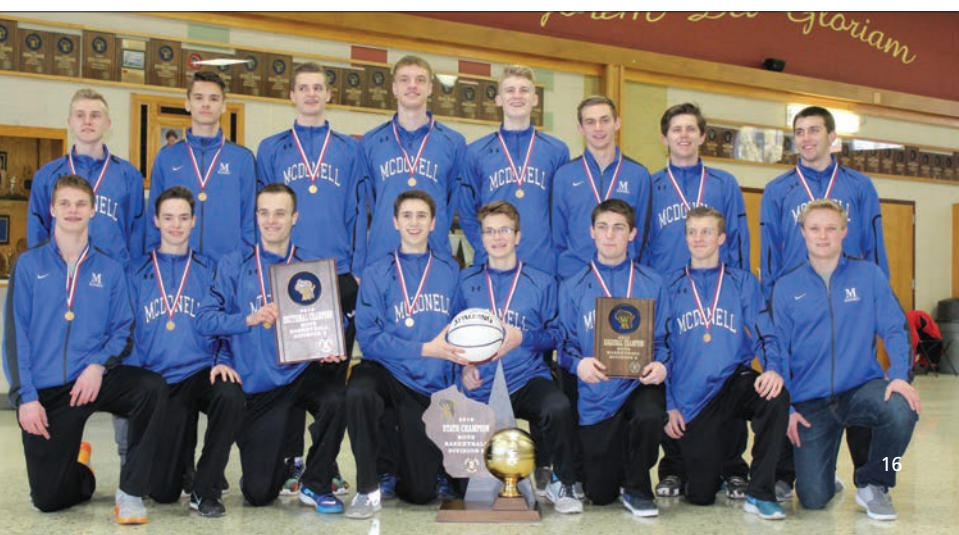
accumulated over 5,000 flying hours in ten different bomber, attack, trainer and support aircrafts. He earned 19 military awards and decorations for achievement. Jim is active in his church, St. Francis of Assisi in Rocky Mount and is a lifetime member of the Air Force Association and a member of the Military Officers of America Association.



With internet, social media and the revision of the MACS website (including a new MAA website), we're looking at new ways to connect and integrate our new generation of alumni with those of the past. We now have a much easier avenue of reaching out to all our alumni across the nation and across the world. We hope you will join us Twitter @McDonell_Alum, Facebook McDonell Central High School Alumni *and be proud in our Alma Mater!*

GO MACKS!
Rolly Endres '96, MAA President

McDonell Macks WIAA Division 5 State Basketball Champions



CORRECTION: Missing from the winter-spring issue of the Mack Messenger state championship basketball photo was Joey Huffcutt.

Please accept this complete team photo. Standing from left: Isaac Bohaty, Charlie Bleskachek, Hayden Baughman, Alex Ohde, Grayson Knowlton, Nate Hoglund, Austin Amelse, Ryan Sorensen. Kneeling: Cory Hoglund, Joey Huffcutt, Ben Retzlaff, Henry Erickson, Evan Smith, Jake Wiensch, Wes Benish, and Jordan Moulton.



What are they doing now?

Kelsey Mullen '07 serves aboard guided missile destroyer in Spain

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By U.S. Navy Mass
Communication Specialist 2nd
Class Amanda Rae Moreno,

Navy Office of Community Outreach Public Affairs.

ROTA, Spain – A 2007 McDonell Central Catholic High School graduate and Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the guided missile destroyer, USS Donald Cook.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelsey Mullen is a fire controlman aboard the forward-deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer operating out of Rota, Spain. Donald Cook is one of four destroyers home ported in Rota.

A Navy fire controlman is responsible for combat systems power for the ship and a radar system and the console that fires missiles in combat.

"There is always more to learn in my job," said Mullen. "Aegis is an extremely advanced system that has been hugely successful for the Navy. So the fact that I get to work in such a vital portion of our mission is very satisfying."

Commissioned in 1998, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, Donald Cook, measures approximately 500 feet and is powered by four gas turbines that allow the destroyer to achieve over 30 mph in open seas. It was named in honor of Donald Cook, a Vietnam War prisoner of war who died in captivity.

This ship has been fitted with the Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) capability that enables the ship to conduct long-range surveillance, tracking, and engagement of short and medium-range ballistic missiles.

According to Navy officials, destroyers are tactical multi-mission surface combatants capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare, as well as humanitarian assistance. Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required warfighting expertise and operational flexibility to execute any tasking overseas.

Assigned to U.S. 6th Fleet, sailors are on watch throughout the European region and are important assets supporting the European Phased Adaptive Approach to enhance the

security of that area of the world from ballistic missile threats originating in the Middle East.

In addition to Donald Cook, three other BMD capable ships are forward deployed in Rota: USS Porter, USS Carney and USS Ross. Having four destroyers based in Rota gives the U.S. 6th Fleet flexibility to send these ships to a variety of locations for a range of missions, while at the same time providing a large umbrella of protection for European allies.

Approximately 30 officers and 300 enlisted men and women make up the ship's company. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the cruiser running smoothly, according to Navy officials. The jobs range from washing dishes and preparing meals to maintaining engines and handling weaponry.

"I like our fast paced schedule," said Mullen. "Our time out at sea gives our junior sailors time underway to focus on developing themselves. That makes our crew stronger and more proficient."

Challenging living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew, Navy officials explained. The crew is highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Mullen explained that she and other Donald Cook sailors know they are part of a legacy that will be last beyond their lifetimes.

"By serving my country on the Donald Cook I know everyone back home doesn't have to worry," added Mullen. "They can feel safe knowing we have people like us out here."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet our fellow alumni at the
**Homecoming game Saturday,
September 24th at 4:00 PM**
Alumni BBall-VBall tournament - April
7 - 8, 2017

**Vote on Facebook for a co-ed kickball
tournament summer event!**

Details will be on alumni social media

Facebook: Alumni ask to join the group. Search for
McDonell Central High School Alumni at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/32560929015>

TWITTER: @McDonell_Alum

EMAIL: mcdalumassoc@gmail.com



CLASS NOTES

Class shout-outs

Thank you to the ninety-six alumni who signed in at our MACS booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Several of the alum share their shout-outs below.

1960s

Pat Bell '67 "Great School!"

1980s

Ann David, daughter of **Renee Ruf David '85**, eighth grade flute player at the Notre Dame Middle School has been accepted into the Wisconsin State Honors Orchestra for the 2016-2017 season.

Susie and David Bleskachek '85 "Proud grandparents of Isabel Mae, born to our daughter **Kattie Bleskachek Bergeron '07** and her husband Nick.

1990s

Katie McLaughlin Guay '97 "Get ready for our 20th class reunion next year!"

2000s

Seth Eder '01 - "Had baby Bianca in 2015."

Bridget McLaughlin Corroran '03 "Hi everyone!"

Steve Brick '06 and his wife Christine along with their daughter Elizabeth (born in 2013) welcomed twins Joseph and Lauren to the family last December!

2010s

Nathan Dahl '09 "Living it up in Minneapolis!"

Sawyer Berg '10 "GO BIG, GO BLUE, GO MACKS!"

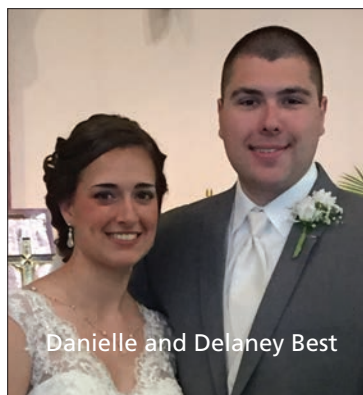
UW-Stout Volleyball 2011-14 and softball in 2015 batted .195 in 41 games **Karley Wiensch '11**

Laura Kopp '12 "Doing FOCUS Missionary, email me laura.kopp@focus.org"

Congratulations **Kyle Cody '12** selected by Rangers in MLB draft.

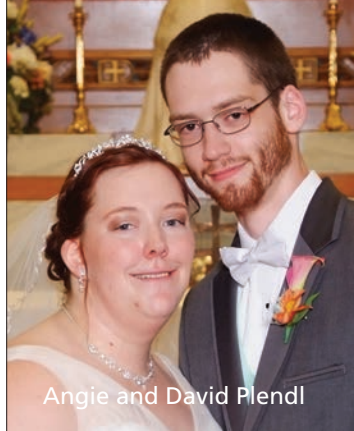
Caleb Parkhurst '16 - "Heading for UW-STOUT!"

Holy Matrimony



Daniellé and Delaney Best

Delaney Best & Danielle Rubenzer Best, both Class of 2011, were married at Holy Ghost Parish on May 7, 2016. Delaney is a paramedic and a police officer with the Durand Police Department. Danielle is registered nurse at Mayo Clinic Health System. They reside in Eau Claire.



Angie and David Plendl

David Plendl and Angie Reiter Plendl, both class of 2011, were married at St. Peter Parish on June 24, 2016. David is a CNC Programmer at Nordson EDI and Angie is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital. They reside in Chippewa Falls.



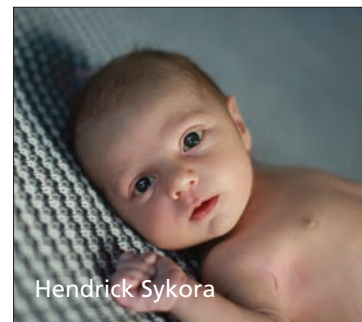
Kayla and Seth Gale

Seth Steven Gale '06 and Kayla Nicole Schmitt were married Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Barn on Stoney Ridge in Cornell, WI. They reside in Stanley, WI.

Blessings of a Baby!

Adam '01 and Nicole Gale, along with big brother Ian, welcomed Emma Lynn Gale on February 12, 2016.

Julie Rohrman Randall '08 and her husband Jesse welcome their son James Joseph on August 8, 2016.



Hendrick Sykora

Brittany Steiger Sykora '11 and her husband Blake celebrated the birth of their son Hendrick on May 13, 2016.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Warren Reiter '38
May 26, 2016, Colorado Springs, CO

Eunice Steichen Darby '39
May 15, 2015, Tampa, FL

Mae Scheidler Willkom '39,
September 19, 2015, Cadott

John Globensky '42
June 10, 2016 Cornell, WI

Beverly Cherrier '46
June 9, 2016 Chippewa Falls, WI

Mary Wiensch Blanchard '48
June 16, 2016, Chippewa Falls

Don Sedlacek '49
July 17, 2016 La Crosse, WI

Gary Cardinal '61
June 8, 2016, Sutton, NE

Richard Schwahn '62
June 1, 2016 Punta Gorda, FL

Wayne Germain '64
April 20, 2016, Chippewa Falls

Mary Crawford '73
July 8, 2016 Chippewa Falls, WI

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Left: Alumni and teachers for their Alma Mater Eric Wedemeyer '92, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03 and Mitch Jacobson '07 all received their Masters Degree from St. Mary's University. They were the second Cohort partnership MACS has with St. Mary's to graduate.

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Friends

Carol Porn spouse of Richard Porn '56, passed away on Feb. 23, 2016, Eau Claire

Mayme Kleusch parent of graduates, passed away on April 21, 2016

Willis 'Bill' J. Rice spouse of Betty

Germain '44, passed away on June 5, 2016, Chippewa Falls

Eugene Berg spouse of Doris Popple Berg '42, passed away on June 26, 2016, Chippewa Falls

Fern Connell spouse of James Connell '36, passed away on June 6, 2016, Chippewa Falls



Classmates of 1986 gathered on July 16, 2016 at Bye the Willow in Chippewa Falls.

Back row from left: Amy Bleskachek Kramschuster, Karen Sabsaka Nordstrom, Lisa Faulhaber Yepes, Nick Gerrits, Sean Sinette, Sue Schwartz Toelle, Katie Hartsough, Mike Stoffel, Dennis Hunt, Dan Vils

Middle Row: Kyle Franz, Kathy Koehler, Chip Eckes, Diane Weimert, Jackie Watton Moulton, Krista Hosley Alberts, Todd Van Sleet, Jon Theisen, Neville Baier, Jane Shaurette Cooper

Front row: Brian Allen, Patti See, Karen Krager Vils, Lisa Olson Carrigan, Jeff Rothbauer, and former classmate Denise McGraw Woodford
Missing from the photo who were present are Joe Borman, Tom Cushman, Jeff Newton, Sandy Sokup Ternus

Below: Terry Wedemeyer '64 stopped in at the Notre Dame Middle School to enjoy a soup and salad bar lunch with his grandson Seth Wildenberg who was celebrating his 13th birthday.



Class Reunions

Share your photos with us!

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Check out all the class reunions that were held this summer and fall on the Alumni website page. You can find them under the Alumni at www.macs.k12.wi.us

Class of 2006 - 10 year reunion

Celebrated Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Fill Inn Restaurant.

Class of 1991 - 25 year reunion

Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Flag Hill Irvine Park. Dinner at Fill-Inn and headed for the Chippewa Falls City Wide Class Reunion held at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. See photo on page 20.

Class of 1986 - 30 year reunion

The reunion was held on Saturday, July 16th at Bye the Willow in Chippewa Falls. Bresina's catered and Dzired Sound DJ played after the supper.

Class of 1981 - 35 year reunion

The reunion was held on Saturday, August 13.

Class of 1971 - 45 year reunion

The class gathered together with the Chi Hi Class of 1971 at Water's Edge on Friday, August 12.

Class of 1966 - 50 year reunion

Saturday, August 20, 2016 was the night of their reunion. It started at Notre Dame Life Center 4:30 PM Mass (Church under restoration). Following Mass was a social and dinner held at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center.

Class of 1961 - 55 year reunion

The class met on August 20, 2016. See photo on page 20.

Class of 1956 - 60 year reunion

Classmates will meet on Wednesday, September 14 for a lunch gathering at the Bridgewater Restaurant in Chippewa Falls. Over 35 classmate expected.

Class of 1947 - 69 year reunion

The class had an informal gathering at Fill-Inn with 10 classmates attending. Everyone is looking forward to celebrating 70 years in 2017. Information on gathering is being planned. See photo on page 20.

Class of 1946 - 70 year reunion

The reunion will be Wednesday, September 21 with Mass at McDonnell High at 10:30 AM with students. Following Mass a 12:00 noon lunch at Avalon. Contact Edna O'Donnell Frederick or Jean Forrester Thornton to RSVP. You can also call Cathy Greenseth 715.723.0538 x3307 for more information.

CLASS NOTES



Class of 1991

The class of 1991 celebrated their 25 year reunion. On August 13, 2016 classmates met at Irvine Park before heading to the fairgrounds for the All Class Reunion. Standing left to right: Melissa Schneider, Stacy Dresel-Stewig, Jenifer Frenette Dunn, Kristi Granz, Stacey Perret Bowe, Patrick Nehring, Ken Rothbauer, Jason Kukuk. Kneeling are Heather Schneider Boos, Peter McDonald, Colleen Gerrits Kukuk

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Send us your shout-outs, class reunion photos to MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us or call the McDonell Alumni Office 715.723.0538 x3306

Jeff Lutz '76 WFCA Hall of Fame

Note: Excerpts taken from Brandon Berg's article on July 21, 2016 in the Chippewa Herald newspaper.

McDonell Alumnus Jeff Lutz '76 was selected as part of the 2017 Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame class. Lutz will enter the hall as an assistant coach with a decorated coaching resume that spans both high school and collegiate football. He coached for two years at McDonell under hall of fame coach Gerry Uchtyl in the early 80s before spending the final 14 years of his career as an assistant at West De Pere, 13 of those seasons for another hall of famer, Bill Turnquist. Lutz coached collegiately at UW-Eau Claire, Mt. Senario and Bemidji State in Minnesota. Lutz said, "To be put in the same sentence as some of these great hall of fame coaches from throughout the state. . . about all I can say is it's quite humbling. Quite an honor."



Class of 1947

The class of 1947 came together on August 4, 2016 at the Fill-Inn for their 69th class reunion. The classmates are looking forward to their 70th class reunion next year. Front row from left: Sis Fliehr Hamilton, Lenore Valdreuil Wescot, Marianna Draziel Upgren, Kathleen Thornton Kopp, Marilyn White Dachel. Back row: Bob Miller, Francis Martell, Norb Sedlacek, Virginia Gustafson Keyeski, Jim Globensky



Class of 1961

photo by Sharp Photo

The class of 1961 gathered on August 20, 2016 for their 55th class reunion. They attended Mass at the Notre Dame Life Center as the Parish is undergoing restoration. The Fill-Inn was their destination for a meal and camaraderie. Front row from left: Dolores "Dodie" Martineau Driscoll, Diane Paul Krause, Joyce Krumenauer Carpenter, Sally Andrejeski Wrucke, Mary Jane Nedoba Pukall. Middle row: Suzanne McAleer Wozniak, Pat Hebert Dressel, Jim Krueger, Bernie Wagner Anderson, Dick Anderl, Ann O'Connell Davies, Anne Monarski Ganka, Dave Spakoski, Jim Mason, Doris Yohnk Behnke, Rita Molitor Knudsen. Back row: Jim Ritzinger, Jack Krause, William "Tex" Akan, Bob Jenneman, John Murphy, Paul Schultz, Jerry Bowe, Jerry Sazama, Temple Keefer Schroetter, Mike Hartman, Larry Thiel, Rick Lindstrom, Howard Ludwigson, Tom Dewitt, Bob Jasper

Right: Rosemary "Sis" Greenwood McCarthy '43 and Joan "Red" Peloquin Ford '48 greet each other at the annual Memorial Day Mass held at Hope Cemetery in Chippewa Falls.



Alumni Basketball Tournament Winners - 2016



From left: Patrick Arriola, Tony Bischel, Jake Mllquham, Derek Watton. Back row Landon Bresina, Alex Hiess

Team 2010A took the coveted 32nd Annual McDonell Alumni Basketball Tournament trophy in the competitive division last April after defeating the class of 2011 and three other teams over the two days.

Team 1985 were the Recreational Division Champs defeating team 1996. *Put together a team now for your chance to play for the trophy and t-shirt on April 7-8, 2017.*



Derek Watton '10 puts the ball up as Michael Ruf '11 reaches to stop him.

Volleyball Tournament



Volleyball Division 2 (non-competitive) Second year in a row! Kneeling: Jessica Rihn Wells '98, Robin Goulet Prince '98 Standing: Mary Onsager - spouse of Jason '95, Alysia Konop Bowe '98, Melissa (Krumenauer) Grinder '02, Karri Goulet Wold '01



Volleyball Division 1 (competitive) Ashley Meinen Rubenzer '08, Alecia Mcllquham '08, Ellen Plendl '08, Erin Boisvert - spouse of Adam Bohl '08, Chrysta Brinkman Watton '09, Erica Rubenzer Ruf '07, Cari Loomis '08

Mack Bits

McDonell Math Teams

Congratulations to the two McDonell math teams who competed at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The team consisting of Jacob Lindsley, Sam Huffcutt, Sam Zwickel, Olivia Parkhurst, Peter Stoffel, and Tim Buchmann took first place in Class A. Sam Zwickel and Peter Stoffel earned sixth place medals, Sam Huffcutt was a third place medalist and Tim Buchmann was the overall winner in Class A. The other team members were Derek Zumbrock, Maddie Rietschel, Grayson Knowlton, Alex Ohde, Ryan Sorensen, and Zach Gilles.

Thanksgiving Day Parade

Look for McDonell Central Catholic students Samuel Zwickel and John Francis this November playing their instruments in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Band Director Sean Hanson states, "It is always nice to see hard work and dedication pay off when students are selected for this high achievement. Great work and congratulations!" Look for more details on our website as the event approaches.



Spaghetti SPECTACULAR!

Sun., Nov. 13, 2016

All-you-can-eat sit down meal \$7

Held at McDonell High School

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (see website for details)

Theme raffle baskets

Physics demonstrations

Tour the school

Proceeds benefit MACS families

PARENTS: IF THIS ISSUE IS ADDRESSED TO YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER WHO NO LONGER LIVES AT HOME, PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE WITH CORRECT ADDRESS: 715.723.0538 OR GO ONLINE: www.macs.k12.wi.us/alumni.html

MACS grades PK-12 celebrate system accreditation

By Mary Huffcutt

It's official, McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) received notice from AdvancED, the largest accrediting organization in the world. We are accredited as a system from early childhood to graduation, affirming we love teaching children as well as our mission and vision of a Catholic education.

MACS is one of only three school systems in both Wisconsin and Minnesota to be accredited with early childhood learning as part of the systems accreditation.

MACS hosted an external review team of six people from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New Jersey. This team of professional educators spent three days with us as part of our re-accreditation process. We were able to demonstrate our passion for excellence in educating our students as well as discuss the areas in which we are striving to do better. MACS had a system-wide accreditation team that helped lead our schools and staff in a multiple year self-study process which took hundreds of hours. The lead team consisted of teachers, administrators and community stakeholders.

The process of accreditation involves extensive internal review diagnostics that include an improvement plan, student performance diagnostics, self-assessment, executive summary, stakeholder feedback, and assurances. The process and the requirements are designed to help schools successfully function as a system. The standards by which we are measured are in the areas of purpose and direction; governance and leadership; teaching and assessing for learning; resources and support systems; and using results for continuous improvement.

AdvancED is the global leader in providing continuous improvement and accreditation services to over 32,000 schools and school systems. They are the largest community of education professionals in the world. It is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of pre-K-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential.



Above: MACS administration and AdvancED team at the final presentation to the stakeholders.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Frolic

Saturday, September 17 at Irvine Park

Homecoming

Saturday, September 24, 4:00 game time

Spirit of the Macks

Saturday, October 1 at McDonell HS

Spaghetti Spectacular

Sunday, November 13 at McDonell HS

Craft Country Expo

Saturday, November 19 at McDonell HS

Mid-Winter Mardi Gras

Saturday, February 11, 2017 at McDonell HS