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McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2015 graduates Katie Lowe, Emma Murphy and Emily Stoffel appearing relaxed before they walked across the stage on Monday, June 1, 2015. Story on page 2.

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St. Charles Borromeo

Rev. Edward Shuttleworth
Associate Pastor Rev. Charlie Richmond
Deacon Thomas Kinnick '80



The Church of Holy Ghost

Rev. Justin Kizewski



The Church of Notre Dame

Msgr. Rev. Mark Pierce, Dean

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Rev. Edward Shuttleworth, Deacon Dan Rider
Associate Pastor Rev. Charlie Richmond

All Saints Catholic Parish Boyd, Cadott, Stanley

Rev. William Felix '73, Deacon Ned Willkom



“ . . . I reflect on how blessed we have been with great teachers, great principals and a support staff who are always working hard toward the success of each student. ”

Letter from the President

Dear Staff, Families and Supporters;

Looking on the past school year, I reflect on how blessed we have been with great teachers, great principals and a support staff who are always working hard toward the success of each student.

I would like to thank Principal Brother Roger for his leadership time at MACS. He accomplished many good things during the past six years, and we are truly grateful.

Looking ahead we continue the principal search, we have interview teams in place made up of faculty, students, community members and administration who are focused on finding the ideal candidate for the middle and high school principal position who best reflects the mission and vision of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools. In the meantime, a Lead Team has been formed from Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell Central Catholic High School faculty. The faculty will benefit from the consultation of John Flanagan, retired teacher and former principal. We have a strong faculty and staff in place and I feel confident the Lead Team will provide the leadership necessary for the positive changes happening in the schools.

This past school year and this summer we have made many, and continue to finish improvements to our facilities:

- St. Charles Borromeo School saw white boards, projectors and shades installed, along with chairs being replaced, electrical work to eliminate power cords in the buildings, and phones for communications in the rooms.
- The Early Childhood Center shades were also installed and the playground completed.

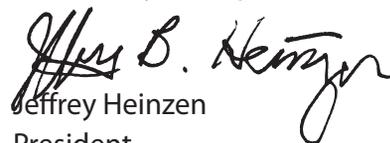
- At Holy Ghost white boards, projectors, phones and new shades were installed in the classrooms, chairs replaced and a security entrance put into place.
- An energy management upgrade happened at the McDonell-Notre Dame building allowing for better air flow and cost savings, a projector and screen were installed in the commons and also white boards and projectors in classrooms where needed. We are also setting up a new classroom for Health and Distance Learning and painting of the second floor academic wing .

I am excited about our major renovation project to be completed at the beginning of the school year; the remodel of the McDonell-Notre Dame library for the Project Lead the Way - STEM Program that was introduced to the middle and high school students in 2014-2015 school year.

Thank you to all of the staff, parents and students who helped this summer to get ready for next year.

As we work toward the continued success of our schools, I will be praying for our families, graduates, faculty and staff over the summer, and for a blessed start to a new academic year. Know that my door is always open and I value the input of all members of the MACS family.

May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly during this new academic year!


Jeffrey Heinzen
President



Left to right: Kendall Dorn, Zach Ruf, Cody Gores, Jake Horan and Robert Gehl celebrate on the Holy Ghost Parish lawn at Baccalaureate.

The evening of June 1, 2015 was a special night for our McDonell Area Catholic Schools community. Supported by family members, friends, and area parish priests, 36 seniors prepared to graduate. They graciously shared their special night with the McDonell Class of 1965. The Class of 1965 was the first class to graduate from the "new" building, 50 years ago. After touring the McDonell building, donning gold graduation caps, and taking a group photo with the Class of 2015, they took

Graduates of 2015 welcome Class of 1965

their seats of honor behind the Class of 2015 and faculty to enjoy the evening.

Principal Brother Roger Betzold presided over the ceremony and gave some guidance to the graduates.

"Have faith that God, who called you into existence, does indeed have a plan for you. He will never abandon

you or leave you wonder. All you have to do is stop and listen, truly listen, to His directions along the way...Have faith that you can change the world for the better. Each act of kindness, compassion and love echoes through time."

Salutatorian Danielle 'Dani' Baier used humor to get a point across to her classmates. She quoted John Plumeri, "You can Google for an answer. You can Google for a mate. You can Google for a career. But you can't Google to find what's in your heart, the passion

that lifts you skyward." Dani shared this quote because high schoolers use Google a lot, "But believe it or not, there are some things Google cannot teach us". Dani closed with the following bit of advice about what Google,

teachers, friends, and parents can't teach, "Our dreams, our aspirations, who we want to be, what we want to do with our lives. We have to learn that for ourselves. Thank you Google for getting us through class, but thank you McDonell Central Catholic High School. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of getting us through life and for giving us so much to learn for ourselves."

Valedictorian Tessa McChesney opened her speech very simply, "I'm so pumped. I'm so ready to graduate!" Tessa used analogies from the J.R.R. Tolkien book "The Hobbit" to get her message across.

She compared the students to the band of dwarves, teachers as the elves giving students the tools to be successful on their adventure through high school, and her parents as the ever guiding Gandalf.

Graduate Ben Ruff was presented the Bishop's Award by Deacon Tom Kinnick '80. In his thank you speech he quoted Mother Teresa, "If you can't feed one hundred people, feed one." Ben stated, "I may not be able to change the whole world, but I can change the world around me." He thanked all the teachers, staff and volunteers, "who have shown me that helping people is not very difficult, it only takes a little time,



Dani Baier



Tessa McChesney



Becky Young Erickson (left) proudly wears her blue tassel from 1965 on her gold cap. Next to her is Barb Sommerfield Hallberg and Diane Sekora O'Connell.

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Excellence in Education Banquet

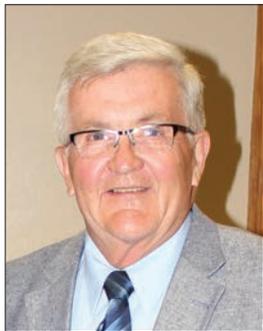
On Wednesday, May 6, the 30th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet was held at Avalon in Chippewa Falls with the Class of 2015 seniors from both McDonell Central Catholic High School and Chippewa Falls High School represented. The McDonell top five academic students were honored with a meal and program along with their most influential teacher by area businesses, school administrators and the hosts for the night, the Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce. The students honored were Danielle Baier, Rebekah Heidtke, Tessa McChesney, Sydney Schemenauer and Emily Stoffel.

Also honored that night was Wilf Hebert '69 as McDonell Central Catholic High School's Unsung Hero. Principal Brother Roger Betzold shared the following with all who were present. "We have observed that, in society and the world in which we live, selfishness has increased more than love for others, and that men of good will must work, each with his own strengths and expertise, to ensure that love for others increases until it is equal and possibly exceeds love for oneself." These words by Pope Francis are reflected in the service of McDonell's Unsung Hero, Wilf Hebert."

Students see him volunteer everyday while in the lunch line. "You will recognize him as the voice of McDonell at sporting events, a service he has performed for over twenty years. His involvement with our sports program has included volleyball, basketball, and football announcing,

managing the scoreboard, and keeping book. His is the face that greets visiting teams to McDonell. Athletic Director Archie Sherbinow shared, 'Wilf's commitment to McDonell's Athletic Program shows a genuine caring for our student athletes. Wilf will take time to get to know students personally. If the athletic department needs a helping hand, we know we can count on Wilf Hebert.'

Wilf even has used vacation days to drive the bus for athletic events and serving as a chaperone for the senior class trip to New York City and Washington D.C. "He is not just a chaperone, he is like a parent to these seniors, taking care of them. He



Wilf Hebert '69
Unsung Hero

genuinely cares about them as if they were his own. He is a kind, gentle, loving man that is respected by all who have had the pleasure to know him." This description was shared by senior trip coordinator Carolyn Peloquin. She went on to share that on one trip the bus broke down in Washington D.C. and Wilf scrambled to

get enough cabs to take 60 students and chaperones from the hotel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Mother Teresa once said, 'Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.' "Thank you Wilf for showing great love to the students of McDonell High School.



Sydney Schemenauer with her parents Todd and Deb '84 Baier Schemenauer along with her most influential teacher (right) Mrs. Jean Wacker.



Valedictorian Tessa McChesney with her parents Jess and Megan McChesney along with her most influential teacher (right) Mrs. Carolyn Peloquin.



Salutatorian Danielle Baier with her parents Randy '88 and Debbie Baier along with her most influential teacher (right) Mrs. Mary '69 Chovan King.



Rebekah Heidtke with her parents Brian '84 and Kara '85 Murphy Heidtke along with her most influential teacher (right) Miss Mary Jo Sprunk.



Emily Stoffel with her parents Mike '86 and Lisa Stoffel along with her most influential teacher (right) Mrs. Tammy '77 Postl Christopher.



Rev. Charlie Richmond

Welcome to our Chaplain Rev. Charlie Richmond

The high school and middle school will have a Chaplain after a two year absence. Father Charlie Richmond was ordained a Priest on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the St. Joseph the Worker Cathedral in La Crosse.

Father Charlie comes from Wisconsin Rapids, WI. He graduated from Assumption High School in 2007 and entered College Seminary at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN. He spent four years there and then studied at the North American College in Rome. After a year in Rome he transferred to St. Mary's of the Lake Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, IL.

With all of that being said, Father Charlie is only 25 years old, so he is the youngest priest in the diocese. He might be the youngest, but in his family he is the oldest of four boys and family is very important to him. He is hoping to grow his family as he begins his ministry as Associate Pastor at St. Charles Borromeo, St. Peter the Apostle in Tilden, and at school as the Chaplain.

When Father Charlie can't be found in the parish it won't be uncommon to find him either out on the lake fishing, waterskiing or jet skiing. If he's not out on the lake there is a good possibility that he is out on a motorcycle, in the woods paintballing, or on the slopes skiing and snowboarding.

Outside the fun that Father Charlie plans on having within the parish and community he is really looking forward to praying with us, the MACS community. Please pray for him as he will be praying for all of you.

Father Charlie hopes to get to know all of us and together we can preach the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom.

Craft Country Expo '15

31st Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 21, 2015

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

25th Annual Silent/Live Auction

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Doors open at 6:30 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 3rd. This is the 25th 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 3rd and be part of the fun!

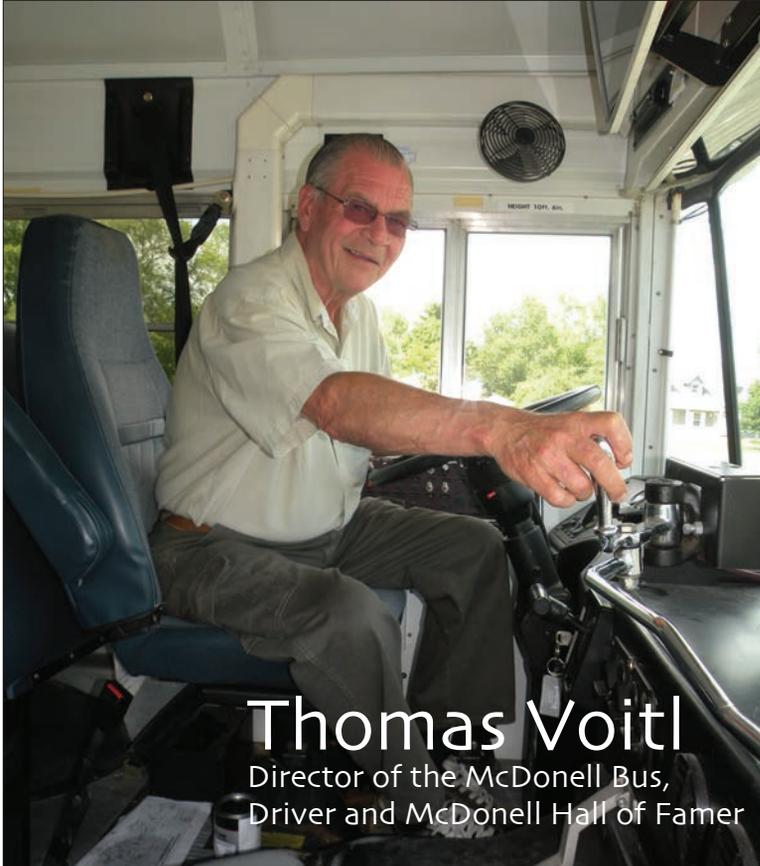
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Thomas Voitl
 Director of the McDonell Bus,
 Driver and McDonell Hall of Famer

In 1980-1981, as McDonell Athletic Director, I determined the school could save substantial funds by furnishing our own athletic busing program. It took four years to convince the school and booster club. The plan was to provide our own bus and volunteer drivers.

With the go ahead from both groups in 1985, a fundraising committee was formed, we ordered a new bus and began operations in the fall of 1986, with a 24 passenger Eldorado.

In 1992, we purchased a larger 29 pass Eldorado and our first trailer for equipment. Then, upon joining the WIAA and Cloverbelt Conference, I had another stint as Athletic Director from 1998-2006. During that time, with additional fundraising, along with our bus replacement fund, we purchased our current 2001, 38 passenger Bluebird bus. We now were able to take freshmen teams along with the varsity and junior varsity, as games were much closer to home.

Over the years, I have conducted several seminars for other private schools wishing to form their own travel needs and busing programs. In 1992, La Crosse Aquinas began their program. That year, both Aquinas and McDonell ordered new buses together. It provided a big discount off the purchase price for both schools. Eau Claire Regis began their program about eight years ago. However, McDonell continues to be the only school that has been able to operate strictly with volunteers.

In 29 years of operation, we have saved the school well over a half million dollars in travel costs. We have traveled over 337,000 miles, almost 3,100 trips, and over 19,000 volunteer driver hours have been logged by our 29 drivers. The average length of time a driver stays active is over 10

years, of which 10 of the 29 drivers are still driving. This is not only a tribute to our dedicated and careful drivers, but also to the students, who the drivers really enjoy being part of their group. These kids always represent their school and their parents so well, in every way. These drivers certainly wouldn't show the dedication they do if it wasn't such a rewarding experience for us. The students are also proud to ride their own royal blue and white "Mack Bus".

With the current 15 year-old bus, corrosion and old age are taking their toll on maintenance expenses, and it would be nice to replace it. I had always hoped that when the time came, that one or more of our successful alumni might provide the kids with a new bus. Sharp increases in the cost of a new bus over the past several years, and the McDonell Athletic Booster Club replacement fund currently has only about half of the \$150,000 needed for the cost of a new, top of the line Blue Bird bus, fully equipped.

It's been a great ride, Tom Voitl, Bus Director

EDITOR'S NOTE: Tom is planning the 2015-2016 school year to be his last year as the Macks Bus Director and driver. However, his goal is to secure a successor by the end of the school year, ensuring the program will continue successfully.

Thank you to all the drivers from the athletic year 2014-2015

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Bill Benish | Paul Nicolai |
| Br. Roger Betzold | Len Mondeau |
| Steve Bohl | Steve Roesler |
| Tom Eder | Greg Steiger |
| John Flanagan | Tom Voitl |

12th Annual Fall Frolic 5K

Saturday, September 19
 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.

Advance registration is \$15 due September 13th \$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.

Thanking retiring faculty & staff for service

McDonell Area Catholic Schools would like to recognize the staff, within our school system, who retired in 2015.

John Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan has served our schools over the past 21 years at all levels. During his first year in



94-95, Mr. Flanagan taught grades 7 & 8 at Notre Dame Middle School. The following year he became the McDonell Central Catholic High School Principal, and continued for another 11 years before requesting to go back into the classroom teaching, which he loved. He taught third grade at that time located at St. Charles Borromeo School before the grade moved to Holy Ghost Elementary in 2011. Mr. Flanagan enjoyed watching the kids grow up; watching the kids perform whether it be in music, drama, forensics, sports – it didn't matter.

In the future he and his wife plan to travel, spend more time with friends and family, and spend more time in the woods and on the water.



Alice Butler

Mrs. Butler has been with MACS for 18 years and started out teaching 8th grade literature and English at the Notre Dame

Middle School on Praire Street. Then on down the line she taught seventh and eighth grade social studies and eighth grade religion. Later, while she continued to teach eighth grade English and literature, seventh grade English and literature were added.

In the last two years, she has been teaching sixth and eighth grade English and literature.

When asked what she enjoyed, she

John Flanagan – 21 yrs

Alice Butler – 18 yrs

Gene Folczyk – 14 yrs

Jean Wacker – 10 yrs

“ Thank you and bless you for your service to our school system. ”

commented, “I enjoyed moving up to McDonell Central Catholic High School when Notre Dame Middle School was combined with the high school. Seeing my eighth graders continuing to grow into fine adults and being able to write references for them for college entrance and scholarships was a pleasure, BUT more so, to continue to bug them and give them their Jolly Ranchers. I enjoy following them through social media and attending their weddings and showers. Having all 8th graders interview a veteran and seeing their joy and respect given to them was heartwarming. Enjoying my fellow staff members was grand. We have each other's back and share our joys and sorrows. We are a family. Forty-five years of teaching has been a labor of love, and I will miss those moments with all of my past students.”

What will Mrs. Butler be doing with her time? “Foremost, I will be spending more time with my children and grandchildren. We, my husband and I, will also be reconnecting with friends from the previous states we have lived and visiting with them.” She went on to say, “I will be traveling with my twin sister circumnavigating the globe. Getting back into playing and enjoying bridge is on the “to do list.” I plan to continue being a part of MACS by assisting those students in need, substitute teach in all of the MACS schools and help with projects that may

arise. Other volunteer work is also being considered as I adjust to my retirement. I also plan to sleep in whenever I so desire and take a nap anytime of the day as I see fit.”



Gene Folczyk

Mr. Folczyk came to McDonell High School 15 years

ago, and for two years worked as the night janitor before becoming the day supervisor and head of maintenance. When asked what did he enjoy the most about McDonell he said, “Working with the teachers and kids.” His plans after retirement include spending as much time as he can with his grandson, remodeling his basement and finishing other odd jobs.



Jean Wacker

After three years of teaching sixth grade at both Notre Dame and Holy Ghost Schools, Mrs. Wacker moved to yet another school,

McDonell, where she would teach English for seven years.

Mrs. Wacker shared with us some of her plans, “With my plans for retirement, I talked to the sages of McDonell-the freshmen class. They proposed, and I think that it is a great idea, that I go on a tour of ice cream shops. Starting with Olson's, of course, they gave me a list of places to start: Main Scoop (Cornell), Hawkeye (Abbotsford), The Creamery (Nelson), and West's (Hayward). If you have any further suggestions, I am ready to hear them. Other than ice cream, I plan to use both my library card and my sewing machine.”

Staff appreciation Mass and breakfast

Traditionally the MACS system wraps up the school year with all employees coming together, the morning following the final day of school, for a Mass and breakfast. Faculty and staff are recognized during the breakfast for their years of service, faculty scholarships are recognized and honor those who have chosen another path outside of MACS. This year the staff came together on Thursday, June 4 for Mass at the Church of Notre Dame with Msgr. Mark Pierce as celebrant. The breakfast was held at McDonell Central.



DZIALOWY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS, in memory of Anthony Mikolaitis, President Jeff Heinzen awarded scholarships to Steve Roesler (Social Studies), Mary Travis (Spanish), Amy Vogt (Choral) and Jenni Berg (Guidance Counselor).

5 YEARS

Rik Greenseth
Maintenance

10 YEARS

Paula Hanson
HG Teacher
Roger Sahs
McD Science
Jean Wacker
McD English

20 YEARS

Barb Gale
Patty Jansky
Administrative
Assistants

25 YEARS

Barb '84 Krista
Eckwright HG Teacher

40 YEARS

Mary '69 Chovan King
McD English
Steve Roesler '14
Honorary Alum
Social Studies



Pat Bischel '70 presented middle school teacher Mr. Justin Kuehl 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. *Congratulations Mr. Kuehl and thank you for being a wonderful Christian role model to the children and the staff.*

EMPLOYEES LEAVING

Jenni Berg, Elementary Guidance
Br. Roger Betzold, Principal
Sue Flanagan, Childcare
Ron Keefer, ND Science Teacher
Sarah Burak-Martin, SC support staff
Paula Thelen, ND-McD Religion Teacher

Steve Roesler presents the 2015 Clarence Rushman award

During awards day, teacher Steve Roesler shared a few words about McDonell Principal Brother Roger before presenting him with the Clarence Rushman Award.

"... Everything Brother Roger did was motivated by what was best for our kids and school. He cared for our kids and showed compassion for all the kids who struggled with any problems.

Through all of these actions was a guiding vision of what a principal should be - a servant leader.

He lives a servant leaders life - always giving of himself whether that is time or ideas or effort. His words, actions, and life call me and remind me of what I should be and how I should live my life.

On a personal level his words, action, and life remind me of why I am a teacher and coach at this school.

Brother has stated that this is the best faculty he has ever worked with. If that is truly the case, it is because of his leadership and support. Brother is the best servant leader that we have ever worked with.

Because of his words, actions, life, and servant leadership, Brother Roger is the recipient of the Clarence Rushman award."

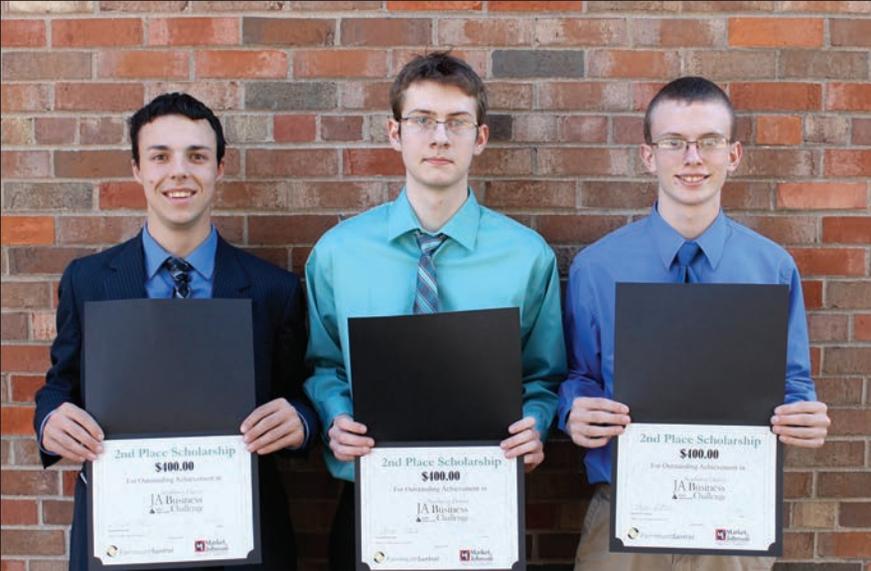


Br. Roger Betzold is presented the 2015 Clarence Rushman Award by teacher Steve Roesler.

September Triathlon supports McDonell Baseball

The second annual Chippewa Valley Loop de Loopy triathlon is being planned on Saturday, September 26th by the Macks baseball team. A three mile run, 17 mile bike and 3.5 mile canoe/kayak on the Chippewa River for an individual or two/three person teams.

For more information and to register go online at www.active.com.



Taking second place and winning a \$400 scholarship are left to right: Bryan Misener, Jacob Lindsley and David Van Dyke. *Congratulations on your fourth place win at state!*

McDonell juniors place in state-level Junior Achievement Business Challenge

McDonell Central Catholic High School juniors Bryan Misener, Jacob Lindsley and David Van Dyke won a \$400 scholarship award when they took second place last April during the Junior Achievement Business Challenge held at the Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC). Taking second advanced them to the state level competition where they took fourth place in Sheboygan, Wi. During the completion at CVTC, Rob Bakken from State Farm Insurance was their mentor. Also competing that day were classmates Autumn Bresina, Anna Rasmus and Molly Schwandt who took fifth place out of 31 teams competing.

Badger Girls and Boys



Congratulations to Derek Zumbrock, junior selected to represent McDonell Central Catholic in Ripon, WI this past June. Badger Boys State is a program for individuals who are well adjusted and good students who display qualities of leadership in their school.

Derek Zumbrock Congratulations to the junior girls selected to represent McDonell Central Catholic at the Badger Girls State at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh this past June. They were Maggie Meinen and Molly Schwandt. Badger Girls State is designed for students interested in the study of government and citizenship.



Maggie Meinen



Molly Schwandt

Boys and girls 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!*



Lifting the team champion trophy and representing the team in April were Sophomores Olivia Parkhurst and Emily Krause.

Iron Macks win Mixed Deadlift competition

The Iron Macks power lifting team won the mixed deadlift competition at the Wisconsin's Best Bench Press event in Independence on Saturday, April 18th. Emily Krause (140 lbs), Jacque LeDuc (240 lbs), Mack Baughman (475 lbs), Eric Bromeisl (400 lbs), Caleb Parkhurst (365 lbs), Cody Mondeau '13 (355 lbs), Donald Loew '13 (575 lbs), and Scott Bromeisl '87 (565 lbs) each finished in first place in their respective lift classes. Olivia Parkhurst (150 lbs) and Andre LeDuc (265 lbs) each finished in second place.

Emily Krause, Mack Baughman, Caleb Parkhurst, Eric and Scott Bromeisl '87 also set meet records in their weight classes.



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Showing their awards are (Left to Right) Senior Will Lyberg, Juniors Derek Zumbrock and Frank Rineck, Senior Emily Stoffel and Sophomore Sam Zwickel

Forensics State Results 2015

Bronze Medal:

Kristen Globensky - Poetry
Hannah Ullum - Poetry

Silver Medal:

Autumn Bresina - Four minute speech
Sam Zwickel - Solo acting

Gold Medal:

Status Update -

Play acting
Abby Selzler
Ada Packiewicz
John Francis
Scott Wild
Gordy Schafer

Saturday Night Live -

Play acting
Caleb Parkhurst
Frank Rineck

Justin Lorentz
Steve Ortmann
Will Lyberg

You Know You Are In A Horror Movie -

Group Interpretation
Maggie Meinen
Taya Kremer
Molly Schwandt
Rachel Kopp
Anna Rasmus

Fine Arts Awards

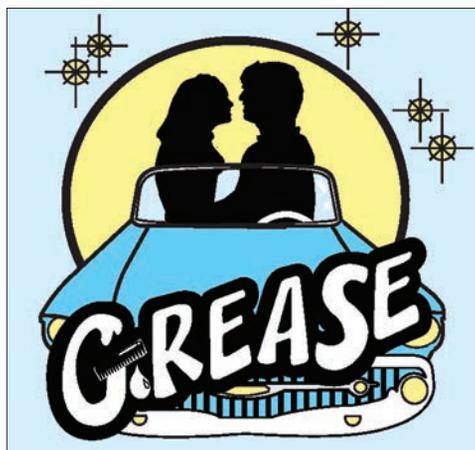
Fine Arts Award: Emily Stoffel and Rillie Zwiefelhofer
National School Choral Award: Emily Stoffel
Patrick Michael Kelly Award: Kristen Globensky
Louis Armstrong Award: Will Lyberg
Woody Herman Award: Frank Rineck
Gilmore Awards: Derek Zumbrock, Sam Zwickel
Band Service Awards: Connor MacNicol and Alison Schwetz

McDonell musical set for January 2016 - *Grease the School Version*

It's 1959, and Rydell High School's senior class is in rare form. The working class youth subculture known as "The Greasers" are acting tough, and their gum-snapping, "Pink Ladies" are wearing circle skirts, bobby sox and pedal pushers.

The 1950s high school dream is about to explode in this rollicking musical that is both an homage to the idealism of the fifties and a satire of high schoolers' age-old desire to be rebellious. The show follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of peer pressure, politics, personal core values, and love. The score recreates the sounds of early 1950's rock and roll.

At the heart of the story is the romance between hot-rodding Danny Zuko and the sweet new girl in town, Sandy Dumbrowski. They had a secret romance in summer, but now back in



the context of school, peer-pressure and cliques make their love a bit more complicated. Can Danny maintain his "cool dude" status and still make demure Sandy his girl?

The whole gang sings and dances around Danny and Sandy's romance, through such hit songs as "Greased

AUDITIONS

Monday and Tuesday

November 16 and 17

PERFORMANCES

Friday - Sunday

January 29, 30, and 31

Lightnin'", "Beauty School Dropout", and "Summer Nights" recalling the music of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis Presley that became the soundtrack of a generation. Starting off with an eight-year Broadway run, Grease is among the world's most popular musicals and has a cult-like following, especially among teens! At the time that it closed in 1980, Grease's 3,388-performance run was the longest yet in Broadway history.



Congratulations to the Class of 2015

First Generation Graduates

1. **Larken Borofka** daughter of Andrew and Erin Borofka
2. **Victoria Broses** daughter of Mark and Kimberly Broses
3. **Claire Buchmann** daughter of Michael and Wendy Buchmann
4. **Kendall Dorn** daughter of Matthew and Melissa Dorn
5. **Armand Hess** son of Kevin and Andrea Hess
6. **Conner MacNicol** son of John and Roxanne MacNicol
7. **Tessa McChesney** daughter of Jess and Megan McChesney
8. **Yesca-Leigh Moucha** daughter of Barry Moucha, and Angela and Kris Maloney
9. **Emmalyn Murphy** daughter of Michael and Anna Murphy
- Hoang Nguyen** hosted by Pat and Anita Wahl, *missing from photo*
10. **Shane Oemig** son of Josephine Christiansen and Dwight Oemig
11. **Shawn Oemig** son of Josephine Christiansen and Dwight Oemig
12. **Stephen Ortmann** son of Daniel and Suzy Ortmann
13. **April Peters** daughter of Sarah Schultz and Russ Peters
14. **Abigail Selzler** daughter of Bob Selzler and Vicky Selzler

2nd Generation Graduates

15. **James Davis** son of Patrick '83 and Karen Davis.
16. **Jacob Horan** son of Mike '87 Horan and Amy Wolniak
17. **Kathryn Loew** daughter of Donald '92 and Denise '92 Calkins Loew
18. **Lance Schoch** son of Tony '78 and Lisa Schoch
19. **Alison Schwetz** daughter of Mike and Rebecca '89 Endres Schwetz
20. **Rillie Zwiefelhofer-Frank** daughter of Heather '93 Frank Weimert

3rd Generation Graduates

21. **Sam Bleskachek** son of David '85 and Sue '85 Rauscher Bleskachek, grandson of Carol '54 Bernier Rauscher-Lien
22. **Robert Gehl** son of Holly '96 Gehl Kettler, grandson of Allen Gehl '66
23. **Kristen Globensky** daughter of Dan '79 Globensky and Ann Globensky, granddaughter of John '42 Globensky.

24. **Justin Lorentz** son of Tim and Lori '89 Scheidler Lorentz, grandson of Floyd '39 Scheidler
25. **Will Lyberg** son of Hans and Rebecca '86 Bohl Lyberg, grandson of Steve Bohl '63
26. **Katherine Mitchell** daughter of Brian '80 and Ann Mitchell, granddaughter of Rosie '44 Geissler Mitchell
27. **Benjamin Ruf** son of Ronald '79 and Cindy Ruf, grandson of William '57 Ruf
28. **Zachariah Ruf** son of Ronald '79 and Cindy Ruf, grandson of William '57 Ruf

4th Generation Graduates

29. **Danielle Baier** daughter of Randy '88 and Debbie Baier, granddaughter of Steven '64 Bohl, Luanne '64 Bresina and Leon '62 Baier, great granddaughter of Henry Bresina '34.
30. **Nolan Baier** son of Rick '88 and Rose '87 Davis Baier, grandson of Luanne '64 Bresina and Leon '62 Baier, great grandson of Henry '34 Bresina.
31. **Cody Gores** son of Dean Gores and Krista '90 Bowe Misener, grandson of David '64 and Judy '64 Geissler Bowe, great grandson of Albina '40 Bowe Tichey
32. **Rebekah Heidtke** daughter of Brian '84 and Kara '85 Murphy Heidtke, granddaughter of Karen '62 Kressin Heidtke, granddaughter of Patricia '39 Connell Murphy, great granddaughter of Angeline '14 Frenette Connell.
33. **Joshua McIlquham** son of Tom '80 and Mary '80 Pederson McIlquham, grandson of William '49 and Ardie '54 LeCleir McIlquham, great grandson of Anna '17 O'Leary McIlquham
34. **Sydney Schemenauer** daughter of Todd and Debbie '84 Baier Schemenauer, granddaughter of Luanne '64 Bresina and Leon '62 Baier Baier, great granddaughter of Henry '34 Bresina
35. **Emily Stoffel** daughter of Mike '86 and Lisa Stoffel, granddaughter of Clarence '60 Stoffel, great granddaughter of Irma '29 Miller Stoffel.

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and even the smallest acts can make someone's day."

The Class of 2015 choose two beloved teachers as commencement speakers, English teacher Mrs. Jean Wacker and Science teacher Mr. Mitch Jacobson '07.

Mr. Jacobson offered a few pieces of wisdom to the graduates that he gained from the people closest to him, his parents, "Don't put sand in your gas tank, don't do anything that you would not want to call and tell your parents about, and do your best and God will take care of the rest."

Using his expertise as the biology teacher he stated, "always photosynthesize!...[photosynthesis] is taking small pieces of raw materials like light, carbon dioxide and water and converting it to a large material that a plant can live off... It also gives off oxygen which almost all other life can live off... You should take the bits and pieces that you have learned and absorbed throughout your time here at McDonell and these last eighteen years of your life...and continue to produce something larger and greater that you can live off... take that knowledge and make the world a better place to live in for other people."

Mrs. Wacker used analogies to the popular books and movies, Star Wars, the Wizard of Oz and Lord of the Rings, relating what lies ahead for the graduates as a quest. Common factors in quest stories are the presence of a wise elder (Obi-Wan, aka your parents), the loyal friend (your own personal Samwise Gamgee) and the occasional

“Be true to that goodness inside you, right down to your bones.”
-Mrs. Wacker

encounter with hardships, which can descend on you as quickly as the flying monkeys in the Wizard of Oz. To summarize, she stated, "...and when the storm has cleared, and you find that you either went



Justin Lorentz gives his classmates a thumbs up at graduation.

through the wardrobe door, fell down a rabbit hole, or were picked up by a tornado, you will discover you are not in Chippewa Falls anymore. Your quest has changed... still you are not without a guide. He is the one who



Mrs. Jean Wacker

was always in your boat, who always calmed the storm, who though you may not have known it, was always by your side ready to guide your footsteps on your successful quest." As Mrs. Wacker said at the end of her speech to the graduates, "stay true to your faiths and your beliefs. You are good, good people. Be true to that goodness inside you, the goodness that you have right down to your bones." Mrs. Wacker then concluded her speech with Psalm 121.

With music provided by the McDonell High School Jazz Band, a special performance by the senior members of the concert choir, and the final blessing by Monsignor Mark Pierce, Dean of the Chippewa Falls Deanery, it was a very special night. One that will not be forgotten by the Class of 2015 or the Class of 1965.

Congratulations Class of 2015!



Above: Deacon Tom Kinnick '80 awards Ben Ruf the 2015 Bishop's Award for Excellence. The award is based on the following criteria: above average character and academic achievement in general school subjects and school life, academic achievement in study of religion commensurate with his/her God-given talents, visible desire to build a community through concern for others and in participation in community building activities and organizations, and visible evidence of Christian service shown through volunteer service in school, parish, and/or community and Christian leadership in activities in which he/she participates. *Congratulations Ben for receiving this high honor from Bishop William Callahan.*

Psalm 121

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.



Above: Notre Dame Middle School eighth grade students started their 2015-2016 year with the Automation and Robotics class in the new tiered area of the Library Learning Center at McDonell Central. The middle and high school adopted the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program in 2014, and will continue to add more classes each year that use critical thinking skills.



Taking a moment to rest and remember their friend Dick Marquie '53 during the Golf Scramble are Mig Hebert '48 (sitting right), next to him, his son Scott Hebert '70, along with Mig's grandsons standing left to right Blake, Jay and Brett.

Golf Scramble - 25 years

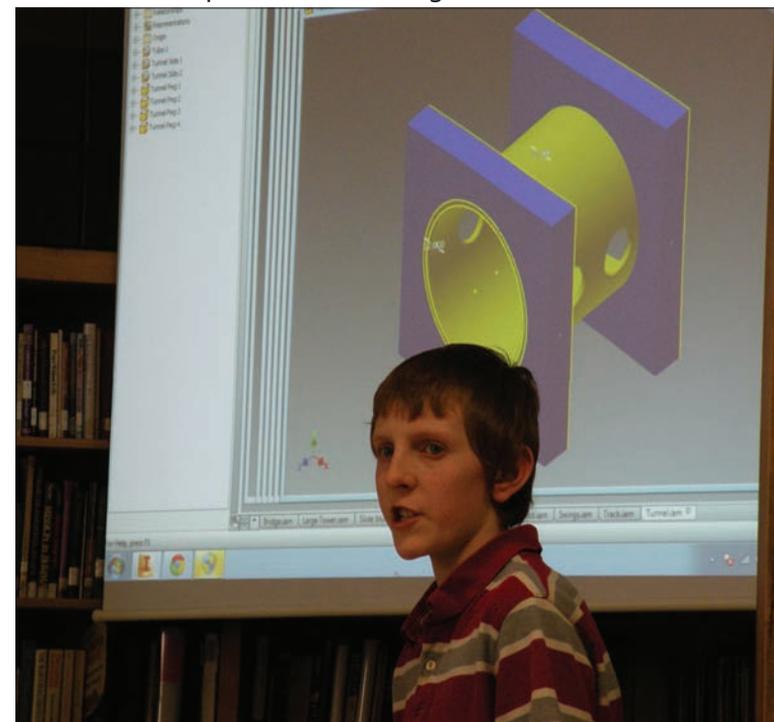
Twenty-five years ago Pat and Mary Durch donated Timber Terrace Golf Course for a day in June to support the McDonell Athletic Booster Club. On May 16, 2015, the alumni and supporters continued to golf on the course. This year brought about 80 golfers and many volunteers to help. Following the 18 holes of golf, the day ended with a banquet in the evening at McDonell Central Catholic High School. Dan Hunt '75 has been in charge of the event for many of the 25 years. Contact the McDonell Athletic Booster if you would like to see this event continue by helping with the organization of the event. Email: mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us

In the classroom

A 21st century education includes knowledge of traditional core subjects such as reading, writing and arithmetic, but also emphasizes the new mix of skills that are needed in today's Knowledge Age; we are no longer in the Industrial Age. There is a rising demand for higher levels of knowledge and the four C's: creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking.



Above: McDonell High School students in the Principles of Biomedical Science (Unit 1) came upon a crime scene to investigate on their first day of school. Below: Last year grades 7 and 8 in the Notre Dame Middle School enjoyed the critical thinking #PLTW course called Design and Modeling. Each group of students had to design and build, using 3D modeling software, an entire playground within budget and specs. Adam Thalacker shares with community members his experience with using the software.



SPORTS 2014-2015 SUMMARY

TEAM RECORDS

Volleyball	9-7 Regional Champions	Baseball	17-5 Conference Champions
Football	4-6	Softball	21-6 Conference Champions Regional Champs State Qualifier
Boys Soccer (Co-op)	15-5	Boys Track	Third Place - Six Seniors State Qualifiers
Girls Cross Country	3rd of 15 teams	Girls Track	Sixth Place - Individual State Qualifier
Boys Cross Country	5th of 15 teams Sectionals State Qualifier	Boys Golf	Conference Champions Sectional Champions State Qualifiers
Hockey Boys (Co-op)	17-5	Girls Soccer (Co-op)	Regional Champions
Boys Swimming (Co-op)	State qualifiers		
Boys Basketball	19-8 Regional Champions Sectional Final Appearance		
Girls Basketball	12-15 Regional Champions Sectional Final Appearance		

INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

Boys Soccer

1st Team All Conference Michael Farrow

Volleyball

1st Team All Conference Sydney Schemenauer
2nd Team Dani Baier, Bekah Heidtke

Football

1st Team Defense Lance Schoch
2nd Team Offense Lance Schoch, Stephen Ortmann, Zach Gilles
Honorable Mention Caleb Parkhurst (offense)
Ryan Sorensen (defense)

Boys Cross Country

All Conference Sam Bleskachek, Kendall Dorn, Ben Ruf
Zach Ruf, Isaac Bohaty, Jake Wiensch,
Jarrett Jordan

Girls Cross Country

All Conference Julia Verbick

Boys Basketball

2nd Team Kendall Dorn, Ben Retzlaff
Honorable Mention Sam Bleskachek, Alex Ohde

Girls Basketball

2nd Team Sydney Schemenauer
Honorable Mention Tessa McChesney
WBCA All-Star Game Sydney Schemenauer

Hockey

All Conference Zach Gilles, Armand Hess

Baseball

1st Team Nolan Baier, James Davis
2nd Team Dalton Hutton

Softball

1st Team Sydney Schemenauer, Josie Verbick
2nd Team Lisa Bremness, Megan Baier, April Peters
Honorable Mention Andrea Hiess

Golf

All Conference Thomas Longbella, Josh McIlquham,
Tanner Dusick
Honorable Mention Jarret Jordan, Cody Gores, Bryan Misener

Boys Swimming

All Conference Zach Simonsen

Girls Track

Conference Champions & All Conference
Julia Verbick - 1600, 3200m Runs
All Conference Honorable Mention
Grace Mrozinski - 3200 m Run
Julia Verbick, Grace Mrozinski, Emily Krause, Abby Klimek - 3200 Relay

Boys Track

Conference Champions & All Conference
Ben Ruf, Zach Ruf, Evan Smith, Sam Bleskachek - 4 x 800 Relay
Isaac Bohaty - 1600 & 3200m Runs
All Conference
Sam Bleskachek - 800m Run
David Van Dyke - 3200m Run
All Conference Honorable Mention
Lance Schoch - 100m Dash
Stephen Ortmann, Zach Ruf, Sam Bleskachek, Nathan Hoglund - 4 x 400 Relay

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 2015 is Stephen Ortmann and Dani Baier.



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 left to right are James Davis, Sydney Schemenauer and Zach Ruf.

YOUR GIFTS from the Director of Advancement

Greetings!

First, I want to extend my best wishes and say congratulations to the Class of 2015! All of us here at McDonell Area Catholic Schools are very proud of you. Second, I want to say thank you to all of our alumni and supporters for another fantastic 2014-15 school year. Your generosity of prayers, treasure and time are a blessing. Thank you!

A special thank you to the Class of 1965, with whom we celebrated the 50th anniversary of McDonell Central High School. It was a joy getting to know many of you and your participation in Mass and graduation with the Class of 2015 was a wonderful way to join our current students with our alumni. The Mass and lunch with the seniors went over so well, we have decided to make it a tradition for every 50th class reunion!

This summer we are finishing two big projects at the high school. We are painting the upper level classrooms and installing new window shades (we did the lower level last summer) and then we are remodeling the library to include space for our engineering curriculum through Project Lead the Way (PLTW) where Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are emphasized. *We are still asking for donations*



Jenny Schafer

for this exciting project. Please contact me if you have additional questions, otherwise you can donate to this project directly through the donation page of our website.

Everyone is aware of the tough economic times our country and our community are facing, not to mention the moral decline and social pressures facing our society today. We all have decisions to make regarding where our money is spent. A gift of Catholic education is a gift that will last a lifetime. It is here that the values that we, as parents and grandparents, hold dear are reinforced. In addition to building on the faith that will sustain our young people through their lives, we also focus on respect for others and ourselves, personal responsibility, and being responsible for others by giving back to those less fortunate. Our students are given not only a great education, but they are also taught the social and faith-based skills that will help them be our next community leaders.

As you look back on your time here at McDonell High School and reflect on the impact McDonell has 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.

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 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 2016 Hall of Fame and the Class of 2016 Honorary Alumni awards. Deadline for nominations is January 15, 2016. The awards banquet will be in April, 2016. Keep an eye out for the winter issue of the Mack Messenger and on our website for the exact date, which has yet to be determined. Go to our website

to read the criteria for nominations and for the official nomination forms.

**** NOMINATIONS ****

**Hall of Fame 2016
Honorary Alumni Class of 2016**

**** DEADLINE ****

Friday, January 15, 2016

**Contact Jenny Schafer for forms or go
online at www.macs.k12.wi.us to About Us -
Advancement page and print.**

LEGACY STORY

By Thomas J. Hebert, Sr.



Above: On April 15, 2015 Tom Hebert Sr., class of 1936, reached out to shake current student Delaney Smiskey's hand. Delaney had just shared with everyone present at the Looking Forward - Celebrating our Gifts Address, her positive story on being a student at our Catholic schools. Delaney, future class of 2026, will graduate 90 years after Tom walked across the stage at McDonell Memorial. Also in the photo is Tom Hebert's daughter-in-law Jean Hebert, and Delaney's classmate Noah Ackmann.

Memories of my senior year in high school - 1936

I graduated from McDonell Memorial High School in 1936. Our class colors were blue and white, and our flower was the rose. Our class motto was, "Onward," and that's what we did, we traveled onward!

The school year book was called the 'Iris.' I was honored to have been able to work on the 1936 edition. Even now, I like looking through it and reminiscing. There is a picture in the Iris that I especially like to see. It is a picture of Allan McCarthy, Dan Flynn, Euclid Therou, Lawrence Carrell, Jim Connell, Simon Gaier and me. The caption states, "They'd be going someplace if the car wasn't froze up."

My name is Thomas J. Hebert, Sr. In school I was called "Tommy." I didn't mind because most of the guys in my class had nicknames. You'd hear someone yell Barry, Potts, McGurn, Dan, Sammy, Val, Beef, Buck, Joe, Speed, Alky, Swede, Curly, Butch, Charlie, Hank, or Tex. An outsider wouldn't even be able to guess which one of us would answer.

I belonged to a fair number of organizations during my days in high school: Glee Club, Christmas Pageant, Here Comes Charlie Skit, The Minstrel Show, Party Committee, Prom Committee, (I took Bernadette Connolly to the Junior prom and Florence Scholl

to the Senior prom,) XYZ Club, Acolyte, Journalism delegate, played football and was in the class play in my junior year. I was chosen to draw up the

“They'd be going someplace if the car wasn't froze up.”
- 1936 Iris yearbook



Tom Hebert, Allan McCarthy, Dan Flynn, Euclid Therou, Lawrence Carrell, Jim Connell and Simon Gaier. Order given in 1936 Iris.

invitation to the seniors first ever 'All School Party.' I also was chosen to sing a duet at The Minstrel Show. We sang, "Way Down In Arkansas." Those were very enjoyable and challenging days.

I count myself lucky to have been a farm kid who lived too far away from school to have to walk home for lunch like some did. Ed Larkowski and Simon Gaier, for example, had to walk home for lunch every day. They walked down the hill, over the bridge to the South

side and then walk back again, without being late. Many other kids had long lunch walks too. I packed a sack lunch and rode the bus. Miley and Beaudette was the name of the bus company back then. It is now called the Chippewa Yellow Bus Company and is owned by Miley's daughter Yvonne and my brother Louie Hebert '54 who recently passed away. Funny how things turn out sometimes.

The girls had to wear uniforms to school and the guys had to wear a suit, tie, vest, button down shirt and dress shoes. Like I said, I was a farm kid and farm kids were regarded as hayseeds! I had one suit for the whole year. It was made of wool from the Chippewa Woolen Mill in town. I know a woolen suit couldn't be washed in those days. I don't think it was ever cleaned the whole year. That's probably why they called us hayseeds. Probably smelled a bit like the barn. LOL!

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

McDonnell Alumni Association (MAA) 2.0

from the **President Rolly Endres '96**

I have been talking with several alumni throughout the years about how we needed to get a group together who will plan gatherings, events and connect (and celebrate) our alumni, but all along there was an organization in place right under our noses to facilitate that.

For the past decades Pat Bischel '70, Julie Clark '73, Katie Kopp '47 and many others who were involved in the leadership of the McDonnell Alumni Association were working tirelessly to continue to build the association to what it is today, and we should all thank them for their efforts for the many years they ran it. Myself and the new board take on the challenge of moving forward with a new version of the association, McDonnell Alumni Association (MAA) 2.0.

With internet, social media and the upcoming revision of the McDonnell 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 in finding new ways to reconnect with our fellow alumni (along with supporters and staff) *and be proud in our Alma Mater!*

GO MACKS!

Rolly Endres '96, MAA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Post-Homecoming game get together - Friday, October 16

Our tailgate party will be held at Bridgewater Restaurant after the football game on Friday.

Alumni BBall-VBall tournament - April 1 - 2, 2016

Monthly "Happy Hours": Details on our social media

Facebook: Alumni ask to join the group. Search for McDonnell Central High School Alumni at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/32560929015>

TWITTER: @McDonnell_Alum

EMAIL: mcdalumassoc@gmail.com



The mission of the McDonnell Alumni Association is to honor the tradition of our Catholic education, promote the future growth of our alumni, celebrate our Alma Mater, and remain connected with MACS graduates and supporters of all ages.

BELOW: New officers and board members have been elected for the McDonnell Alumni Association. Left to Right FRONT ROW: Kari Roesler Stepp '00 - Membership Chair, Molly Meinen Bushman '98 - VP, Rolly Enderes '96 - Pres, Official MACS Liason - Jenny Schafer, Director of Advancement. BACK ROW: Paul McDonald '86 - Board Member, Dennis Hunt '86 - Treasurer, Chris Eckes '09 - Media Chair, Nick Martell '05 - Board Member. Missing members: Pat Bischel '70 - Past President





Alumni Basketball and Volleyball Tournament - 2015

Basketball Competitive Division Winners

Above, the combined classes of 2005-2006 with the much sought after trophy of the weekend events. Kneeling: Eric Stelter '05, Matt Selz '05, Tony Freagon '05. Standing back row: Alex Stevens '06, Trent Sonntag '06, Kellen O'Connell '05, Jake Sedlacek '05, Logan West '05, Justin Bye '05. **Tournament dates for 2016 are April 1 & 2. Save the dates!**



Volleyball Division 1 (competitive) Winners were the class of 2000 left to right. Ashley Zumbrock '10, Erin Rihn '00, Kari Roesler Stepp '00, Kat Roesler Hanson '03, Katie Olson Smith '00, Breanne Rowan Komendy '00.



Volleyball Division 2 (non-competitive) Winners were the class of 1998. Front row: Robin Goulet Prince '98, Jessica Rihn Wells '98 Back row: Alysia Konop Bowe '98, Melissa Krumenauer Ginder '02, Marcy Onsager, Kari Goulet Wold '01.

CLASS NOTES

Class shout-outs

1940s



Classmates of 1948, Barb Lindstrom and Jack O'Connor send their greetings from Kent Island on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They have six children and spouses, thirteen grandchildren and spouses, and six great ones.

1950s

Class of 1950 held their 65th Class Reunion at noon on August 19, 2015 at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center in Chippewa Falls.

Class of 1955 is celebrating their 60th reunion. On October 2nd, they are having an informal get together with a pizza party at the Fill Inn. Classmates bring family or friends to the Friday party. Saturday, October 3rd will be the reunion, starting with Mass at the Church of Notre Dame at 4:30 p.m. with a chicken dinner following at the Heyde Center for the Arts. Attendees will enjoy the performance of *Ring of Kerry* also at the Heyde. Contact Jeanne Hancock at jmhancock@spectrumfurniture.com about the reunion.

Father John Schultz, honorary Class of 1958, retired after 48 years of active work in the priesthood. A celebration of his lifelong work was held on June 1, 2015 at St. James Church in Eau Claire. *Thank you for your service Father!*

1960s

Class of 1965 - Celebrated their 50th reunion (the first class to graduate from McDonell Central). Their reunion was held on June 20, 2015 at McDonell Central Catholic High School. See photo on page 20.

1980s

Class of 1980 - held their 35th class reunion on August 8, 2015 at Irvine Park from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. before heading to the Northern Wisconsin State Fair for the Beyond Boomers event. Look for a photo in the 2016 winter issue of the Mack Messenger.

1990s

McDonell class of 1990 held their 25-year class reunion on August 8th at Avalon Hotel & Conference Center. Melinda Derks Tillman Bucklelegal72@gmail.com was the main contact person with Helen Hedrington Dohm and Vicki Larkowski assisting.

Michael K. Nehring, Class of 1993, earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of MN, December 2014.

2010s

Ryan Baier, Class of 2012 graduated from the Wendelstedt Umpire School in Florida. Ryan will be an umpire at the pro baseball level in the minor leagues.



Classmates of 1948 gather June 23, 2015 for breakfast at Bridgewater Restaurant in Chippewa Falls. Back row left to right is Vincent Statz, Patrick Greening, Gerald Prince, Mylon "Mig" Hebert, Rita Schindler Bresina, Patricia Perrenoud Hebert. Sitting is Thomas Chisholm, Joan "Red" Peloquin, Jackie Lauer Anderson, Teresa Ludwig Miller, Mary Ellen Wheeler

Kyle Cody, Class of 2012 finished his junior year at the University of Kentucky. He was drafted by the Minnesota Twins this past spring. However, Kyle made the decision to finish his college degree at Kentucky and continue to pitch for the Wildcats.

Blessings of a Baby!

Annabel Gale Torres, Class of 1998 and her husband Rafael welcome Analia Rose to their family on July 22, 2014.

Jonathan Jansky, Class of 2000 and his wife Erin welcome their son to the family. Declan Fredric was born on July 10, 2015.

Adam Gale, Class of 2001, and his wife Nicole, welcome their son Ian Michael Gale on January 5, 2015.

Rebecca Rohrman Voss, Class of 2005, and her husband John welcomed their daughter, Elizabeth Lynn on September 16, 2014.

Erin Zwiefelhofer Bahr, Class of 2006, and her husband Tyler welcomed their daughter, Hadley Marie on October 27, 2014.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Send us your shout-outs call Cathy at 715.723.0538

Holy Matrimony

Brittney Steiger, Class of 2011 married Blake Sykora on May 24, 2015. The couple resides in Chippewa Falls.

Beverly Anna Wild 2011 married Marcus Daniel Walden on June 11, 2015. Couple residing in Chippewa Falls.

Molly Meagher 2009 married **Matthew Selz 2005** on June 20, 2015. They are residing in Erie, PA.

Mitch Meagher 2007 married Chelsea Rogers on July 11, 2015. They are living in Erie, PA.

Hailey Sullivan, Class of 2007 was united in marriage to Dane Krajewski on July 11, 2015.

Josh Sullivan, Class of 2008 united in marriage to Adrienne Slaby, on August 15, 2015.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Elmer C. Harling, Class of 1939 February 8, 2015, Silver Bay, MN

William T. Borneman, Class of 1942, February 13, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

The McDonell Alumni Association is planning monthly gatherings. Join your fellow alumni on [Twitter @McDonell_Alum](#) [Facebook](#) by searching [McDonell Central High School Alumni](#).

Get together with your classmates and join the post Homecoming Party at Bridgewater Restaurant.

Leona Martell Ronnestrand, Class of 1942, March 31, 2015, Bloomer, WI

Eugene O'Connell, Class of 1943, March 18, 2015, Eau Claire

Daniel F. McHugh, Class of 1944, April 1, 2015 Houston, TX

Marilyn Wilson Kryshak, Class of 1945, January 31, 2015, Stevens Point, WI

Shirley Knudsen Pozarski, Class of 1946, May 27, 2014

Doris Loschko Bohl, Class of 1947, April 20, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Charles L. Zdrzil, Class of 1948, April 3, 2015, Maplewood, MN

Janice "Jackie" (Greenwood) Gubrud, Class of 1949, May 22, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Matthew Bohl, Class of 1950, March 11, 2015, Bloomer, WI

Charles 'Chuck' Devine, Class of 1951 and 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee, March 15, 2015, Sunnyvale, CA

Mary Ann Rieman Erickson, Class of 1951, January 15, 2015,

Delores Ruf Burtness, Class of 1956, January 6, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Dennis Rooney, Class of 1956, April 6, 2015, Frederick, Maryland

Richard "Dick" Felix, Class of 1957, April 11, 2015, Cornell, WI

Charles "Chuck" Lubs, Class of 1963, April 23, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Patricia "Patti" Birch, Class of 1964, April 10, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Patrick McCombs, Class of 1968, May 31, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

James J. Zwiefelhofer, Class of 1976, January 30, 2015, Eau Claire, WI

Friends

Otto Bohl spouse of Doris Loschko Bohl parent and grandparent of McDonell Alumni January 18, 2015, Chippewa Falls

Wesley McCombs, parent and grandparent of McDonell Alumni March 27, 2015, Eau Claire, WI

Reverend Jeremiah Cashman, former teacher and pastor at Church of the Holy Ghost Chippewa Falls April 4, 2015, Stanley, WI.

Doris A. Schoch, parent of McDonell graduates April 14, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Shirley Ann Krhin, parent of McDonell graduates May 3, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Donna Kinnick, parent and grandparent of McDonell Alumni, May 9, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

Leonard G. Hart, friend of Catholic education May 20, 2015, Chippewa Falls, WI

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Class of 1990 celebrated their 25th class reunion in Chippewa Falls on August 8th. Shown here are back row: Craig Gehl, Zach Murphy, Mark Hunt, and Helen Hedrington Dohm. Front row: Wendy Wittrock Larson, Matt Larkowski, Theresa Dachel, Stefanie Prince Benning, Melinda Derks Tillman, Karla Weibel, and Nick Michels.

Editors Note: *In memory of Dan McHugh, Class of 44 and his gift of memorizing and reciting poetry. Dan shared with us, during one of his visits to McDonell High, the poem "Abou Ben Adhem". Dan's mother would recite to him this poem at bedtime. When in his 60's, he rediscovered the poem and it inspired him to memorizing it and others.*

About Ben Adhem

by Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight of his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel, writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said:
"What writest thou?" The vision raised its head,
And, with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou, "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one who loves his fellow men."
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again, with a great awakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.



First McDonell Central graduates return to the school for their 50th reunion

The McDonell High School Class of 1965 celebrated their 50th class reunion on June 20, 2015 at their former school. Fifty years ago they were the first class to graduate from the newly built McDonell Central High School on the west hill. Seventy-three classmates attended the reunion. Class of 2015 invited 1965 to attend their graduation on Monday, June 1, 2015. See more information on graduation event on page 2.

In the bottom row holding the sign left to right: Kris Hanson Koils, Diane Sekora O'Connell, Jean Fischer Loiselle, Marilyn Valley Anderson, Marie Hofke Hauser, Linda Sorrentino Howe, Carol Zenner Meinen, Marcella LeDuc Schemenauer, Sandy Hartman VonTol, Mike Bertrand **Row 2** – Paula Potter Dietsche, Suzanne Brovold Turner, Barb Krejci McIlquham, Sue Frederick Polden, Sandra Martin Heritsch, Marion Zimmerman Reali, Nan Nabbefeld Brennan, Barb Bloczinski Denning, Sandy Boos Butterfield, Russ Butterfield **Row 3** – Mary Lea Schaffer, Sherri Gehweiler O'Driscoll, Beverly Hunt Goettl, Sue Kay Verbracken Moulton, Yvonne Goettl Custer, Carol Bresina Prill, Lorraine Onsager Springer, Cecelia Hurt Week, Patricia Johnson, Sue Ritzinger Anderson **Row 4** – Mike Reiter, Joe Thornton, Don Sydejko, Steve Porn, Dave LeDuc, Jim Horne, Milt Sedlacek, Kitty Daniel **Row 5** – Jim Rubenzer, Sandy Bowe Joas, John Joas, Bob Kreiling, Jim Pffifner, Jim Gunn, Pete Frayer, Dan Haggerty **Row 6** - Judy Loiselle Rubenzer, Bob Rubenzer, Patrick Murphy, Roger Franz, Tim Scheidler, Jim Shila, Mike Lucente, Jean Theirl King, Jim Felix **Row 7** – Marlene Walters McLung, Kathy Zehm Cloutier, Steve Loiselle, Barb Hebert Snyder, Jim Freideck, Bob Rooney, John Lubs, Mary Kay Hebert Piltingsrud **Row 8** – Steve Gilbertson, Wayne Berg, Ted Derks, Lyle Thompkins, Barb Sommerfield Hallberg, Becky Young Erickson, Mike Meagher, Joan Paul Pehlke, Mary Helen Hebert, Hetzel Paul Flesch



McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) first Cohort of teachers were awarded their master's degree in Education, from the St. Mary's University, on June 7, 2015. They included from left: Katie '86 Hartsough White, Renee '84 Ruf David, Julie Pomietlo,

Jennifer Rubenzer, Shelly '85 Franz Retzlaff and Krista '90 Bowe Misener and MACS official Mary Huffcutt. Not pictured but also graduated are Chris '71 Boos Cook, Cheri Miller, Barb '84 Krista Eckwright and Archie Sherbinow.

Educational leadership continues

Kindergarten teacher Katie Hartsough White, McDonell HS 1986, was given the honor of addressing her fellow graduates of the St. Mary's University Master's Degree programs, in Minneapolis. She began with a quote from Joseph Campbell's *The Power of Myth*. "We must be willing to get rid of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us."

Katie returned to Chippewa Falls, her hometown in 2012, with her three children and began a new job at MACS. She grasped the opportunity to join the first St. Mary's Cohort, a special program for a Master Degree in Education assisted by scholarships supported locally by the B. A. Mason Fund, McDonell Alumni, JEH Government Services, The Northwestern Bank, The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Fund, Peter Farrow, Chuck and Jo Frenette, Gerald and Mary Jacobson, Ellen O'Neil and numerous anonymous donors.

Katie added, "Everyone has a story! They are all just as unique. We all need to push through at times. I have experienced, like all of you, struggles, strengths and triumphs through life's journey. St Mary's today is a triumph for ALL OF US. I cannot tell you how glad I am that I said YES that day and decided to get rid of "the life I had planned and push through to have the life that was waiting for me and my family."

Now Katie and her fellow graduates will begin two more years of the five-year contract,

the practical application of the COHORT educational partnership: working with fellow teachers, mentoring and coaching their associates and students throughout the MACS system. Other major teaching institutions in Wisconsin and Minnesota are studying the MACS-St. Mary's University experiment including Marquette University.

Other teachers seeking a Masters Degree in the region, at their own expense are joining MACS teachers, pleased with the opportunity and proximity of the classes held at McDonell High School. The Diocese of La Crosse strongly supports our model.

The Diocese grasps our teacher's desires and requirements necessary in this era of international concern and competition. Rewards, retention and promotion in a harmonious system ensure teacher satisfaction and their students. Because of COHORTS, continuing education for teachers will prepare our students much more for the life that is waiting for them as Katie so eloquently stated. Teachers are the corner stones of a moral and democratic world.

Editors Note: The second Cohort of teachers in the masters program will be graduating the spring of 2016! The MACS Cohort 2 consists of Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03, Mitch Jacobson '07, and Eric Wedemeyer '92.

“I cannot tell you how glad I am that I said yes that day and decided to get rid of “the life I had planned” and push through to have the life that was waiting for me and my family.” ”
- Katie '86 Hartsough White



Spirit of the Macks!

Silent - Live Auction

Sat., Oct. 3, 2015

Held at McDonnell High School
\$10 admission. Proceeds benefit the
McDonnell Athletic Programs

Doors open
at 6:30 p.m.
LIVE auction
begins
at 7:30 p.m.

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Project Lead the Way Update



It has been a busy 2015 summer at McDonnell High School. The library remodel project moved right along. *See the results on page 12.* The new Library Learning Center and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes, using technology, are great tools for 21st century learning. The students are excited to be in this new space. "Like us" on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @McDonnell_HS for information about a grand opening celebration later this fall.



We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the following major donors who have helped us get this far: **St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Marie Foundation, Nordson, the estate of Catherine McDowell and several anonymous donors.** Your generosity and support of this STEM curriculum program and learning center is greatly appreciated!

If you would like to help with this program, please contact Jenny Schafer at j.schafer@macs.k12.wi.us or go to our website and make a donation online.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Frolic

September 19, 2015 at Irvine Park

Loop de Loopy Triathlon

September 26, 2015 at Loopy's

Spirit of the Macks

October 3, 2015 at McDonnell HS

Homecoming

October 16, 2015

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Spaghetti Spectacular

November 8, 2015 at McDonnell HS

Craft Country Expo

November 21, 2015 at McDonnell HS

Mid-Winter Mardi Gras

February 13, 2016 at McDonnell HS



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