



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 17, 2022 – 5:30 PM

McDonnell Library

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AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

Welcome and Call to Order Prayer	TJ Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer led by Fr Burish
Review Mission and Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence Steering Committee interest 	Priest TJ/All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chalice of Mercy - donations for Ukraine - shipped out 64 pallets Leadership Chippewa Falls - both Molly Bushman and Mary Huffcutt were presenters The support of McDonnell girls basketball team going to state Girls varsity coach Don Cooper - both years at state, led both teams in prayer at the end of the game Recognition of improved student participation Great to see St Charles students at games
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes – emailed 	TJ All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus for agenda

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals' Reports • Dean of Academics Report • Student Support Services Report • Finance & Facilities Committee • Long Range Planning Committee Report • Advancement Advisory Committee Report - guest report • Enrollment 		
<p>Reports from Parish and Student Representatives</p>	<p>Staff as requested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student council and student ambassadors preparing for community days • St Peters - drive through chicken dinner April 6 • Three parishes having events in one weekend. September 9- 11 • Confirmation is scheduled for May 8, 2022
<p>Presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Presentation: Advancement <p>Committees Standing Committee Reports are in Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Libby/Jaynee</p> <p>Erica Boehm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Libby Leinenkugel as the new Advancement Director • \$65.0 Goal - events to date \$64,911 • Annual Fund Drive Goal \$141.0 to date \$49.7 • Mack Messenger (spring issue in progress, May mail date) • Tuition assistance Goal \$75.0 - to date \$78,653 • Grants are at \$79,514 (requested \$107,048 in grant dollars) • Advancement director and president attended two alumni gatherings in Florida in Feb and also a gathering in Neenah last November • Minneapolis /St Paul gathering scheduled June 2022 • La Crosse gathering scheduled August 2022 • Annual 50th year class reunion Mass and lunch gathering with current senior class (April 2022) • Baccalaureate Mass and dinner (May 2022) • Alumni Association - any comments or questions go to Rolly Enderes • New "Leave Your Legacy" brochure • Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce/April host for Coffee and Commerce • Keynote speaker at Excellence in Education banquet • Goal - to gain understanding of culture and dynamic nature of MACS clubs • Catholic Mission Report

<p><u>Catholic Mission Team Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly updates <p><u>Long Range Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PRA contract and process ● Commission involvement? <p><u>Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 10 policy update ● Mental Health services committee 	<p>TJ/Fr. Burish</p> <p>Molly/TJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faith assessment 5th, 8th and 11th grade -a work in progress of how to use the data how to make them more effective ● 12th grade does essays ● Staff retreat - stand up for your staff ● Holy Thursday - “Community Day” will now be “The Mack Way Day” focused on service through students and staff ● St Charles has opted out of participating in the master planning ● We will continue to move forward ● Kick off meeting March 16, 2022 ● On-Site meetings March 30 and March 31, 2022 ● Pandemic - moved to monthly meetings ● Pandemic is zero cases in the MACS system ● Removed the mask requirement for MACS transportation ● Removed signs recommending mask wearing ● ND/McD school counseling assistant has taken leadership of the mental health committee ● Student and family assistance moving to a new provider - more details to come
<p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission Goal Report and Self-Survey 	<p>TJ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See MACS Education Commission 2021-22 Goals attachment ● Written survey in 2022-23 ● Leadership transition - complete. Andy Shakal will seek nomination as chair beginning 2022-23 ● Revised statutes and guidelines of bylaws ● Ed Comm receive consistent reports from the Catholic Mission team - Fr Hokamp is part of the Catholic Mission Team ● Closer relationship with Bishop and the Diocesan office - invited superintendent Thomas Reichenbacher ● Potential formalized reporting from president in regards to information that comes from the Diocese of La Crosse ● Advancement/marketing - ● Chad Brady, Andy Shakal and Tamara Bohaty - schedule training
<p>President’s Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking Forward on April 27 5:30 p.m. 	<p>Molly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Human Resource Coordinator - Mary Beth (Amelse ‘87) Pfiefer ● Hoping for all Education Commission to attend Looking Forward 04/27/2022 at 5:30 in the auditorium. Pizza served.

NEXT Education Commission Meeting	TJ/All	Thursday, April 21, 2022 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Presentation: Academics and Principals' Reports PLUS UDallas virtual Commission presentation 		
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glory Be led by Fr Burish

PRESENT	Name	Expertise	Role
X	TJ Proue	Attorney Wiley Law S.C. Executive Committee Finance & Facilities Committee Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	Chair/ St Charles Rep 2nd Term
X	Andy Shakal	Staff Engineer Executive Committee	Vice Chair/St John's Rep 1st Term
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Committee Assignment - Open	All Saints Rep 1st Term
X	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking	Holy Cross Rep 1st Term
X	Erin Brick	Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees) Ad Hoc Catholic Education Event Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 1st Term
X	Tracy Fischer	Dir of Social Service/Neighbors of Dunn County Ad Hoc Tuition Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 2nd Term
X	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations Finance & Facilities Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Francesca Resource Center Parent Ambassadors	Notre Dame Rep 3rd Term
X	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC Long Range Planning Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term
	Vacant		Sacred Heart Rep
X	Tracy Bormann	Human Resource Professional Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
X	Justus Busse	Deputy Chief Fire/EMS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term

EX	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
	Vacant		St Paul's Rep
X	Gina Smiskey	Homemaker Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee Parent Ambassador Music Boosters Faith Boosters	St Peter's Rep 2nd Term
X	Chad Brady	Software Consultant	At-Large Rep 1st Term

Ex-Officio

X	Fr Jesse Burish	Notre Dame Church	Dean
EX	Fr Ethan Hokamp	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
X	Mary Huffcutt	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
X	Brian Schulner	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal ND & McD
X	Eric Wedemeyer	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal EC, SC & HG
X	Jerry Smith	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal EC, SC & HG
X	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller
X	Kathleen Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Exec Admin Asst Enrollment Coordinator

Student Representatives

X	Paige Smiskey	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Senior Representative
EX	Megan Hanson	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Junior Representative

Guest

X	Jayne Brannen	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Former Advancement Director
X	Libby Leinenkugel	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Advancement Director
X	Erica Boehm	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	HS/MS Coordinator of Campus Ministry

Consensus Agenda

Enrollment Kathleen Adams

Grade	Total Students 2021-2022	Total Students Enrolled 2022- 2023	New Students 2022-2023 (included in total students enrolled)	Inquiring Students 2022-2023
K	26	35	35	10
1-2	67	52	0	1

3-5	120	105	2	5
6-8	115	96	1	13
9-12	178	145	6	5
Total	506	431	42	40

- Wisconsin Parental Choice open for applications: Deadline April 21, 2022 no exceptions.
- 80 Current students remain to enroll for next year.
- MACS Enrollment fee \$150. Increased March 7, 2022
- In need of an afternoon shuttle driver to Menomonie 3:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m
- Several inquiries for next year's 7th grade.
- Kindergarten could potentially be over 40
- Next year's 1st grade smallest class in school system
- High school could potentially be over 200 for next year
- Accepting Bischel Teacher Scholarship Nominations

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

- Starting to investigate materials to help support virtue development
- Developing new teacher induction (22-23) to include Catholic Liberal Arts education understanding
- Continue to educate staff on accreditation benchmarks
- Working with high school on credit recovery policies

Student Support Services Diane Hietpas

- 53 total seats submitted for SNSP for the 2022-23 school year
- Looking into a credit recovery program for high school students with special needs who are short on credits toward graduation due to health needs. May be implemented in June, 2022. Teacher funding will come from the public school.

Early Childhood, St Charles and Holy Ghost Eric Wedemeyer and Jerry Smith

Field Trips

- On Friday, February 25, both St. Charles students and Holy Ghost students were able to attend a performance of "Elephant and Piggie" at the Heyde Center. The book series took the form of a small play and focused on friendships and problem solving. On Monday, February 28 our 5th grade students at Holy Ghost traveled to Eau Claire and enjoyed a production on the life and experiences of Jackie Robinson.

Praying for Ukraine

- On Wednesday, March 2 each school received a presentation on the current crisis in the Ukraine. We discussed the people of Ukraine and what they are experiencing during this time. At the end of each presentation we prayed a decade of the rosary for peace in the region. The following day, students and staff wore blue and yellow in support of the country and also collected a monetary donation that would be given to the Chalice of Mercy organization that would go for the aid of Ukrainian refugees seeking safety in neighboring countries.

Lenten activities

Stations of the Cross

- Both St. Charles and Holy Ghost schools will participate in the stations of the cross this month. St. Charles will attend theirs on Thursday, March 30. 4th and 5th graders will participate on Friday, March 18 and 3rd graders on Friday, April 1.

Reconciliation

- Holy Ghost students will also have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation on Thursday, March 17.

Adoration

- The Holy Ghost students will have the opportunity to participate in the singing version of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the church one day in April. .

Mite boxes

- During this lenten time Holy Ghost and St. Charles students are collecting money in their mite boxes to be offered at mass during Holy Week.

Madison Trip

- On Wednesday, April 13 our 4th and 5th graders will be traveling to our State Capital. During this trip they will tour the capitol building, the Wisconsin Veterans museum and the State Historical Museum. The purpose of the trip is for our students to gain a better understanding of our great state.

Notre Dame and McDonell Brian Schulner

- We have not had any Covid cases or quarantines in the past three weeks.
- The senior class trip to Washington DC is approaching. We did have some cancel, but we are moving forward with the students flying out on March 29th.
- The 2022-23 master schedule is coming together. A majority of students have registered for classes and we are working on staffing and course sequencing. As with any schedule in a small school we are doing our utmost to insure a majority of class requests are honored. It's quite the jig saw puzzle.
- At the end of first semester we select the top of the Class for our seniors. Congratulations to Emma Stelter -Valedictorian and Paige Smiskey Salutatorian. Emma and Paige will represent McDonell at the Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Banquet in May. Helen Bullard and Kallee LeCloux will be representing McDonell at the Cloverbelt Scholars banquet. Sydney Flanagan and Brendan Bresina will be representing McDonell at the Cloverbelt Scholar Athlete Banquet.

The 3rd qtr is ending March 18th followed by a week long spring break and then we head into the home stretch.

It has been amazing to be part of the Ukraine relief effort. Our students have the opportunity to make a difference in service to others. Volunteers from throughout the area came and worked well into the night last Friday sorting and packaging relief supplies. There are over 60 pallets of emergency supplies ready to be shipped to those in need.

Upcoming events:

McDonell Awards Program- May 18th at 1:15pm

Baccalaureate-May 18th at 6:00pm- Notre Dame Church

Graduation-May 20th-7:30pm – McDonell Gymnasium.

Middle School Awards Program- May 26th

8th Grade Commencement- May 26th

Last Day for students-May 27th.

Technology Josh McCormick

- Working with Cesa to get funding approved for the new Server
- Copier contract is expiring this Summer, and we had initial meetings with three vendors (Loffler, EO Johnson, and Marco) evaluating our needs and possible upgrades. We are currently waiting for quotes and proposals
- 23 Promethean Interactive boards for the High School and Middle School were delivered 3/11/22. We are working on getting them installed into the classrooms. Our Elementary order is estimated to arrive by 04/08/22.
- We are looking into student Chromebook needs, Software and replacement teacher laptops for the next school year.
- We are performing Network Evaluations, and making sure chromebooks are ready for the upcoming Student Assessments

Facilities and Finance Scott Sokup

- Rough draft of our 5 year facility and technology plan is complete, will be presented to Operational Vitality on March 15th.
- Working on planning and scheduling summer projects.
- Hiring for a 4 hour a day open custodial position at Holy Ghost if you know of anyone interested, please direct them to our website or HR.
- Working through our plan for the final allocation of our EANS funding, which needs to be encumbered by May.
- We received our allocation for round 2 of the EANS funding, and can begin to draw on it anytime, will have about a year to encumber these funds.

Long Range Planning

Contract signed with PRA but without St. Charles as a participant. Kickoff meeting March 16, 2022.

Advancement

Guest Presentation