



Looking Forward

As of this writing, I've had the honor of attending/presiding at our McDonnell Central Catholic High School awards, Baccalaureate Mass and commencement, Notre Dame Middle School awards and 8th grade Mass, St. Charles Primary Mass and awards. I hope to attend the Holy Ghost Elementary Mass and awards and 4K graduation as well. Last year, with the pandemic, all of these celebrations and rites of passage were remote or cancelled, so this was the first year I had the pleasure of participating as President. Glory be to God! As I complete my second year as MACS President, my heart is full and I am so proud of all of our MACS students.



Mrs. Molly Bushman MACS President

One of my tasks this spring was to write a letter to give my son at his graduation, which included the following: "We have watched with pride at every accomplishment, even more so at every honest struggle, and most of all at being there when you fall and get back up again. Never stop seeking reconciliation and renewal; it is the secret to true joy and happiness." It is impossible for us to know all of the honest struggles and falls that our students have overcome to be where they are today. We certainly know they have all persevered through the worst of this pandemic. My special prayer today is for our students that have struggled the most, maybe even experienced trauma that I have never known.

To all our students, as we were recently reminded by Fr. Justin Kizewski: You are chosen. You are a beloved child of God. You are consecrated in the truth. You are loved.



Fr. Justin Kizewski and Molly Bushman welcome Fr. Brandon Guenther (Center) at a Mass celebrated at Holy Ghost Parish on Friday, May 28. Fr. Guenther will move to Chippewa Falls in July.

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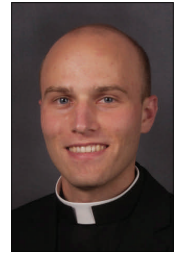
Open late Thursdays Closed Fridays

Mondays - Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Summer hours start on June 7, 2021

Sticking Around Chippewa Falls

The news is out that I will be sticking around Chippewa Falls for another year. Typically the high school and middle school chaplain assignment has been a two-year assignment, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve MACS for another year, especially given the events of the last two years. I hope that my ministry among you and your children has been a blessing, and I look forward to what next year brings!



Fr. Ethan HoKamp Chaplain

I'm sure you've also heard that Fr. Justin Kizewski will be leaving Chippewa Falls. Fr. Justin was a past chaplain and teacher at McDonnell, he served as dean for some time in the Chippewa Falls Deanery, and he even taught philosophy at McDonnell this past semester. What's more, Fr. Justin and I are both alumni of Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids, although we graduated about a decade apart from each other. I was grateful for the opportunity to get to know him, first when I studied abroad in Rome in college and he was co-chaplain for the program I was in, and to get to know him even more by serving with him here in Chippewa Falls. I am thankful for the instruction he gave me in my first year when he was dean and for the support he has been for me in my first years of priesthood.

That being said, I am quite excited at the prospect of welcoming my only ordination classmate to Chippewa Falls next year. Fr. Brandon Guenther, who studied with me for seven years in seminary and was ordained a priest with me in June 2019, will be the associate pastor to Fr. Burish at Notre Dame, Holy Ghost, and St. Bridget. It was quite a surprise to me hearing that we'd be in the same city just two years after ordination! I hope you join me in welcoming Fr. Guenther to Chippewa Falls and in praying for Fr. Justin as he starts his assignment at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee.

You and your families will be in my prayers throughout this summer season. God bless!

UPCOMING EVENTS Go to McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org for all school's entire updated monthly event calendar.

- See summer calendar flyer in newsletter Jun. 3 CO Closed for Retreat. July 5 CO and EC Closed for Independence Day Observance Aug. 9 Administrative Assistance in School Offices Aug. 25 MACS Family Fun Night Aug. 30 First Day of School Sept. 6 No School - Labor Day Sept. 24 No School - Diocesan In-service

# Thank you for your years of service



Mr. Jeff Heinzen

**Mr. Jeff Heinzen** lead MACS as President then continued with the Advancement Office and the Witness the Difference Capital Campaign through September of 2020. Thank you Jeff for your six years of dedication to our school system and helping to secure our future financially for years to come. Jeff enjoyed most getting to know the families, being of service to the MACS system and the Central Office Staff. He plans on traveling, spending time with their 10 grandchildren and celebrating life with his wife Alice '71.

**Mrs. Lisa Hubbard** has been with MACS for 17 years. She started out as a playground supervisor at St. Charles in September of 2004. As time went on, she cleaned in the Central Office, was the mail courier between buildings and has spend many of the years in the child care center. Lisa enjoyed working with the children, especially in BB4C (4K). "To listen to their stories and watching them grow in knowledge has given me joy." Lisa plans on subbing as a paraprofessional at St. Charles while spending most of her retirement with two granddaughters and providing music for Holy Ghost Parish.



Mrs. Lisa Hubbard



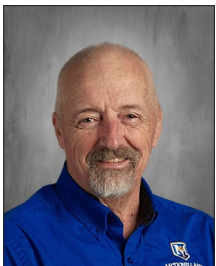
Mrs. Cindy Yohnk

**Mrs. Cindy Yohnk** has been with MACS for 34 years. She taught preschool for one year, third grade for six years, and first grade for 27 years. Cindy enjoyed, "Being with the children and working with their families." Her future plans include spending more time with her granddaughters, playing more board games and cards with her family and friend, a little bit of traveling and reading BIG people books!

**Mrs. Patty Jansky** was a substitute teacher for a couple of years for the MACS System before starting as a full time Administrative Assistant at Holy Ghost Elementary 26 years ago. "I felt like I was part of a close knit, caring community. It was such a pleasure working with the wonderful staff and seeing the terrific students every day. While there was a lot of continuity, my job is sort of "jack of all trades" position, so each day held something different." Patty has plans to finish up house projects, spending more time with their five grandchildren, volunteering, and relaxing with a good book.



Mrs. Patty Jansky



Mr. Tony Reiter '74

**Mr. Tony Reiter** has been at MACS for 39 years. His first year he taught religion, was the head coach for baseball and retires now from teaching both middle and high school students. Classes include Physics, Pre Cal, AP Calculus, AP Stats with students earning 11 college credits by taking his classes. Tony enjoyed the most were students and though he is unsure what retirement will bring, you may see him driving the shuttle van now and again and subbing a day or two.

## STAFF RECOGNITION

MACS staff came together on June 1 to celebrate community with an appreciation end of year time of Mass, breakfast and program to recognize these faculty and staff members.

### RETIREES

Patty Jansky - Jeffrey Heinzen  
Lisa Hubbard - Tony Reiter  
Cindy Yohnk

### FIVE YEARS

Rebecca Beaufeaux  
Jamie Dodge - Brittany Canfield  
Shannon Jaeger - Brianna Rider  
Valerie Siegenthaler  
Brian Schulner - Ruthann Proue  
Jason Cox - John Dachel  
Carolyn Volrath

### TEN YEARS

Mary Huffcutt - Krista Misener

### TWENTY YEARS

Matt Rose

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Julie Pomietto

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Deb Dahl

**Joseph & Olivia Bischel  
Teacher Scholarship**  
Entire Faculty & Staff

### Dzialowy Fund in Memory of Anthony Mikolaitis

Wendy Buchmann  
Jamie Dodge - Brian Pauley  
Brittany Sykora

### LEAVING

Brittany Halvorson-Canfield  
Cathy Greenseth - Gabby Jauch  
Caitlin McElroy - Jackie Moulton  
Julia Jilek-Proue  
Brianna Rider  
Katelyn Shepardson



### MACS academic and events photos for 2020-21

Look for photos from MACS in Motion to McDonell musical to First Holy Communion, graduation at [www.macs202021.shutterstock.com](http://www.macs202021.shutterstock.com) Password: **202021** DOWNLOAD to your computer for free (when you sign in with your own Shutterstock account or purchase Shutterstock Scrip in the office!

### MACS sports photos for 2020-21

Do you have athletic photos to share from your child's games this year? Add them to [www.gomacks.shutterstock.com](http://www.gomacks.shutterstock.com) Password: **Big Dogs**





Mrs. Jaynee Brannen

**Advancement News**

Mrs. Jaynee Brannen Director of Advancement  
j.brannen@macs.k12.wi.us.

**MACS Celebrates 140!**

Have you purchased your MACS Celebrates raffle ticket yet? You could win a private concert with Chris Kroeze and up to 40 of your

friends, \$1000 or \$500 cash! **Spread the Word to other family members and friends to purchase before or at the event! FREE of ADMISSION**

The day will include Sheepshead/Euchre tournaments, live music by Cathy Reitz & 7 Swing starts at 12:00 noon; Kelsey Miles; and IN2ITION, a variety of raffles **including a chance to win a private performance by Chris Kroeze**, yard games for kids and delicious gourmet burgers.

This event also brings the need for MANY volunteers. **SignUp at this link and on our website under PARENTS.** Also here: <https://bit.ly/3urKUpa>

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Event parking attendants | Decorating Pavillion  |
| ID checkers              | Beverage ticket sales |
| Raffle ticket sales      | And more!             |

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**  
**11:00 - 10:00 PM**



**Print off the flyer in this newsletter to hang at your business and share.**

**[View info on our website.](#)**



Ms. Kathleen Adams

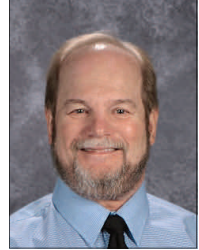
Kathy Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant & Scrip Fundraising Coordinator  
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**Purchase Scrip through June 25 for 2021-22**

Scrip Hours for the summer are: Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00 to 4:00, and Thursday 8:00 to 6:00 PM. We are in the last stretch for earning credit to the 2021-2022 school year tuition. All Scrip

**Education Technology & Media**

Val Knobloch, Director of Technology  
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Mr. Val Knobloch

**MACS on the move**

May is a time of transition here for many people, including yours truly. Let me give you a few updates and then close with some thank yous. Once again, we will be working on network updates this summer working on our main data closet and improving our resilience and redundancy.

**Summer Update:** With the help of eRate funding, MACS is updating it's main data closet while preparing for a more robust server backup and reliability. We are also in various stages of two major projects to replace our aging fleet of interactive whiteboards and our primary servers.

**IT Changes:** July 1, I am transitioning to a new role as an IT Consultant/Media Coordinator. Logan Mittelstadt will be taking over as the IT Coordinator with ongoing assistance from Josh McCormick. More on my new role to come.

My focus here was to improve the network, hardware reliability, continue with staff engagement and support the mission and vision. The 1:1 initiative we began 7 years ago is now complete K-12 with over 500 devices (iPads K-2 and Chromebooks 3-12.) We also have expanded our wireless devices from less than 20 access points campus wide, to now more than 100. Other major projects included revamping the print support and our current projects to replace all our interactive whiteboards and primary and secondary servers.

**Finally, some thanks:** When I came to MACS as the IT Director, I felt it important to engage willing veteran teachers in all of our buildings to become lead teachers with technology integration and to serve in an advisory role. To their credit, they always stepped up. I want to thank our Media and Technology committee members -- especially retiring members Cindy Yohnk and Tony Reiter. They were always there to help lead in our efforts. And a thank you to our student members - especially senior Peter Herron '21. And lastly, I want to acknowledge Cathy Greenseth. She has been behind the public image of MACS for a number of years and as I sought to increase the virtual face of McDonell through additional streams of performances, graduations, Mass and sporting events, she has always been there in her capacity as PR Director to advise or assist or to improve. Thank you.

I look forward to my new role in the MACS system.

purchased July 1, 2020 through June 25, 2021, the rebates will be credited to the 2021-2022 tuition. If you are looking for a mobile option, try the Benefit Mobile App - [www.benefit-mobile.com](http://www.benefit-mobile.com) or contact me and I can send you a direct invite to their website.

For Scrip questions or orders please contact me. It is never too late to start using Scrip. It is a fundraiser for the MACS system and it supports a MACS family tuition.

**SCRIP Gift Card News**

**Home and School Association (HandS)**

email: [macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us)  
 web link: [www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent\\_clubs](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs)

As the school year is winding down we hope everyone has a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped spruce up the playgrounds by repainting the activities on the blacktop! We will also have some new recess equipment for the students to use starting next school year.



**Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg**  
President

Please look for a flyer at the end this newsletter about the June 12 "MACS Celebrates" and [on the website here](#). Please look for more information about the kids activities coming up for the MACS Celebrates event on June 12. **If you are interested in volunteering to help facilitate the activities, please let us know.** See you in the fall.

The HandS Steering Committee

**MACS Athletic Boosters (MABC)**

email: [mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us)  
 web link: [www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent\\_clubs](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs)

**Message from President Greg Misfeldt**

On behalf of the McDonell Athletic Booster Club we want to first of all congratulate all our athletes and coaches for a tremendously successful year. Through the ups and downs of a year dealing with COVID your talents, efforts and dedication produced one most successful years of athletics we have seen at MACS. There is no question seeing you compete this past school year brought much needed normality back to so many. Secondly, we want to thank all of our coaches, parents, our athletic director Emily Malik, school leaders, teachers, school staff, bus drivers, and volunteers for all the time and effort you put into this last year to make sure these athletes had an opportunity to play. Each and every day presented a potential new challenge and you stepped up each and every time. We are so blessed to have such dedicated individuals looking after our athletes and families. And last a big thank you to all our donors and sponsors for your financial support over the years and especially this past year. Just as our school and athletes had to make changes so did your booster club. Like so many events since the start of COVID we had cancel or adjust most our fundraisers for the better part of a year. Lost fundraising events, ticket sales, and concession stand profits put a huge dent in our finances. With the support of amazing community businesses, partners, and MACS families I am happy to say MABC was able to fund all athletic programs 100%, as well as make significant contributions to our school system for special projects within our facilities.

**Summer Food Service Program for ages under 18**

Providing access to summer meals for children in low-income areas is an important priority for USDA. When school is out during the summer months and children are no longer receiving lunch at school, some families may struggle to feed their children nutritious meals each day. Food Nutrition Services summer meal programs work to fill this critical gap.

Nutritious free meals are available for children and teens 18 and under. Please use the following resources to find a location near you:

- \* <https://www.fnd.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>
- \* call 211

**Mackademia News**



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**Volunteers Needed for Summer School**

Do you have some time this summer to volunteer with our summer educational program? Summer school volunteers are needed for Mackademia (MACS summer school) beginning July 6 and running for five weeks until August 5. Summer school is M-Th (except there will be summer school on Friday, July 9 instead of July 5), 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, at St. Charles Borromeo Primary School. Enrolled students going into Kindergarten - eighth grade, will be working on Literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities. Volunteers are needed for each classroom. If you are interested, please contact Diane Hietpas ([d.hietpas@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:d.hietpas@macs.k12.wi.us)). Volunteer hours can be very flexible.

**Ms. Diane Hietpas**

**MACS Faith Booster Club**

President Rolly Enderes  
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 website: [macsfaithboosters](http://macsfaithboosters)



**Rolly Enderes**

**Summer Totus Tuus**

**Totus Tuus — June 20-25**

Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth.

**Grades 1-6 Program:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Time is spent on catechetical instruction, songs, games, daily Mass, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, recess and more!

**Grades 7-12 Program:** Sunday-Thursday evenings (Time TBA) There will be a night of Adoration and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, catechetical instruction on topics important to young people, and a night of fellowship with the Totus Tuus team members.

Contact Deanery Coordinator Michael Jacobs to sign up: [deanerycoordinatorcfym@gmail.com](mailto:deanerycoordinatorcfym@gmail.com) or Erica Boehm at: [faith@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:faith@macs.k12.wi.us)





Photo taken on the steps leading up to the former McDonell Memorial High School.

## Blessings for your future plans Class of 2021!

Chase Gregory Berg  
 Isaac Henry William Bleskacek  
 Elise Taylor Bormann \*  
 Joelle Lee Bremness  
 Jackson Patrick Bushman \*  
 Noah Emmanuel Christopherson  
 Kelly Joanna Coughman  
 Maggie May Craker  
 Ann Colette David \*  
 Joseph Perrie Davis

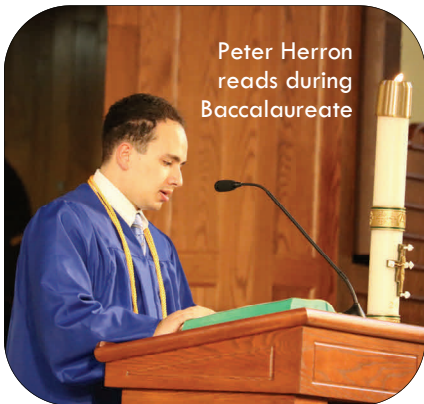
Gavin Bryce Dorn  
 Elizabeth Kathryn Eckes\*  
 Rachel Ann Eisenreich\*  
 Anna Elizabeth Geissler \*  
 Ella Ann Haley  
 Maxwell Addison Hauser  
 Peter Thomas Herron \*  
 Logan Scott Hughes  
 Andrew Harold Hunt \*  
 Cynthia Rae Keck \*

Nya Michelle Lieble  
 Nicholas Conner Maziarka  
 Samuel Thomas McDonald  
 Luke Lembezeder Newton  
 Tanner Joseph Opsal  
 Benjamin Louis Prissel\*  
 Sidney Ann Marie Rice  
 Kate Ann Roth\*  
 Jake Michael Siegenthaler  
 Samuel Jon Tokarski

Vincent Allen Van Sleet  
 Seth Michael Wildenberg  
 Kennedy Rose Catherine Willi  
 Elizabeth Marie Wedemeyer \*  
 Samantha Margaret Wirtz  
 Rongxian "Happy" Yang \*\*

\*National Honor Society  
 \*\*International Student

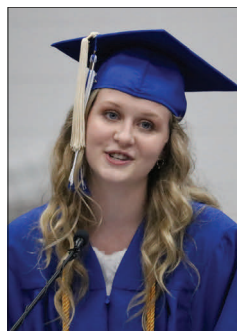
### BISHOP'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



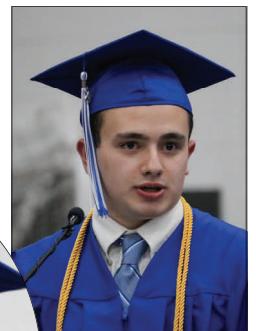
Peter Herron reads during Baccalaureate

Congratulations to Peter Herron, recipient of the 2021 Bishop's Award for Excellence. The medal is presented by Mr. Schulner. The award is based on 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 in and participation in community building activities and organizations, and visible evidence of Christian service shown through volunteer service in school, parish/community and Christian leadership in activities in which he/she participates.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021 VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIAN



Valedictorian Anna Geissler



Valedictorian Peter Herron



Salutatorian Elizabeth Eckes

**BADGER STATE**

A program to change a lifetime, Badger State educates high school students between their junior and senior years on how to become more impactful community members of Wisconsin. During the program, students learn how our government system works by creating their own city, county, and state level governments. Over 850 participants leave feeling inspired by the lifelong lessons and relationships developed at Badger State.

The following students have been chosen as delegates for the program, Kallee LeCloux, Abigail Petranovich, Brendan Bresina and Benjamin Goebel.



Mrs. Mary Jacobson

**STUDENT AMBASSADOR**

**Mary Jacobson**  
**Ambassador Program Coordinator**  
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At the end of every school year, I give out the St. Vincent de Paul award to one eighth grade student and one high school senior. St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint for charity and service.

I am honored to have recognized senior Rachel Eisenreich on May 19 at the Senior Awards Day and eighth grade student Sophia Schmidgall on May 26, Notre Dame Awards Day.

Both Rachel and Sophia consistently answered my emailed requests for help. They worked quietly, efficiently, and respectfully throughout the school year. I can't tell you how much work both of them did, but I know many projects would have been unfinished without them.

With this award, a donation is made in the recipients' names to the St. Vincent de Paul Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Chippewa County where grants from the endowment supports youth doing charitable work in our communities. This endowment fund was set up in honor of ALL student ambassadors and the service work they have done over the years, but the specific donation each year is in honor of the students being recognized.

I wish for my ambassadors to have a relaxing and restful summer, so they are eager and ready to serve our community without a raging pandemic; in a more normal sense in the next school year.

**McDONELL FINE ARTS AWARDS**

**Fine Arts Award**  
Ann David

**National School Choral Award**  
Kelly Cushman

**Leonard Bernstein Award**  
Andrew Hunt



**Band Awards**

Woody Herman Award: Brendan Bresina  
 Gilmore Award: Kate Roth  
 John Philip Sousa Award: Ann David

Thank you to all the seniors for sharing your talents on the stage, instrumental and vocal. Congratulations to all fine arts students, Cloverbelt Conference, Solo and Ensemble, Musical, Forensics participates and medal winners not pictured.



School Counselor News



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Honor Rolls

The honor rolls will be available on the website school news mid-June once all the grades have been posted.

Mrs. Ruthann Proue

Middle & High School Office  
Summer Hours

Office hours until June 10 will be 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Summer hours will be Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 - 4:00  
School Office will reopen on Monday, August 9

Athletic News

**MANDATORY ATHLETIC CODE MEETING** All high school athletes should plan to attend this important meeting on Monday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the McDonell Auditorium. Fees may be paid during Welcome Back Week, August 23-27.

SAVE THE DATES

MACS Family Night  
Wednesday, August 25

Please remember to check the website for the new school year requirements, events and updates over the summer.  
[www.McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org](http://www.McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org)

First Day of School  
Monday, August 30

Band and Choir News



Sean Hanson, Band Director  
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Mark Nepl, Choral Director  
m.nepl@macs.k12.wi.us

There will be free music and vocal lessons offered this summer for all interested enrolled MACS students. Please see the attached flyers for more details.

Cheer on our spring varsity sports teams! #GoMacks



Track & Field by Cathy Greenseth



Baseball by Kris Horan Photography



Softball by Cathy Greenseth

Spring sports teams continue to play throughout the month of June. Check out the athletic calendar on our website for location and times of all the action!



McDonell / Regis Golf team the 'Saints':  
2021 Conference Champs Photo by Lynne Bauer

McDonell / Regis Girls Soccer - McDonell players  
Amber Adams, Alyssa Ferguson, Maria Herron





## Principal's Corner

Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92, Principal  
St. Charles/Holy Ghost Schools

Everyday, I witness the commitment by our teachers and staff and I am truly humbled by their effectiveness. I know their efforts are directly related to the growth of our students and I urge all of our families to please take a moment to thank our MACS staff for everything they do for our students. I say this often, but teaching can be a thankless job sometimes, and I think it's important to give the ones who give so much to our kids the gratitude that they deserve.

The end of the school year is always exciting since it offers a feeling of achievement and accomplishment

for our students. There are awards to give and outside school activities to participate in such as MACS in Motion and other field trips. Then, of course, there is the passage of our students moving on to their next grade level. Smiles are everywhere as we all realize the effort we've put forth in educating our students in a Catholic setting. It is profound!

For many of us, the summer is very busy with vacation travel and other activities, but the nicer weather and a break from structured academics offers exciting opportunities for families to spend time together and create memories. Please take advantage of them and never underestimate the importance of family bonding. Look for summer mailings that will provide information for next school year. There are sure to be some changes, so please take the time to read the information. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Under the circumstances, I felt this past year was a huge success. We achieved what many schools around the county were unable to do. I thank our teachers and students for their resilience and most importantly the families for their support and dedication to our school system. May the warm summer days bring you comfort and relaxation. Enjoy them, and I look forward to serving all of you this coming fall. God bless!

## First graders learn firsthand through a church “show and tell” tour

After *reading* about many of the common items that are found in a Catholic Church, Monsignor Michael Gorman gave Mrs. Cindy Yohnk's first grade students a “Show and Tell” tour. The boys and girls were able to actually see and learn more about the altar table, Paschal (Easter) candle, tabernacle, hosts, paten, chalice, holy oils, priest's vestments, baptismal font, monstrance and more. There is just nothing like seeing something firsthand to make a lasting impression!



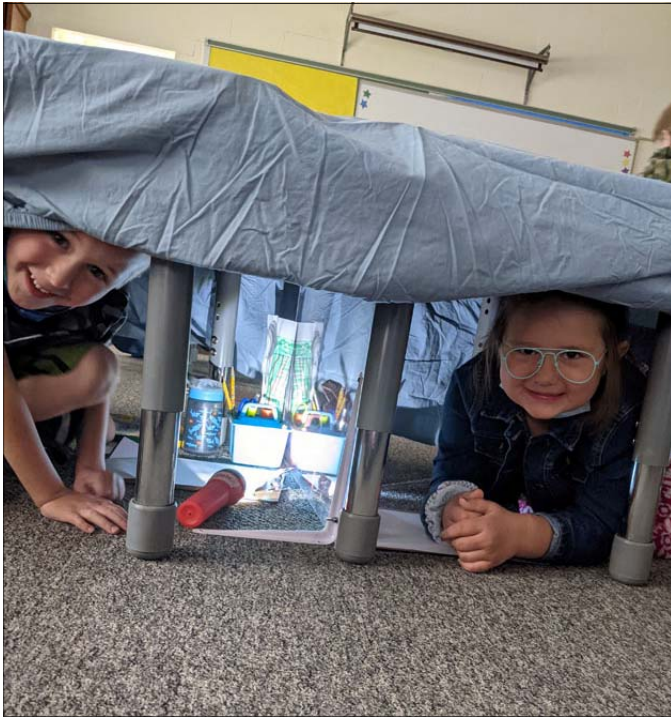
Msgr. Gorman shows the students the baptismal font (above) and talks about this sacrament of initiation.



What is a monstrance? The students (above) learn how a monstrance is used during adoration.

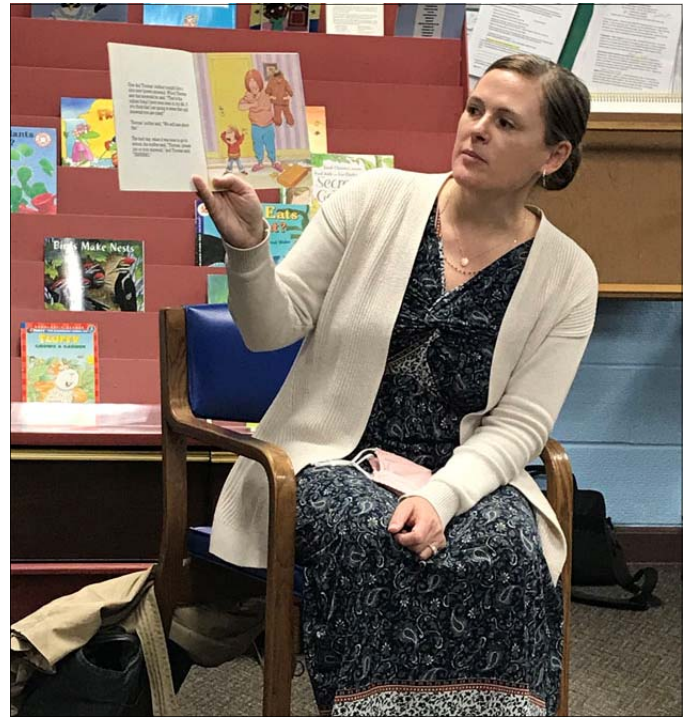


## Superkid fun in kindergarten



Peek-a-boo! Mrs. Brianna Rider's kindergarten class recently dressed up as their favorite Superkid! Their desks were turned into tents as they celebrated each Superkid in a fun and interactive way (above).

## Storytime break in first grade



MACS President Molly Bushman visited Mrs. Cindy Yohnk's first grade classroom (above) and read *Thomas' Snowsuit*, a tale by Robert Munsch about a stubborn boy who refuses to wear his new snowsuit.

## Fifth grade band performs for fourth grade students and families



The fifth grade band (above), under the direction of Ms. Stephanie Solberg, were able to perform for the fourth graders, hopefully motivating them to join the band next year! The next day, parents came and enjoyed the show.



## Holy Ghost students combine new art techniques with the great outdoors



This trio of fifth grade girls (above) enjoy the warm sunshine while they work on their colorful art projects.



These two fifth graders (above) show off their pride in both Holy Ghost School and their imaginative elephants painted in the surrealism style of Salvador Dali (with really long legs).

Fifth grade students studied "Fauvism" during their final unit of art with Mrs. Beaufeaux. Fauvism is the name applied to the work produced by a group of artists (which included Henri Matisse and Andre Derain) from around 1905 to 1910. This art is characterized by strong colors and fierce brushwork. On a nice sunny day, the students were able to go outside to paint in nature, much like these artists did in the summer of 1905 in the French countryside.



**COLOR!** These two students hold two of the two forms of art the class studied — Fauvism (above) and Surrealism (below).





May Crowning

Holy Ghost and St. Charles Schools

May 5 and 6, 2021



The St. Charles second grade First Communicants pose for a photo (masks and all!) after the May Crowning Mass (left).





## MACS in Motion

Holy Ghost and  
St. Charles Schools  
May 24 & 25, 2021





# MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Est. 1882

## Notre Dame Middle School

1316 Bel Air Blvd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715.723.4777

### 4th Quarter 2020-2021 School Year

### Honor Roll

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Kelsey Bremness, Evelyn Doyle, Korynn Grunwald, Emily Hartman, Olivia Herr, Miranda Johnson, Kherington Mosack, Claire Ruf, Miles Schmidgall, Erin Siegenthaler, Annabelle Willi

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Luke Andersen, Nathan Boggess, Johnathan Brady, Samuel Bresina, Elianna Eddy, Sophia Empey, Hannah Gilbertson, Isabella Giza, Hannah Leet, Violet McIlquham, Nneomam Odenigbo, Lucia Pries, Ryan Roach, Robert Schwetz, Anne Siegenthaler, Grant Sokup, Carson Sweeney

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Jaidyn Brady, Lauren Buescher, Elyse Bushman, Mason Busse, Owen Clark, Chloe Flanagan, Kennedy Giza, Paiton Grunwald, Jack Hanson, Lucas Lobos, Delaney Smiskey

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Avory Anderson, Brooke Bach, Owen Elstran, Angelo Enderes, Soren Endrud, Nick Flashinski, Samuel Kasper, Callan Laux, Caleb Leet, Desian Matthews, Dawson Moulton, Riella Rubenzer, Ashley Van Sleet, Keagan Winger

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** David Andersen, Sarah Buchmann, Karley Ferguson, Alexander Fischer, Lauren Misfeldt, Sean Rasmus, Sophia Schmidgall, Ben Siegenthaler, Eva Van Den Heuval

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Aubrey Baier, Gavin Bowe, Lily Edison, Kidiest Freerks, Kiara Leinenkugel, Joscelyn Lowy, Grant Smiskey, Paul Tetrault

## Congratulations!

High Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.75 – and above Grade Point Average

Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.0 – 3.74 Grade Point Average



# MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Est. 1882

## McDonnell Central Catholic High School

1316 Bel Air Blvd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715.723.9126

### 4th Quarter 2020-2021 School Year

### Honor Roll

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Frederick Blair, Andrew Bormann, Abigail Bresina, Olivia Clark, Emily Cooper, Aubrey Dorn, Madeline Geissler, Isabel Hartman, Maria Herron, Corbin Holm, Prudence Maloney, Katie Ruf, Gretta Sokup, Anna Thaler, Morgan Wirtz

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Jonah Christopherson, Thomas Cushman Jr., Kali Goulet, Domenic Hazelton, Cassandra Herr, Kinley Laux, Calvin Rineck, Kenneth Schafer, Alexander Tokarski

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Christine Abbe, Rebecca Baier, Andrew Bauer, Eva Bushman, Donald Fritz Jr., Grace Goettl, Nichole Guski, Megan Hanson, Marley Hughes, Rhiannon McChesney, Sydney Retzlaff, Ella Schemenauer, Dale Tetrault, Greta Thornton, Evelyn Willi, Josie Witkowski

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Benjamin Biskupski, Aidan Misfeldt, Andrew Plendl, Griffen Sokup

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Amber Adams, Laneyse Baughman, Devin Benish, Helen Bullard, Jonathan Fischer, Samantha Guski, Sophia Kinlen, Kallee Le Cloux, Landon Moulton, Marcus Roach, Paige Smiskey, Emma Stelter

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Dan Anderson, Destiny Baughman, Lauryn Deetz, Sydney Flanagan, Benjamin Goebel, Isabelle Maloney, Kaitlyn Ortman

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Isaac Bleskachek, Elise Bormann, Joelle Bremness, Jackson Bushman, Kelly Cushman, Maggie Craker, Ann David, Gavin Dorn, Elizabeth Eckes, Rachel Eisenreich, Anna Geissler, Maxwell Hauser, Peter Herron, Logan Hughes, Cynthia Keck, Nicholas Maziarka, Luke Newton, Benjamin Prissel, Kate Roth, Vincent Van Sleet, Elizabeth Wedemeyer, Kennedy Willi, Samantha Wirtz, Rongxian Yang

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Andrew Hunt, Nya Lieble, Sidney Rice

## Congratulations!

High Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.667– and above Grade Point Average

Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.33 – 3.66 Grade Point Average



Summer 2021



## Band Lesson Opportunities Grades 6-12



Summer band lessons and large group bands will be weekly beginning the **week of July 6 through August.**

- **Free lessons to enrolled MACS students** entering grades 6-12 for the 2021-22 school year.
- Non enrolled students interested in taking lessons are charged a fee of \$50.00 for season (large group), or \$20 per private lesson.
- **All skill levels can attend.**
- **All lessons held in the McDonell Central Catholic High School Band Room.**

Contact Sean Hanson, band director at [s.hanson@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:s.hanson@macs.k12.wi.us) to enroll.

The schedule for large group band is as follows:

### Concert Bands

Entering grade 6 in the fall

1:00-2:00 PM on July 19, 21, 26, 28, August 2, 4

Entering grades 7 & 8 in the fall

2:00-3:00 PM on July 19, 21, 26, 28, August 2, 4

Entering grades 9-12 in the fall

1:00-2:00 PM on July 20, 22, 27, 29, August 3, 5

### Jazz Ensemble

Entering grades 7-12 in the fall

2:00-3:00 PM on July 20, 22, 27, 29, August 3, 5

*We are recruiting new talent for the jazz band this summer, so give it a try!*

Private Lessons are also available upon request.





## Voice Lessons with Mr. Neppi Summer 2021

- Voice lessons are available to everyone in the MACS community and beyond! For any level of experience (beginner, intermediate, advanced.)
- We will work on proper singing technique, explore diverse repertoire, and do so much more to discover (or re-discover) your voice!
- Enrolled MACS students are free! Anyone else is \$10 per half hour lesson. 1-2 lessons per week.
- Lessons will be between 1-5 PM Mondays through Thursdays. Lessons will begin on June 7 and go through the summer. To begin, we will choose a slot that will be your time throughout the summer.
- Lessons will be held at McDonnell Area Catholic Schools choir room.
- More information and online registration forms can be found at this website: <https://maneppl144.wixsite.com/voicellessons>.
- Any questions? Email Mark Neppi at [m.neppi@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:m.neppi@macs.k12.wi.us)





The McDonell football program is hosting a youth football camp **June 7-9** for all athletes entering second through eighth grades. Camp attendees will have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game and compete for prizes while under the guidance of coaches and players from the McDonell 8-man football program.

The camp will take place at the following times Monday through Wednesday at the McDonell practice field located just west of the high school:

- **2nd and 3rd grade: 8-10 a.m.**
- **4th and 5th grade: 10 a.m.-noon**
- **6th, 7th, and 8th grade: noon-2 p.m.**

**Note:** If necessary, Thursday and Friday will be makeup days if sessions are canceled due to weather.

The cost for the three-day camp is \$40 and includes:

- Fundamental instruction for each player for every position
- Individual competitions for prizes
- Non-contact football scrimmages and other mini games
- A Macks football camp T-shirt

The McDonell football camp is a non-contact camp. Please wear a T-shirt, shorts, and cleats. Please contact McDonell football coach Jason Cox with questions at 573-719-9093 or email [j.cox@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:j.cox@macs.k12.wi.us). Please send the bottom portion below with payment to: McDonell Football, 1316 Bel Air Blvd, Chippewa Falls, WI, 54729. Make checks payable to MACS.



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### Camp Application Form

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade for next school year (2021-22): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Circle T-Shirt size: **Youth:** Medium Large **Adult:** Small Medium Large X-Large

Medical Release - I, as a parent or guardian, hereby give permission for my child to participate in the McDonell Youth Football Camp. I authorize the supervisor of the camp to act for me in any emergency requiring medical attention and acknowledge that I will be responsible for any costs incurred due to the program and the institution providing the facilities. I understand that all exercise carries risk of injury or illness. Contact with exercise equipment or other persons also may include exposure to communicable disease, despite reasonable efforts to keep equipment clean and sanitary. I accept these risks, waive and release MACS from any associated liability except for intentional acts, and indemnify MACS against any losses or damages which may occur due to any such injury or illness.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form with \$40 payment no later than **May 21** to ensure the receipt of a T-shirt.



## SPIRIT VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP 2021

**WHO:** Session 1: 8:00-9:30am: Athletes entering Grade 2- 4  
Session 2: 9:30-11:00 am: Athletes entering Grade 5- 6  
Session 3: 11:30-1:00pm: Athletes entering Grade 7- 9

**WHAT:** Camp hosted by Kat Hanson and McDonell Coaching Staff that will focus on skill introduction and improvement. Campers will learn teamwork and cooperation through fun games!

**WHEN/ WHERE:** July 12- 14, Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium at McDonell Central Catholic High School

**COST:** \$50.00 (Checks payable to *CF Spirit*)  
Send to: McDonell High School  
C/O Kat Hanson Volleyball Coach  
1316 Bel Air Blvd  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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### McDonell Volleyball Camp Registration Form

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_ Session (circle one): 1 2 3

T Shirt Size: YM, YL, S, M, L, XL

I do hereby release the McDonell High School and camp personnel from all liability, including claims or suits in law or equity related to any bodily injury (including but not limited to) loss of life, accident, loss (personal property or other), or contraction/exposure to Coronavirus/COVID-19. Furthermore, I realize the risks involved as a camp participant and I understand that I am responsible to pay, or otherwise cover through my insurance, any medical or hospital expenses, doctor bills or other expenses which could be incurred as a result of treatment given for illness or injury incurred while attending or subsequent to attending the Spirit Volleyball Camp. I hereby authorize the staff of the Spirit Youth Volleyball Camp to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Institutional Abuse & Betrayal

Tuesday, June 15th

7:00 - 8:30pm CST on Zoom

Victims of clergy abuse are not only traumatized by their abusers but also the institutions they represent. Our presenter Fr. Matthew Malek, OFM Conv, will lead us through understanding the impacts of spiritual abuse and institutional betrayal which affects all members of the faith community. He will encourage us work together towards institutional courage, to create an environment where healing is possible.



**Fr. Matthew J. Malek, OFM Conv.,** was ordained as a Conventual Franciscan priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 2013. He received his Masters of Divinity from the Washington Theological Union. He relocated to Minneapolis, MN, to serve as a priest for the Archdiocese of St Paul-Minneapolis and to pursue a Master of Counseling Psychology at St. Mary's University of Minnesota. Fr. Matthew completed his counseling training in 2019 and works as an associate therapist for a local agency. He states that he has "a vocation within a vocation," combining spirituality and psychology to help people heal their wounds.



**Paula Kaempffer,** survivor of clergy sexual abuse she suffered as an adult working in the Church, knows firsthand about the kind of betrayal that can take place, but also what healing can take place.

Paula is the outreach coordinator for restorative justice and abuse prevention for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, she said healing "takes a lot of personal work" and "a lot of inner strength to recapture the power that has been taken away from you."

She said she is grateful that she has done that work and "come out on the other side."

**Please register to participate at [www.chippewagrace.org/events](http://www.chippewagrace.org/events)**

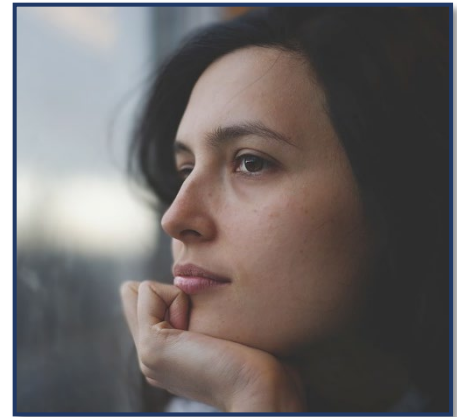
The virtual presentations will also be available for viewing at Holy Ghost Church located at 412 S Main St, Chippewa Falls. WI at the time of the presentation.

**Questions - contact us at [chippewagrace@gmail.com](mailto:chippewagrace@gmail.com)**



### What to Do When You Think You Aren't a *Good Enough* Parent

Parenting is hard work. It is not easy to embrace parenthood and stick it out. That is why a group of parents asked me to join them in a discussion about parenting. They wanted me to listen to their situations and offer some ideas for hope. A mom talked about her head-strong son who questioned every decision and request she made. A father described his daughter who had become an accomplished liar. Another mother shared concern about her timid daughter who struggled to stand up for herself. Another parent disclosed how her son's independence was leading him to detach from the family and its guidance.



As the conversation developed, I was struck by several common threads that ran through each of the parent's concerns. All of them wanted their children to succeed in life. Each of them wanted their son or daughter to do their best. Yet, all of them felt insecure about their ability to support and guide their children. None of them felt they were prepared to face the challenges of parenting a child into adulthood. As one parent succinctly put it; "I just don't feel like I am a *good enough* parent."

This feeling of being inadequate took me back to the time when my children were becoming adults. I also worried about raising children to be happy, healthy, and holy adults. I doubted my ability to be the first and best example for my kids. It was so easy to question my actions and motivations back then; so tempting to feel that I couldn't be the parent I needed to be. It was tempting to feel like I should abdicate my parental authority to another adult or institution or let my kids go it alone.

Thankfully, I never gave in to the negative emotions tugging at my heart back then. I resisted the voices trying to convince me to give up; to settle on being *just good enough*. Gratefully, I chose to acquire the virtue of **fortitude** and tackle parenting head-on.

When the parents in this small group asked me to comment, it was a privilege to acknowledge their emotions and struggles and offer fortitude as a solution to their parenting struggles. I shared that fortitude is a foundational moral virtue which ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in doing what is right and good. It is mental and emotional strength to face doubt or temptation courageously. Fortitude helps you overcome emotions like fear and despair; feelings that make you think you are lacking and not worthy to be a wonderful parent who can guide and lead.

Making fortitude the center of the discussion shifted the group's focus from worry to hope. We discussed how moral courage is needed to face struggles and move forward. We talked about fortitude as a way to push outside of your comfort zone and act intentionally. We explored how fortitude confronts personal



weaknesses and the feeling to give up. Most importantly, we discussed that fortitude makes it possible to do what is best – especially when it will cause you suffering.

Through the discussion, the parents came to a collective understanding that parents – ALL parents – struggle. Each mom and dad is challenged. Each parent worries. As one father put it, “pick your hard. It is hard to parent. It is hard not to parent. So, pick your hard.” His comment made the group see that building fortitude was the reasonable way to shoulder the hard burden and increase parental hope.

Developing any virtue takes time, effort, and a lot of grace from God. Maturing in fortitude is nearly impossible without divine assistance. With God’s help, parents can stop feeling sorry for themselves, learn to control their anger and anxiety, and resist the impulse to make everyone happy. They can set and implement boundaries and standards for behavior. Under God’s care, parents can learn from their mistakes and plan for a better future. Filled with the grace and mercy of God, parents can renounce misgivings and embrace sacrifice for the sake of the child. Here is a prayer to help you build fortitude.

*Dear God, help me to develop fortitude,  
for it is something that I lack.*

*I need courage to raise my child/ren  
to know, love, and serve you above everything and everyone else.*

*I need courage to fight against my doubts,  
against worries and troubles, temptations,  
attractions, darkness and false lights,  
against tears, depression, and above all fear.*

*I need fortitude, dear God.  
Strengthen me with Your love and Your grace.*

*Console me with Your blessed Presence  
and grant me the courage to persevere  
and know that I am the best parent for my children.*



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# LITTLE MACK MESSENGER

MAY / JUNE 2021

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

We have been busy getting ready for summer! Our classes are spending more time outside now that the weather is warming up. Please be sure to send sunscreen for your child and turn in a sunscreen form to the office. Camp Macks II is full for the summer. There is limited availability remaining in Camp Macks I. Camp Macks will begin on Monday, June 7th. There is care available the first week of June for the families who need it. Please contact the EC office for more information.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BB4C?

We've been practicing all of our letters and numbers. Soon our class will be talking about community helpers and what being a community helper means. We have been practicing for our virtual graduation which is coming up on June 2nd. We will be walking to Flag Hill park on June 1st.



## Looking Forward

**May 31**

**EC/BB4C CLOSED**

**June 1**

**BB4C Field Trip**

**June 2**

**BB4C Virtual  
Graduation**

**June 3**

**Last day of BB4C**

**June 7**

**Camp Macks  
begins**

