

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

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

Education Commission - Summary

**March 16, 2023**

**5:30 p.m.**

**McDonell Library**

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| **Prayer in Chapel Prior Meeting** | Andy | 5:00 p.m. | * Prayer open to anyone in the chapel 30 minutes prior to the meeting |

**AGENDA LEAD NOTES**

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| **Welcome and Call to Order**   * Welcome | Andy | 5:30 p.m. | * Welcome by Chair * Welcome teacher Jamie Dodge as a guest to tonight's meeting |
| **Prayer**   * Opening Prayer | Priest |  | * Prayer led by Fr Hokamp |
| **Evidence of Mission/Vision** | Andy |  | * Spring Volleyball - encouraged to not bring phones to games or practice so the players and coaches can be focused on the people they are with at that time. * Fr Hokamp prayed with the girls basketball team after the State win. * Joint Mass this week in the memory of Deb Roesler * Thank you to the Chippewa Deanery priests for attending |
| **CONSENT AGENDA**   * Finance and Facilities Report * Technology Report * Advancement Report * Long-Range Planning Report * Enrollment Report * Principals’ Reports * Dean of Academics Report * Student Services Report | Andy | 5:45 p.m. | * Kindergarten 30 enrolled, 12 inquiring for the potential of 42 * 2023-24 schedule update grades 9-12. Currently resource time at the end of the day will be moved to the middle of the day next year. Feel it is necessary to move to have greater productivity during that time. Instructional time is until 3:30 p.m. |
| **Reports from Parish and Student Representatives** |  | 5:50 p,m, | * Congratulations to girls and boys basketball * Spring sports starting * Confessions today * Smart Not Scared presentation - good to see from both the parent and student perception * Holy Ghost parish - 50% to goal * Holy Ghost Chili Cook Off -Priests were the judges. Winner was barbeque brisket chili * Pi Day - pie competition. Congratulations to Caroline Hanson for winning with her Blueberry Pie * Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16, 2023. Notre Dame. Fr Kizewski will be presenting. |
| **Guest Presenters**  Advancement tabled until May  **Committees/Department Presentation**   * Catholic Mission Team | Fr. Hokamp | 5:55 p.m. | * AdvancementTabled * Planning The Mack way Day, Holy Thursday - Community/Service Day for staff and students * Breakfast * Holy Thursday - Stations of the Cross for middle school * Lenten devotions at St. Charles and Holy Ghost: stations, confession, adoration * Still brainstorming about the Eucharistic Revival at the school level * Evidence of success in our standards for the accreditation process * Considering a system-wide Mass at St. Charles to begin the year (during Homecoming Week?) |
| **Commission Chair** | Andy | 6:10 p.m. | * No new updates from the Chair |
| **President’s Updates**   * Capacity planning update * Visit with Rep Summerfield * Night at the Museum April 18 * Looking Forward April 26 | Molly | 6:20 p.m. | * Please check the MACS website for employment opportunities for the 2023-24 school year. * Rob Summerfeld toured McDonell/Notre Dame, prayed and did the pledge of allegiance with the students and met with the Central Office to discuss matters such as the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and the mental health issue going on with students today. * Jesse James will be visiting in April. Molly invite student representatives * Witness the Difference appreciation event at the History Center April 18 * It is requested the Education Commission representatives attend the annual Looking Forward. * WEAU interviewed Molly today at St Charles in regards to the Good Shepherd catechesis program for 3K/4K |
| NEXT Education Commission Meeting   * Note time and schedule change | ALL |  | **Thursday, April 20, 2023**  **5:15-5:45 Principal Annual Assessment Reports**  **Break**  **6:15-8:15 Eucharistic Revival Event with Chris Carstens** |
| Closing Prayer and Adjournment | Priest | 7:00 p.m. | * Prayer Glory Be |

**Membership**

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| 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 |
|  | TJ Proue | Attorney Wiley Law S.C.  Executive Committee  Long Range Planning Committee Co-Chair | Vice Chair/ St Charles Rep  2nd Term |
|  | Brian Eslinger | Eslinger Insurance  Committee Assignment - Open | All Saints Rep  1st Term |
| X | Tamara Bohaty | Bohaty Trucking | Holy Cross Rep  1st Term |
| X | Erin Brick | Homemaker (Biology and Theology degrees)  Strategic Plan Steering Committee  Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee | Holy Ghost Rep  1st Term |
| X | Tracy Fischer | ADRC/APS director for the ADRC of Dunn County | Holy Ghost Rep  2nd Term |
| X | Mike Crawford | Access Security Sales and Estimations  Finance & Facilities Committee | Notre Dame Rep  2nd Term |
| X | Matt Elstran | Hideaway Resort & Francesca Resource Center  Strategic Plan Steering Committee | Notre Dame Rep  3rd Term |
|  | Scott Siegenthaler | Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC  Long Range Planning Committee | Notre Dame Rep  2nd Term |
|  | Vacant |  | Sacred Heart Rep |
|  | Tracy Bormann | Director of Human Resources  Advancement Advisory Committee | St Bridget’s Rep  2nd Term |
|  | Justus Busse | Deputy Chief Fire/EMS  Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair  Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee | St Charles Rep  2nd Term |
|  | Regi Geissler | Registered Nurse HSHS  Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair  Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee | St Charles Rep  2nd Term |
| X | Victoria Silvas |  | St Paul’s Rep |
|  | Diane Herron | Homemaker  Faith Boosters | St Peter’s Rep  2nd Term |
| X | Chad Brady | Software Consultant  LRP and Finance/Facilities | At-Large Rep  1st Term |

**Ex-Officio**

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|  | Fr Jesse Burish | Chippewa Falls Deanery | Dean |
| X | Fr Ethan Hokamp | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Chaplain |
| X | Molly Bushman | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | President |
| X | Mary Huffcutt | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Dean of Academics |
| X | Eric Wedemeyer | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Principal EC, SC & HG |
| X | Jerry Smith | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Principal EC, SC & HG |
|  | Scott Sokup | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Controller |
| X | Kathleen Adams | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Exec Admin Asst/Admissions | |

**Student Representatives**

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| X | Megan Hanson | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Senior Representative |
| X | Frederick Blair | McDonell Area Catholic Schools | Junior Representative |

**Reports**

**Director of Finance and Facilities Scott Sokup**

**Director of IT Josh McCormick**

* We have implemented DocHub for HR. This will allow HR to send out contracts and documents digitally, and will accept electronic signatures.
* Hudl camera has been installed in the Holy Ghost gym for live streaming events. New Scoreboard has been ordered for that gym, so the new camera can integrate the time clock and score with the live stream.
* Still evaluating other Student Information Systems
* Starting to evaluate classroom needs for the next school year (Interactive boards, Chromebooks, iPads)
* Due to Virtual Snow Days, several Verizon HotSpots have been assigned to students so they can complete school work at home.

**Director of Advancement Libby Leinenkugel**

The good things that God provides continue to amaze me. We continue to be blessed by so many wonderful people, who do great things that ultimately serve the students, who are then in turn held to the standards and teachings of Christ to serve their community. Here are a few things to highlight from the past month:

Scott Sokup secured a fantastic donation from a company in Eau Claire that gave "new to us" office furniture to many employees. Way to go, Team Scott!

The McDonell Foundation continues to offer their financial support, and committed to a generous contribution despite the markets taking a toll on their investments. We appreciate the trust bestowed upon us by the Officers and Board of Directors.

We worked with a group of students who will be taking a pilgrimage this summer to Rome. We offered support, encouragement, and wisdom for their tool belts so that they can request donations from people in their parishes and community to help offset the costs for their trip.

The Macks Kolbe Club continues to meet every month, in thanks to people donating in the memory of Isaac Bohaty '18. This group of students is led by Ms. Erica Boehm and Ms. Alexis Landherr. The discussion during their March meeting focused on magnanimity - seeking with confidence to do great things for God; having a large soul. They learned of ways to cultivate this virtue as leaders of McDonell High School, and discussed ways they can use their successes to share the Good News of God's love for us, bring glory to Him, and recognize the talents of others.

As always, thank you for your support of MACS. We appreciate the time, talent, and treasure that you are willing to give to our community. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with me. I welcome your conversations!

**Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams**

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| **Grade** | **Total Students 2022-23** | **Current MACS Students Enrolled** | **New Students 2023-24** | **Total Students Enrolled 2023-24** | **Current MACS Students Not Enrolled** | **Total Student Including MACS Not Enrolled** | **Inquiring Students** | **Potential** |
| **4K** | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 27 |
| **K** | 39 | 0 | 30 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 12 | 42 |
| **1-2** | 57 | 58 | 1 | 59 | 4 | 63 | 0 | 67 |
| **3-5** | 120 | 100 | 1 | 101 | 8 | 119 | 3 | 122 |
| **6-8** | 124 | 110 | 5 | 115 | 15 | 130 | 5 | 135 |
| **9-12** | 206 | 156 | 5 | 161 | 30 | 191 | 7 | 198 |
| **Total** | **545** | **424** | **62** | **486** | **57** | **543** | **34** | **577** |

* The above chart does not include international students. We average two Global Outreach and eight Educatius each year.
* Choice deadline Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

**Long Range Planning - TJ Proue**

**Principal K-5 and Early Childhood - Jerry Smith**

**Catholic Liberal Arts Education**

* Congratulations to Gymnastics, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball on deep runs in the postseason.
* Spring Assessments (Science, Reading, Math) will be April 13-18
* The Mack Way Day will be held on April 6
  + Our students will be doing different activities for the community.
* Stations of the Cross
  + Friday's Holy Ghost (12:00pm)
  + Our students are participating periodically until Easter.

**Opportunities**

* We are currently looking for bus drivers to help with Camp Macks for the summer. If you or you know of anyone that would be willing to help get students to places please let Jerry Smith know.
* We are currently looking for 4K bus hub volunteers from 7:30am-7:50am (Monday - Thursday) for the remainder of the school year.
* We are currently looking for Camp Macks teachers. If you or you know of anyone that would be interested please have them contact Jerry Smith.

**Building & Atmosphere**

* 20 4K approved and accepted for our program next year
* 23 Kindergarten approved and accepted for next year

**Notre Dame/McDonell - Eric Wedemeyer**

**Diocesan assessments**

In the past few weeks our Theology departments at both the Middle and the High School have been working to complete the Religion assessments for our 8th and 11th graders. This year Mr. Greg Gilbertson worked with a team from the diocese to refine the questions for the knowledge based assessment for our 11th graders. McDonell High School juniors were chosen to pilot this updated assessment and we are looking forward to seeing the results. A special thank you to Mrs. Gwen Doyle, Mr. Gilbertson and Mr. Christian Ruf for proctoring these exams.

**High School Scheduling Building**

Next year’s High School students have begun registering for their classes for the 2023-24 school year. We have a pretty good handle on the number and have started to create sections for classes . The schedule is nearly complete. Thank you to our School Counselor and Mr. Brian Schulner with their help in creating the High School schedule for next year.

**National Honors Society**

On Monday, March 6 we formally inducted this year's chapter of the National Honors Society. 16 students were chosen by a select number of faculty for this year’s chapter. The ceremony was led by our NHS advisors Mrs. Greta Jorgensen and Mrs. Wendy Buchman. Honorees were selected under the four criteria: Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service. Congratulations to our newest members!

**Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt**

**Academics**

**Accreditation**

**Student Support Services Coordinator Diane Hietpas**

* Intent to Participate in SNSP for the 23-24 school year was submitted:
* High School: 20 seats (increase by 1)
* Middle School - 14 seats (increase by 1)
* Holy Ghost - 11 seats (no change)
* St. Charles - 4 kindergarten seats, 6 grade 1-2 seats (no change)
* A middle school crochet club started after school this week (Wednesdays)