



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

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

Education Commission - Summary

May 18, 2023

Prayer in the chapel 5:00-5:25 p.m.

Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

McDonnell Library

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Prayer in Chapel Prior Meeting	Andy	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer in chapel
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AGENDA	LEAD		NOTES
Welcome and Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome 	Andy	5:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome by Chair Andy Shakal
Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Prayer 	Andy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer led by Fr Hokamp including Hail Mary by all.
Evidence of Mission/Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Andy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmation. Students sponsors for other students Recognition for Fr's message at baccalaureate Great turnout for baccalaureate
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance and Facilities Report Technology Report Advancement Report Long-Range Planning Report Enrollment Report Student Services Report Principals' Reports Dean of Academics Report 	Andy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment - largest anticipated grade is the 10th grade. With inquiries 61. Kindergarten will be three classes Open house for 3K-K at St Charles, May 24, 2023. 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. One spot left available for 3K

<p>Guest Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advancement • Mental Health Presentation 	<p>Libby Kelsey</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelsey Jimenez - Mental Health • Reviewed roster of committee members • Committee includes licensed counselor and social worker • CDC recognizes the increased struggles of depression, anxiety and suicide am • What's happening: food insecurities, self harm. bullying/depression, anxiety, non medicated and medicated health disorders, social/emotional barrier, verbal/physical abuse, unmanaged stress and unhealthy coping skills • How are we helping: social and emotional support from teachers, referrals to Andrea Hess, school counselors, principal one on one, monitor student chromebooks and Speak Up-Speak Out • What is being discussed: suicidal ideation among MACS students, crisis intervention C-SSRS, cyber bullying/social media usage, social-emotional behaviors, individual students at all grade levels and resources • Suicidal Ideation and Cyber Bullying are two major issues being focused on • Action Items: Staff training August 2023 with Andrea Hess, connecting families to county/local resources, creating more paths of open communication, partnerships with parents, helping the parent be the primary educator, streamlining responses, streamline parent education webpage, Fall Speaker series with school counselor, updated requirement for Digital Citizenship, grant approved for "Protect Young Eyes" speaker, focusing on virtues and habits in all grades and future meetings and prayers. • Parent communication - in regards to events - it is suggested that we need to communicate differently than emails when we want to get families attention. EX: inviting families to "Protect Young Eyes" • Conclusion - there is a need for this committee! Asking for more support staff: school psychologist, school social worker and another school counselor. • Libby Leinenkugel - Advancement • Reviewed fundraising results

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New curtains for the auditorium • Tuition Assistance • Foundation • Gifts • Witness the Difference - appreciation event at new History Center by Irvine • Partners in Mission - conference in July. Education Commission representatives are invited to attend the conference - no charge July 13 • June 12 - Amber Leibrandt will be working part-time for MACS in the Advancement department with a focus on events, grants, alumni relations and other administrative support needed. • Alumni visits: California, Arizona • Class of 1973 joined the class of 2023 for Mass and breakfast. • \$350,000 gifted in grants and scholarships to the class of 2023
Committees/Department Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Mission • Pandemic Committee 	Fr. Hokamp Molly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr Hokamp is taking a group of students to Rome along with others from Wausau Newman • Please share with Fr if you have any prayers needed when he is in Rome • The group is still in need of financial support for the trip
Student Representatives Parish Representatives			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class of 2023 graduated May 19, 2023 • Baccalaureate was beautiful • June 11 • New programming Lady of the Falls, June 5 • Parking lot is closed to finished at St Charles parish • Fr Alex Kren new associate pastor for St Charles and Chaplain at MACS
Commission Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer elections in June • Senior Student Rep certificate 	Andy		
President's Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan updates • Recognizing Chaplain • Summer schedule 	Molly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to bring the Pandemic committee to an end. Consensus from the Ed Comm committee. • Fr Hokamp started the same year as Molly. His next step will be in Rome. • Sharing our students information with Newman Connection with hope to continue their Catholic faith • Today is the Nine Day Novena for the Pentecost • The Central Office is closed on Friday's the months of June and July with exception of the week of July 4th

NEXT Education Commission Meeting NOTE: McDonell HS graduation May 19 @ 7:30 p.m.	Andy		Thursday, June 22, 2023 5:00 prayer in chapel 5:30-7 meeting June meeting is the 4th Thursday
Closing Prayer and Adjourn	Priest	7:00 p.m.	• Fr Hokamp closed with the 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	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
X	Tracy Bormann	Director of Human Resources Advancement Advisory Committee	St Bridget's Rep 2nd Term
	Justus Busse	Deputy Chief Fire/EMS	St Charles Rep

		Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	2nd Term
X	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
	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

X	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
	Eric Wedemeyer	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal EC, SC & HG
	Jerry Smith	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Principal EC, SC & HG
X	Scott Sokup	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Controller
	Kathleen Adams	McDonell Area Catholic Schools	Exec Admin Asst/Admissions

Student Representatives

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

Reports

Director of Finance and Facilities Scott Sokup

- Submitted to the Diocese for permission to repave the McDonell parking lot, still waiting for approval.

- Working on summer project planning
 - Refresh to three Art classrooms, one in each building
 - New fixtures
 - Paint
 - Refresh to three Early Childhood classrooms
 - New flooring
 - New fixtures
 - New furniture
 - Paint
 - Surface maintenance to HG and McD gyms
 - Scrub and wax floors at ND/McD
 - Clean carpets at SC
- These are some large projects to tackle this year, some of the largest we have tackled recently with our team.
- Year End Financial Audit will be in August, work will start soon on this.

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Director of IT Josh McCormick

- Preparing for end of year Chromebook & Technology collections
- Gearing up for summer projects
 - Server install and updates
 - Going through Chromebooks
 - Print Server updates
- Reviewing Software subscriptions and licenses for the following School year
- Still evaluating a new SIS system, working on getting a demo scheduled for Teachers, counselors and principals for FACTS, as well as getting quotes, and what the migration would look like.

Director of Advancement Libby Leinenkugel

- Presentation under guest presentati

Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams

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	23	23	0	23	2	25
K	39	0	39	39	0	39	4	43
1-2	57	61	3	63	0	63	2	65
3-5	120	106	2	108	0	108	5	114
6-8	124	123	12	135	2	137	12	144

9-12	206	171	11	180	17	197	15	212
Total	545	461	90	551	22	573	46	619

- The above chart includes one international student. MACS is in need of host families. Please contact me if you or if you know someone that is interested.
- Choice has closed. Families are now accepting vouchers
- 15 Enrolled for 3K for 20234-24. Currently have nine 3 year olds.
- 3K cap is 16 for 2023-24. One spot remains open.

Long Range Planning - TJ Proue

Principal Reports

Spring Concerts

Both the High School and the Middle School held their spring Choral and band concerts this past month. McDonell had theirs on April 17th. The Concert choir sang four hymns, while the Jazz ensemble performed three songs and the Concert band played four tunes. Notre Dame had their concert on May 15th. The 5th-8th grade bands played a total of eight numbers. The 6th-8th grade choirs sang a total of seven songs. A special thank you to Paula & Sean Hanson along with Amy Vogt for their work in preparing our students for these performances.

High School Students honored

Each spring we have students honored for high academic achievements. The Cloverbelt conference honors two scholars from each school as well as two scholar-athletes from each school in the conference. Each student honored selects their most influential educator. Below are the McDonell students honored at these banquets this spring and their most influential teacher:

Cloverbelt Scholar

- Eva Bushman - Mr. Justin Kuehl
- Becca Baier - Mr. Steve Roesler

Cloverbelt Scholar-Athlete

- Marley Hughes - Coach DJ Cooper
- Andrew Bauer - Mr. Thane Berg

In addition to the Conference scholar banquets the Chippewa Chamber of Commerce recognizes the top 5% of the graduating seniors from both Chippewa Falls public High School and McDonell High School. These students also get to choose and honor an influential person that has inspired them. Below are the McDonell students and their selected educator:

Excellence in Education

- Sydney Retzlaff - Miss Mary Jo Sprunk
- Megan Hanson - Mr. Justin Kuehl
- Eva Bushman - Mrs. Mary King

Class of '73 morning visit

On the morning of Tuesday, May 2, nine members of the graduating class of 1973 visited our building. They had breakfast and attended mass with this year's seniors. They also took a trip down memory lane and toured the school building. Thank you to our advancement director Mrs. Libby Leinenkugel for setting up the event.

Catholic Liberal Arts Education

- With warmer weather means outdoor classrooms! Our students and staff are enjoying the outdoors and learning from outside of the classroom.
- Educational field trips have been a big hit; our 4th graders went to Madison early May, and our 5th graders went to the Shrine in LaCrosse.
- We have wrapped up all testing for the year, and now are starting to look at summer school opportunities for students.

Opportunities

- We have multiple opportunities for next year. Please check online to see if you or any of your friends might be interested.

Building & Atmosphere

- As of 5/17/23 we have 39 Kindergarten students for next year.

- Our numbers are stronger than ever, our staff are excited for moving parts within the school and are looking forward to new staff coming on board.

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt**Accreditation**

- I am gathering the data/results of self-study and surveys to help leadership team and faculty develop future goals

Professional Development

- Teachers are signing up for summer opportunities. [Here](#) are some of the offerings.
- The week of June 5 is training for PK-2 teachers. University of Dallas staff will be here in person for the training. There will be training for ND/McD English Language Arts teachers and math for K-6 teachers
- Held a meeting with our "librarians" at SC and HG. Looking at the organization of our libraries and book collections. We watched this [webinar](#) earlier in the year.

Student Support Services Coordinator Diane Hietpas

- Summer school enrollment is near full and registration is closed. A handful of requests will be considered on an individual basis. We still need two teachers for summer school.
- The ISP process with the public school will be changing for the 23-24 school year for middle school and high school. The public school will continue to complete evaluations for special education for all MS and HS students but will no longer complete annual ISP's (Individualized Service Plans). The SNSP Agreements for Services will replace the ISP for middle and high school students. No changes will occur for Pre-k through grade 5. These changes should not affect students enrolled in SNSP.
- There are open SNSP staff positions at Holy Ghost and at the High School.