



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

October 20, 2022

5:00 p.m. Listening Session

McDonell Library

5:30 p.m. October Meeting

McDonell Library

AGENDA

LEAD

NOTES

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Listening Session	All	5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No attendees
Welcome and Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to new St Peter representative Diane Herron 	TJ	5:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introductions
Prayer	Priest		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led by Fr. Hokamp
Evidence of Mission/Vision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	TJ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kudos to principal Eric Wedemeyer for the progress he continues to drive at ND/McD as their new principal Career Fair - success Recognition that extracurricular activities are overlapping with faith components Freshman retreat to La Crosse for Mass and to see the shrine. Feedback is that the next trip would want more time to enjoy the moment.
CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance and Facilities Report Technology Report Advancement Report Long-Range Planning Report Enrollment Report Principals' Reports Dean of Academics Report 	TJ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consensus

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Services Report 			
Reports from Parish and Student Representatives			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student representative shared that the Co-Mock Car Crash with CFAUSD was impactful for students. • Student representative shared that having the Mock Crash, Junior Achievement and PSAT all in one week was challenging for student schedules. • Student representative shared auditions are coming up for the school musical, “School of Rock” • Student representative shared that Orchestra is available 2022-23. Please spread the word.
Committees/Department Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Annual Enrollment Report • Monthly Catholic Mission report • Strategic Plan Steering Committee 	Kathleen/ Molly Fr. Hokamp Molly/Erin/ Matt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions Coordinator, Kathleen Adams present 2022-23 enrollment results as of the third Friday in September • 2022-23 Enrollment • Catholic Mission met October 6, 2022 • Isaac Bohaty fund • MACS freshman went on a retreat to LaCrosse for Mass and to see the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe • Discussed a goal of having a systemwide liturgical “norms” Will have a meeting with those involved with Mass through the system and local parishes. • Please note that October is pro-life month. • each school is praying a Living rosary in the month of October (students are the rosary) • Next letter to go out MACS families in the Faith series is in regards to Mary and the rosary. Summary of the letter can be found on the MACS Website Faith & Service/Catholic Life/ • Are you involved with the families that are receiving CIF • Matt Elstran and Erin Brick are part of the Strategic Plan Steering committee. • Committee currently reviewing the Mission
Commission Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Andy/TJ		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .Tabled
President’s Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual System Goals Preview • Early Childhood update 	Molly		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly presented 2022-23 system goals. Presentation • Family-Friendly, School Ready presentation: Presented the vision and

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall concerts invitation 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> benefits of creating a Catholic academic culture beginning at age 3k Moving from being a host school for the public 4K program to a private, faith based program Shared tentative family-friendly based benefits
<p>NEXT Education Commission Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note date change! Joint meeting Guest presentations from Advancement/PR and Alumni Association 	TJ/All		<p>Tuesday, November 29, 2022 5:00 p.m. at Stillson</p> <p>5-6 p.m. Joint Meeting</p> <p>6:15-7:15 p.m. MACS Ed Comm Meeting</p>
Closing Prayer and Adjournment	Priest		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glory Be led by Fr Hokamp

Membership

EX	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
Virtual	Brian Eslinger	Eslinger Insurance Committee Assignment - Open	All Saints Rep 1st Term
Virtual	Tamara Bohaty	Bohaty Trucking	Holy Cross Rep 1st Term
Virtual	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
Virtual	Scott Siegenthaler	Assistant Director Financial Aid UWEC Long Range Planning Committee	Notre Dame Rep 2nd Term

	Vacant		Sacred Heart Rep
EX	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 Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
X	Regi Geissler	Registered Nurse HSHS Safety and Emergency Procedures Co-Chair Ad Hoc Pandemic Committee	St Charles Rep 2nd Term
EX	Victoria Silvas		St Paul's Rep
X	Diane Herron	Homemaker Ad Hoc Dress Code Committee Parent Ambassador Music Boosters Faith Boosters	St Peter's Rep 2nd Term
X	Chad Brady	Software Consultant LRP and Finance/Facilities	At-Large Rep 1st Term

Ex-Officio

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

Student Representatives

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

- Will be reviewing the final Master plan at the next Facility and Finance meeting.
- Starting the next fiscal year budgeting process. Tuition committee had their first meeting, preliminary details will be shared at the meeting for a discussion.
- Year End Financial Audit is wrapped up and auditors submitted to DPI, nothing significant was found, so we did well.
- Server arrived, working with the vendor on an install date - Funds were taken from Witness the Difference to pay for the server as it was not EANS Grant eligible

- Beginning the Fall Audit pre-work this week. Mini Financial Audit and then the rest of the audit will focus on Budget, Enrollment, Insurance, background checks and ensure other operational policies are being followed.
- Working on the next salary scale
- Working on gathering evidence for accreditation.

Director of IT Josh McCormick

- Our new Server has been received, currently developing a timeline for deployment.
- Currently Evaluating new Streaming Platforms for the 2023-24 School year, and the role of IT in the Streaming process going forward.
- Evaluating our Security Cameras
 - Currently doing a trial of a new system
 - Working on a proposal to update some of our older cameras, and add additional cameras to our system

Director of Advancement Libby Leinenkugel

We are in the thick of things with event planning.

- Mark your calendars for Spaghetti Spectacular (Nov 6 and lunch deliveries on Nov 7) as well as Mardi Gras (February 11). Look for new ideas and energy being brought into both events! Our High School students are submitting nominations for Mardi Gras Royalty this year. I am so grateful for the new perspectives being brought to our Executive Committee, Planning Committee, and multiple subcommittees.
- Also exciting is the progress that we are making with Katie from Partners in Mission, specific to our revised Annual Fund, the A.B. McDonell Vision Fund. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks to highlight our strategies on this fund.
- Members of the MACS Advancement Advisory Committee were able to meet with Katie during our September meeting. We have set some high goals with Katie's guidance and appreciate your prayers and support as we work to achieve bigger and better things for MACS.
- I continue to be humbled by the generosity of the people that support our MACS community. The phone calls and emails I receive from people who want to see the success of our schools continue on for the coming years is truly a blessing.

Admissions Coordinator Kathleen Adams

Grade	Total Students 2021-2022	Total Students Enrolled 2022-2023	New Students 2022-2023 (included in total students enrolled)	Inquiring Students
K	26	39	39	1
1-2	67	57	3	3
3-5	119	120	9	0
6-8	117	124	16	1
9-12	177	206	31	1
Total	507	545	98	6

Long Range Planning - TJ Proue

Principal K-5 and Early Childhood - Jerry Smith

Catholic Liberal Arts Education

- Both St. Charles and Holy Ghost have taken students on field trips. Teachers have done a great job on integrating our virtues, as well as nature study into each field trip.

Opportunities

- A few parents of Holy Ghost students have stepped up and volunteered within the school. This is a great way for students and staff to interact with the community.

Building & Atmosphere

- Teachers and students are well beyond our first month routines. Teachers are doing a great job of keeping students engaged, taking them outside for weekly outdoor classroom lessons.
- All teachers have had their Pro and Grow Forms filled out and approved. It is exciting to see the teachers setting goals to help build successful classrooms, as well as setting up students for success.
- October 25th will be our first Hold/Lockdown of the year. Our guidance counselor and teachers have done a great job of talking with students and prepping them for the upcoming drill. The safety of our students and staff is top priority and all have created a team effort to make the schools safe.

Notre Dame/McDonell - Eric Wedemeyer

Mock Crash

- On Tuesday, Oct. 11 the Junior and Seniors witnessed a mock crash scene at Chi hi. The simulation was designed to realistically depict a crash scene that involves teenagers in a drinking and driving scenario. One of our students took on an acting role in the simulation while the rest of our students witnessed the scene and also took part in the assembly directly following. During the assembly, our students heard from people that have been directly affected by a drinking and driving accident and listened to how it has impacted their lives.

PSAT

- On Wednesday, Oct. 13, 21 of our Juniors took the PSAT standardized assessment. The exam was proctored by our new school counselor, Mrs. Kelsey Jimenez.

Junior Achievement Day

- For the first time in over 2 years, we've been able to host Junior Achievement Day at McDonell. On Friday, Oct. 14 over 19 businesses, entrepreneurs and service workers visited our high school and provided motivational talks and table information to our 10, 11 & 12th graders.

Freshman Retreat to Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe

- On Friday, Oct. 14 our Freshman took the trip to LaCrosse for a day of prayer and reflection. Our Campus Ministry Coordinator Ms. Boehm led the group.

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Just past the midday point of the first trimester, our teachers will be available this week on Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Thursday, Oct. 20 for face to face conferences for check-ins on student's progress.

Intruder Training & Drills

- This week our middle and high school students will listen to a training pertaining to our Hold/Lockdown safety procedures. The training is important to our student's awareness of what to do in the event of a dangerous intruder in our building.

Dean of Academics Mary Huffcutt

Academics

- Virtue ad hoc committee is meeting and discussing virtue education
- Inservice/workday Sept. 30: Held Catholic Liberal Arts Education progress reflections with teachers
- Developing awareness around habits and virtues as part of our behavior policy
- K-8 student growth talks around assessments (Student Support Services)
- K-2 Professional development on literacy using LETRS training

Accreditation

- Sent the annual accreditation report to the Diocese
- Structuring and collecting evidence collection for the 22-23 school year

Student Support Services Coordinator Diane Hietpas