



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Our Vision: Centered on Jesus Christ and His Church, we partner with families to nurture young people’s spiritual, intellectual, physical, and moral formation through a PreK-12 Catholic liberal arts education and vibrant student life of discipleship, athletics, and the arts.

Our Mission: MACS will be a beacon of faith, hope, and love by inspiring each student to embrace his or her identity as a beloved son or daughter of God, while discovering and developing their unique gifts. We will immerse students and families in an authentic Catholic culture which fosters love of truth, beauty, and goodness. We will challenge all students to pursue academic excellence, critical thinking, and intellectual inquiry. We will prepare McDonnell graduates to be a transforming force within society, sharing the Gospel and working for the common good as productive, virtuous citizens.

Education Commission - Summary

February 15, 2024

5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

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Welcome and Call to Order • Welcome	Andy	5:30 p.m.	• Welcome from the Chair
Prayer • Opening Prayer	Priest		• Prayer led by Fr Burish
Evidence of Mission/Vision •	Andy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed MIssion • Fr Kren took 15 high school boys to a seminary in Milwaukee • St Roberts Facility hosted them for the weekend • Watched basketball and player whirley ball, evening prayer • Students recognized the joy of the seminarians and the brotherhood • Catholic Schools Week - always a great experience
CONSENT AGENDA • Finance and Facilities Report • Technology Report • Advancement Report • Long-Range Planning Report • Enrollment Report	Andy	5:40 p.m.	• Consensus

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principals' Reports ● Dean of Academics Report ● Student Services Report 			
<p>Reports from Parish and Student Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	Fred Blair	5:50 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math meet this upcoming Saturday - four groups of four ● Forensics - Speech Team ● All teams qualified for District. ● Girls basketball starts playoffs ● Successful hockey team ● A few girls going to State for wrestling ● Mardi Gras - thank you for attending ● MACS girls have an option to day girls day trip with Regis girls
<p>Committees/Department Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guest Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Athletics/Activities ○ Campus Ministry 	<p>Alexis Landherr</p> <p>Michael Van Hemert</p>	6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletics and Activities Alexi Landherr - see attached presentation. ● Personal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. feeling like I am just beginning to hit stride and productivity b. sincere thank you to everyone who has helped me get stable footing in new position ● II. A brief assessment of student health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. spent some time asking questions about students who have had struggles emotionally, cognitively, or behaviorally b. 'year-to-date' improvement of many students in this category is very good. c. shows a strong foundation of ministering to the 'least of these' and gives a good platform to build on. d. I am very grateful for the comprehensive ministering to the full person that is happening here and happy to be invited to be part of it. ● III. As we move into the fall--ministry plan for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. large group events and offerings seem to be appropriately offered and of good quality. b. classroom catechesis is also good. c. need is to develop more focused and intentional small group communities to develop spiritual and communal intimacy for students. (See work of Everett Fritz for more details. d. plan is to work with 'Ut Fidem' program out of Iowa to build small group mentoring model with community members. Open house in Des Moines area on April 29 to view their initial school. Have already begun conversation and received support information. Annual program cost is free. Included in resources was an annual budget with breakdown of potential ministerial needs based on their years of experience.

			<p>e. Spring summer goal is to find/build up mentors for these small groups next fall. Fortunately, John Shakal has already begun a mentorship training program through Parish ministry that will become a good feeder for our needed mentors. He and I have already spoken and he will be working with those in his program to discern and prepare any who would be a good fit as a student mentor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IV. Lenten preparation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. as an introduction to next year's small group mentorship model, willing staff will be offering lenten devotional experiences beginning third trimester. b. willing staff/faculty will offer various devotional practices and experiences during prep periods, lunch, and before/after school. These may range from one day/week to every day of the week. Activities will include bible study, prayer groups, rosary devotional, lenten asceticism, etc. Students who have free periods may use that time to engage in any of these activities should they so choose. c. Goal is to have a natural and ongoing devotional practice throughout the day/week and to allow students a chance to discern and voluntarily engage in faith practices of their own choosing. Also becomes an initial point of assessment and evaluation for staff/faculty in regards to our own abilities to support small groups for next fall.
<p>Commission Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wall of Fame update 	Andy	6:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gave representatives a list of names to review for the Wall of Fame ● More people than anticipated for the wall
<p>President's Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan preview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback Session Wed, Feb 28 ● Final quarter meeting schedule and changes to current timeline ● Accreditation March 4-7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report filed ○ Final report and recommendations will be shared with Commission 	Molly	6:30.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reviewed Commission presentation schedule. May need to move some presentations to another date ● Education Commission invited to meet the 20 accreditation representatives Monday March 4 at St Charles. Watch for invitation from Mary Huffcutt ● Catholicism on Tap to follow ● Accreditation process

NEXT Education Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancement • Technology 	ALL	6:55: p.m.	March 21, 2024 5:30 p.m.
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest	7: p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glory Be

Membership

X	Andy Shakal	Staff Engineer Executive Committee Finance & Facilities Committee Strategic Plan Steering Committee Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	Chair/St John's Rep 1st Term
X	TJ Proue	Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
X	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Strategic Plan Embracing Our Community Committee	All Saints Rep 1st Term
X	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking Long Range Planning Committee	Holy Cross Rep 1st Term
X	Erin Brick	Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees) Strategic Plan Steering Committee Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee	Holy Ghost Rep 1st Term
X	Chad Brady	Construction Consultant Executive Committee LRP and Finance/Facilities	Vice Chair / Holy Ghost Rep
X	Mike Crawford	Access Security Sales and Estimations Finance & Facilities Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term
X	Matt Elstran	Hideaway Resort & Francesca Resource Center Strategic Plan Steering Committee	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	Director of Human Resources Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
X	Justus Busse	Deputy Chief Fire/EMS Safety and Emergency Procedures Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
X	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS	St Charles Rep

		Safety and Emergency Procedures Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	2nd Term
X	Victoria Silvas	Ad Hoc Tuition	St Paul's Rep
X	Diane Herron	Homemaker Faith Boosters	St Peter's Rep 2nd Term

Ex-Officio

X	Fr Jesse Burish	Chippewa Falls Deanery	Dean
X	Fr Alex Kren	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Chaplain
X	Molly Bushman	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	President
X	Mary Huffcutt	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Dean of Academics
X	Eric Wedemeyer	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal ND/McD 6-12
X	Gwen Doyle	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal HG 3-5
X	Jamie Dodge	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal SC Pk-2
X	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller
X	Kathleen Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Exec Admin Asst Admissions Coordinator

Student Representatives

X	Frederick Blair	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Senior Representative
X	Ben Siegenthaler	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Junior Representative

Guests

X	Alexis Landerr	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Athletics & Activities Director
X	Michael Van Hemert	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	JDirector of Campus Ministry and City Youth Ministry

Reports

Director of Finance and Facilities Scott Sokup

- Tabled

Director of IT Josh McCormick

- Working with Access Security to get proposals to update our fob/building security systems
- Working on implementing a new database and software for our Elementary libraries
- Our Firewall was recently updated to the latest firmware
- Resolved some audio issues in the Auditorium
- Participated in training for DonorPerfect to set up registration and payments for Mardi Gras and future events

- A database backup for Infinite Campus has been requested and received as part of the migration to Facts SIS
- Working on addressing some weak points in our web filtering system

Director of Advancement

- Tabled

Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams

Grade	Total Students 2023-24	Current MACS Students Enrolled	New Students Enrolled	Total Students Enrolled 2024-25	Current MACS Students Not Enrolled	Inquiring for 2024-25	Total Potential With Inquiring Students
3K	15	0	7	7	0	5	12
Total 3K	15	0	7	7	0	18	16
4K	23	7	4	11	7	8	26
K	39	17	4	21	6	12	39
1	40	27	0	27	12	4	43
2	28	26	0	26	14	1	41
Total 4K-2	130	77	8	85	32	25	142
3	34	16	0	16	12	1	29
4	34	22	0	22	12	1	35
5	42	18	0	18	16	2	36
Total 3-5	110	56	0	56	40	4	100
6	53	32	0	32	10	5	47
7	42	32	0	32	21	1	54
8	53	23	0	23	19	7	49
Total 6-8	148	87	0	87	50	13	150
9	44	33	4	37	20	4	61
10	55	27	0	27	17	3	47
11	48	31	1	32	24	0	56
12	51	25	0	25	23	0	48
Total 9-12	198	116	5	121	84	7	212
Total 4K-12	586	336	13	349	206	49	604
Total w/3K	586	336	20	356	206	54	616

- Current MACS families can enroll for the 2024-25 school year by going to the [MACS Website/Admissions/How To Apply Re-Enroll](#), scroll down to Current Families #2 Create Family Portal Account. The District Code is MCD-WI. Once created there is an option on the left side of the page to enroll for the 2024-25 school year.
- The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (aka WPCP or Choice) application is open February 1 - April 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. This is a strict deadline with zero flexibility.
- To apply go to the [MACS Website/Admissions.Tuition & Financial Aid](#), scroll down below tuition rates and see the information for WPCP.
- If you have any questions on applying please contact Kathleen Adams directly at k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us or 715-723-0538 ext 3301

St Charles Grades Pk-2 Principal Jamie Dodge

SC Scoop:

- **Students will be doing the [Mite Boxes](#).** Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4 and Mark 12:41-43), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support normally given to the church. All funds collected go to the Missionary Childhood Association to help the poor throughout the world. New this year, students will have an opportunity to bring them up as an offering during Mass on March 27th.
- Mrs. Beaufeaux created this amazing video about why our students and staff Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools Week. Please scan the QR code to see students and staff love SC.
- Camp Macks registration has opened to families and the planning process has
- Students celebrated the burying of the alleluia at Merry Monday on February



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Holy Ghost Grades 3-5 Principal Gwen Doyle

Review:

Catholic Schools Week was a success! Highlights were the dress up days and the presenter during Rally Day, though we missed the bishop. The penny war took in over \$730, which will go towards the Chippewa police and fire departments in the form of restaurant gift cards (pictures taken on Thursday). I had an opportunity to teach in different classes on Friday, which was a lot of fun.

Present:

Easy CBM and MAPS testing is complete. We saw some great growth for the 3rd grade in Easy CBMs, which measures reading fluency and math proficiency. An opportunity that we are working on is supporting our students who struggle with math in all grades. For MAPS testing, all grades showed growth in achievement from the fall to winter in language usage. The 4th grade dropped in achievement from the fall to winter in both math and reading, so we are meeting on February 14th to determine potential causes and evidence of growth or struggle from the classroom curriculum assessments. (I can report about how this went at the time of the meeting if desired.)

The winners of the classroom spelling bees that will represent our school at the regional competition on Monday, February 12th are Grace Lindenberg, Jacob Adams and Irene McNabb. (I can report about how this went at the time of the meeting if desired.)

As a building, we are working on choosing a math curriculum in the future. We had a math consultant visit our schools on Thursday, February 8th. (I can report about how this went at the time of the meeting if desired.)

Student Council has given two tours to potential new students.

We have started to offer reconciliation before Mass on Wednesdays. This has been going well, but we are trying to nail down how to make it run smoothly logistically so that students are not waiting for 20-30 minutes.

I have been talking about Eucharistic Miracles during our Terrific Tuesday assemblies. MACKS Kolbe Club representatives visit twice a month to talk about the virtue of the month, which is RESPECT for this month. (I can report about how this went at the time of the meeting if desired.)

Future:

We have conferences scheduled for February 20th for teacher or parent requests. About twenty-two conferences are scheduled so far.

We are looking forward to the accreditation experience. It will be a great learning opportunity for administration and staff to help strengthen our mission and vision

Notre Dame/McDonell Grades 6-12 Principal Eric Wedemeyer **Cloverbelt All-Conference Music Festival**

On Saturday, Jan. 20, McDonell Central Catholic High School hosted the annual conference Band & Choir festival. All 14 schools in the Cloverbelt were represented with 87 students that were selected and participated in the band and 83 students in choir. Students arrived in the morning and rehearsed for much of the day and then had a large performance in the evening. The band and choir each performed three numbers and then performed a combined number to close out the show. A large shout out goes out to all those involved that helped make the big event a success!

Rally Day Success

On Tuesday, January 29 the McDonell/Notre Dame building served as host to three parish schools, along with students from St. Charles & Holy Ghost on our own system for our annual Rally day to celebrate Catholic Schools week. Rally Day is highlighted by an opening mass that we hope each year to be led by Bishop Callahan. He was unable to join us this year but having over 600 students and community members packing our gym, was a great start to the day. The remainder of the day, the K-8 students rotated through activities in the auditorium and gym. The day concluded with the Notre Dame middle school students having their annual care & share volleyball tournament.

High School Musical

Earlier this month, the McDonell High School drama department put on their annual school musical with four shows. Three evening performances on Feb. 1-3 and one afternoon show on Feb. 4. The group selected "Fiddler on the Roof" this year. This musical is a family drama set in a Russian village during the 1905 and has roots in Russian Jewish culture. The plot of the musical is the romantic relationships among two childhood best friends who are unable to marry because of financial stability and family conflicts. 46 students from McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School participated in the production including the performers, set designers, lighting and audio tech crew. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Jorgensen and Mr. Rineck for directing the show. Also Helen Bullard for overseeing costumes, Anthony Roach & Carrie Andrews for helping out as the adult advisors for our sets and props.

High School course registration

Our returning high school students as well as next year's freshman (current 8th graders) will have the opportunity to register for courses for next school year. This is essential to make sure that each student stays on track with graduation requirements and also provides us with the need for the number of sections that we need to build into next year's schedule.

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

- Virtue Initiative
 - This month is the month of Respect - [Openlight media](#)
 - There is a three year cycle of the virtues. Next year will also have a focus on the corporal/spiritual works of mercy
- Professional development
 - McD history teacher, Matthew Rider will be enrolling in the University of Dallas masters program - Humanities/Classical Education this fall
- Accreditation

- Commission is invited to our welcome dinner at the St. Charles fellowship hall at 5:00 on Monday, March 4th to meet and chat with our external reviewers. This will also serve as their “interview” time.
- The official internal review report was submitted to WRISA/WCSA. This report included 2+ years of internal evaluation and evidence collection.

Student Support Services Coordinator Diane Hietpas

- No updates other than preparing for the spring audit.