



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Vision: We are the school of choice for an excellent Catholic faith based education within the Chippewa Falls area. We welcome all families to be a part of our school community no matter their faith or financial means. In partnership with our parents, we form the whole child in support of our values and mission. Our vision of the whole child consists of a lifelong learner, who upon graduation, is academically prepared for post-secondary education and career, grounded in relationship with Jesus Christ, balanced physically and emotionally, and actively engages as servant leaders in family, parish, and civic communities.

Our Mission: Committed to the formation of community, academic excellence and the spiritual and physical well-being of each student in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Education Commission - Summary

March 25, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Meeting is open to meet in the McDonnell Library or Join through Google Meet

Meeting ID

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AGENDA	LEAD	NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr Burish - Annunciation - Angelas
Prayer	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual Adoption at McDonnell - see Erica Boehm with any questions
Review Mission and Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence 	TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting events in LaCrosse. Coach Don Cooper led prayer with the girls basketball teams together with Aquinas Recognition to principal Wedemeyer for how he conducted himself at play-offs through a difficult situation
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes – emailed Financials Facilities See following below <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals Reports Early Childhood Report Academic Affairs and Accreditation Enrollment 	TJ All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus for consent agenda

<p>Reports from Parish and Student Representatives</p>	<p>Staff as requested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play was successful! ● First edition of the school newspaper (Blue and Gold) went out this month. Well written and well done. ● Student ambassadors created a newsletter for nursing homes that has been well received. Over 400 sent! ● Notre Dame - hired a new director of outreach and evangelization. Welcome John Shakal ● St John's is complete with their renovation - First mass will be Palm Sunday ● Our Lady of the Falls Grotto - beginning repair ● Holy Ghost - goal to bring back ministries such as alter servers for Easter
<p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guest Presentation: Marketing/Advancement 	<p>Jayne/Cathy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Viewed the updated Witness the Difference video. Located on the MACS website under Why MACS ● Funding update: Advancement is doing well considering the tough year. Funding is generated by the annual fund drive and the Mack Messenger ● Grants - increase due to additional covid grants ● Events - Mardi Gras was canceled this year. Usually 300-350 attend. ● MACS Celebrates - new event is Saturday, June 12, 2021, 11:00 am-10:00 pm at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. Celebrating 140th school year. Euchre tournament, live music, raffles, gourmet burgers/food, beverages and activities for kids ● MACS Celebrates is free to attend ● We will be looking for volunteers for the MACS Celebrates event. ● Macks Chat - MACS now has a podcast. ● Link for the podcast will be available March 26, 2021. American Hometown Radio. ● First podcast is with Mrs Jacobson and student ambassador Ann David ● Next taping April 6. coach Kat Hanson and student athlete Maggie Craker speaking with principal Molly Bushman ● Brand identity and style guide

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NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person Commission social Principal Annual Reports 	TJ/All	Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In person commission social following April meeting
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	•

Membership

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C.	Chair/ St Charles Rep
EX	Justus Busse	Chippewa Falls Fire Department Inspector	Vice Chair/St Charles Rep
X	Tracy Bormann		St Bridget Rep
X	Erin Brick	Homemaker	Holy Ghost rep
X	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations	Notre Dame Rep
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Fransesca Resource Center	Notre Dame Rep
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance	All Saints Rep
X	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County	Holy Ghost Rep
X	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS	St Charles Rep
X	Andy Shakal	Senior Experimental Engineer, Electro-Motive	St John's Rep
	Vacant		Holy Cross Rep
X	Andrew Ruf	Financial Advisor	Sacred Heart Rep
X	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid	Notre Dame Rep
X	Gina Smiskey	Homemaker	St Peter's Rep
			Holy Ghost Rep
EX	Elise Bormann	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Representative
X	Paige Smiskey	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Student Representative

Ex-Officio

X	Fr Burish	Notre Dame Church	Dean
EX	Fr Kizewski	Holy Ghost Parish	Pastor
EX	Fr Hokamp	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
X	Kathleen Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Exec Admin Assistant
X	Mary Huffcutt	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
X	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Business Controller
X	Gabrielle Jauch	St Charles Early Childhood	Director
X	Eric Wedemeyer	St Charles/Holy Ghost Elementary	Principal
X	Brian Schulner	Notre Dame MS/McDonell HS	Principal

Guests

X	Jayne Brannen	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Director of Advancement
X	Cathy Greenseth	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Director of Communication
		McDonell Area Catholic Schools	

Administrator Reports Enrollment

Grade	Total Students 2020-2021	Total Students Enrolled 2021-2022	New Students 2021-2022 (included in total students enrolled)	Inquiring Students 2021-2022
K	31	23	23	4
1-2	72	65	2	2
3-5	95	106	7	4
6-8	115	109	10	7
9-12	155	157	11	6
Total	468	460	53	23

- We have 25 current students remaining to enroll for 2021-2022.
- Our greatest marketing need is to continue to focus on Kindergarten
- Anticipating that next year's freshman class will be over 50. We have not had a class this size since 2015-2016
- Anticipating Educational students for the 2021-2022 school year
- Working on shuttle options

Early Childhood

- 30 2021-2022 4K Enrollment (out of 36 spots)
- 16 Camp Macks I (out of 30 spots)
- 29 Camp Macks II (out of 36 spots)

St Charles and Holy Ghost

Lenten activities

- Both St. Charles and Holy Ghost schools participated in the stations of the cross this month. St. Charles attended theirs on Thursday, March 11 and Holy Ghost did theirs on Friday, March 12. Holy Ghost students will also have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on Tuesday, March 30. The Holy Ghost students also participated in the singing version of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the church on Wednesday and Thursday before spring break.

Box tops and mite boxes

- Holy Ghost student council is leading a box top collection to raise money for our schools. The money raised will be used for a cause to be determined at a later date. Also, during this lenten time Holy Ghost and St. Charles students are collecting money in their mite boxes to be offered at mass next Wednesday during Holy Week.

SC Hotdog supper

- St. Charles and Early childhood have scheduled a hotdog supper for Thursday, April 8. This event will focus on bringing newly enrolled 21/22 Kindergarten and also current BB4C families into the building to do

some fun activities in the Kindergarten classrooms and meet our Kindergarten teachers. The event is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:00.

Notre Dame and McDonell

- Well it took a number of tries and delays but we managed to pull off a play. Normally it would have been at the end of Catholic Schools week in January, but with Covid and quarantines and a variety of roadblocks and barriers it didn't happen until March 11-14. Under the direction of Mrs. Jorgensen the cast and crew performed "My Fair Lady" to the students on March 13 th and successfully did four more performances to auditoriums of 25% capacity. They did an excellent job and I commend all of the students and staff involved with their tenacity and willingness to stick it out.
- Very proud of our sports teams who made state appearances in girls hockey, girls and boys basketball. Even got some hardware to put in the trophy case.
- We are planning for prom on April 24 th . We are hoping for a parking lot prom similar to how we did homecoming. We will use the commons if the weather is unacceptable. It will be a step down from what we normally have with a dinner and dance at a different venue. We are still being optimistic we can pull it off.
- Graduation is slated for Friday May 21 st . We are planning for a face to face graduations with reduced numbers of attendees.
- After the break we are running pretty close to full throttle in regards to attendance. Covid numbers are down and a majority of the staff have had at least one vaccination. Third quarter is winding to an end and we are heading for the home stretch.

Dean of Academics

- Supporting teachers through digital platforms
- Formative Benchmark Assessments complete grades 3-8
- Inservice support developed from teacher needs
- Curriculum cycle conversations around HS religion and arts/music
- Accreditation self-evaluation in preparation for external review in 2022-23
- Safe Environment team working on training for staff

Student Support Services

- ITP (Intent to Participate) in SNSP was submitted on March 1, 2021 for the 21-22 school year. 41 seats were requested as follows:
- 14 seats for McDonell High School
- 10 seats for Notre Dame Middle School
- 10 seats for Holy Ghost
- 7 seats for St. Charles
- Summer school registration has begun. Summer school will be held at St. Charles, July 5-Aug.5, M-Th, 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Enrollment will be capped at 40 students, going into grades K-8.
- Title reading services are currently in place at SCB and HG

Facilities

- New Emergency lighting is being added to about half of the building over Spring Break
- We have been replacing old faulty emergency lighting at St Charles - in total, we will have replaced 9 to 10 lights over the past two months, which is about half the building. The lighting was over 10 years old, and they have a battery backup. We replaced batteries where we could, but had several fixtures that would not work even with new batteries, so they were replaced.
- In the process of planning summer projects like floor care, grounds maintenance and painting. If you know of a need at one of the buildings, please reach out to me with an email or a phone call, so we can determine if it should be addressed in our plan this summer.
- There is an on-going discussion about the baseball field at McDonell, and what should be done. Over the years, all the bon fires and poor cleanup have left nails in the infield, and the past couple of years it's

become over run with weeds due to not being maintained. In addition, the fence along the first base line was removed this past spring because it was damaged due to snow being pushed into it in the winter of 2019/20. We will need to determine if we replace the fence, and how much work and dollars we put into the infield, or if we just bring in black dirt and turn it into grass. The facility team will be reaching out to the coaches, PhyEd teachers and administrators to get a better understanding of the use of the field going forward, so we can determine what we should do. The existing back stop and 3rd base fence will be repaired.

- Hot water heater at McDonnell went out first week of March, repair was rather substantial.

Finance

- Budget - working with the Diocese on some questions, hope to have final approval in the next couple of weeks.
- PPP Loan Round 1 - we received word from the bank that our Round 1 PPP loan was 100% forgiven.
- PPP Loan Round 2 - determined we did not qualify for the Round 2 PPP loan (note: this time we had to choose either PPP loan or EANS funds)
- EANS funds - we are learning more each week on the EANS funds from the federal government, applications should be out March 12th, and due April 12th. CESA 6 will be distributing the funds. CESA will be putting together more information about where we can seek reimbursement for some expenditures, and will offer options for where we can spend the dollars going forward.