



DECEMBER

Dec 2 Joe Pug & Greg Gilbertson Live Performance
7:30 p.m., McDonell Auditorium

Dec 3 Pancakes with Santa
9:00-11:00 a.m., McDonell Commons

Dec 3 Bridge to Wonderland Parade
6:00 p.m., Bridge Street

Dec 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 12 Notre Dame Christmas Concert
7:00 p.m., McDonell Auditorium

Dec 13 St. Charles Christmas Concert
12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m., St. Charles Church

Dec 19 McDonell Christmas Concert
6:30 p.m., McDonell Auditorium

Dec 20 Holy Ghost Christmas Concert
12:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m., Holy Ghost Gym

NO SCHOOL

Dec 23-Jan 2 Christmas Break!

Dec 23-26 **Merry Christmas!**
Central Office & Early Childhood closed



Education for Life



New Faith-Based 4K

Parents of young children, we need your feedback! As we enter this Advent and Christmas season, we are excited to share that MACS is working on a plan to offer an accredited, Catholic faith-based 4 year old kindergarten (4K) program at the St. Charles Borromeo school building. In this process, we will also be making exciting updates to our three-year old programming. Our goal is to be a mission-aligned school system from 3K all the way through graduation. Our hope is that our youngest students will be immersed in the faith, full members of the school community, and prepared to take on kindergarten at MACS! With this change, we would no longer be a host site for the public school program. However, financial assistance and free tuition options would be available.

At this time, we are reaching out to obtain parents' feedback and level of interest. Please use the QR code below or go to [NEW Faith-Based 4K Program Interest Survey](#) to complete this quick survey. **IMPORTANT:** Enrollment will be limited. Interested parents who respond to this survey will be provided an early opportunity to pre-register your child(ren) for our new 4K program. (However, completing this survey does NOT obligate you to enroll your child.) This survey will close on MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Thank you very much for your assistance with our planning process.



Mrs. Molly Bushman
MACS President

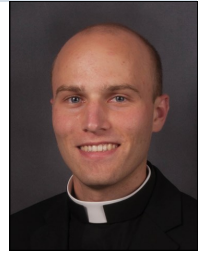
The Story of Christmas

There weren't any baby presents in Bethlehem when Jesus was born. There wasn't any birthday cake. There wasn't even a proper place for Mary to lay her newborn child, so she had to make due with a manger. For all the remarkable events surrounding the birth of Jesus—the herald angels, the three magi, the abject poverty of His birth—perhaps the most remarkable thing is that we even know about this poor boy born in a barn over two thousand years ago. We know about Him, of course, because of who He is: the Son of God become man.

The Christmas story is not some cutesy story we remind ourselves of each year just to get ourselves into the mood of the season. The Christmas story is *our story*, because *Jesus chose to become one of us. And because it is our story, this isn't a story that just happened two thousand years ago. The story of Jesus continues in our own day in the Church He has given us. The baby Savior born in Bethlehem is still present in the world today in the gift of the Eucharist found in every Catholic church throughout the world.*

When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus, and when we receive Jesus, we receive God Himself, the Creator of the universe, into our hearts and bodies. Jesus made Himself the perfect Christmas present for us to receive all throughout the year, so that, just as His divine love made Him share in our humanity, that same love might make us sharers of His divine life. May this Christmas help us experience even more the incredible gift Jesus has given us in the Eucharist.

A Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!



Fr. Ethan Hokamp





MACS Advancement: Fundraising News

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Mrs. Katrina Geissler
Spaghetti Spectacular
Chairperson



A tremendously huge THANK YOU to you all for supporting Spaghetti Spectacular! We had a lot of wins – attendance was up from last year, donations galore from local businesses and MACS community members, homemade sauce from Mr. Aaron Kasper and homemade bread from Deacon Rider, beautiful raffle baskets, the artwork from our K-5 students offered just the right amount of color pop to the gym that we needed, the melody from the kids singing for the Veterans Concert was lovely, the Student Ambassadors shined brightly as always, and the hours you all worked as volunteers to bring it together were countless. One of my favorite things to do is recruit our MACS students to fill in some holes. I am grateful that they

continue to tell me “Yes” (albeit with the occasional eye roll). It is with thanks for the teachers and staff who continue to offer guidance and leadership to help our students become respectable and contributing members of our community.

As always, please reach out to offer feedback.



MACS Music Boosters

Email: macsmusic@macs.k12.wi.us

The Music Boosters would like to thank everyone who pitched in to make the Annual Country Craft Expo a success! We had the perfect amount of help throughout the day and thankfully, with clean up as well! Many hands make light work. The three of us that have been responsible for the craft fair over the past 6 - 8 years are about to retire from our positions. We have a new lead organizer for the craft fair, but we do not have a concession coordinator or a treasurer to handle the money. Please do not let this 37 year old event die: you can make almost the entire music budget with this event alone. We need people to step up to run it, please.

In addition, the three of us who have been running the Music Booster Club are about to retire from Music Boosters entirely. Our youngest children are either Juniors or Seniors this year and will not be around next year. We have not heard from anyone about filling these positions. I recommend getting involved this year in order to transition leadership while the current leaders are still available! Thank you for considering a leadership position in Music Boosters, either as an officer or as one of three necessary craft fair leads.



Megan McChesney
President

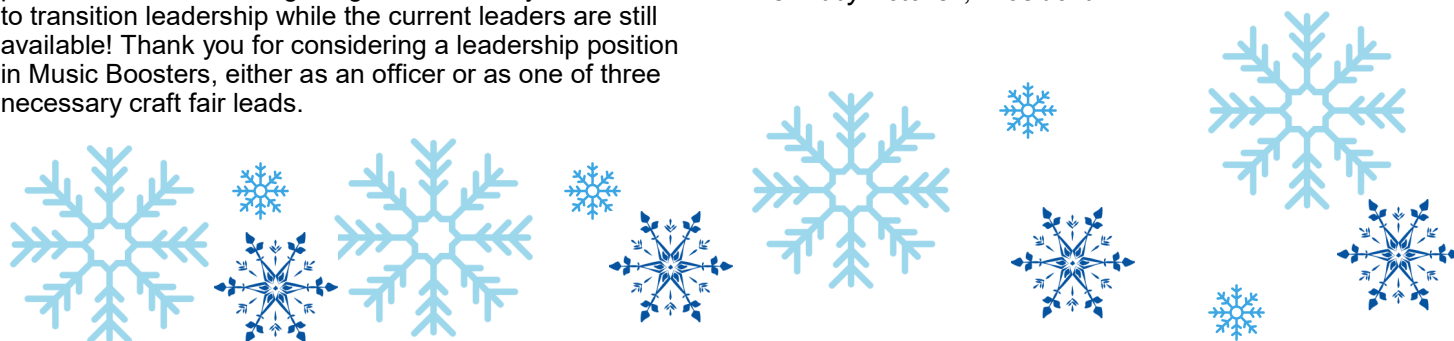
Home and School Association (HandS)

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Did you know that a small fee from your tuition comes straight to the HandS committee? We strive to put on fun and encouraging events for our St. Charles and Holy Ghost students AND bring their families together. We want all HandS events to be a place where your whole family has fun and helps strength our faith and sense of community. Being able to come relax while (almost) all your needs are met is what you can expect from us whether that's a cup of hot cocoa or couple new uniforms. That doesn't happen without a huge flight of volunteers! We are so grateful for the parents, grandparents and friends who helped make our fall events a great success. We cannot do it without you!

Please join us walking IN the Chippewa Falls Bridge to Wonderland Parade on December 3. We will meet in the courthouse parking lot between 4:00-5:30 p.m. Also, look out for more information about Catholic Schools Week (January 30- February 3) and our annual Snowflake Dance on Friday February 3 at 5:30 p.m.

— The HandS Committee
Mrs. Abby Petefish, President



SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



Kelsey Jimenez, School Counselor
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Seniors:

Remember to check the Scholarship Page on the MACS website.

AP Exams:

All payments (cash or check) are due March 10 to Mrs. Hughes in the office. Each exam costs \$97. Checks should be made out to MACS with AP Exam Fee in the memo line. If your student decides to not take the exam after the registration has been completed, you are still responsible for the fee(s).

2023-2024 Course Book/Registration:

Registration information will be released to families by the beginning of February 2023.

Parent of Seniors:

Please check with your student(s) about their goal for after high school graduation. Some students may need more assistance with college applications and prep and we want to be ahead of this for College/University/Trade School deadlines.



MUSIC NEWS



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Christmas Concerts for Band and Choir:

The Notre Dame will be December 12, 7:00 p.m., in the McDonell Auditorium.

The McDonell Choir concert will be December 19, 6:30 p.m. and McDonell Band concert will be December 19, 7:30 p.m., in the McDonell Auditorium.

Congratulation to the following members of our band who will be performing on January 21, 2023 in Gilman as part of the All Conference Band 2023:

Maria Herron, Gretta Sokup, Christie Abbe, Jena Geist, Prudence Maloney, Dominick Escoto, Wyatt Pelkey, Megan Hanson, Yuzuki Kobayaski and Beth Gilbertson

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Photos for the Yearbook

The deadline was November 1. Students must have their high resolution picture sent in JPEG format to Mrs. Wagner for the yearbook. Her email address is: k.wagner@macs.k12.wi.us.

If you have not done so, please send one immediately.

Also, you will need one 2.5" x 3.5" or one 4" x 6" print (that can be cropped) for office use. It must be a vertical head and shoulder pose. *Call now to let the school office know if you would like to use the LifeTouch school photo. This photo will be used if we do not receive any other photo for the senior pages in the yearbook.*

Parents/Guardians:

Orders have been placed with Jostens for the senior graduation announcements, caps and gowns. If your son/daughter failed to bring the order form home, it is now **your responsibility** to directly place an order by calling **Jostens** at 715.832.0762. This order needs to be placed **as soon as possible**.

YEARBOOK NEWS



Mrs. Kellie Wagner
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Yearbook Orders:

Yearbook fees were put on each student's IC account at the beginning of the year. Please be sure to pay that fee

by February 15, 2023 to ensure your student will receive their 2022-23 yearbook.

If you ordered a yearbook online, please let the office know to take the fee off your student's account.



HEALTH NEWS

Students Learn Life Saving Skills



Ms. Kari Stepp

Students in Mrs. Stepp's Health classes demonstrate their skills for multiple emergency situations. All Health students become certified in Adult, Child, and Infant CPR/First Aid/AED training. By offering free CPR training and certification for our students, they are learning so many life saving skills. This training gives students the preparation to save a life and the confidence to act quickly in an emergency situation regarding a family member or complete stranger.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Mr. Eric Wedemeyer

Eric Wedemeyer, NDMS & MCCHS Principal
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In this season of Thanksgiving, I think of so many things that I am grateful for. One thing that stands out is the overwhelming parental support in our mission at MACS, specifically at Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell High school. We continue to encourage all of our students to believe in their own abilities and praise their successes, even the small ones. Every one of our students is special and we want all of them to feel good about themselves. It is essential that they feel this support from us. With the continued reinforcement of what we teach, I am certain that our students will continue to grow into confident and service-minded people.

Reminders for some exciting and important events coming up: Start of Advent (Nov. 27), Bridge to wonderland parade (Dec. 3), and Notre Dame (Dec. 12) & McDonell (Dec. 19) Band & Choir Christmas performances.

May God bless you all!

Principal Eric Wedemeyer



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



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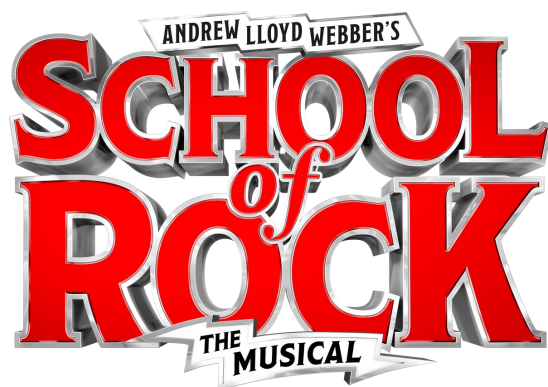
National Honor Society just wrapped up the Support Our Troops Drive, filling boxes to ship to soldiers who are stationed all over the globe. They are currently reviewing applications for new members that are due to Mrs. Jorgensen by November 30, 2022. Watch us grow!



SCHOOL MUSICAL

The School Of Rock

Musical theatre is busy preparing their production of The School of Rock by Andrew Lloyd Weber. The show will run February 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2023. Be on the lookout in January to get your tickets to this fantastic new show just off Broadway!

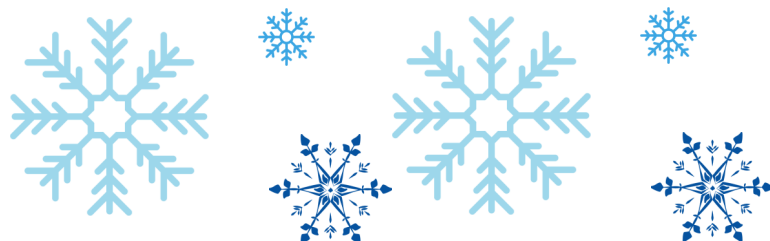


STUDENT COUNCIL



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Student Council has been busy with donut sales on Wednesday mornings and coordinating the rose and poinsettia sales this fall. They are doing a great job in finding new ways to fund the fun activities we have at McDonell High School. Poinsettia orders can be picked up on Monday, November 28 between 1:30 and 5 p.m. in the McDonell Commons.





Principal's Corner

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

Parents, we have come to a close on our first trimester. It has been a blessing to see your children grow from the first part of the year until now. The long winter months ahead are a time filled with joy, love, giving, but also time for challenges as our students and staff get tired and overwhelmed from the winter. This is test for all of us to continue to team up and help our children succeed at the highest levels. We continue to encourage all of our students to believe in their own abilities and praise their successes, even the little ones. Every one of our students is special and we want all of them to feel good about themselves every day.

We ask for your support at home as we build up our children to be the best version of themselves.

As we move into the Advent season, our focus will be to prepare each of our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is an exciting time for our students for many reasons, and we want to add to their experience by creating a mood of anticipation. You'll notice in our classrooms that our teachers will attempt to accomplish this by displaying the colors of purple and violets along with the traditional reds and greens. The purpose is to remind our students of the meaning of Advent. Which again, is a time of devout and joyful expectation for the celebration of Christ's birth, but also for His second coming.

Lastly, I want you all to know how thankful I am for the students, staff, and this great school district. I am grateful for the opportunity to have learned and grown as a professional here at MACS. The way we share our experience with God, the times we can celebrate Jesus is one of the best reasons I want to lead here. I want to wish you all a Happy

Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy your times with family and friends.

God Bless,
Jerry Smith



Mrs. Deb Dahl's fourth grade students get a visit from the Chippewa Steel Hockey Players (above). The students were excited to have the Hockey Players come and read a story to them.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 28** Christmas Giving Tree Begins
- Dec. 8** Feast of Immaculate Conception
SC Mass at 12:10 p.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 13** Santa Workshop at Holy Ghost
- Dec. 13** SC Christmas Concert 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.
In Church/Art Show in Narthex
(evening concert).
Bake sale at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 19** Christmas Giving Tree Ends ~ Thank you!
- Dec. 20** HG Christmas Concert/Art Show
12:30 and 5:30 p.m.
Bake Sale at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 21** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 22** Community Fun Day
Red and Green Attire day
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 2** NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
- Dec. 25** Merry Christmas!
- Jan. 3** School Resumes



Junior Achievement Visits in Fourth Grade

Junior Achievement's mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed. The inspiration piece comes from community volunteers who not only deliver our lessons, but share their experience. In the process, these volunteers serve as role models helping to positively impact young people's perceptions about the importance of education, as well as critical life skills. Preparation involves our proven lessons that promote financial capability, work and career readiness, and business ownership.



Our Junior Achievement volunteer is Mrs. Beth (Jacobson) Leahy. She is working with Mrs. Deb Dahl's fourth grade class (above).



These fourth grade students (above) are working on their Junior Achievement project.

Northern Lights Science and Art Lesson



First grade students (above) learning about the northern lights in a science and art interdisciplinary lesson. They used soft pastels to create the images after learning about solar winds colliding with the earth's atmosphere, this excites the particles in the atmosphere which then glow different colors creating the aurora borealis.

Veterans Day Cards



Mrs. Maria Viergutz's fifth graders (above) are making cards for Veterans day. These cards were delivered to the Veterans home.



Leaves, Leaves, Leaves!



Third grade students in Mrs. Cheri Miller Van Dyke's class (above) explored the art elements of color and texture when they went on a leaf hunt in front of Holy Ghost. Utilizing our outdoor classroom, art teacher, Mrs. Rebecca Beaubeaux, encouraged the students to experience the change of seasons with all five senses.



This 3rd grade boy then took the leaves he found and sorted them before he imprinted his leaves on clay (above).



What beautiful colored leaves the students have created using dry clay (above).



This 3rd grade girl then took the leaves she found into the art room to imprint their texture on air dry clay, which was purchased with the HandS Make IT happen grant (above).



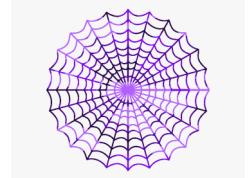
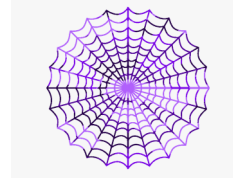
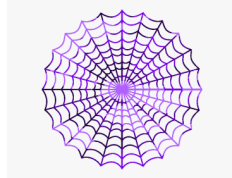
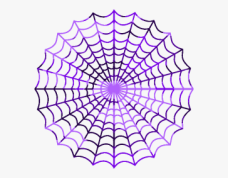
Monsters, Monsters, Monsters!



Mrs. Samantha Jandourek's kindergarten students (above) completed a line study by creating these little monsters. Through this lesson we discussed proper cutting and gluing techniques using scissors and liquid glue.



Mrs. Krista Misener's kindergarten students are displaying their little monsters they created during art class (above).



St. Charles Hoe Down



Yee Haw! Look at St. Charles staff dressed up in their western clothes for the Hoe Down (above).

Colorful Spider Webs



First graders worked on identifying contrasting colors, patterns, and the use of rules by making spiderwebs with soft pastels.



Halloween Costumes Plus All Saints Day Games Equals Fun at Holy Ghost School





Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council Conducts Veterans Day Program at Holy Ghost School



Thank a Veteran

Today is the day we honor,
the noble and the brave,
the men and women who
dedicated their lives,
and the sacrifices they made.
When America had an urgent need,
they were first to raise their hand,
without thinking twice about it,
they were proud to take a stand.
Some came back from war
with battle scars,
others in flagged draped coffins,
even though their flesh may have left,
their spirits will never be forgotten.
They unselfishly and knowingly,
put their lives on the line,
so when you see a veteran,
thank them, 'cause without them,
freedom would have died.

HOLY SPIRIT SPIRIT WEEK 2022

McDonell/Notre Dame



MONDAY **Come, Holy Spirit!**
12/5 **WEAR RED FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

TUESDAY **Feast of St. Nicholas**
12/6 **CRAZY SOCK DAY!**



WEDNESDAY **Celebrate St. Joseph**
12/7 **DAD JOKE COMPETITION**

THURSDAY **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
12/8 **MASS ATTIRE**
Wear Blue!



FRIDAY **Feast of Juan Diego**
12/9



**SCHOOL-WIDE
PENANCE SERVICE**

MACS Spirit Wear Day

Check the @macsministry Instagram throughout the week for more details and activities!

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HOLY SPIRIT SPIRIT WEEK



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Dec 5 **COME
HOLY SPIRIT!**
WEAR RED

**FEAST OF
ST. NICHOLAS** **Dec 6**
WEAR GREEN

Dec 7 **HOLIDAY HATS
OR CRAZY HAIR**

**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION** **Dec 8**
DRESS TO IMPRESS IN BLUE
MASS AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 12:10
MASS AT HOLY GHOST 8:30

Dec 9 **FEAST OF
ST. JUAN DIEGO**
PAJAMA DAY
UKRAINE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Joe Pug



L I V E P E R F O R M A N C E

December 2, 7:30 p.m.,
at McDonell Central Catholic High School

\$12 Admission

(Free for MACS students, parents, and guardians)



All proceeds support
McDonell Area Catholic Schools



Joe Pug



Greg Gilbertson

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COME JOIN US FOR

Pancakes with Santa

DEC 3rd | 9a.m. - 11a.m.

\$8.00 per person

3 yrs. old and younger free

McDonell Central Catholic High School Cafeteria
1316 Bel Air Blvd. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

**Get your picture taken with
Santa from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Proceeds benefit MACS Faith Boosters Club for ALL Students.

Football

Date	Opponent	Pre-game
8/18	at Holmen	6:35
8/25	vs DC Everest	6:35
8/26	at Greenwood	6:35
9/2	vs Hudson	6:35
9/9	at Menomonie	6:35
9/16	vs EC North	6:35
9/17	vs Bruce	2:40
9/23	at New Richmond	6:35
9/29	vs New Auburn	6:35
9/30	vs River Falls	6:35
10/7	at EC Memorial	6:35
10/13	vs Prairie Farm	6:35
10/14	vs Superior	6:35

Boys Basketball

Date	Opponent	Pre-game
11/29	at Medford	6:55
12/9	EC North	6:55
12/10	Colfax (at UW-Stout)	8:25
12/12	Onalaska	6:55
12/16	Hudson	6:55
12/19	Flambeau	6:55
12/22	at Bloomer	6:55
12/28	Bayfield	3:40
12/29	McDonell Invitational	TBD
1/6	New Richmond	7:10
1/12	at Fall Creek	6:55
1/13	EC Memorial	6:55
1/20	Regis	6:55
1/24	Marshfield	6:55
1/26	Osseo-Fairchild	6:55
1/28	at Hudson	6:55
2/2	Rice Lake	6:55
2/3	at Cadott	6:55
2/4	at EC North	6:55
2/7	Superior	6:55
2/14	Fall Creek	6:55
2/17	at Thorp	6:55
2/23	at EC Memorial	6:55

2022-23

Sports Schedule



Your Chippewa Falls High School Sports Station!



McDonell games in **BLUE** - Chi-Hi games in **RED**

Live streaming AND podcasts at WOGO.com!

Pre-game begins 20 min before game time



Hockey

Date	Opponent	Pre-game
11/25	Verona	6:40
11/26	Edgewood	12:40
12/8	Rice Lake	6:40
12/13	vs ECA Stars [Girls]	6:40
12/15	at EC North	6:40
1/3	Menomonie	6:40
1/10	at EC Memorial	6:40
1/17	Hudson [Girls]	6:40
1/19	Hudson	6:40
1/24	at ECA Stars [Girls]	4:40
1/31	EC North	6:40
2/9	EC Memorial	6:40

Girls Basketball

Date	Opponent	Pre-game
11/17	at Columbus Catholic	6:55
12/2	Rice Lake	6:55
12/6	at Thorp	6:55
12/20	Bloomer	6:55
12/28	Hillsboro	7:40
12/29	Luck	3:40
12/29	Onalaska	6:55
1/5	Regis	6:55
1/6	New Richmond	5:25
1/7	at Ladysmith	6:40
1/27	Osseo-Fairchild	6:55
2/10	at Cadott	6:55
2/11	at New Richmond	2:40
2/13	Phillips	6:55
2/18	Cloverbelt Crossover	TBD