



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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ENROLLMENT GUIDE 2020-2021

St. Charles Early Childhood Center

BB4C – 4K, 4Y, 3Y, 2Y, Super Kids
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Chippewa Falls WI 54729
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Central Office

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Notre Dame Middle School

Grades 6-8
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St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School

Grades K-2
429 W Spruce St
Chippewa Falls WI 54729
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McDonnell Central Catholic High School

Grades 9-12
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Holy Ghost Elementary School

Grades 3-5
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Chippewa Falls WI 54729
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OUR MISSION

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools is committed to the formation of Community, Academic Excellence and the spiritual and Physical Well-Being of each student in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools is 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, McDonnell Area Catholic Schools 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.

CORE VALUES

Faith – “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

Honor – “My Father will honor the one who serves me.” (John 12:26)

Academic Excellence – “What is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Phillipians 4:8)

Healthy Living – “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You are not your own.” (I Corinthians 6:19)

Community – “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” (I Corinthians 12:12)

Servant Leadership – “The Son of Man has come not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for the many.” (Matthew 20:28)

2020-2021 Enrollment Guide

Welcome to enrollment for the new school year.

Since 1881, when Father C.F.X. Goldsmith asked the School Sisters of Notre Dame to come and teach, a new Catholic school was formed. The Catholic parishes of Chippewa Falls and surrounding communities have strove to provide students with an authentic Catholic education.

You and your children are part of that continuing history! We look forward to working with you to provide the students with a strong, well-rounded Catholic education. Together, we provide them with the faith, knowledge and skills they will need to live happy, productive lives as faithful adult members of families, parishes and communities wherever they may go in the world.

Supporting Parish Members and the McDonell Area Catholic Schools

The Relationship of Our Parishes and Schools

The McDonell Area Catholic Schools rely on local parish subsidies for roughly 25% of their total budget. This represents tremendous commitment and generosity shared among all parishioners. It is extremely important that families benefiting from their parishes' commitment demonstrate equal commitment to their parish with their time, talent and treasure. In a fundamental and valuable sense, our schools belong to our parishes. The parishes built the schools, hundreds of parishioners are alumni of our schools, and without strong parishes our schools cannot exist.

Supporting Parish Membership & Tuition Assistance

When considering families' eligibility for supporting parish member tuition, the pastors and parishioners of each of our supporting parishes consider each of the following factors in determining whether any given family is currently an active member of their parish. We encourage each family to be able to answer "yes" to the following questions:

- Is this family registered with one of our supporting parishes?
- Does this family keep in communion and participate in Holy Mass?
- Does this family offer their parish their time, talent, and/or treasure, however limited?
- Does this family respond through their parish to the Bishop's Annual Appeal insofar as their means allow?
- Does this family accept the Catholic educational mission of their parish and our school system?

Parish Contact Information

All Saints Parish
 226 E 3rd Ave
 Stanley WI 54768
 715.644.5435

Holy Cross Parish
 107 S 8th St
 Cornell WI 54732
 715.239.6826

Church of the Holy Ghost
 412 S Main St
 Chippewa Falls WI 54729
 715.723.4890

The Church of Notre Dame
 117 Allen St
 Chippewa Falls WI 54729
 715.723.7108

The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 13989 195th St
 Jim Falls WI 54748
 715.382.4422

St. Bridget Parish
 2801 N 110th Ave
 Chippewa Falls WI 54729
 715.723.4890

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
 810 Pearl St
 Chippewa Falls WI 54729
 715.723.4088

St. John the Baptist Parish
 4518 State Hwy 40
 Bloomer WI 54724
 714.568.3778

St. Paul's Parish
 1222 Main St
 Bloomer WI 54724
 715.568.3255

St. Peter the Apostle
 11358 County Hwy Q
 Chippewa Falls WI 54729
 715.723.4088

Enrollment Procedures, Tuition Payment Options, and Financial Aid

Enrollment: Open enrollment begins January 27, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year. All current and new families will need to complete a **three part process** to enroll your child(ren).

1. *MACS Online Registration (MOR)* – The MOR link for [new families](#) is located on the MACS website under the Admissions - Enrollment. The MOR link for [current families](#) is located in Infinite Campus on the left hand side of the screen, under the tab “more” select “online registration”.
2. *Part 2 MOR Financial Form* – after submitting Part 1 (MOR), you will receive a confirmation email with a link to complete MOR Part 2. If you do not receive this email within a few minutes, please check your spam or junk mail.
3. *Family Enrollment Fee* – A non-refundable \$100 enrollment fee is needed to complete registration. A link to pay the family enrollment fee will be at the end of MOR Part 2. [The fee may be paid online \(Paypal, Debit or Credit Card\)](#) or by sending a check or cash to one of the school offices. Please note: for re-enrolling families, this fee increases to \$150 after March 6, 2020.

ALL discounts (scrip, scholarships, tuition assistance, and referral discount) will be calculated by the central office before sending out the tuition billing statements in **August, 2020**.

For questions or information about enrollment and our schools please contact Kathleen Adams at the MACS Central Office, 715-723-0538 or k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us.

Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund Program: (Formally Tuition Assistance & Adopt-A-Student)

We are not a **zero** tuition school (unless you are enrolled in WI Parental Choice Program); however, we make every effort for families to be able to afford a Catholic education. Our Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund program is a first come first serve basis. Once we reach our budgeted amount allowed by the fund, this program may not be available to your family. **Please apply as early as possible.** All families who wish to qualify for the Guardian Angel Scholarship Program **must** complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Application online at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3FDCZ>. The deadline for current families to do so is **April 30, 2020**.

The Guardian Angel Scholarship Process:

1. Complete the three part enrollment process.
2. Complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Application online. FACTS will charge a \$30 processing fee. Once your application is complete, FACTS Grant & Aid will submit their results to the McDonell Area Catholic Schools Central Office. Current families should complete the online process by or before **April 30, 2020**.
3. The data from FACTS will be processed by the Central Office and a Scholarship will be awarded based on their analysis. Guardian Angel Scholarship Contracts will be mailed out sometime after April or May.
4. If you accept the amount, then sign and return the Guardian Angel Scholarship contract.
5. If you have questions about the amount of the scholarship awarded based on the analysis from Facts Grant & Aid, please contact the Central Office to set up an appointment to speak with the President.

Tuition Automatic Payment Plan using FACTS:

FACTS is a third-party tuition management company widely employed by Catholic and other private schools. The FACTS program allows you to pay your tuition in timely, manageable installments, while also providing our school system with reasonable assurance that your tuition will be paid. The system is confidential and secure, and operates like most other automatic withdrawal payment systems. **You can have payments withdrawn from**

checking, savings or even your credit card (a 2.75% fee applies with credit card use). Families can now create an account with FACTS to view payments at: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3FDCZ>.

If you currently have a FACTS account and wish to continue, you will automatically be reenrolled at the start date that you choose in the enrollment process. **We are now offering lump sum withdrawals for tuition as well.**

Payment Options:

- Set up an account to make one lump sum tuition payment in August 2020
- Set up an account to make 11 monthly payments beginning in July 2020.
- Set up an account to make 10 monthly payments beginning in August 2020.

If you have a FACTS account set up, we can now offer lunch payments and other fees to be deducted from your account either in a lump sum or monthly withdrawals. If interested in setting up this type of withdrawal, please contact Teresa Dachel, Business Manager in the Central Office at 715.723.0538.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) - Open Enrollment

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools offers the WPCP with the State of Wisconsin at our schools. Each year there is an open enrollment process which coincides with our school's open enrollment. We encourage all families who are income eligible to apply to this program. **All students who are currently in the program will need to re-apply as well.**

1. Open enrollment begins February 3, 2020 through April 16, 2020.
2. Income bracket guideline charts can be found on our website ADMISSIONS - WPCP
3. Go to <http://dpi.wi.gov/SMS/choice-programs/student-applications> to apply.
4. Bring in your **signed** and **dated** Federal 1040 tax documents along with proof of residency (**Current** utility bill, W2 or payroll stub) prior to the enrollment process ending so MACS can verify your residency.
5. If you have questions about the enrollment process, please feel free to set up an appointment with the MACS Business Office and we will be happy to walk you through application.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) - Families with Vouchers

Students who currently are in WPCP will continue until they graduate from our school system. However, you will be required to log into your family account that was created during last year's enrollment and accept your voucher for the 2020-2021 school year. You will then need to bring in a copy of a **current** utility bill, W2 or payroll stub so MACS can re-verify your residency. The website is <http://dpi.wi.gov/SMS/choice-programs/student-applications>. **We also require you to complete online enrollment to update Infinite Campus.**

2020 Wisconsin State Tax Credit-Private School Tuition

In 2013, the State of Wisconsin signed into law Act 20, sec.71.05(6)(b)49., effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014. Tuition paying families will qualify for a subtraction from income for tuition paid in the tax year up to a certain dollar amount paid by the claimant. Please ask your tax preparer if you have any additional questions.

2020-21 Time and Talent Commitment

Fundraising and Volunteering:

Revenues from fundraisers are a major source of income for our schools and its affiliated parent organizations. We organize our fundraising to minimize demands on families' time and pocketbooks. Everyone's participation is needed and appreciated.

Each MACS family is required to perform at least 30 hours of volunteer service to the school system as a condition of enrollment.

Volunteering to work a minimum of 6 hours at our all-school fundraising events, which are the Spaghetti Spectacular and Mid-Winter Mardi Gras, is required for the financial support of our schools.

Using Scrip:

Scrip is our school's biggest fundraiser and we expect all families to make every effort to use our Scrip program on a regular basis. Many local retailers participate in it, and nearly all of the major stores are part of the program. When Scrip gift cards are used, our schools receive a percentage of the proceeds. If you receive tuition assistance, your Scrip purchases are factored into the assistance awarded.

Scrip purchased July 1 through June 30 will be credited to the following school year tuition balance.

We apply half of the scrip rebate toward your family's tuition for the following school year.

The Education Alliance and the Total Cost to Educate

What is the Education Alliance?

This is an agreement between our parents and administration to fully educate families about the **Total Cost** of educating a student. It is our hope that each family will prayerfully consider to make an attempt, as best as possible, to meet the **Total Cost** of their children's education.

Total Average Cost to Educate

The **Total Average Cost** to educate a **K-8** student at MACS is \$8,500.

The **Total Average Cost** to educate a **9-12** student at MACS is \$11,700.

Why am I being asked to make a gift?

The **Total Cost** is not what you pay for your child's education. It is our firm belief that Catholic education should be affordable and accessible for all families. It is challenging to secure the necessary funds to achieve a balanced

budget and maintain the quality education that you expect for your children. We ask you to consider making a donation to help bridge the “difference” between the **Total Cost** and our MACS Tuition.

FAQ about the Education Alliance gift

Will we still be able to receive financial assistance if we make a donation?

This gift will have **no** impact on the financial assistance a family may receive. Financial assistance is our commitment to make Catholic education affordable and accessible. However, it is our hope that every family will consider a commitment to the Education Alliance Program **to the best of their ability**.

Is our donation tax deductible?

Yes! Any gift over the required stated tuition is considered a donation and therefore tax deductible if you itemize. Please check with your accountant to discuss your charitable giving and the positive impact it can have on your tax liability.

Are we expected to make our Education Alliance charitable contribution at this time?

No. We invite you to maximize your support by making easy and affordable installment payments during the 2020-2021 school year.

If we make a donation to the Education Alliance, do we have to participate in other advancement activities?

Yes. It is expected that every family will participate to the best of their ability in **ALL** of our efforts to help raise money to offset our operating costs, keeping expenses low and to provide **value** with enhancements such as teaching tools and technology. This includes volunteering your time and talent at events throughout the year including Spaghetti Spectacular and Mardi Gras.

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools Community Commitment

We are asking parents to commit to the following:

- ✓ support their schools and parishes financially.
- ✓ participate in school system fundraising projects.
- ✓ use Scrip for their shopping.
- ✓ volunteer their time and talents to keep our schools strong and affordable.

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools commits to:

- ✓ provide the best Catholic education.
- ✓ be accountable to all school families and supporting parishes.
- ✓ be financially responsible and transparent.
- ✓ provide community support for all families.
- ✓ fulfill our evangelical ministry as part of the Catholic church.