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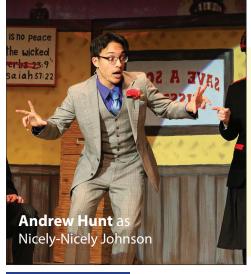
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ON THE COVER
Guys and Dolls hit it
big for the McDonell
Central Catholic
High School's 39th
Consecutive Musical.

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In Gratitude from President Molly Bushman '98

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Many Amazing Memories this School Year

What a year. The 2019-20 school year will go down as the

year of the coronavirus and I will always reflect proudly on the MACS' community's response. Our parents, teachers, students, leadership team, and stakeholders responded to this crisis with grace and grit. Thank you to each and every one of them.

What a year! Regardless of COVID-19, we made a lot of amazing memories! Here are just a few of the many highlights from the year showcasing our mission-driven culture, from Pre-K to Senior Year:



Molly Meinen Bushman '98

- Opening the year with Chaplain
 Fr. Hokamp blessing our new altar and crucifix in the auditorium
- Field trips exploring conservation, agriculture, and fire safety
- Visiting our friends at the Rutledge Home and Chippewa Manor
- Welcoming our grandparents to Mass and classrooms.
- Kicking off Catholic Schools Week with Chippewa Falls Mayor Greg Hoffman honoring MACS
- Live streaming concerts, contests, and programs online for our MACS community
- Celebrating Catholic Schools Week Rally Day and Mass with Bishop Callahan
- NDMS students representing MACS admirably at the Brains & Brawn tournament
- Students showcasing their talents in our musical production of Guys and Dolls

- Introducing our breakfast program at elementary schools
- Supporting and growing MACS campus ministry with a new Faith Booster Club
- Student leaders joining forces with the YMCA to Support Our Troops overseas
- Hosting a Red Cross blood drive with staff and student volunteers
- Student athletes competing with great sportsmanship and competitive success, while opening our newly renovated Steve & Deb Roesler Gymnasium
- Making memories and growing in community at various fundraising gatherings
- Building ties with alumni through athletic anniversary celebrations and fun events
- Completion of Masters of Education degrees by three of our teachers
- Creating virtual platforms to help support our students academically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually

I pray that all of us will take time to rest and reflect this summer, even as we cautiously return to some of our normal activities. Rest assured that the MACS administration and Pandemic Committee are working diligently to prepare for a safe and successful return to school in the fall. We are also excited to complete some major facilities projects this summer - watch on our MACS website and social media platforms for more on that as the summer progresses!

It is my privilege to serve as the MACS President and I look forward to many more years to come, God-willing. I am so blessed by an amazing leadership team, staff, volunteers and, of course, our students! Please pray for me. Have a wonderful summer and may God grant you every blessing!









Masters Presentations

On April 15, 2020 MACS
Teachers Brianna Krause Rider '11,
Brittany Canfield, and
Jill Ritchie presented their
capstone presentation for
their master's in education to
St. Mary's University and peers
through a virtual meeting
using Zoom.

Thank you to all the supporters and donors for making this program possible to MACS teachers.



Teacher Sean and Paula Hanson featured. diolc.org

Staff Appreciation and Years of Service Recognized for 2019-20

This year a small number of MACS staff were able to come together on Friday, June 5 for Mass in the McDonell Central Catholic High School Chapel. Chaplain Fr. Ethan Hokamp was celebrant for this live stream event to MACS staff and community.

Following Mass, President Molly Bushman '98, and Principals Brian Schulner and Eric Wedemeyer '92 recognized years of service to their building staff.

Awards and scholarships were also presented. The Dzialowy Teacher Scholarships, are given in memory of Anthony Mikolaitis. This year recipients were teachers Abigail Adams (grade 1 at St. Charles), Bridget Ericksen (grade 4 at Holy Ghost), Mary Chovan King '69 (English at McDonell) and Mark Neppl (Choral at Notre Dame-McDonell).



Left: Clarence Rushman Award is given each year to a member of the McDonell High School faculty in his memory. Mr. Rushman taught at McDonell for many years and was known for his excellence as an instructor, his strict but fair classroom management, and most of all, for his dedication to Catholic education. Nominated by her peers, the recipient is Shelly Franz Retzlaff '85.

Right: The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Faculty Scholarship was presented to Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen, high school science teacher. Parents wrote in nominating a teacher who exemplifies Catholic education both in and out of the classroom. The nominations were given to the Bischel family to choose the scholarship recipient.



Thank you to the faculty and staff who were recognized by their building administrator for their service to MACS:

5 YEARS

Tiffany Abramowicz Kathleen Adams Erica Boehm Caitlin McElroy Peter Thoma

25 YEARS

Patty Jansky

30 YEARS

Barb Krista Eckwright '84

45 YEARS

Mary Chovan King '69 Steve Roesler '14H

Eric Wedemeyer '92 thanks Barb Krista Eckwright '84 for 30 years of service.



Mary Chovan King '69 and Steve Roesler, honorary alum of 2014 were gifted with prayer bowls for their amazing 45 years of service.

New Breakfast Program and Carry-Out Created by MACS Food Service

Surveying the K-5 families resulted in a need to have a breakfast program. Deacon Dan Rider, director of food service, introduced breakfast in January of 2020. With only a few adjustments at the beginning of the program, the parents, students, and food service were all pleased with the results. The program will continue in the 2020-21 school year.

The food service workers did not stop when the school buildings closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any Chippewa Falls child 18 years of age and under could pick up a free sack lunch and breakfast for the following day.

Volunteers organized by Mary Wermund Jacobson '78 were in the McDonell Central Catholic High School parking lot handing out the meals Monday through Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. from mid-March to the last day of school Friday, May 29, 2020.



Deacon Dan Rider and the food service prepare and pack up free sack meals for carry-out.

A Great First Impression

Prospective and current students, as well as alumni will continue to experience the best in #TheMackWay hospitality as they enter McDonell Central Catholic High School. In part due to the generosity of donors to the Witness the Difference Campaign, a recent fund-a-need, and a vision by president, Molly Bushman, an extensive remodeling of the high school entryway and eventually commons bathrooms has started this summer.

Summer 2020 remodeling includes:

- updated entry way which includes the replacement of wooden doors for steel doors
- updated middle school/high school office
- updated work room for faculty and staff
- new sick room
- updated men's and women's restrooms in the commons
- upgrades to the bleachers in the Steve '14H and Deb Roesler Gymnasium
- relocation of the hall-of-fame wall to increase visibility

Please consider making a pledge towards the Witness the Difference Campaign. Help us meet our goal of \$3.7 million by making a donation today!

For more information visit: McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org, email or call me.

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Above: Current construction on McDonell Central Catholic High School main entrance with the front wall of the school office and the wall between the school office and campus ministry room removed.

Below: Artist rendering visual of the final project





We would like to thank ALL of you who participated in our school system fundraiser, the 12th Annual MidWinter Mardi Gras in February! It was a great success, with over 300 people enjoying great food, having fun and dancing to Troppo Big Band Jazz Orchestra. King and Queen for the event

was Tom '81 and Mary '16H Huffcutt.

Our bleacher upgrade fund-a-need goal was \$25,000. We exceeded our goal in pledges of \$26,612. This only happens when YOU are involved in our mission and vision. Congratulations to all the winners throughout the night! #MACSMG







Watch for more information on our website for the 13th annual event changing this fall to a carry-out event.

Sunday, November 8, 2020

#SpagSpec

Mack BITS

Badger Boys and Girls State Delegates







Andrew Hunt



Peter Herron



Elise Bormann

Ann David







Kate Roth

designed for students interested in the study of government and citizenship. The programs are for individuals who are selected by high school faculty based on qualities of scholarship and leadership. Local American Legion Post 77 serves as the clearing center for sponsoring delegates to these events.

The Badger State is

Due to the pandemic each of the

events happening over the summer have been canceled. Representing McDonell Central Catholic High School as delegates for the boys are Peter Herron, Jackson Bushman and Andrew Hunt.

All the delegates and alternates would have had the opportunity to attend the Badger Boys State in Ripon, WI.

The girls selected to represent McDonell Central Catholic at the Badger Girls State normally held at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh are delegates Ann David and Kate Roth with alternates Elise Bormann and Elizabeth Eckes. Congratulations to the incoming 2020-21 seniors for being selected.

Did you know? MACS live streams school concerts, programs, and home sports games on our website at MACS TV and on our MACS Facebook page #themackway!

Mathematicians

Congratulations to the two McDonell Math Teams for their performance on Saturday, February 15 at the University of

Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Senior Mark Buchmann placed fifth.

Right front row: Coach Mrs. Wendy Buchmann, Andrew Hunt, Ellie Eckes, Anna Geissler Back row: Mark Buchmann, Phuree 'Barry' Fongsamootr, and **Andrew Herron**



Caleb Thornton

$Pi(\pi)$ Day

McDonell High School celebrated π Day Eve on Friday, March 13. Senior Caleb Thornton successfully memorized 34 digits. Notre Dame Middle School Aubrey Dorn memorized 38 digits.

Soup Can Races

The winner of the McDonell soup can race in Mr. Reiter's Physics class is senior Mark Buchmann, The annual race is to use the concepts of



Referee Mr. Reiter '74, sets the soup cans in motion as seniors Mark Buchmann and Rachel Smiskey, catch their can at the finish line.

moment of inertia, angular momentum, and torque in order to figure out which soup would roll the fastest down an inclined plane.

McDonell High Welcomed 12 International Students in 2019-20

By Laurie Armstrong Francis '79, International Student Coordinator This year, the MACS system was blessed to have 12 International students studying with us. They represent the countries of: Vietnam, Thailand, Italy, Czech Republic, Spain and China. The students presented slide shows of their countries to the MACS community during International Student Week and enjoyed sampling recipes from their native homelands. We also piloted a new 'buddy program' in which the students were paired with McDonell students to help them feel more welcome into our community. The cultural diversity they bring to our school is extraordinary. Thank you to the host families!

Seniors' and Educators' Excellence Recognized

The Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 35th Annual Excellence in Education event on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, via YouTube. With the help of WEAU and sponsors of the event, the top academic students from the senior classes of McDonell Central Catholic High School and Chippewa Falls

Senior High School, along with their most



influential educators, were able to be recognized virtually.

McDonell
Central students
and educators
recognized this
year were Abigale
Pieper with Mrs.
Mary Chovan King
'69 and Kaleigh
Ripley with Mr. Tony
Reiter '74. Each had
the opportunity to
highlight a few of the
best qualities they
had for the other (in
50 words or less).

Abigale 'Abi' Pieper, daughter of Nick and Tami Pieper said of her most influential educator, "Mrs. King is always fun in class. She always supports me and encourages me to do my best. She inspires me to pursue my dreams and never give up. Mrs. King cares about the well-being of all her students. She is a great role-model for me."

Mrs. King says about Abi, "As William Shakespeare stated: A good heart is like the sun and the moon; or, rather the sun and not the moon for it shines bright and never changes." This is Abigale: a ray of perpetual sunlight. Her brilliance truly "glows," for she is the epitome of a stellar student!"

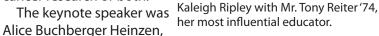
Abi plans on continuing her education at University of Wisconsin - Superior with a major in math. She hopes to become an accountant or financial advisor.

Kaleigh Ripley, daughter of Jerry and Ingrid Ripley, in reflection of Mr. Reiter said, "I've taken three math classes with Mr. Reiter and he is always so encouraging. He pushes me to do my best and never give up. He was one of my first teachers at McDonell, and he made me feel very welcome. I also really love math, and he made his classes very enjoyable."

Mr. Reiter said, "Kaleigh Ripley's goal is to pursue a career in medicine and work in cancer research. I know when she attacks cancer with the same tenacity as she does a math problem or a golf ball that cancer will be in a lot of trouble! She is an outstanding young lady. Kaleigh plans to

continue her education at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She will be going into biochemistry, and plans on becoming a d

becoming a doctor, doing cancer research or both.



McDonell class of 1971. She recognized the virtual end of the event is something, "We must do because of the COVID-19 pandemic. What do we learn from this?" She presented three crucial ideas:

- 1. a comment on focus
- 2. thoughts on skills and abilities
- 3. an insight on viewing the world moving forward

Starting with her comment on focus Alice asks, "Life is about ALL of us. How will you focus on others and less about yourself



Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71

today?" Giving of ourselves has become even more important when you think of how the skill and talents of essential workers have impacted the world. Alice asked questions to the students: "How are you going to add value to this world? How are you going to contribute and share what you can do with others?" As top students of the class of 2020 with abilities and skills learned, Alice encouraged the students to go

beyond. "Change your attitude and

perspective. You have to be open to be surprised by someone or something that is much greater than yourself. Cardinal John Henry Newman said, 'To live is to change and to be perfect is to change often.' He suggests that life is more fulfilling when we open ourselves up to the unthinkable, that which exists beyond our human minds and thoughts."

Editors Note:

Alice works as a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the matters related to marriage, family life, and youth, besides being a well known presenter on love and life within and outside of Wisconsin.

Cloverbelt Scholar, Scholar - Athletes Recognized Along with Teachers and Coaches



Seniors Andrew
Herron and Caleb
Thornton were
chosen by the
administration for
their outstanding
academic
performance. They
were honored as
Cloverbelt Scholars.





Seniors Rachel Smiskey and Joey Thaler were chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic and athletic performance.





Andrew chose Greta Jorgensen, science teacher and Caleb Thornton chose Tony Reiter '74, math teacher as their influential teachers.



Kat Hanson '03

Rachel chose Kat Roesler Hanson '03, volleyball coach and Joey chose Marty Bushland '16H, cross country/ track and field coach as their most influential coaches.



Students Excel at Brains and Brawn Tournament

The 26th annual tournament in La Crosse, during Catholic Schools Week, was successful for all the Notre Dame Middle School teams. The girls' brawn team took first place and boys' brawn brought the sportsmanship home for the second year in a row. The brains team participated in the winners' bracket placing

fifth out of 10 teams

Left: The boys' brawn receives the Sportsmanship Award. Pictured is Bishop Callahan with Miles Flanagan and Andrew Thaler representing their team.

Below L to R: Emily Cooper, Madeline Geissler, Abigail Bresina, Morgan Wirtz, Bishop Callahan, Kali Goulet, Isabel Hartman, Aubrey Dorn, Kate Ruf, Anna Thaler



Saturday, October 3, 2020

Spirit of the Macks is STILL on!

It will look a little differently this year as we are moving to an online format. Stay tuned for more information!

All proceeds to benefit the athletes of McDonell Central Catholic High School.

Email us at: spiritofthemacks@gmail.com #spiritofthemacks





#GoMacks

McDonell Fall-Winter Varsity Athletics 2019-20

VOLLEYBALL (37-12 overall, 6-1 in conference) Ranked second in D4, regional champions. Losing only to eventual state champs Clear Lake in the sectional semifinal. Senior leadership Olivia Mlsna, Shanen Rice, Rachel Smiskey, Haley Rawhouser. Head Coach Kat Roesler Hanson '03.

FOOTBALL (3-5) New schedule for 2020 and many upcoming younger players ready to play. Senior leadership Adam Thalacker and Kendren Gullo. Head Coach Jason Cox.

CROSS COUNTRY The boys won many meets, were Cloverbelt Champions, second at sectionals and advanced to state taking ninth place for D3 teams. Senior leadership Anthony Roach, Joey Thaler, and Caleb Thornton. Girls finished ninth at sectionals and looking bright for 2020. Head Coach Marty Bushland '16H. (See state team picture on back cover.)

BOYS SOCCER The co-op team with Regis would have liked more wins but had a memorable season. Senior leadership Mason Swoboda, Trent Witkowski. Head Coach Joe Cash.

GIRLS GOLF Senior Kaleigh Ripley was the top golfer for the girls co-op team with Chi Hi. She placed ninth at regional and played at sectionals. Head Coach Rick Silloway.

GIRLS SWIMMING Sophomore Sophie Kinlen and international student Junior Anezka Ondrackova represented McDonell on the co-op team with Chi Hi. Head Coach Jessica Short.

BOYS BASKETBALL (11-4-3) Regional title and Sectional playoff win before the season ended abruptly due to the



COVID-19 pandemic. The senior athletes never lost a playoff game during their high school career. Senior leadership Eion Kressin, JD Bohaty, Caleb Thornton, and Trent Witkowski. Head Coach Adam Schilling. (See team picture on back cover.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL (15-9) The young team stepped up into different leadership roles finishing tied in second place in the conference. Junior Captains Maggie Craker and Anna Geissler. Senior leadership Lexi Johnson. Head Coach Don Cooper.

BOYS HOCKEY (3-18-0) McDonell Freshman Ben Biskupski and Evan Eckes, Sophomore Brendan Bresina represent the school on the Co-op Regis/ Altoona/McDonell Rams team. Head Coach Nick Stirmel.

Sabers' staff appreciation night.

GIRLS HOCKEY (10-12-2) McDonell Freshman Alyssa Herr played her first year on the Co-op Chippewa Falls/Menomonie Sabers team as a

forward, left wing. The Sabers finished with their first conference win since 2015 and first playoff game since 2013. Head Coach Tony Menard.





Below: Freshman hockey player Alyssa Herr chose

science teacher Mrs. Greta Jorgensen to attend the







McDonell Central Catholic High School presented their 39th consecutive musical production *Guys and Dolls* held January 31, February 1-2, 2020

Director of the Show: Sue Decker

Stage: Carol Way Choral: Jerry Way Orchestra: Sean Hanson Technology: Skip August Costumes: Rose August

MAIN CAST MEMBERS

Sarah Brown: Kaleigh Ripley
Miss Adelaide: Ann David
Sky Masterson: Peter Herron
Nathan Detroit: Anthony Roach
Nicely-Nicely Johnson: Drew Hunt

Benny Southstreet: Jackson Bushman

Rusty Charlie: Henry Normand **Arvide Abernathy**: Mark Buchmann

Lt. Brannigan: Paul Tetrault Big Jule: Petr Zelenka Harry the Horse: Angelo Enderes Brandy Bottle Bates:

Brandy Bottle Bates:

Marcus Roach

Scranton Slim: Zach Hunt **Stage Crew Manager**:

Kenny Walter



Fine Arts Awards 2020

The fine arts awards are given for leadership and commitment to the program.

Fine Arts Award Mark Buchmann
Gilmore Band Award Caleb Thornton
Herman Jazz Award Trent Witkowski
National Choral award Kaleigh Ripley
Sousa Award Kenny Walter

Armstrong Jazz & Bernstein MusicianshipMark Buchmann

















EDUCATION COMMISSION

The commission is established by the Chippewa Falls Deanery Dean to assist him and the parishes' educational administrators (president, principal(s), director of early childhood) in the operation and governance of the education program.

Each adult member represents the interests of their parish, along with the student representation to work with the school's leadership team to help ensure the mission and vision is being met.

Talk with your parish appointed commission members with any questions you may have about the MACS school system.

The Education Commission meeting minutes are posted on our website at McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org, under the ABOUT - Education Commission.

St. Charles Early Childhood Center

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We help your child to develop the important skills needed for school, relationships, and life in our free 4K program.

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Camp Macks offers daily field trips and activities that focus on mind, body, and spirit. Camp Macks

is for school age children to 12 years old. Come and see why parents are choosing Camp Macks for their summertime child care needs.

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Church of the Holy Ghost

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Mike Crawford '88
The Church of Notre Dame

Matt Elstran
The Church of Notre Dame

Scott Siegenthaler
The Church of Notre Dame

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Chad Bormann St. Bridget, Springfield

Andy Shakal
St. John the Baptist, Cooks Valley

Diane Boettcher St. Paul's, Bloomer

Brian & Kendra Eslinger
All Saints Parish, Boyd, Cadott, Stanley

Andrew '07 & Erica Rubenzer '07 Ruf Sacred Heart, Jim Falls

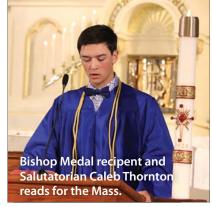
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mark Buchmann '20 Senior

Elise Bormann '21
Junior







"It is what it is." - McDonell Class of 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop McDonell Central Catholic High School from honoring its class of 2020 graduates. After consulting with the families, a video of the graduation was planned to go live at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2020 following a live stream of the Baccalaureate Mass at the Church of Notre Dame. The Baccalaureate Mass was attended by the priests and deacon of Chippewa Falls, parents with their valedictorian and salutatorian student, Brian Schulner, principal and Molly Bushman, president.

Over five days, MACS videotaped students processing through the auditorium with "Pomp and Circumstance" playing. They walked across the stage to receive their diploma and a turn of the tassel from either a family member or President Molly Meinen Bushman '98.

After the first day of taping Brian Schulner, principal, said,



"While the situation is not normal, it was rather nice to see parents with their student come together to witness the processional and acceptance of the diploma. An individual ceremony that had a personal touch."

As the three valedictorians and salutatorian came in for their scheduled time, their speeches were also videotaped.

Valedictorian Kaleigh Ripley came to McDonell the beginning of her

junior year so, as she said, she has a good vantage point of the qualities of the class. "On the outside we all look like a bunch of crazy Catholic school kids, which isn't necessarily wrong, but there is definitely more than meets the eye. We are all willing to fight for what is right. We are all very generous. We all have unmatched devotion. We are all kind. We all have great potential. We all have unique talents. We all have different paths ahead of us, but the one thing that we have in common is where we all started." Kaleigh ended with, "Congratulations! Good luck! God Bless! And thank you all! And in the words of Michael Scott, 'Catch you on the flippity flip!"

Mr. Schulner then introduced Valedictorian Andrew Herron

who shared advise a classmate doesn't usually give, he said, "... you should prepare for your plans to fail." However, he added, "The greatest ability a person can have is when your plan fails, to reevaluate and make a new one. Never get tied down to one plan and always do your best to make the best of a bad situation. The only thing you can control is yourself, so do not lose sleep about the things you can not control. As long as you are moving forward, life has a way of working itself out."



Valedictorian Abigale 'Abi'
Pieper began her speech
with many thank yous to the
parents, administrators, and
staff. To Mr. Schulner she said,
"I want to thank you for all
your extra work these last
couple months to do the best
you could to continue the
school year and give us as
"normal" of a graduation as

possible during this pandemic.

She went on to address her fellow classmates whose senior year ended with nothing but the word canceled behind it: senior class trip, prom, spring sports season, and of course to end it with a virtual graduation. But Abi encouraged her classmates. "Despite all these negatives, we can move forward in our journeys, continue to focus on the positives, and follow our dreams because of the lessons and good times we have experienced along the way." Abi mentioned a few of these, such as learning Mrs. King can REALLY dance, Sir's favorite word is facetious, and "the secret to winning Euchre is all in your partner's hands, right Mr. Schulner?" Abi ended with, "... construct your own road to success. Whichever direction you choose, always remember that your foundation in faith and service will guide your way."

With four student speeches and a commencement speaker yet to be heard, Salutatorian and Bishop Medal recipient Caleb Thornton reminded classmates who were watching if they wanted to, at anytime, think back to some of their favorite memories of high school together, and considering they were watching a video, "you can just pause."









Caleb did share some of his memories. Things like, going to watch state basketball for four years in a row, or not being allowed to go watch the sectional final game, and the excitement around facial hair. He thanked those who supported the class: community members, faculty, offices ladies, parents, Mrs. Bushman the

president, "for being so helpful and patient with this time." He also thanked the international students, "who came to enjoy life here, learn, and share in our memories." Thank you to the parishes, "who taught us to grow in spirit and community. Our faith is what has brought us all together and will continue to guide our lives. It gives us hope and helps us grow in love of neighbor and self and I can't be more thankful to have learned about it and been encouraged in it here at MACS."

To his classmates, who Caleb was hoping to spend one last night with everyone at the all-night graduation party, "You are all on to bigger and better things and all of you, I am sure, will be successful in anything you choose. I bid you farewell and God's peace."

After the student speeches Mr. Schulner then introduced the student chosen commencement speaker Science Teacher Mrs. Greta Jorgensen. "She is only completing her second year with us but in that short amount of time she has made a lasting impact on her subject and student relationships she has built and will continue to build with our students."

Humbled by being asked to speak, Mrs. Jorgensen shared a remark to the graduates on how special McDonell is, "I feel like I have been here for years. That is not an easy feat these days, in these times, to make people feel welcome into a new community. What has been created through those graduates past, and through your class, is a place where you really do feel like family. The Mack Way, love it or not, is not the status quo in our society. You are the change that is coming. Remember that."

Mrs. Jorgensen loved the fact she was able to get to know the majority of the class either in her classroom or the hall, in order to make a note in her speech, a special fact on each of the members of the class. On their high school experiences she said, "Each of you leaving our halls this year are missing some traditional experiences, very true. The life lessons though, and the knowledge you have gained, no one can take that from you. You have an experience that no one in decades has had, and you will carry it with pride through life. Being the class of 2020 will be a new level of respect. Your success will surpass your suffering."

When the graduates will have celebrations in life, Mrs. Jorgensen's advice is, "You need to thank Him each and every blessing you receive. This is your relationship with Him, the two of you, working through your life together." And when not so good times? "There will be times that are far less than pleasing, times that hurt, times that seem like they are unbearable. Some of you have already been there. This time, especially, you need to drop to your knees, look up, and thank Him. We are in a rough time. You are the light going forward into the unknown. You have been given love. You have been given knowledge. You have grown in your faith. You have the gift of helping others in your soul. You are going to change the world. Congratulations class of 2020. Go make things right again, we have faith in you!"

The commencement video had a surprise ending for the Class of 2020. Almost 20 minutes of messages, congratulations and best wishes from the McDonell Central faculty, staff, their sixth grade buddies (while McDonell Virtual Choir sang), Bishop William Callahan, and, a sort of, confession to Mrs. Mary Chovan King '69 from Mr. Schulner referencing Abi Pieper's speech comment on Euchre.

Last words from Mr. Schulner were on the graduates, who "... have overcome, and will move forward in their lives making great differences in the world we live in. We are proud of our graduates. We need you to wear our seal of approval like a badge of honor. "To the staff. "Our staff came forward in a matter of two days and switched over to remote learning environment. They collaborated, problem solved and not once gave me the impression this wouldn't work. Was it perfect? No. Was it normal? No. But I am most certainly proud of the effort all of our staff showed.

Very Rev. Justin Kizewski, Dean, closed the taped graduation ceremonies with Benediction and a special blessing for the Class of 2020.

Note: The graduation video can be viewed in its entirety on the MACS website (McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org).

Post graduation plans for the Class of 2020

Laura Avila Soberon from Spain Host parents, Heather and Ryan Raymond.

University in Spain for business

Jon Bohaty

Parents Jon and Tamara Bohaty Four year university for business management and basketball

Mark Buchmann, Parents Mike and Wendy Buchmann

UW-Eau Claire, to major in music

Victoria "Tori" Chartrand
Parents are Kris and Mike Horan,
Jay Chartrand and Amy Woodford
CVTC for Cosmetology

Do "Q" Quan from Vietnam, Host parents, Anita and Pat Wahl

NOVA | Northern Virginia Community College for business management

Phuree 'Barry' Fongsamootr from Thailand, Host parent Tammy Swoboda

University of Oklahoma in Architectural Engineering

Amelia Gaier, Parents Paul Gaier '85 and Katie Hartsough '86 Winona State University in MN

Camilla Gentili from Italy, Host Parents Jim and Nancy PetersonPlans in Italy are undecided at this time.

Kendren Gullo, Parents Kevin Gullo and Kelly SchmidtMATC in physical therapy and play baseball

Andrew Herron, Valedictorian, Parents are Jim and Diane HerronUW-Stout for Applied Science

Alexandria "Lexi" Johnson, Parent Kathleen Adams

UW-Eau Claire, for Special & Early Childhood Education and Psychology.

Eion Kressin, Parents Matt & Michele Kressin

St. Mary's University in Winona, MN for Law Enforcement (FBI or NSA) and basketball

Brenden Lannue, Parents Doug Wolf and Mary LannueUW-Stout to major in computer science

Jonathan "Jon" Larson, Parents Jon and Wendy '90 Larson
Joined the United States Army

Irene Loriga is from Italy, Host parents Gary and Barbara Fox College to major in business

Yang 'Koro' Luo is from China, Host parent Amy Jensen University in China for computer science

Olivia Mlsna, Parents Bruce and Beth Mlsna

Minnesota State Mankato in business or elementary school education

Abigale "Abi" Pieper, Valedictorian, Parents Nick and Tami Pieper

University of Wisconsin Superior to major in math

Bheem Pongsukvechkul from Thailand,

Host parents Eric and McKinzi Simonsen

Chulabhorn International College of Medicine in Thailand to major in biomedical engineering



McDonell Central Catholic - Class of 2020

Front 1st row left to right: Annemarie Rider, Abi Pieper, Mason Swoboda, Adam Thalacker, Rachel Smiskey, Shanen Rice, 2nd row: Kaleigh Ripley, Anthony Roach, Luke Schemenauer, Kristin Swoboda, Olivia Mlsna, Tori Chartrand, Caleb Thornton 3rd row: Joey Thaler, Andrew Herron, Camillia Gentili, Nathan Reineke, Jon Larson, Kenny Walter, Brenden Lannue, Amelia Gaier 4th Row: Eion Kressin, Kendren Gullo, JD Bohaty, Haley Rawhouser, Mark Buchmann, Bheem Pongsukvechkul, Trent Witkowski, Lexi Johnson. Missing from the photo is Laura Avila Soberon, Quan Do, Phuree Fongsamootr, Irene Loriga, and Yang Luo

Haley Rawhouser, Parents Buck and Loree Rawhouser
Winona State University in MN

Nathan Reineke, Parents Mike and Mary ReinekePlans on attending CVTC

Shanen Rice, Parents Mitch and Kathi '89 Rice WITC in Barron for the pre-dentistry program

Annemarie Rider, Parents Deacon Dan and Julie RiderViterbo University in La Crosse, for nursing

Kaleigh Ripley, Valedictorian, Parents Jerry and Ingrid RipleyUniversity of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN for biochemistry

Anthony Roach, Parents Paul and Karla RoachUW-Eau Claire, to major in biology

Luke Schemenauer, Parents Keith '85 and Sandy SchemenauerUW-Eau Claire

Rachel Smiskey, Parents Sean and Gina Smiskey

University of Mary in Bismarck, ND in business administration and shot put

Kristin Swoboda, Parents Steven '83 & Bonnie Swoboda UW-La Crosse

Mason Swoboda, Parents Tammy Swoboda and the late Kevin Swoboda '93

Undecided

Adam Thalacker, Parents Tony and Julie '87 Thalacker Entering the workforce

Joseph "Joey" Thaler, Parent Steven Thaler '70

UW-Eau Claire, in business administration, run cross country, and track

Caleb Thornton, Salutatorian

Parents Tony '87 and Heather Thornton '89

UW-Platteville to major in electrical engineering

Kenneth 'Kenny' Walter, Parents Dave and Angie WalterUW-Eau Claire, to major in pre-pharmacy

Trent Witkowski, Parents Chris and Jamie Witkowski

UW-Platteville to major in mechanical engineering

THANK YOU from the Senior Class 2020

My name is Eion Kressin, and I am a senior at McDonell. I attended McDonell Area Catholic School since kindergarten. My parish community is St. Charles Borromeo, which has been my family's parish for many years.

When my parents were deciding whether to send me to the public schools or private school, McDonell appealed to them the most. They both agreed, they wanted me to be around other students who put an emphasis on education. The public school provides a great education, but when it comes to the work that individuals put into their education, I believe McDonell excels in that field. This value is also seen in our supporters as well because they realize how important education is to these students, and they want to ensure education can be provided to them.

However, the McDonell Area Catholic Schools emphasize more than education. It is a faith-driven community, and it always will be. With this characteristic in mind, it is easy to understand why people feel right at home when they enroll in the system. As Christ taught us, we are supposed to care more about our neighbor than we are about ourselves. This is particularly evident in the overall community at McDonell.

Not only in the school, but in the clubs that also support McDonell, we continuously see that others are willing to put our needs before theirs. Some of the best individuals that show this to be true are the teachers themselves.

Good grades don't come easy for me. Having

Eion serving during the Catholic Schools Week Mass with Bishop Callahan at McDonell Central, January 2020.

teachers that put our educational well being first is extremely helpful. I am able to seek help when I need it and ask questions on material I don't understand. I feel that

the McDonell school system has given me a better chance to

excel in areas that would otherwise confuse and frustrate me. Teachers also don't only put our educational skills first, they also put our emotional well-being before their own. With this key characteristic, it is no wonder why McDonell has become more of a family to me than just an educational institution. I can discuss with the teachers topics that may seem out of place in a larger school, considering that students don't have the capabilities to know their teachers as personally as we can at McDonell.

While at McDonell I have participated in many extracurricular activities such as basketball, track, football, Ambassadors, and the National Honor Society. For those who are unfamiliar with Ambassadors, it is a volunteer program that students may participate in. A minimum of seven events are required to be an ambassador, whether that be serving at the Agnes Table or helping serve at the annual Spaghetti Spectacular.

The family atmosphere is also present in McDonell. When participating in sports, we are able to come together as a family because of the close bonds we are able to make at school. I believe this is a large part of why McDonell sports are so successful: the dedication that each individual has to each other.

With all this being said, it would not be possible to have had the experiences I've had without others who support the continued development of our school system. Thanks to our sponsors, we are able to continue to flourish by caring about the well-being of each other and expanding the knowledge of our younger generation in Christ. Without motivated people to donate to the McDonell Area Catholic Schools in Chippewa Falls, we would not be able to spread the joy and happiness that comes from such a close, loving community.

Eion Kressin, class of 2020

Financial Reports

REVENUE 2018-19 \$5,589,092



35.7% Tuition & Fees 17.9% Parish Support

16.7% Advancement & Fundraising

10.7% Early Childhood Center

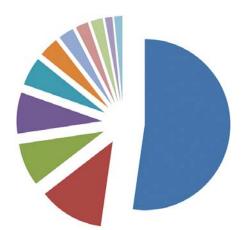
8.2% Other income

6.5% Athletics

3.0% Food Service

1.1% Scrip Net

EXPENSES 2018-19 \$5,580,334



52.2% Wages & Salaries

12.3% Emp Benefits & Taxes

8.1% Athletic

7.7% Instructional

5.4% Administrative

3.8% Equip., Repairs & Maint.

2.9% Facilities

2.4% Technology

2.3% Utilities

1.4% Food Service

1.5% Other

Student Tuition Costs for 2019-20

Grade Level	Tuition	Average Cost to Educate
K-8 Supporting Parish	\$2,890	\$8,000
K-8 Non Supporting Parish	\$4,119	\$8,000
9-12 Supporting Parish	\$4,050	\$11,662
9-12 Non Supporting Parish	\$5,778	\$11,662
Parish family cap with 3 students	\$8,270	
Parish family cap with 4+ students	\$9,770	
Non parish family cap with 3 students	\$10,250	
Non parish family cap with 4+ students	\$11,750	

Tuition Costs for 2019-20

For the third straight year, we have been able to avoid a tuition increase. This is a direct result of the generosity of alumni, parishioners, businesses and friends of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools. Thank you!

Tuition and fees paid directly by families is 23.3% of the total K-12 revenue. Parish investment provided another 23.8%.

Finance Reports Charts

The pie charts show what was received and expensed in the various categories for the year 2018-19. McDonell Area Catholic Schools has now had six continuous years where total revenue has exceeded expenses. This has been accomplished with the generous support of alumni, benefactors, families, parishes, and the continued growth of advancement and fundraising.

Scrip Sales

Sales were \$1,448,355 for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Total Scrip profit amounted to \$63,901, of which \$27,135 was allocated to school families helping with their tuition.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee works to ensure that MACS is strategic about resource management in order to ensure quality education and a safe environment for the long term. Committee members are appointed by their Parish.

The committee meets monthly to review financial results, budget process, and investments, as well as to discuss news and trends that may impact Catholic Education in general and MACS specifically.

Finance Committee meetings are directed by the Committee Chair with input from the President, Controller and Business Manager.

Parish Reps on Committee

Jamie Leibrandt
Michele Kressin
Chuck Frenette '67
Dave See '79
Bruce MIsna
Tony Thornton '87
Glen Geissler
Dennis Hunt '86

Church of the Holy Ghost
Church of the Holy Ghost
The Church of Notre Dame
St. Paul, Bloomer
St. Peter the Apostle, Tilden

Ex-Officio

Very Rev. Justin Kizewski Dean

Msgr. Michael Gorman Deanery Elected Pastor TJ Proue '02 Edu. Commission Chair

John Van Den Berg Controller

Teresa Dachel Business Manager Molly Meinen Bushman '98 President

The remaining 52.9% comes from advancement programs, fundraising activities, and other resources.

Families who belong to a supporting parish and meet the criteria for active supporting parish member qualify for the supporting parish assisted tuition. Financial assistance is available for active parish members based on need.

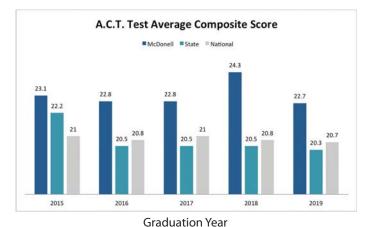
Student Achievement

ACT Five Year Composite Scores

The ACT reflects the achievement of McDonell graduates to the extent to which they are prepared for college-level work.



The ACT consists of curriculum-based testing of educational development in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science designed to measure the skills needed for success in first-year college course work. The table shows the five-year trend of our students compared to the state and national averages.

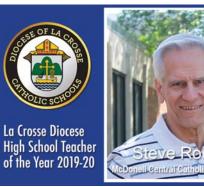


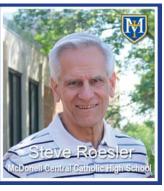
Students achieve at MACS in many ways. Some include:

- leaders in the school, of a team, on the stage, and in the community, who will take those skills wherever they go
- volunteers and students of faith who are supported by the faculty and staff

Below: Calvin Rineck explains a chemical reaction during middle school science class.







Congratulations to Mr. Roesler '14 Honorary alumnus 45 years and going strong!



Thank you to our 2019-20 **Corporate Partners and Sponsors**

We appreciate all that you do for MACS and our Chippewa Falls community!





















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Advancement



Involving YOU in our Mission & Vision

Director Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03

As summer approaches, we are already preparing for the 2020-21 school year, which could include a brick-to-click solution to honor our Mission as we maneuver our way safely through COVID-19. We know that McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) is the right choice for small class sizes, a safe environment, daily exposure to the Catholic faith and is an affordable option. You may recall in March, Congress passed the CARES Act, designed to assist the American economy, including the charitable sector. This allows for a new deduction in your taxes and an opportunity for you as a taxpayer and supporter of MACS, to assist and receive more significant tax breaks.

As we deal with this crisis, please consider a donation. More than ever we need your support to provide all students with the necessary tools to be successful in and out of the classroom, to provide financial assistance to those in need, make necessary updates to our buildings and support the faculty and staff of MACS, who are not only part of our MACS family but make a difference in the lives of our students and the greater Chippewa Valley.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our students and faculty.

Stay safe and be well.

Jannee

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GATHERINGS

INVOLVING **YOU** IN OUR MISSION AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE THE VILLAGES - Florida



Front Row L to R: Jan Lynn, Kathy Zenner Furtado '64, Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71 Back Row L to R: Jeff Heinzen, Sharon Karmann, Kelly Karmann, Melinda Hohncke, Brian Wogernese '88, Joan Meznarich '54, Darrell Lynn '54, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03

CAPE CORAL - Florida



Sitting L to R: Mary Jo Tealy Stelter '70, Mary Balow Schneider '69, Mary Volk, Susan Gindt Konop '74, Marie Hofkes Hauser '65, Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71, Brenda Lockbaum Erickson '77, Jo Frenette, Lynne Stelter Nelson '63, Richard Stelter '62.

Standing L to R: Bob Konop '70, Rosemary Grzegozewski Keefer '67, Ron Keefer, Ed Grzegozewski '68, Linda Grzegozewski, Marvin Schneider '67, Rusty Volk, Roland "Buzz" Nelson '63, Bob Potter '69, Chuck Frenette '67, Jack Stelter '70, Jeff Erickson, Jeff Heinzen, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03

Not Pictured but present: Mark and Kay Baker, Earl & Jackie Potter Lockbaum '56

EAU CLAIRE



L to R: Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03, Patrick Bischel '70, Joy Bergeron, Charlotte Friederich Behlke '68, Dave Behlke, Brian Wogernese '88, Joshua Carlson '96, Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71 and Jeff Heinzen

Our 2018-19 Annual Fund Drive A Success

Thank you for making the MACS Annual Fund Drive a success for the 2019 fiscal year. It is the sum of all gifts received through donations. The gifts we receive fall into many categories, including the general fund, student tuition

assistance, memorials, matching employer and restricted gifts. The McDonell Area Catholic Schools fiscal reporting year is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Your donation July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 will be recognized in the next annual report.

1930'S

1937

Susan Ermatinger Cycon (PC)

1938

1939

Gerald Joas (PC)

1940'S

1940

James DeLong Harold Gingras (CC)

1941

Helen Anderl Zutter

1942

1943

1944

Kathryn Mower Armstrong Henry Korger

Dorothy A. Hebert Helen Dupey Kouba Bev Popple Schmidmayr (CC)

Anonymous (CC) James & Patricia Popple Bembnister (PC)

Mark Emerson (CC) Gladys Gagnon Lompa Janet Kurtz Prueher

1947

Joanne Cote Eugene Mower (PC) Gyda (Bill) Nadreau (CC) Norbert Sedlacek (GC) **Ruth Padrutt Wagner**

1948

Jacqueline Lauer Anderson James & Patricia Popple Bembnister (PC) Thomas & Nancy Chisholm

Ann O'Donnell Egan John & Barbara Lindstrom O'Connor Gerald & Viola Prince Ramona Yakesh Zumbrock

Shirley Smithers Liedl Bill & Ardie LeCleir Mcllguham Cecilia Nelson James Paquette (CC)

Marlene Peloquin Rooney (BC) Maynard Stoehr

1950'S

1950

Susan DeLong Henry & Dorothy Revor Geissler David and Jeanne Hancock John Hughes Jr. Carol Fox Konerik

Alice Globensky Marshall James Paul Norbert Tlachac (CC)

Ron Anibas Merlyn Gingras (CC) **Beverly Willette Maurer** Robert Monarski Jennifer Hays Worthington

Janet Borneman Buckli Ralph & Barbara Congdon **Don & Fran Simon Girard (GC)** Ruth Hub LaVonne Stoehr Marquie (CC) Mary Lou Klaes Matthews Dayton & Eileen Swoboda Reed

Lorenz Schreier (PC) Stephen & Helen Steinmetz (CC) Charles Wilbur (CC) Helen Jolliffe Young

William & Janice Loiselle Kroll Julius & Jackie Frenette Lee Catherine Ryan

Richard & Nancy Newberg Douville (CC) Richard Hartman William Janc (CC) Larry & Eileen Martineau (CC) Carolyn Paul McGrath Joan Meznarich **Charlotte Bowe Prince**

1955

Bette Smith Wild

William Bischel Michael Deuel Richard & Nancy Newberg Douville (CC) David and Jeanne Hancock Larry & Maryann Rooney Muldoon (PC)

Lawrence and Patricia Nicolai (BC) Jon Rubenzer (BC)

Joseph & Betty Wucherpfenning Ryan John & Diane Plante Welsh Paula Monarski Westberg (CC)

1956

Arlene Adams (CC) Francis & Alice Bohl (CC) Francis & Doris Gaier (CC) Richard & Dian Bleskacek Hanley **Robert & Angeline Skany Holmes** Linus Knudsen Vernon Steinmetz (CC) Bill Zumbrock (CC)

Richard & Marian Kranig Ander-David K. Hebert (CC) Dr. Bernard Herzog

Earl & Dorothy Merchart Kaiser Gerry R. Meade (CC) Robert & Cecilia Simon Newman (CC) Ellen A. O'Neil (BC) Rita Schuebel Estate (GC) Geraldine Felix White-Marko

Mary Ann Schneider Bromeisl Mary Duss Lucille Maier Fox Irvin Geissler Terry R. Hagen Peter Kalk Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen

Joseph Oberweis (PC) Russell & Sharon Meinen Rowan Rev. John A. Schultz Duane & Yvonne Zwiefelhofer

1959

Anonymous (BC) Kathryn Heerey Biegel Tom & LaVonne Bernier Dejno (CC)

Judy Horvatin Gaier (BC) Phyllis Bowe Goettl Don & Claudia Hable James & Kathleen Kleusch LeCleir (CC) **Bruce Potter** Dennis Rowan

Scott & Arline Schleppenbach

1960'S

1960

Anonymous Carol (Patrick) Akan Neil & Kathryn Derks Haselwander (CC) John Hillery

Janice (Joseph) Janc (BC)

Larry & Mary Loiselle Lanners (CC) Karen Hartman Larson

Joanne Bowe Leonard (PC)

Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen Bill Piotrowski (CC) John & Barbara Nowak Rasmus Larry Werner

1961

Robert Anderl Mary Lou Peil Burdick (CC) Anne Monarski Ganka (CC) Bruce R. Greenwood Michael & Susan Hartman Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman (PC)

Bill Klaes Marlene (Larry) Pinter Russell & Sharon Meinen Rowan Paul & Judy Schultz Dennis & Sally Andrejeski Wrucke

Leon and Louanne Bresina Baier Ralph & Lucianne Geisler Coushman

Annual Giving Categories

(LC) Legacy Circle Annual Gift \$25,000+

(XC) **Sister Mary Francis Xavier Circle** Annual Gift of \$15,000 - 24,999

(MC) Father 'Mac' McGuigan Circle Annual Gift of \$10,000 - 14,999

(GC) **Guardian Circle** Annual Gift of \$5,000 - 9,999

Benefactor Club Annual Gift of \$1,000 - 4,999

(PC)

Pacesetter Club Annual Gift of \$500 - 999

Pioneer Club Annual Gift of \$100 - 199 (BC)

(CC) **Challenger Club** Annual Gift of \$200 – 499

MACS Club Annual Gift up to \$99



Class of 1962 continued

Dan & Jacque Joas Daniel (BC) Robert & Bonita Aubart Gelina (BC)

Victor & Charlene (Ciolkosz) Kervina Joann Rooney Miller Robert & Monica Steinmetz Penzenstadler John & Barbara Nowak Rasmus Diana Strzok (CC)

Skip & Jill Thaler (BC)Patricia Stumm Wagner (CC)

Lynn Willkom (BC)

1963

Anonymous
Judith Bowe Akey (CC)
Ted & Anna Bowe (CC)
Ronald & Betty Krall Bresina
William & Mary Doucette
Don & Fran Simon Girard (GC)
Kenneth & Karen LeDuc Grothe
John & Gail Hanson (CC)
Dr. John J. Janc (XC)
Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman (PC)
Larry & Mary Loiselle Lanners (CC)
Charles & Christina Norseng
Arnie & Diane Ritzinger (CC)
Thomas & Joan Schwartz
Cheryl Kern-Simirenko (PC)

1964

Leon and Louanne Bresina Baier
Betty Schemenauer Bohl (CC)
Linda Pitsch Brantmeier (BC)
Ralph & Lucianne Geisler Coushman
Steve & Linda Cyr (CC)
John Geissler
Robert & Robin Hedrington
Hassemer
Dan & Diane Seckora O'Connell
Donald (Carol Loiselle) Porn
Jim Scheidler

1965

Anonymous (CC)
Joe & Marie Hofkes Hauser
Gregory & Mary Monarski
Holub (CC)
Carl & Jane Kleusch Laveck
Charles Loiselle (PC)

Terry & Cheryl Wedemeyer

John Lubs (LC)

Mary Kay Hebert Piltingsrud Stephen & Debra Porn James & Judith Loiselle Rubenzer (CC) Michael & Mary Jo Salmon (BC) 1966

Timothy Arntz (CC) Rita Oberweis (PC)

Thomas & Victoria Stumm James Tannler

1967

Barb Bowe (CC)
Robert & Robin Hedrington
Hassemer
Jeanne Hebert (PC)
Thomas McCarthy

Susan & Pat Quinn (PC)
Deborah Ritzinger (CC)

Susan Schmidmayr Schamberger (CC) Jim Smola Dennis Steinmetz

Tom Voitl (PC)
Jane Waldusky Von Feldt
David (Darlene Hunt) Yarrington

1968

Scott & Kathie Emerson (CC) Marge Geissler Chuck & Carolyn '14H Peloquin

1969

Dan & Jacque Joas Daniel (BC)

Jerre & Susan Eckes James Hanson Jack & Susan Feider Kelly Ann Piotrowski Henry Schneider Walter Swoboda (PC) Anne Walsh

1970'S

1970

Patrick Bischel and Joy Bergeron (GC)
Dr. Richard Borman
John '13H & Suz Hebert Flanagan (CC)
Steven Thaler (LC)

1971

Gerald & Susan Cherrier (PC) Robert Daniel

Jeff & Alice Buchberger Heinzen (BC) Nancy Schuh Richard '18H & Mary Rose Bell Willi

Richard '18H & Mary Rose Bell Willi (BC)

1972

Paul Bembnister (PC)
Suzanne Eder (PC)
Sandy Bassyo Schuma

Sandy Raawe Schumacher

1973

David & Julie Bembnister Clark Kevin & Candy Geissler (CC) John L. Larson Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz

1974

Debbie Tannler Heath Catherine Peck Tony & Sue Reiter (CC)

1975

Dr. Randolph L. LaRue Mike & Christine Peterson (CC) Bill Wenzel Tom Zutter

1976

Anonymous (PC)

James & Nancy Bischel (BC)

Ted Blum (CC) John Hibbard

Dave & Theresa Davis Meinen (BC)

Robert Seckora

1977

Terese Globensky Dave Jacobs Mary McDonald Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup (CC)

1978

Joe Bembnister (BC) Gerald & Mary Wermund Jacobson (GC)

Dave & Theresa Davis Meinen (BC)

Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup (CC)

1979

Jane Davis (PC)

John II & Laurie Armstrong Francis

Tim & Carrie Leis Wes Moskal (CC) Paul Sokup Jr

1980'S

1980

Dan & Deb Krejchi Dahl Lori Simon Lund Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz Joseph Maurer (PC)

Tom & Becky Meinen Rubenzer (CC)
Dr. Scott & Dr. Lisa Hebert Tenold

1981

Tom & Pam Davis (BC)

Tom & Mary Huffcutt '16H (CC) Jim & Rolanda Schneider Rada

1982

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1983

Larry & Kathy Jacobson Briggs

984

Elmer & Barb Krista Eckwright Jim & Lori Bohl Eisenreich

1985

Anonymous David & Suzanne Rauscher Bleskachek Tom & Beth Eder Scott & Michelle Franz Retzlaff

1986

Dennis & Annette Hunt

Robert & Sherri LeDuc (LC)

Will & Jackie Watton Moulton Jeff & Lynn Lembezeder Newton

1987

Kris Bresina Krause

Daniel D. Reed (BC)

Kris Hunt Simonson (BC)

1988

Anonymous (LC)

Randy & Debra Baier (CC) Michael & Tristi Crawford Tim & Sandra Schwartz Kruse (CC) Jeff & Lynn Lembezeder Newton Scott & Karla Sokup (CC) 1989

Michael Akan Kathi Brenner Rice (CC)

Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler (BC)

Jason Janc (CC) Brad & Shannon Matott

1990'S

1990

Helen Hedrington Dohm

199

Todd & Jodi Schemenauer Bresina **Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler (BC)** Kenneth Rothbauer

1992

Michael & Jennifer Wedemeyer

199

Todd & Jodi Schemenauer Bresina Carl Smiskey Tammy (Kevin) Swoboda (CC) Jeff & Heather Frank Weimert

1994

Brock & Alyssa Schneider Cooley

1995

Kristina Sedlacek LeCloux Josh & Amy Meinen (CC) Jon & Jennifer Bowe Willi

1996

Rolly & Mel Enderes Anthony Marinello Ryan & Danielle Markquardt Stelter (CC)

1997

1998

Class of 1998 (CC) Patrick & Molly Meinen Bushman (CC) Matt & Amy Dahl Fish Nathan & Ashley Stelter

1999

Chad & Jean McIlquham Zachary & Christina Smiskey Meinen

2000'S

2000

Nathan & Kari Roesler Stepp (BC) Bobby J. Swoboda (BC)

2001

John J. McDonell

2002

The Class of 2002 Adam J. Jacobson Chad & Jean McIlquham



Scott & Amanda Berg Peloquin Timothy & Julia Jilek Proue

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

Alicia K. Davis (CC) Mitchell & Kiersten Jacobson Andrew & Erica Rubenzer Ruf Dan M Schley

2008

2009

2010

Alexander Hiess Rachel Kreichi Jacob McIlquham Benjamin Ochs

2011

Brianna Krause Rider

2012

Laura Kopp 2013

2014

2015

Rillie Zwiefelhofer-Frank

FRIENDS

Anonymous (CC)

Anonymous Anonymous (XC) Anonymous

Anonymous (BC)

Anonymous

Anonymous (PC)

John & Stephanie Abbe Kathleen Adams (CC) Jennifer Armstrong Mark & Kay Baker Russell & Lynne Bauer

Ron & Jolene Berg (GC) Shawn & Barb Berg

Beth A. Bielecki Pamela & Arnold Bowe **Chad Brady** Charles & Laura Brady Barry & Lori Bremness Bill & Jennifer Buescher (CC) Rev. Jesse Burish

Mary Capelle

Sandy Chamberlain (GC)

Wayne & Teresa Dachel Melinda Duncan Carole M. Dutton

Christopher& Tracy Fischer (PC)

Gary & Pat Gray (BC)

Marian Hunt (CC)

Rik & Cathy '14H Greenseth (CC) Leah Goettl Elizabeth Hedrington (CC) Joel & Taylor Helminiak (CC) Kevin & Andrea Hess John Higgins Chad & Amanda Hill-Hable Scott & Jennifer Hughes(CC)

Shannon Jaeger Leroy & Patty Jansky (CC) Jane Kellen Verv Rev. Justin Kizewski Charlene Klief

Jerry'13H & Mary Kuehl '13H (PC)

Chav & Hue La (CC)

Thomas Lambert (BC) Jamie & Amber Leibrandt

James & Jean Marks Gail Mittermeyer

Dr. Joe Monarski (PC)

Marcelline M. Morissette Dylan & Angela Mullenbach Raymond J. Nazer Kenneth & Peggy '14H Nehring

Robert & Laurie Nosbush

Tom & Karen Olson (PC) David Pardoe Julie Perteet Julie Pomietlo (CC) Mike & Ruthann Proue Ryan & Heather Raymond Marge Rhodes Jill Ritchie

Steve Roesler '14H (BC)

Rick & Jennifer Rubenzer Nicholas & Laura Schafer Douglas & Vicki Schemenauer Family of Jerome Steinmetz

Sarah Schultz & Charles Wirtz (BC)

Nancy Schloegel Nancy Scobie (CC) Chelsea Seckora Paul & Darlene Sieg Sean & Gina Smiskey Seth & Tracey Smiskey Pamela Speckien Kent & Connie Sprague AC & MC Swann Jeanne Tonnancour Marian Walsdorf Jerry '13H & Carol Way '13H

Jeremy Weigold

Joan Wendland

Gary & Cindy Yohnk

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY FRIENDS

Access Security, Inc (BC) All Saints Church (BC) Altoona Family Restaurant (BC) AnnMarie Foundation (GC) Autumn Harvest Winery, LLC (CC) **Baughman Sewer & Septic**

Services (BC)

Bohl & Proulx Plumbing, Inc. (PC)

Bresina's Carry Out ChemCeed, LLC (BC) Chippewa Falls Catholic Womens Club (BC)

Chippewa Family Restaurant Chippewa Valley Financial Services (PC)

Church of the Holy Ghost (LC)

Cobblestone Hotel and Suites (BC)

Cook Chiropractic D Bresina LLC (CC) Diocese of La Crosse (MC) Fadness, Inc.

Fries Financial Services (BC)

Fusion Marketing Group (PC) Hallie Firefighter Association

Holy Cross Church (BC)

Horan Funeral Home (BC)

H&R Electric, Inc. (BC) Hiess-Loken Surveying

(CC)

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital (BC)

J&F Facility Service, Inc.

Joseph W Joas Designated Endowment Fund through the Community **Foundation of** Chippewa County (BC)

Kristo Orthodontics (CC)

Land O'Lakes Foundation (GC)

Martell Tire Service (CC)

Mason Companies, Inc. (GC)

Mayo Clinic Health System (CC) McDonell Alumni Association (CC)

McDonell High School Foundation (LC)

MetLife (CC)

Mule-Hide Manufacturing Co. (BC)

Nordson Corporation (GC)

Northwest Coin Machine Co (CC)

Northwestern Bank (MC)

Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel (BC)

Religious Care Foundation (LC)

River Country Co-op (GC) Rooney Printing Co.

Sacred Heart Church (GC)

Securian Foundation

Spring Street Sports, Inc (PC)

St. Charles Borromeo Church (LC)

St. Bridget Church (BC)

St. John the Baptist Church (BC)

St. Paul's Church (BC)

St. Peter the Apostle Church (LC) Stelter Inc. (BC)

Skip and Jill Thaler Family Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of Chippewa County (PC)

Thaler Oil Company (BC) Toycen Ford (BC)

The Church of Notre Dame (LC) TTM Technologies (MC)

Ultimate Shine Exteriors, LLC

W.S. Darley & Co. (CC)

Walmart Foundation (PC) William & Gertrude Casper Foundation (XC)

Wisconsin Metal Fab, Inc. Wissota Dock and Maintenance LLC (CC) Woodley Company, Inc. (CC)



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Staci Brady Thomas DeWitt'61 Greg Divine '52 Herb Hunt '75 Joe Janc '60 Rav Lutz Dick Marquie'53 Larry Pinter '61 Loraine Sedlacek Joe See Jerome Steinmetz '60 Darlene (Hunt) Yarrington '67

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Class Notes

1960's

Steve '67 and Carol Swoboda were surprised for their 50th wedding anniversary with a parade of John Deere tractors driven by family, friends and neighbors on April 11, 2020.

Marvin '67 and Mary Balow '69 Schneider 50th Wedding Anniversary is July 18, 2020.

19909

Shelly Goulet Wohler '92

Son plays football for Muskego (Junior Hunter Wohler) who was named unanimous Associated Press state player of the year by sportswriters from around the state.

2000s

The day after the SpaceX successful launch and docked their manned spacecraft at the International Space Station (ISS), **Jason August '00** received the distinguished Silver Snoopy Award from NASA. This is rarely awarded. Jason was the director of the group that designed the docking system to allow commercial spacecraft to land at the ISS.

Father Joe Baker '06

Starting July 11, has been assigned as the pastor of Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish in Lodi and Dane of the Madison Diocese.

Kayla and **Seth Gale '06** and big brother Sawyer welcome baby Kinslee Nicole on March 14, 2020 (pic).

Caitlin, **Bill McElroy '07** and big brother Lincoln welcomed their son Henry Arthur on Thursday, May 28, 2020, 8lbs 6oz 19.75 inches (pic).

Todd Jacobson '08 earned a Master's in Business Administration from Arizona State University.

2010s

Blake, **Brittany Steiger '11 Sykora** and Hendrick welcomed their second child and baby sister Ms. Haisley Jean Sykora, born on May 14, 2020 (pic).

Cyrus and **Ann Kuehl '12 Artz** welcome Aurelia Jeanne born Friday, February 21, 2020. Grandma Mary Kuehl '13H holding Aurelia (pic).

Jian Teng '15 successfully defended his master's thesis via Zoom. Following his graduation from the University of Iowa, he will be pursuing a PhD degree in mechanical engineering (fluid and thermal track) at Brown University in Providence. Rhode Island.

Anna Rasmus '16 graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Fine Arts with a B.F.A in Graphic Design.

Madeleine Rietschel '16 received her bachelors from UWEC Communications Sciences and Disorders and will be attending University of Tennessee for a graduate degree in Speech Pathology (pic).

Students named to the second semester 2020 Dean's List at the Saint Mary's University Winona, MN were **Nathan Hoglund '17** biology major and psychology minor. He is in the Pre-Physical Therapy program and on the track team. **Eric Ohde '17**, and **Rachel Ohde '17** each with majors of business intelligence & analytics (Bl&A), finance, and management. Eric works full-time for Fastenal. Rachel is a high jumper. She and Nathan earned Academic All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference recognition.

Alex Ohde '17 was named UW-River Falls second semester Dean's List in computer science and information systems. Current internship at Advanced Weighing Systems, Inc. in Chippewa Falls.

Cory Hoglund '19 was one of twenty-seven UW-Stout student-athletes to be selected to the 2019-20 Blue Devil Academic Top Scholar list for compiling the highest grade point average during the 2019-20 academic school year in their respective sports. Men's Basketball: majoring in applied biochemistry and molecular biology.

MEMORIAM

Please join the MACS community in prayerful memory of deceased alumni, parents, and friends.

Mary Ruth Wadleigh Grosskopf '41 April 14, 2020, San Diego, CA

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Charlotte Leavesseur
McDaniel '41

April 1, 2020, Columbia, MS

Lois Rubenzer Taylor '47 May 24, 2020, Edina, MN

Shirley Stoffel Boos '48 March 22, 2020, Bloomer

Rita Schindler Bresina '48January 8, 2020, Chippewa Falls

Rosemary Adams Caron '50 February 7, 2019, Bloomer

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We love hearing from alumni. What's Up? Send a note to MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us or call the alumni office 715.723.0538 x3306.



Above: McDonell girls basketball Junior Captain Anna Geissler with McDonell Alum at Lady Macks Bingo: L to R: Jean Martin Small '50, Francis Simon'54, Rita Martin Erickson '60









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Tom Wall '51

December 9, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Robert Dachel '52

February 19, 2020, Chippewa Falls

Linus Miller '55

December 9, 2019, Eau Claire

Francis Bohl '56

December 18, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Patricia Sherman Solie '57

May 10, 2020, Milwaukee, WI

Albert Caron '59

September 26, 2019, Eau Claire

Tom M. Costello '59

October 26, 2019, Champlin, IL

Dennis Rowan '59

December 13, 2019, Chippewa Falls

John "Jack" Sinette '61

August 25, 2019, Eau Claire

reunion information.

W. Birch St., CF

Steve Samens '68

October 17, 2019, Bloomer

Barbara Liedl '71

February 11, 2020, Chippewa Falls

Tom Buchberger '73

January 2, 2020, Brookfield, MN

Toby Bogen '84

March 27, 2020, Chippewa Falls

FRIENDS

Robert "Rob" Jackson Former teacher and coach at McDonell November 30, 2019, Bloomer

Joseph Wittrock, parent and grandparent of McDonell alum December 29, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Joseph Schwebach, former foundation board January 11, 2020, Eau Claire

Lyle Norquist, spouse and parent of alum, February 24, 2020, CF

Dave Fish, parent and grandparent of McDonell alum March 16, 2020, Chippewa Falls

Doris Marion, parent of McDonell alum, March 17, 2020 Menomonie, WI

Shawn Berg, parent of MACS students, son of alum, March 21, 2020, Chippewa Falls

Lee Nadreau, son of alum May 3, 2020, Holts Summit

Earl Hart, parent of alum May 23, 2020 Chippewa Falls

Athletes Recognized For Effort

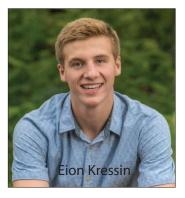




Father Mac Award

This award is presented to the outstanding male and female senior athletes. The award is based on grade point average, number of years of participation in athletics at McDonell, and number of varsity letters earned. Receiving the award for the Class of 2020 is Rachel Smiskey and Caleb Thornton.





Norm Rubenzer Courage and Desire Award

This award is based on nominations submitted by coaches. Coaches nominate senior athletes who display the characteristics of courage and desire, as well as sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership and a good work ethic. Receiving the award are Lexi Johnson and Eion Kressin.

Class of 1965 - 55 Year Reunion

experiences, work, travel, hobbies, etc.

Class Reunions

Class of 1960 - 60 Year Reunion

Are you gathering face-to-face or virtual this year? Contact the Mack Messenger by email mackmessenger@macs.k12.wi.us with your class

Our 55 year class reunion will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the Fill-In Station. Please save that date. Any questions or if you have changed your address, email, or phone number in the past four years please contact Steve or Jean Loiselle at 715.466.2451 or by email. More information to follow.

The class is planning on a Friday, September 4 social gathering at Bridgewater Restaurant from 3:00-6:00

p.m. and a Saturday, September 5 gathering 5:00-9:00

p.m. at the Fill Inn Station. RSVP to Ruth Haedorn, 113

A booklet will be put together on the class. Please

send information on your family, your interests,

Your class is looking for you!
Update your contact information for classmates to locate

you for reunions and casual gatherings. Go to our site: **McDonellAreaCatholic Schools.org** under the Alumni link, or call us in the alumni office 715.723.0538 x3306.



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Thanksgiving Eve Reunion 6:00-9:00 pm • November 25, 2020 Fill-Inn Station

Watch for event status and all the latest news under the alumni quick link: www.McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org

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Cross Country Back to State

The impressive season resulted in the third consecutive McDonell boys cross country team to make it to state. The team was also recognized as D3 Academic All State with a Team GPA of 3.71. Seniors Anthony Roach, Joey Thaler, and Caleb Thornton consistently on the high honors and the rest just below 3.5. (See page 7.)

Pictured L to R: Anthony Roach, Jake Siegenthaler, Max Hauser, Caleb Thornton, Luke Newton, Joey Thaler, and Dan Anderson.



#GoMacks

Boys Basketball Team

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Above: Assistant Coach Alex Baierl, assisting Andy Smith, behind is Head Coach Adam Schilling, Isaac Bleskachek, Joey Janus.

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L to R: Landon Moulton, Aidan Misfeldt, Gavin Dorn, Trent Witkowski, Eion Kressin, Caleb Thornton, JD Bohaty, Max Hauser, Tanner Opsal, Jake Siegenthaler, Logan Hughes, Dan Anderson. Managers: Carter Grill, and Vincent Van Sleet, behind is Assistant Coach Morgan King (See page 7 for team information.)

