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April 6	Holy Thursday - #TheMackWay Community Day!
April 7	NO SCHOOL Good Friday
April 9	Happy Easter!
April 10	NO SCHOOL Easter Monday
April 12	Olson's Ice Cream Share Night 3:00 - 8:30 p.m., Bridge St. Olson's
April 14	Sacred Heart Fish Fry 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart, Jim Falls
April 17	McDonell Spring Concert 6:30 p.m., McDonell Auditorium
April 17	Sir A. B. McDonell's Birthday! A.B. McDonell Vision Fund Donation Link
April 20	WI Parental Choice Program application period closes at 4:00 p.m!
April 26	Annual Looking Forward Presentation 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., McDonell Auditorium





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Thank You Volunteers!

Happy Easter! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest miracle of the Christian faith, filled with hope and promise that He, in His divinity and humanity, is victor over death and invites us to share in His victory! Rejoice, He is risen indeed!

Did you know that Volunteer Week is the week of April 17?

MACS looks forward to celebrating our hundreds of volunteers and announcing some exciting updates to our volunteer process. As you hopefully are aware, every MACS family is required to contribute 30 volunteer hours each year. You may have questions, such as how to sign up, which activities "count," how hours are reported and tracked, etc. Good guestions! Our newly updated Volunteer webpage includes the new and improved Volunteer Handbook that answers these questions, as well as links to sign up for volunteer opportunities and record your hours.

Mrs. Molly Bushman

MACS President

Volunteers add so much to our schools, whether in the central office, at events, helping in classrooms or maintenance, serving on committees...the list is long and I don't know what we would do without each of you! Our goal is that, by making the process easier, we will see even more engagement from families in volunteer opportunities.

To all of our volunteers: thank you and thank God for you!



Feast of Feasts

This month we celebrate what is known as the Feast of Feasts, the greatest celebration that we have as Christians. This, of course, is the celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. It is the most important



Fr. Ethan Hokamp

celebration in the Church year because, as St. Paul says, without the Resurrection we who believe would be the most pitiable of all men. But because Jesus has been raised, the faith is not some relic from the past that has somehow survived to the present; indeed, it seems impossible that the Church could survive this long if Jesus had not actually risen from the dead as He promised. Rather, His Resurrection validates everything Jesus taught, and it validates everything that the Church He founded has taught in His name throughout the centuries.

The thing about this feast of Easter, though, is that it's too important to be something we celebrate only once a year. That would be much too infrequent for just how momentous and earth-shattering Jesus' Resurrection to new life is. It should change our lives to the core. This is why the Church actually celebrates Easter every single week, on what is called the Lord's Day, Sunday, since that is the very day Jesus rose from the dead to begin God's new creation. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, and our observance of this feast by our participation in Sunday Mass assures us that we will have a share in Jesus' new life, as He promised, when our earthly lives come to an end.

I'd like to invite all of you to a renewed participation in this gift of Sunday Mass: that those who have been away may return to regular attendance on the Lord's Day and that those who are already there would experience a deeper share in this mystery of Our Lord's risen life, for He is truly risen!



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Home and School Association (HandS)

Email: macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us

Is everyone ready for outdoor sports and picnics and playing in the sunshine? We certainly can't wait for spring to come!

Thank you to all who helped with Science Night at Holy Ghost, especially Mrs. Jaeger who generously spent her time and talents showing the kids how fun science can be!

The HandS committee is looking forward to our spring St. Charles Playdate on May 10. Our last big event of the year, we will grill hot dogs and play kickball at St. Charles, and everyone, as always, is invited to celebrate spring! Our HandS spring spruce-up this year will involve painting and scrubbing our beloved St. Charles hallways to brighten up the school for next year. Be on the lookout for dates and times.

All of us hope you have a prayerful Holy Week and a joyous Easter! We are praying for all the children receiving their First Holy Communion in our community this month. May you be consumed with the desire for our Lord; body, blood, soul, and divinity always.



Above: Students pose with their creations made at HandS Science Night.

MACS Faith Boosters

Email: macsmusic@macs.k12.wi.us



The Faith Boosters Club's two fundraising events were once again a great success in December and January. Both Breakfast with Santa and our Kid's Winter Carnival were well attended. Our Faith Boosters board, committee members, and volunteers have put in more thought and effort to make these events bigger and better in order to raise more funds for our campus ministries. The Faith Boosters

Mr. Rolly Enderes President

volunteered their time, people and companies that made donations, and everyone that came out to support our fundraising events this year. We already have dates set for these events for the 2023-24 school year. Mark your calendar for December 2, 2023, for our Breakfast with Santa event and January 28, 2024, for the Kids Winter Carnival. We are glad we can help support MACS students in the many upcoming campus ministry trips and events this spring and summer.

would like to thank everyone that

Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship



Kathleen Adams Executive Administrative Assistant 715.723.0538 ext. 3301 or k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us

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MACS Advancement



Libby Leinenkugel, Advancement Director 715.723.0538 ext. 3306 or Lleinenkugel@macs.k12.wi.us.

We are excited to announce that the MACS Advancement team is growing! We are adding a new position,

an Advancement Services Coordinator, that we hope to get filled in the coming months. This person will work directly with me to help achieve our lofty Advancement goals, which ultimately translates to securing additional funding for the needs of our students, faculty, buildings, etc. The primary responsibility for this role will be to champion fundraising events. Other duties will include grant writing and alumni relations.

We are hiring this as a part time position with the possibility of growth into a full time position as we achieve our goals. If you are interested in applying for the position, please visit the <u>Employment Opportunity page</u> of our website or give me a call at 715.723.0538. If you know of someone who would be great in this role, please send them my way! And remember, employees now receive a tuition benefit for their kids who attend MACS.

We are heading into the home stretch for this school year already. Hold on tight, these last two months will be gone before we know it. We are grateful for your support and the blessings that God continues to grace us with everyday.

In Gratitude,

Libby Leinenkugel

MACS Nutrition and Wellness Committee

Get Better Today

Welcome to a new section from the MACS Nutrition and Wellness committee! My name is Nate Stepp, Family Medicine physician, currently working in the Emergency Department. This section of the newsletter serves as part of our mission to promote healthy living strategies for everyone in MACS and get families involved as well.

For the first topic, I want to throw out some of our older ways of thinking about nutrition and start this spring with fresh ideas about feeding this amazing motor that is the human body. The world around us tries to make nutrition extremely confusing so that you buy their products.... it's true! Every company, commercial, advertisement will tell you that what you are doing is WRONG, but if you want to be "right", just buy some magic food plan, or meals, or supplement and everything will be perfect. Come on...That's not reality.

But, we can do better! A few points I want to be 100% clear about.

- 1. This is not about weight loss. This is not about weight gain. Your body weight does NOT change the value of you as a person. We all may have different goals and feelings on how we think we should look. A lot of that is cultural stigma, and I just want you to be healthy inside, and emotionally as well.
- Calories still matter. e.i. Eat more energy (calories) than you burn off, you will gain weight. And vice versa.
- There is no "PERFECT" diet. I know that sounds crazy, but if there was... wouldn't we all be doing it?? (maybe if it had a category of cheese curds as a food group).
- 4. Complete elimination of a food group is great for fast results, but rarely sustainable. It's like someone saying "don't think about an elephant" every time you see them. Of course, when you see them.... you think of elephants. That's how human brains work.

Host Families Needed for 2023-24

Can you open your heart and home to an international student attending McDonell Central Catholic High School next year? Our partner, Student Management Group (SMG), is currently looking for host families for students arriving in August.

Host families represent the diversity of American culture. They are of varied backgrounds and include working parents, couples without children, single parents, adoptive parents, empty nesters, etc. that are over 25 years of age. The most important characteristic of a SMG host family is the willingness to welcome a student from another country into your family and provide a safe, comfortable environment throughout their stay in the U.S.

Now you may be asking: "So what is the "best" diet, Mr Smarty-pants??"

The Mediterranean Diet is in my opinion (and most of the medical communities) the best diet because it is balanced, allows for nutritionally dense foods, vegetables, fruits, fish, nuts, and occasional beef (or venison). And it's not ridiculously expensive!!

There aren't crazy requirements to follow. You can have whole grains, proteins, etc... and it creates a state of balance, lowers inflammation in your body, and provides you with vitamins and minerals that most people do not get without a ton of supplementation (multivitamins). There are lots of recipes on the internet, and cookbooks, lots of flavors, and some faster meals for busy days, and longer ones when you have time.

So check it out!! Until next month, stay active, safe, and do something everyday to find joy in your life.

Nate Stepp, DO

MACS Nutrition and Wellness Committee Representative



SMG students are screened for social, emotional, and academic maturity. They speak English, and have their own health insurance and spending money. We work with a family to pick a student that matches their interests and lifestyle. A Local Coordinator maintains contact with the student and family to ensure success and work through any adjustment issues.

Host families provide three meals a day, complete an online application, pass criminal background checks, are English-speaking and treat the student as a member of the family. Our families receive a stipend to offset the expense of hosting.

For more information, please contact Anita Wahl at 715.271.6098 or anitawahl77@gmail.com.

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Eric Wedemeyer, NDMS & MCCHS Principal <u>e.wedemeyer@macs.k12.wi.us</u> 715.723.9126 ext. 3309

Mr. Eric Wedemeyer

As we move closer to the Easter season, we continue to pray and offer our sacrifices to God as a way to remember and honor the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for all of us.

With that in mind, I want to extend my gratitude to all our families for the sacrifices they make to accommodate and support our school's mission. The partnership shared by our school staff and our student's parents is essential for their ultimate success.

The season of Lent reminds us of the importance of almsgiving. As a Catholic institution, we continue to teach our students to be service minded. Our teachers have guided our students to create several acts of service in our community and will deliver many of them on Holy Thursday as part of our #TheMackWay Day. Please look for further communication as to what our students will be up to on that day.

Enrollment has been open for several weeks and I would like to remind all current families that have yet to enroll their child for the 2023-24 school year to do so if you are intending for them to return next year. Important administrative decisions need to be made based on each class size. It is very important that we have accurate numbers. Please contact me with any issues or questions regarding 2023-24 enrollment.

May God bless you all.

Mr. Wedemeyer

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The Spring Concert for choir and band is Monday, April 17. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be held in the McDonell auditorium.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

Disco Night

Saturday, April 22 at Wissota Golf

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. ~ 8:-00 p.m.

Dance: 8:00 p.m. ~ 11:00 p.m.

Grand March: 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$35: Includes Dinner & Dance



GUIDANCE NEWS

Mrs. Kelsey Jimenez <u>k.jimenez@macs.k12.wi.us</u> 715.723.9126 ext. 3318

Mrs. Kelsey Jimenez

SENIORS: Be sure to check the Scholarships page for new and updated scholarships!

Junior to Senior Meeting: For 2024 Seniors (and parents) Wednesday, April 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the McDonell Auditorium.

THEATER

"After a very successful spring show last year, I am very excited that I am directing another play at the end of this month! Hannah Kroll's "The Inn Around the Corner" is a lovable romantic comedy set in the wild west; featuring a talented cast of students as well as a student co-director: Malaki Suckerman. Working with these kids has already been a blast, even though we're only a few weeks into the process! Tickets go on sale on March 27, so make sure you get yours! Our show runs April 27-29, with each show starting at 7:30 p.m."

- Mr. Rineck

Cast: Monte—Fred Blair Vera—Eva Bushman Clara—Lily Edison Edward—Paul Tetrault Alice—Ella Rubenzer Billy—Elyse Bushman



ATHLETICS



Congratulations to the Lady Macks on winning the first-ever Division 5 State championship on March 11 at the Resch Center in Green Bay, WI.



Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball team for winning the Division 5 State Semi-Finals.

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NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Wendy Larson w.larson@macs.k12.wi.us 715.723.4777 ext. 1103

Mrs. Larson shared with the 6th-grade students how our blood is made of different parts and types of cells that can be used to help others heal from things like cancer as they begin their new unit of Cells & Healing.







7th Grade



Paper Rollercoaster Project













McDonell Area Catholic Schools

Pi Day Baking Challenge 1st Place: Caroline Hanson 2nd Place: Robert Schwetz 3rd Place: Addison Roth

\$203 Raised For Feed My People Food Bank

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Mr. Jerry Smith Principal St. Charles/Holy Ghost Schools

Welcome back from spring break! This time of year is when the winter starts to fade and new life comes to be; Spring is a great time for new adventures and new starts. As we are at the beginning of our 3rd Trimester I want you to look at what our MACS staff have accomplished through their hard work and commitment to their students. With their guidance and dedication our students are thriving in their learning, as well as being led to Christ daily.

With the Lent season upon us, it reminds us of giving, as Christ gave for us.



This second grade student found the baby in St. Charles Mardi Gras King Cake (above).

Thank you for all you do for our schools and our students. It is because of you that our schools are growing.

With Easter near, it is a great time to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus our Savior! He made the ultimate sacrifice; praise God for His Son, Jesus Christ. I encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to Mass over the next couple of weeks. Be fruitful in all we do to lift up our Lord.

God bless!



UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – April 2023

April 1 April 5,12,19,26	Short Season Begins SC Mass at 8:30 am HG Mass at 8:30 am
April 6	MACK Way Day
April 7 April 9 April 10	NO SCHOOL – Good Friday Easter NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday
April 13 -18	Spring Easy CBM Testing (SC/HG)
April 18	SC Hymm Festival /Art Show 12:30
April 20	Parent Teacher Conferences Statewide Tornado Drill
April 23	Notre Dame First Communion-10:00 am
April 25	HG Spring Concert/Art Show 12:30 and 5:30 pm
April 30	SC First Communion– during mass St. Bridget First Communion– 9:30 am Holy Ghost First Communion-11:00 am
May 3	May Crowning at SC Church
May 14	St. Peters First Communion-9:00 am
May 19 May 26	Holy Ghost Talent show 1:30 pm Last day of School End 3rd trimester

St. Charles 4K Students host their first art show



St. Charles 4K students hosted their first art show for their families. The students are proudly showing off their artistic skills. This was an exciting time for students to be proud of their beautiful works of art. Art gives the children not only a very good self-image, but skill at both observation and craftsmanship.

St. Charles students prepare for the 40 Days of Lent



Msgr. Michael Gorman (above) prays before setting ablaze a pile of dry palm branches at St. Charles School. Last year's palms will become this year's ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday.



Second Grade students are walking their journey of Lent with faith-filled lessons in art. After learning about the stations of the cross, students created a tape resist image using watercolor paints (above).

















First-grade students are practicing their computer skills while writing a storybook about creature features (above).



Second graders are having a Socratic seminar where they discussed two different versions of The Legend of Johnny Appleseed (above).

Library Time for 3rd and 4th graders at Holy Ghost









This third-grade boy (above) is enjoying his library time by reading a book of his choice.

SPRING

A fourth-grade girl is reading Hazardous Tales during her library time (above).



A kindergarten girl (above) celebrates 100 days of school with the 100 stickers she brought to school.



These four kindergarten boys (above) opted to re-read 3 Billy Goats Gruff during their free time/ playtime.

The Day of a Fourth Grader at Holy Ghost



Fourth-grade girl is working on using different colors to create her colorful butterfly (above).



This group of fourth-grade students is working on putting together their 100-piece puzzle for the 100th day of school. What a great way to show teamwork (above).





This fourth-grade boy (above) in Mrs. Deb Dahl's class is working on correcting spelling and punctuation in sentences.



Mrs. Bridget Ericksen's fourth-grade class made Valentine's Cards for the Veterans (above) for Valentine's Day. What a great way to show Veterans some kindness.



31st Annual Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship Teacher Nomination Form

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Name of Teacher Nominee: _____

How does this teacher exemplify the essence of Catholic education?

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Chippewa Revival 2022-2025 See below for how you can get involved!

PHASE 1: AWARENESS

JUNE 2022 - JUNE 2023 GROW IN EUCHARISTIC AWARENESS AND AMAZEMENT

SPEAKER: CHRIS CARSTENS



APRIL 20, 2023 6:15PM, ST. CHARLES FOCUS: PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR EUCHARISTIC JESUS

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 ELEVATE THE SACRED LITURGY
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FELLOWSHIP HALL CHRIS CARSTENS SPEAKING ON HIS BOOK:

HIS BOOK: A DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY INTO THE MASS



HOLY HOUR

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PHASE 2: RENEWAL

JUNE 2023 - JULY 2024 DEEPEN PARISH IDENTITY IN CHRIST

FOCUS: PARISH COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY

DEEPEN AUTHENTIC FRIENDSHIP
WITH OTHER PARISHIONERS
LEARN WHAT VATICAN II (REALLY) TEACHES ABOUT
THE CHURCH, THE LITURGY, AND THE WORLD
RENEW OUR SENSE OF THE MEANING AND MISSION
OF THE UNIVERSAL AND LOCAL CHURCH

PHASE 3: MISSION/DIALOGUE JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

BECOME EUCHARISTIC MISSIONARIES TO OUR COMMUNITY

FOCUS: EMBRACE THE MISSION OF JESUS TO EVANGELIZE OUR COMMUNITY

LIVE THE "LITTLE WAY" OF EVANGELIZATION
 INTENTIONALLY SHARE AND LIVE THE FAITH
 WITH A FEW PEOPLE
 MULTIPLY OUTREACH EFFORTS TO

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL LOCAL CONTACT

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 - Read-alouds & handicrafts
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 - Meals & snacks
- Less structured, creative play & exploration

ASK US ABOUT YOUR

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ENROLLMENT To enroll in Little Macks 4K through Grade 12, contact Kathleen Adams

KATHLEEN ADAMS 715.723.0538 x3301 k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us



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